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Final draft of tuition policy ready

◆The final draft of the tuition task force's tuition policy report suggests that tuition be kept low, but that individual universities and programs have more individual freedom in raising tuition.

LEA DELICIO
News Editor

The final draft of the new tuition policy for the UNC System aims to keep tuition low and puts the power to set tuition back with the N.C. Board of Governors.

Up until now, the N.C. General Assembly has set tuition, but, often times, their session does not end until September or October. In this case, tuition for fall semester might not be set until after the semester has started, resulting in an additional bill for tuition being sent out to students, according to Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Under the final draft of the tuition policy, the power to set tuition and fees will be laid at the feet of the Board of Governors, who by mandate of the state constitution, were supposed to set tuition all along, Stafford said.

"[The new policy] puts the Board of Governors in a much more significant role," he said. "The policy also argues that tuition be kept at a minimum."

"It reemphasizes or restates that tuition should be kept as low as possible," Stafford said.

"While the policy does suggest that tuition be kept low, it also gives power to individual universities to raise their tuition, according to Stafford. This could mean that universities that need more money to fund expensive programs, like engineering for example, might raise tuition on an individual basis."

Stafford feels that a lot of good will come out of the policy. It recommends a state-based program for financial aid if tuition should be increased within the UNC System.

"The task force recommends that the Board of Governors initiate plans to design and seek funding for an expanded student financial aid program for UNC students," the draft of the policy states.

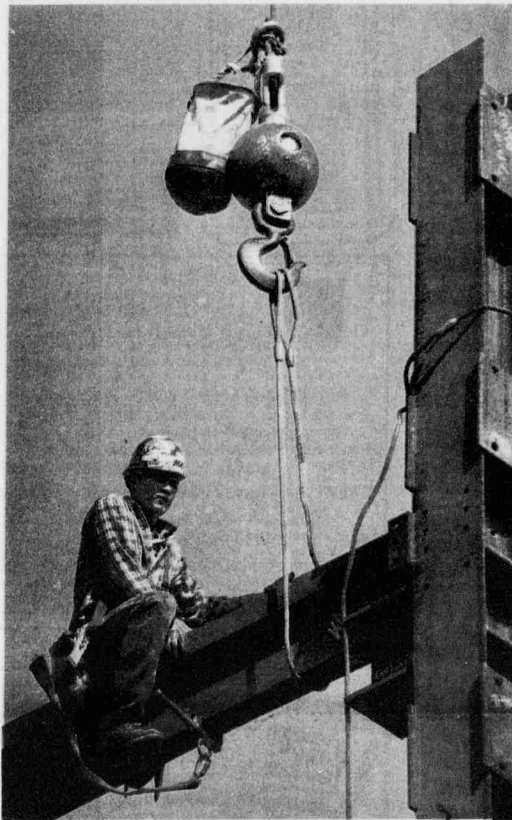
"The policy goes on to recommend that the UNC System set goals to find ways to cover unmet financial aid."

The policy notes that costs for graduate programs differ greatly from costs of undergraduate programs. Since this is the case, the policy recommends that procedures be implemented to allow individual campuses to "initiate requests for different base or program tuition rates at the graduate and professional level."

UNC System President Molly Broad wrote a column for the Nov. 4 News & Observer, in which she examined the anticipated results of the policy's recommendations.

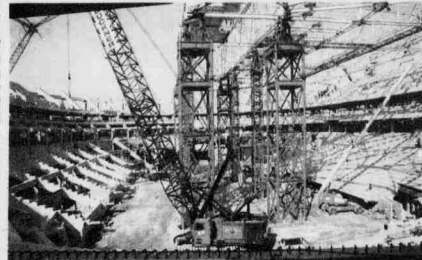
"Graduate education is by nature more complex and more costly to offer, and the return investment to the individual through lifetime earnings is both greater and more direct," Broad wrote. This, Broad argued, is reason for the policy to recommend higher tuition levels for graduate and professional students.

Taking into consideration the fact that individual universities may raise graduate tuition, the policy makes provisions for tuition remission for graduate students, Stafford



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Officials say construction on the arena will be finalized by the 1999 fall semester. NCSU's athletic department and the Carolina Hurricanes are confident that they will begin their regular-season games in the new arena next year. With a capacity around 20,000 for basketball and 19,000 for hockey, students can look forward to ample seating, officials say. Sports enthusiasts alike are awaiting its completion.



Sports arena construction accelerates

◆The Centennial Arena Authority, along with its primary tenants NCSU and the Carolina Hurricanes, are confident the arena will be ready by Sept. 1, 1999.

JACK DALY
News Editor

Construction continues on the new sports arena being built beside Carter-Finley Stadium, and officials are optimistic that the arena will indeed be completed by the target date of Sept. 1, 1999.

"That's what the contractors tell us," said Curt Williams, the Centennial Arena Authority's executive director. "It's scheduled to be completed Sept. 1, and we believe we'll do it."

Williams said steel on the roof will be completed by late December, and the roof will be totally in place in late January. The building will be "dried in" in March, meaning all the doors and windows will be installed at that time.

Two months ago, there were 245 people working on the site. Currently 346 workers are employed on the project, representing a 40-percent increase, according to Williams.

"The contractors are doing everything within their power to complete this on time," Williams said.

With the roof approaching completion, weather, one of the reasons the arena fell behind schedule in the first place, will be less of a factor in construction.

"With each day, weather has less and less of an impact on the schedule," said Williams.

Williams also said he expects the current \$158 million price tag to remain the same.

David Horning, head of enhancement and capital projects for the athletic department at N.C. State, is confident that NCSU will begin its regular-season games in the new arena next year.

"By November of 1999, and by the time we get ready to play, this facility will be ready," said Horning. "I would have to believe that they would bring in as much manpower as needed to complete the building."

Horning added that the arena will be a tremendous asset for the athletic program.

"This will be a great facility," Horning said. "This will be the number-one college basketball facility in the country, and the players will have the opportunity to play in front of a lot of people. We may possibly attract NCAA Tournament games, too."

Students will not be left out in the cold once the arena opens, as all student seating will be in the lower level, according to Horning.

"Students are going to get all the seats they want," Horning said.

Horning also said NCSU and the other primary tenant of the arena, the Carolina Hurricanes, have a solid relationship together, and there is no conflict over who has primary control of the building.

"The Hurricanes and NCSU have a great understanding of what each other needs," said Horning. "We've worked well together."

Sims Hinds, vice president of arena management for the Carolina Hurricanes, also feels that the arena will be functional in time for the Hurricanes to open their season there in the beginning of October of 1999.

"We're very confident," said Hinds.

"We're confident because the [construction] schedule has stayed intact since June 1. The key is to play our first game here in the beginning of October. Whether we have two weeks or four weeks to prepare for it isn't as important."

Hinds added that the Hurricanes will hold their September training camp in Greensboro next year, so the beginning of the regular season is the focal date.

When contemplating the design of the new arena, Perry Safran, vice chancellor of the Centennial Authority, said the Authority looked at various new arenas throughout the country in order to gain ideas.

"We tried to improve on Nashville and Phoenix," Safran said. "Those are the main ones, but we also looked at Philadelphia and the MCI Center in Washington. Basically, we tried to correct their mistakes."

Safran also said the lower bowl of the arena is about 90 percent done concrete-wise and that there will be 11,000 seats for basketball in the lower level.

The south end of the arena, or the end closest to Carter-Finley Stadium, will boast the ticket lobbies, teams stores, waiting areas and the Hurricanes offices. The lobby area was redesigned after the Centennial Authority examined the new arena in Nashville.

The capacity of the 700,000-square-foot arena for basketball will be around 20,000 for basketball and 19,000 for hockey, according to Williams. There will be around 11,000 seats in the lower level and approximately 6,000 in the upper level, with the rest in the club level and luxury boxes.

Of the luxury boxes, there are 43 in the upper level, with 40 of them available for multi-year leases. The lower level boasts 18 luxury boxes, with the potential for 10 more, bringing the grand total of luxury boxes to 71 according to Hinds.

Hinds said all 40 of the upper-level boxes available for annual leases have been rented, while 15 to 20 of the potential 28 lower-level boxes remain. NCSU receives 15 percent of luxury-box revenue, while the Hurricanes anticipate \$8 million in revenue from the boxes, according to Hinds.

Williams said that once a box is rented, the company or individuals receive the box for all of the events in the arena.

"You get all the tickets," said Williams.

Once completed, Williams feels that the yet unnamed arena will be the most fan-friendly arena in the southeast.

"This building is much more flexible than the Smith Center," Williams said.

Meteor shower to grace North Carolina

◆An above-average number of meteors should be visible in the N.C. skies late on Nov. 17.

SARAH E. MIANO
Senior Staff Writer

An intense light show, probably more exciting than the 4th of July, will occur in the wee hours of the morning on Nov. 17 and 18.

This display, the Leonid meteor shower, owes its name to the constellation Leo, of which the meteors are thought to originate, according to Stephen Reynolds, an N.C. State physics professor. This increased activity takes place every year in mid-November when the Earth passes through a trail of debris expelled by a comet called Tempel-

Tuttle. However, every 33 years there is an intense, stormy display of shooting stars, enough to be deemed a meteor storm, according to Reynolds. The Tempel-Tuttle comet's meteoroids will burn up in the Earth's atmosphere causing approximately 100 streaks of light an hour. The last one occurred in 1966 and was so intense that viewers were awakened by a light show through their bedroom windows.

Astronomers predict that East Asia will be the prime location for witnessing the upcoming event, which is likely to occur at 2:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Nov. 17. In North America, "unfortunately, the intense shower will happen in the daytime," Reynolds remarks.

Even so, "locally we can expect to see more meteors than average that night," according to Reynolds.

North Carolinians will be able to see a spectacle of more than one meteor per minute. "On a typical night, you're lucky to see three over a several-hour period," said Reynolds.

Because the Leonid meteors are visible to the naked eye, spectators will not be at a disadvantage if they do not own a telescope. Actually, astronomers suggest that binoculars and telescopes could hinder a good view. Reynolds recommends undertaking the expedition after midnight on Nov. 17. Reynolds also suggests dressing warmly, heading out to an area where you can see a whole lot of sky and lying down on a lawn chair. Ideal viewing places are the Farrington Point Boat Ramp at Jordan Lake and any dark area off Centennial Boulevard. Those amateurs interested in learning more about meteors or astronomy may consult www.skypub.com.



A Leonid fireball was witnessed and photographed in Spain on Nov. 17, 1996. The fireball brightened and then broke into pieces, according to Volker Gerhardt, a witness to the event.

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said.

"There is a tuition remission program in place right now," he said. "The problem is it just doesn't have enough money."

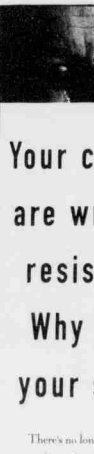
Stafford said everything N.C. State recommended be added to the policy was indeed added.

"I feel very good that everything we looked at here [at NCSU] has gotten in," he said.

He said tuition at NCSU should not go up drastically as a result of the policy.

"I don't really think this study and what is going to come out of it is really going to have a big impact on tuition at NCSU," Stafford said.


The final draft has been distributed to all the campuses and to the Board of Governors. The final review will be presented to the Board of Governors at their meeting later this month. Their report will go to the N.C. General Assembly in January or February, Stafford said.



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In Italy, in America

◆ Students visiting America from Italy discuss the differences in culture.

CARL KERCHMAR
Staff Writer

Culturally speaking, students at NCSU have the advantage of being able to enjoy music, food and other experiences that have origins on other continents.

For example, the Food Court in Crabtree Valley Mall has Asian, German and Italian vendors. In music, Madonna's new album "Ray of Light" mixes Moroccan Drums and Hindu philosophy into an American best seller. At the college level, students can be part of the globalization process and experience their own degree of fusion by traveling, studying abroad or hosting international students. Globalization and travel can make the world seem smaller, but it can also reveal cultural differences that heighten feelings of nationalism.

In the past weeks, Raleigh has hosted two international students from Italy. Twenty-two-year-old law student Vittorio Fratta and 23-year-old economics student Anna Aisa study at the oldest university in Italy and in Europe, Alma Mater Studiorum, which means the "mother of all studying," is located in Bologna, Italy, and was founded in the ninth century. While in Raleigh, they visited NCSU and immediately remarked on the size and modernity of the university's architecture.

"Landscape and architecture is totally modern," commented Fratta.

"There are so many cars, and young people drive really nice cars," said Aisa. Although Alma Mater Studiorum has three times more students and a library that could swallow D.J.H. Hill, the Italians were very impressed by the amount of computers available here for students. Aisa's economics department holds 20,000 students but only 20 computers, and Fratta's faculty of law has 35,000 students with 15 computers. They laughed and commented, "Maybe this is why only 25 percent of our students graduate on time. In Bologna five to five and half years is an average graduation time."

Another big difference they noticed on campus was the dress of the student body. Fratta noticed

that the university is "more open minded about 'look.'" In Italy, you can't approach the professor unless you are well-dressed — there is a kind of barrier between the professor and the student. The student may only deal with assistants and see the professor the first day of class, and that's it."

This kind of separation between authority and dress in the university is also more apparent in Italian society where there are many snobs. In Italy, especially Bologna and Milan, "look" determines whom you can associate with. Look is an image — your clothes, credit cards, cell phones and where you go for dinner and coffee. This attitude seems to stem from the elitism that was prevalent throughout Europe when there was a large class difference between the few wealthy families close to the government and the masses. America may have fewer snobs, but the Italians were quick to pick up on the strong presence of superficiality here.

"When you look into their eyes they seem like clones," remarked Aisa about one of her first impressions of Americans. Also during Halloween, which isn't recognized in Italy, the Italians commented on the celebration at Chapel Hill. "Everybody's happy, but nobody cares about each other," when describing all the people on Franklin Street passing each other and not communicating. "The Halloween party at the NCSU School of Design was better — it seemed more European because there was great music (Flip Side Phonix), and people danced more and clapped more," explains Fratta.

Another cultural separation can be seen in the speed at which acquaintances are made. To be polite, many Americans offer friendship and compliments quickly but not with a deep commitment. Such cultural abstractions can be difficult to articulate and in supporting their impression, the Italians recognize that the "European tradition" is much older and more deeply rooted in the people, creating a strong sense of place. To the Italians, America is a new country and has always had tremendous financial opportunities for many of its citizens. To Aisa and Fratta, Europeans haven't always enjoyed the opportunity to rise economically so family and friends become the focal point of life.

However, with the emergence of the European Union and the Internet, the financial opportuni-

ties for Europeans have become greater, which has an effect on migration to America. "In the past, many Italians and Europeans left for America to make a better life, but now Europe has more opportunities so people who want to come to America come because they really like something about American life," explained Fratta.

Sounding both humorous and serious, Fratta wished that Italy would build malls like Crabtree, because although there is greater opportunity in Italy, there is still high unemployment. "Malls are cheap and provide lots of jobs," argued Fratta. But shopping at the mall is totally different than walking in an Italian boutique. "In Bologna you talk for a while with the clerk, maybe take a coffee."

Aisa pointed out that "prices and styles in your mall stores are all similar. In Italy the prices vary greatly, and the clothes are unique in each shop." For them, the clothes where unimpressive but electronic stores and GNC have no comparison in Italy.

As far as physical differences, Aisa said that muscular men are not considered attractive in Italy, and Fratta was quick to mention that "big asses" are everywhere. They argued that American fast food and cuisine is to blame: "Precooked food sucks when you just microwave, and the sauce kills flavor." In Italy drive-throughs and creamy salad dressings don't exist.

But, despite all the differences and criticisms, the Italians loved Raleigh and fancied living here or at least taking back plans to construct the first Italian mall and drive-through restaurant.

Are any of us perfect? Ask Dr. Laura

◆ Nude pictures of Dr. Laura raise some interesting points about the radio talk-show host.

SANDY BANKS
Los Angeles Times

I know it's me, but I'm still taking a kind of perverse delight at the thought of nude pictures of our very own morality maven, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, circulating on the Internet for all the world to see.

The photos — a dozen of them — were taken more than 20 years ago by a former lover, who now has peddled them to a computer porn site. Not surprisingly, Dr. Laura has been about as big a hit on the World Wide Web as she is on radio, where she reigns as the talk-show circuit's queen.

You can't see the pictures without joining the smut site known as ClubLove — at \$24.95 a month, one-week trial membership free. So many people have tried to join since the photos were unveiled last week that "they keep crashing the system, shutting it down," according to a customer service representative at Internet Entertainment Group, which runs ClubLove.

I feel a twinge of pity, I must admit. Lord knows I wouldn't want mistakes from my youth broadcast through the nether world of online porn.

Still, I can't help being struck by the irony that one of the country's harshest voices for probity and family values has sparked a stampede to a site peddling porn online.

And I can't help but consider how Dr. Laura would likely treat a caller who asked for help with the same sort of problem she's facing now —

"You did what? Repeat after me: 'I am a dummy. I am a dummy.' So, your kid's hurt, your husband's embarrassed. You got nobody but yourself to blame. Deal with it!"

While I respect her moral values — her commitment to preserving marriages, her insistence that the kids come first, her respect for familial ties — it's her arrogance, her hostility, her holier-than-thou delivery that I find hard to take, especially when one peeks behind the curtain at the woman herself.

Dr. Laura screams at a caller to honor his parents, scolds him bitterly for not mending frayed family ties...and I'm supposed to overlook the fact that Laura Schlessinger has cast her own family out of her life. She won't say why, but she admits when pressed that she is estranged from her mother and only sister and hasn't seen them in 14 years.

Dr. Laura rails against divorce, berating a caller as selfish and vile for walking out on his children and wife...and I'm expected to ignore her admission to Vanity Fair that she began dating her current husband when he was still married to the mother of his three children.

And no, being separated is not the same as being divorced, you nitwit... as Dr. Laura might say.

And the nude picture thing, well, she can call it an indiscretion of youth, but she was 28 years old when she allowed her 58-year-old boyfriend to take those dozen shots, old enough to know better...as Dr. Laura might say.

I suppose she has learned from her mistakes, has become a better, stronger, wiser person. I suppose

that could give her the standing to rail at us from her radio pulpit each day.

But instead of merely scolding her listeners, I wish she'd own up more readily to her own frailties and indiscretions, and help us realize that people

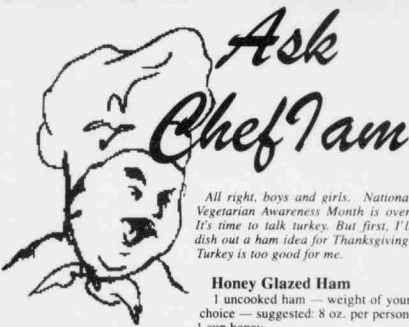
can change — survive scandal, overcome shame and develop the potential that is God's gift to us all.

You don't have to tolerate bad behavior, Dr. Laura, but you also don't have to attack your callers, belittle them, bully them, as if you've cornered the market on a life lived without sin. To borrow advice from a book you wrote:

...Facing truths about yourself... and feel most threatening. However, a more permanent and meaningful good feeling can only come from facing truths.

"We are what we do, and that's that! There is nowhere to hide from yourself when your behaviors outline a lack of ethics or values, i.e., character."

Are you listening, Dr. Laura? Now, go take on the day.



All right, boys and girls. National Vegetarian Awareness Month is over. It's time to talk turkey. But first, I'll dish out a ham idea for Thanksgiving. Turkey is too good for me.

Honey Glazed Ham

1 uncooked ham — weight of your choice — suggested: 8 oz. per person
1 cup honey
1/3 cup white wine

- 1/3 cup mustard (Grey Poupon is great)
- To taste, whole cloves
- To taste, salt and pepper
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- With a sharp knife, score the ham like a grid (equal vertical and horizontal cuts).
- Rub with salt and pepper. Remember, too much salt will dry the ham.
- Whisk together the mustard, wine and honey. Rub throughout the ham.
- Place, at each cut intersection of the ham, one whole clove.
- Place in lobster pot and cook one hour for the first pound and 10 minutes for each pound of ham thereafter.
- Serve hot with preferred side dishes.

Some great side dishes I recommend: baked sweet potatoes and creamed spinach.

Baked Sweet Potatoes

sweet potatoes — one per person

- 1 Tbs butter per potato
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 1 pinch cinnamon
- 2 pinches brown sugar
- drizzle of honey
- Split each sweet potato lengthwise.
- Add salt and cheese and mix well.
- Drizzle honey over sweet potatoes.
- Place in oven underneath ham for last one and a half hours of ham cooking time.
- Serve hot.

Creamed Spinach

1 lb spinach — chopped (canned is fine)
1 qt heavy cream (the higher the percentage of fat, the better)

- 1 tbs salt
- 1 cup Romano cheese, grated
- roux — for thickening
- Over medium heat, heat heavy cream to a simmer (just under boiling).
- Add salt and cheese and mix well.
- Reduce heat to low and reduce mixture by one fourth.
- Add in roux and mix well — until thick.
- Add spinach and mix well.
- Serve hot

ChefAm suggests pecan pie or pumpkin pie (see last week's column) for dessert. Please let me know if Christmas recipes your family enjoys by e-mailing me at ChefAm@msn.com. And, as always, bon appetit!

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Dead people, felons on Virginia voter rolls

◆ All the wrong people are voting (or not) in Virginia.

CRIG TIMBERG AND PETER PAE
The Washington Post

Virginia auditors said Monday that more than 11,000 ineligible felons and nearly 1,500 dead people are registered to vote in the state, a problem officials said could undermine the integrity of elections if left unchecked.

In Fairfax and Prince William counties alone, there are 975 felons and 131 dead people registered to vote, making voter lists there among the worst in the state.

"This points pretty clearly to the need for better list maintenance by the State Board of Elections and the local registrars," said auditor Glen Titterton. "Every city and county in the state had at least two felons on the list."

In last November's election, 1,700 felons cast ballots statewide, the report said, and 144 dead people were recorded as voting. Officials believe the latter number is the result of clerical or other errors, not voter fraud.

Auditors blamed the problem on outdated computers and poor management at the State Board of Elections, saying the agency should have a system for regularly cross-checking voter rolls with lists of felons and death records.

Agency Secretary M. Bruce Meadows acknowledged at a hearing Monday, "I'm not the best day-to-day manager in the world," and he said he would not seek reappointment when his four-year term ends in January.

Several state and local officials joined the criticism.

"I'm dumbfounded," said Del. David B. Albo, R-Fairfax. "It makes me very mad. During an election,

we are practically fighting for every vote, and to have an ineligible voter on the rolls, let alone allow them to vote, makes me very mad."

Part of the challenge, say state and national election specialists, is the federal "motor-voter" law, which makes it easier for voters to register but harder for officials to make sure records are accurate and complete.

Under the law, officially the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, voters can register at state agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles or by mail.

While the law has achieved its goal of getting more people registered, elections officials all over the country complain that it makes it tougher to protect voter lists from fraud and error. The several state agencies that now collect registration applications have little ability to make sure that voters meet citizenship and other requirements.

"The problems are all over the

place," said New Hampshire Secretary of State William M. Gardner, president of the National Association of Secretaries of State. "You can register and vote without (an election official) even seeing you."

Registrars in Fairfax and Prince William counties expressed frustration that the State Board of Elections doesn't have a computer system that does what the auditors did: cross-check the voter rolls with lists of felons and people who have died. State officials are studying creating such a system. Local registrars say they don't have access to information on felons and must rely on the state, which maintains the voter rolls.

"We don't have the ability to determine who is a felon or who is dead because we have no access to that kind of information," said Robert W. Beers, the Fairfax registrar.

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Technician's View

New era in Congress

◆ U.S. House of Representatives needs a more moderate leader.

As evidenced by last Tuesday's congressional elections, Americans are tired of politics as usual - at least when it comes to the Republican Party. As Democratic candidates across the country gained seats in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, Republican lawmakers scrambled to make amends.

The result of this fallout has ostensibly been the resignation of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who announced Friday that he would not seek re-election for the 106th Congress.

"The Republican conference needs to be unified," Gingrich said in his resignation speech, "and it is time for me to move forward where I believe I still have a significant role to play for our country and our party."

And, indeed, with only a six-vote majority in the House, Republicans are in need of a leader who can play both sides of the political spectrum and temper the bipartisan politics of Washington. Although Gingrich's resignation left party members reeling, his decision showed a good deal of foresight and wisdom.

"I urge my colleagues to pick leaders who can both reconcile and discipline, who can work together and communicate effectively," Gingrich said. Gingrich, who undoubtedly showed strong executive ability during his formative

years as Speaker, has seen his power and authority dwindle in recent years. This decline of their leader should have been a warning signal to Republicans, who instead forged ahead with their usual tactics, rallying together against a Democratic president in peril.

But the recent elections were proof that such a strategy was not a popular one with the American public, who displayed their growing displeasure by casting their votes for Democratic incumbents and challengers.

But now, in light of Gingrich's resignation, House Republicans have the chance to redeem themselves by selecting a more moderate Speaker of the House to combat the past conservative, right-wing stances of their former leader. After Rep. Christopher Cox's, R-Calif., announcement Monday that he was withdrawing from the race for Speaker, the remaining candidate, Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., should be able to gain the unified support of his party and be elected the next leader of the House of Representatives.

Despite perhaps questionable tactics by Livingston in dissuading Cox from seeking the post, having only one candidate will enable Republicans to deal with the real issue at hand: unifying a party that has become factionalized by internal disagreements, as well as compromising with the rising number of Democrats in the House.

If this is the case, Livingston will indeed have a difficult task before him. But, for the good of the nation, he must succeed.

CAMPUS FORUM

Being in clubs is important

I am writing in response to the editorial on the importance of being in clubs. What the writer feels is the non-importance of extracurricular activities. As an NCSU alum and someone who participated in a number of activities while in school, I took offense to some of the comments in the article. At this time I would like everyone to hear my advice: get involved; extracurricular activities are important!

You should not join an organization for the title. But what lies behind the title can be very important to the person who has invested their time in the activity or organization. You can contribute and, at the same time, get a lot out of the organization you join. I doubt students join a fraternity to put it on their resume. I'm also sure that someone wouldn't become a Chancellor's Aide (or as the writer put it - a Chancellor's Gopher) just to put it on paper. Activities such as these take time and, in some cases, a financial commitment.

As a recruiter for my company I can tell you one of the most important items I look for is the extracurricular activities. Sometimes a student does not have the chance to co-op or have the job that will lead the way to the perfect post-graduation opportunity. I'm not saying extracurricular activities are a replacement for work experience; work is still a top priority. But extracurricular activities and leadership roles can have their own benefits and experience. Plus, extracurricular activities are good talk points and tell a lot about the person. If you haven't gotten involved in some way, what does that say about you? A lot if you want to portray the image of a well-rounded individual.

I also disagree with the statement that affiliations "only last as long as the student attends N.C. State University." As a Greek member, I have come back every year to attend the Homecoming activities. Being a member of any organization - and not just Greeks - can last well beyond graduation. Plus, they are also an important link back to the university. Chancellor Fox's effort to

meet with a number of organizations Homecoming weekend leads me to think she would agree.

My message is simple: work hard but at the same time have fun and keep in mind the importance of having some extracurricular activities. They can give you valuable lessons in leadership, time-management and preparing for the real world.

Ty McCauston

Class of 1995

Vegans need to eat meat

we're sitting down to enjoy a nice, thick steak and an obnoxious person, a vegan, suddenly starts baring you for what comes naturally: eating meat? Ever had to work with such people, who, day in and day out, tried to tell you about the evils of exploiting animals for such things as milk and wool?

To all the vegans out there, humans are carnivores! Get a clue. Misplaced wishful thinking cannot deny what biology and history both prove beyond reasonable doubt. Only in rich nations like America can people like you survive, and that is only because you are forced to take supplements for the iron, protein, calcium and other minerals that your diets lack. To back up my claims that human beings are natural carnivores, I will bring forth only two arguments.

The first is biology. Looked in a mirror lately? All carnivores have forward, monocular vision. This is so that the animal can spot prey while it moves forward. Where are human eyes? Herbivores have binocular vision; their eyes are located on the sides of their heads so that they can spot hunters while they are busy grazing.

Secondly, look in your mouth. No, not the tongue, your teeth. How many herbivores have canines? Those are the sharp pointed teeth used for ripping through meat; yes, those four in your upper and lower jaws. The very front teeth in your mouth are used for the scissor-like action of cutting the meat free.

Yes, I am aware that I just personified an inanimate object. And yes, I understand that in the real world a computer is supposed to be incapable of feelings and especially of

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Wartime Mobilization 1917-1918

With the outbreak of World War I, NCSU was adapted to fit the needs to train men for the European front. The North Carolina State Fairgrounds (top), then located somewhere in the vicinity of the bowling alley and Starbucks' Coffee, was changed to become Camp Polk. It was primarily used for learning tank warfare, Riddick Field (bottom) was transformed into a drill field, where the students became soldiers in the United States Army.

On November 11, 1918 Armistice Day, now called Veterans Day, was first celebrated.

Today we honor All of Those who gave their blood and tears so that we may live in freedom. Think about them the next time you feel you've been "inconvenienced..."



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Hurricane sarcasm?

MIKE PITTMAN
Guest Columnist

As I was walking through the Brickyard Monday, I noticed two signs requesting canned goods and money for the aid of those poor souls in Honduras devastated by Hurricane Mitch. My first thought was, "Wow, that's neat!" Then I realized, "Wait, why is it that people don't like hurricanes?" And we aren't talking about the lackluster hockey team that is going to find its way to Raleigh next year either. I mean, seriously, why all the bad press for a hurricane?

Remember when Fran came through the Triangle? How many of you weren't thrilled to pieces when you woke up early that morning to realize classes had been cancelled? You had time to ponder the meaning of life, a great opportunity to go out and do your good turn for the day. Help others, and do all sorts of great stuff! Not to mention you didn't have to worry about such piddly things as whether to watch "Oprah" or "Sally."

Speaking of doing your good turn,

think of all the forest clearing that a good hurricane can do. If Yosemite's National Park has thousands of acres of trees burned, the National Forest service declares, "This is nature running its course. This happens every now and again!" But a hurricane comes through and clears a few trees out of Mr. Smith's back yard, and we hear about trauma for years. This gave you the perfect opportunity to walk down the street and help those less fortunate than you clear their old growth. In many cases, these lucky citizens even had a reason to get that new roof that they'd been putting off getting for so long. See Mrs. Webber, that hurricane instigated your husband to do the work in just one night that you've been begging him to do for years.

Since we are on clearing, how about all those weak structures a hurricane can get rid of? We're talking Darwinism here, survival of the fittest. If the Johnsons build their brick-valet Honduran dream home on a solid foundation, and the Smiths decide to go with vinyl siding and a poor foundation, why shouldn't they be cleared out of

Honduras so that the obviously more savvy Johnsons can reclaim some land? Who wouldn't be happy to have the opportunity to squat on that two-acre deserted lot by their house? We pay demolitionists hundreds of thousands of dollars to take out buildings in the city. Some will say that the implosion of a building is a display of sheer power and also exciting. But what about hurricanes? They're much more powerful, and they even last longer. None of this 10 seconds of destruction - the citizens of Honduras got three days of annihilation! So to me, clearing out all the weak structures by a hurricane to make more room for the stronger ones is, quite simply, efficient and cheap.

I do believe I mentioned earlier the point of Darwinism. Now I'm talking population control! Thousands killed. We've not had control like that since the black plague. Just the other day I was watching the news and heard "Predicted world population figures are lower due to the AIDS epidemic. However, they are still soaring." A few well-placed

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Columnist finds glory in the ACC

MIKE MCLEIN
Staff Columnist

Well it has begun. That age-old tradition of ACC basketball. In our state this sport is king (well, really close to Nascar and wrestling). Everybody knows the names: Coach K, Dean Smith, Michael Jordan and Jimmy V. This year will be extra special with the infamous NBA lockout. Since the players and owners cannot come to an agreement, our sacred league can be criticized and analyzed even more. For the few people who enjoy the NBA better than the college equivalent, now's your chance to join in the fun. How do you choose what team to

root for? Well it's pretty easy.

I got my introduction to ACC sports by watching UVA football and basketball games on local television as a child. I was dedicated, just as much as any 10-year-old North Carolina counterpart. The big difference I had was that football was king in Virginia. We used to be a powerhouse, before Florida State rolled over everyone, before Clemson dropped off the face of the earth and before a college with a stupid flying insect somehow realized what it took to win (I know they are one of the only teams to win a national title, it was just luck).

I remember in the early '90s when Virginia was actually #1 for a few weeks. I can still see Herman Moore

sky over everyone on fade routes for touchdowns. I remember cringing when Shawn Moore heroically came back from a nasty knee injury to almost lead Virginia to a Sugar Bowl win over Tennessee. I also loved to watch Terry Kirby flatten everyone in sight.

Virginia basketball was O.K., but it has had its ups and downs. Richard Morgan was one of the best three-point threats ever. He happened to be my favorite player for UVA. I was lucky enough to meet this talent at the P.I.T. Seniors Tournament his final season. What a thrill! I also got a kick out of watching Virginia going on to win the NIT

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The trials of a computer losing to the competition

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

I hate technology sometimes.

Now I know that I sometimes start these things off with a couple of paragraphs that have nothing to do with my actual topic, but this week I thought I'd get straight to the point. While I still can.

Currently, the piece of technology I use to type up these little literary masterpieces (this statement, by the way, is laced with sarcasm and self-deprecating undertones, just in case that isn't translating through the text), well, let's just say it has issues. My computer hates me.

Yes, I am aware that I just personified an inanimate object. And yes, I understand that in the real world a computer is supposed to be incapable of feelings and especially of

wishing ill will upon the person behind the keyboard. But my computer defies all real-world conventions. And it does it on a daily basis.

Oh, our relationship started out amicably enough. I remember the happy day that I brought Bert home (and yes, my computer has a name - I think it's hard to have a healthy, happy relationship with a complete stranger. Comments like "hey you, work" are hardly conducive to good user/computer interactions).

We were so happy then. We wrote a couple of papers, we played games together, we shared a couple of laughs. I thought we had a good thing. And then we got connected to the Internet. We surfed almost everyday.

Our bond grew even stronger. I thought it would last forever.

I was wrong. I don't know where things started to change, but they

did. Perhaps I asked too much. Or maybe my little Mac-Baby overheard me admiring one of the new G3s and became insanely jealous. At any rate, our relationship has been on a steady downhill slope for some time.

Ever since I came to college, Bert's been a different machine. I think he went into culture shock my freshman year. It was the first time he had been exposed to other computers, and I just couldn't get him to play nice with all of the other boys and girls in the network neighborhood. He's never learned how to share files - he just hoards them away on his hard drive, stubbornly refusing to offer up even the tiniest sound file to any of my friends.

He has a mean streak, too. I think he was until I've almost completely downloaded a large file and then derives some sort of perverse glee in

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taire and "You Don't Know Jack."

Today, however, I expect him to open impossibly large files, to size and scale memory-hungry pictures, to capture video and — god forbid — to rasterize. Every little progress bar seems to be a source of pain as he whimpers and whines his way through one project after another.

But then again, I do try and take care of him. I rebuild his desktop. I run virus protection software. I put him in a gentle and coaxing manner as he prepares to print, using terms of encouragement rather than whipping him upside the monitor and threatening to hit the restart key. I've even lavished him with gifts — I've given him memory, pretty desktop pictures, a bigger and better hard drive — and what is my repayment?

Well, after the new hard drive, I hardly recognized the vile and vicious beast that awaited me in studio. First he refused to run ICQ, then he decided he didn't want to recognize that he was indeed hooked up to a scanner. He gave me the cold shoulder, freezing up more often. His performance rate dropped drastically as every third restart or so would produce a desktop completely devoid of icons.

I withstood all of this. I was fine. I could manage. And then he stole my font.

I opened up a project for class and all I got was the default — horrible

ugly Courier stared back at me from the screen. It was the last straw.

We are enemies now. I don't care if the font has resurfaced from wherever fonts are hidden by naughty computers. I don't care that Bert's been a good boy today. He has been an awfully bad boy the rest of the time. And he knows it. He taunts me even. I swear I can hear laughter echoing behind the system beep. The "wild Eep" of the Macintosh is a like direct insult hurled at mankind from a machine that is puffed up with its own importance.

And that's what it all boils down to. Bert knows how much I actually need him. Sure I could start writing these columns out in longhand — that would show him — but I'd miss the convenience of e-mailing the bad boys into the office. And I'd be hard-pressed to do a lot of my design work by hand — neat effects like inversion and posterization and trickier tasks like film editing and photo retouching seem pretty daunting without the thought of a mouse in hand. It's just too nice having millions of effects a simple click away.

So I hate technology sometimes. So what? I need it. I need Bert. And Bert knows this, too. And now there's nothing left to do but hope that he sees fit to let me e-mail this column in.

Kelly didn't mean it Bert — she still loves you. She's willing to reconcile differences if you'll only stop quitting Netscape without warning. After all, how else is she supposed to check her email at kmmarks@unity.ncsu.edu?

McLain

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tournament in the early '90s. You can probably say as far as college sports went, I used to eat, sleep and drink UVA.

Then I got my acceptance letter from N. C. State University in the winter of 1993. What would I do? I had been a faithful Cavalier fan from the beginning. Well, in my mind there was no choice. I had to break my allegiance. I threw away the orange and blue for a fresh coat of red and white.

I was greeted with a 9-3 football season and even a bowl win my freshman year. Basketball, on the other hand, did not fare very well, but we had our share of talented recruits in C.C. Harrison and Ishua Benjamin. I did not care, though; basketball games where much easier

to get to and watching a game in Reynolds was like nothing I had experienced before.

I have seen the bad and anticipated the good all throughout my career. It looks like my senior year is going to end like my freshman year started, with a bowl win. Not to mention victories over Florida State and Syracuse. (Thanks Terry, Jamie, the Rough Riders, Danny and all the seniors!) This year's basketball season is the most anticipated since the man who coined the phrase "Never give up!" walked the hardwood of Reynolds. Some preseason polls put us at number 25 in the nation. Let me say I thought I would never see that sight as long as I was in school. Hey, with Ron Kelly, Kenny Inge and Damon Thornton down low, who knows how many backboards will be broken?

What I have to say now after reflecting on the past and present might offend a few North Carolinians. All people enrolled at

this university either a) root for our athletic teams or b) leave! There is nothing that sickens me more than people who constantly where UN..I can't say it, or Duke apparel. Why? You do not go to Duke; you are not forced to wear silly colors of powder blue and white. It is a disgrace to your university and fellow students who work harder than the average student to represent our university on the playing fields.

I once had some suitmates who loved Duke so much that they would write the scores of every game the Blue Devils men's basketball team played on the doors of the stalls in the bathroom. Come on! What a waste of space. Who cares that Duke is number one in preseason polls? Who cares if you have liked Duke all of your life? Here is a reality check. You do not go to Duke, you go to N.C. State. Red and White, Wolfpacks and Bricks.

I believe that our alumni and true student fans are some of the best in

the country. I'll never forget the first post-season game in the NIT our basketball team had after probation. We had the coolest wave going! It was a lot of fun. I also never forget the three goalpost deaths in four games at Carter-Finley. That has to be some sort of NCAA record.

I never got on the bandwagon in high school and supported the Hampton Crabbers who always won the State Football Championships. Why would I pull for the Tar...? Everything you do here at school is State. From academics to University Dining to paying off parking tickets, your blood runs red and white. Now please show it!

Although Mike cannot go to all athletic events, he supports all Wolfpack sports. In fact, he wanted to be a cheerleader for the women's Volleyball team. Too bad the season's over! He'll convince anyone who still does not support the red and white to convert, just send him an e-mail: crmmclain@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Next is the whole of the human body. True, some people claim that our ancestors were tree dwelling fruitlovers. A single look at the human body will dispel that nonsense instantly. Have you ever seen a monkey or a cat climb a tree? We humans

are entirely too clumsy to compete in the branches. Though Tarzan might have swung freely in the foliage, your average person is as misplaced in tree branches as a whale is in the mountains. Likewise, we are not very good at high-speed chases or, for that matter, from running away from carnivores like plant eaters do. Instead we are an almost-one-of-a-kind hunter; only the wild dog comes close to what we were designed for: pack hunting. Two-legged locomotion is superbly designed for long-

distance endurance runs. Likewise, we are not covered in fur and instead have over 300 sweat pores per square inch of skin; this is designed to get rid of that extra body heat generated while chasing prey to ground. Run a deer non-stop for 5 or 6 miles and it will collapse from heat exhaustion; larger mammals are even easier to run down. Five or six miles are nothing to any man in decent shape, especially with the motivation of a hungry wife and kids to think about. Lastly, the simple fact that we can

consume, digest and live off of meat proves that we were designed with meat in mind.

So next time, before any of you go off spouting out ideological nonsense, do a little research and maybe, just maybe, you will get your facts straight. Besides, as the band Tool put it in one of their songs: "Life lives on Life." Until next time, take care, and I will have my steaks bloody rare, thank you.

Stanislav Krapivnik,
Senior, Economics

Pitman

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hurricanes and we'd take care of that problem. A few thousand here, a few thousand there, and the world is safe again.

How long has it been since Technician printed the problem regarding lack of parking? Where can't you park in Honduras right now? The trees that were there are no longer. The weak buildings are all washed out to sea. The cars that were actually in Honduras are either nonexistent, or like the tractor in

"Twister" hanging from the tree on the corner. If you need a place to park your car, Honduras is your place. It isn't much further out of the way than the "E" lot you currently park in. And you'll be the envy of the dorm when you get your brand-new, shiny, "HONDURAS" parking permit.

For the rest of the skeptics in NCSU-land, pick up the Technician from Nov. 9, 1998 and look at page two. Lower left corner. How many of you out there have been searching for that perfect Spring Vacation? You, too, can have the vacation in Honduras you have always dreamed of!

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Men's final season in Reynolds

◆ The men's team looks to give Reynolds Coliseum a winner in its last year.

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In this the 50th and final year of Reynolds Coliseum, the men's basketball team has something it hasn't had in recent memory.

That something is depth. The Pack will have talented players coming off the bench in both the front court and the back court this season.

However, the focus of this year's team seems to be the front court, which projects to be one of the strongest, deepest and most versatile group of forwards in the nation.

Led by sophomore forwards Kenny Inge and Damon Thornton and 6-foot-10-inch center Ron Kelley, the Pack will have size, strength and quickness on the front line. Add to that mix junior forward Tim Wells, sophomore center Cornelius Williams and newcomer Keith Bean, and the Pack has one of the most well-rounded front courts around.

"It's interesting because our first two years were literally void of a true front court," Head Coach Herb Sendek said of his first two years at the helm. "Now, as we turn the page, our front court is a group that is very talented and, despite their youthfulness, has experience under their belts."

Thornton is back from a foot injury that sidelined him for the 1997-98 season and, at 240 pounds, is eager to return to the playing floor.

"I wish we could just skip practice and go to Nov. 14 (the day of the Pack's first game) right now," Thornton said. "I am really looking forward to playing. It was hard watching the whole season thinking 'what would happen if I was playing?'"

However, Thornton has already experienced the injury bug again this year, injuring his other hip in practice.

"At this point, surgery is not out of the question for Damon," Sendek said after an exhibition game in which Thornton played 26 minutes.

Inge started 31 of the Pack's 32 games last season while earning a spot on the ACC's All-Freshman team. Kelley missed several games due to injury but showed a variety of post moves and quickness uncommon for a center.

With injuries to Thornton and Kelley last year, Wells and Williams had to step into bigger roles and showed meteoric improvement over the course of the season.

"We've got a lot of goals this year, and we are going to open a lot of eyes this year," Wells said. "I think we've got that chance. We have a lot of guys that can do a lot of things."

However, despite the loss of senior guards C.C. Harrison and Ishua Benjamin, the back court looks formidable as well.

"Our back court is going to be just as

strong," Inge said of the guard play. "We've got a lot of options, and we can hurt a lot of teams."

Junior Justin Gainey will, no doubt, be one of the team's leaders as the most experienced player on the roster. Also returning will be 5-foot-7-inch guard Archie Miller. Miller showed his range as a shooter last year, hitting over 42 percent from beyond the arc.

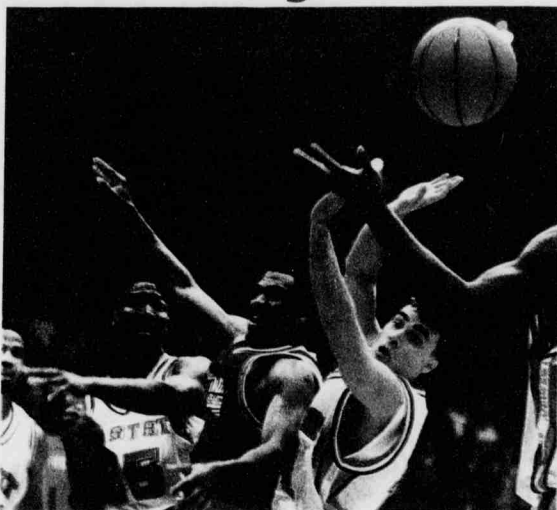
Also vying for playing time and perhaps a starting role will be incoming freshman Adam Harrington.

Harrington's all-around skills will be a welcome addition to Gainey and Miller. Also, at 6-feet-4 inches, Harrington will add some much-needed size to the mix.

Not to be forgotten is redshirt freshman Ron Anderson. Anderson was out with a broken foot almost all of last year, but the 6-foot-6-inch wing player will add another solid body to the Wolfpack lineup.

Walk-on freshmen John Hampton, Brian Keeter, Carl Lentz and Idris Talib will also add another level of depth for the back court.

With a few new faces and good health for the first time in years, the Wolfpack has a legitimate shot at the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1992. Several publications have picked the Pack in their preseason top 25 and Athlon, Street & Smith's, The Sporting News and Lindy's college basketball previews all predicted a NCAA Tournament appearance for the Wolfpack.



Tim Wells (25), Archie Miller (right) and the rest of the Wolfpack men's team look to leave Reynolds Coliseum on a winning note in 1999.

Deserving recognition

◆ Head Football Coach Mike O'Cain had good things to say about his quarterback Jamie Barnette and his team's performance.

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At Tuesday's press conference, N.C. State Head Football Coach Mike O'Cain handed out some high praise to the Wolfpack's field general.

"He may be the best quarterback I've coached. He's definitely the best I've ever seen at throwing the ball with someone hitting him," O'Cain said.

According to O'Cain, it is the intangibles that Barnette brings to the position that have helped the third-year starter thus far in the Wolfpack's 6-3 season.

"He did everything wrong as a quarterback on this play, but he had to. He was running left, and Torry Holt opened up to the right, and he put it right on the money. You can't coach that. I would-

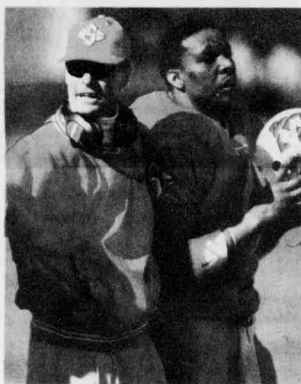
n't trade Jamie Barnette for any other quarterback," said O'Cain, demonstrating for the members of the media present.

And Barnette had equally good things to say about O'Cain.

"He's just doing a great job in being a leader for us and teaching us about the game," Barnette said. "Last year, when we won our last three games and turned it into a winning season, people were saying we saved his job; if you had asked him, he would have said it didn't affect him. But you know it had to, he's thinking of how he's going to take care of his family. Even then, he was able to keep our head straight."

With the success that both coach and player have enjoyed with the Wolfpack team this season, the praise comes easily, but so does the realization that while State has picked up wins in two of its last three outings, the gears still need a little oil.

"The last few games have not gone as smooth as we wanted them to go.



Mike O'Cain and Jamie Barnette had some high praise for each other.

We had a lot of ups and downs, and we took it how it came," Barnette said. "We've been through it enough that when the game is on the line, we know what to do; we just execute to our capabilities."

"We just didn't go out there and execute like we are supposed to."

During the Pack's off-week, according to O'Cain, "light" contact practices are the prescription as preparations for the Nov. 21 match-up with Maryland begin. Injured junior Rahshon

Spikes might see some action against Maryland, although he is still recovering from injuries.

This weekend will be the Pack's last official weekend of rest for the season. State has just two games left on its conference and regular-season schedule, meeting UNC-Chapel Hill over Thanksgiving weekend in Charlotte in the regular-season finale.

Wins over both the Terps and the Tar Heels could leave the Pack in position for a post-season bowl bid.

Smith comes back to Pack

◆ After a year off to concentrate on school, Mike Smith came back to lead the Wolfpack defense in 1998.

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Mike Smith knows why he came to N.C. State.

While he has excelled on the soccer field, the 6-foot-1-inch defender decided on a Wolfpack over other schools because of academics.

"On top of playing soccer, this is a great engineering school," Smith said.

Smith is scheduled to graduate next December in biomedical engineering. Yes, that's right. In addition to juggling State's consuming practice and game schedules, the Raleigh native has chosen what is certainly one of the most challenging majors offered here at N.C. State.

"The biological engineering department is relatively new, and they had a lot of good teachers," Smith explained. "I thought it would be good for me to get into."

"Mike comes from an environment where school is very, very important," Wolfpack Head Coach George Tarantini went on to say.

Smith came to the Wolfpack out of nearby Sanderson High, where he stood out enough to compete in the North Carolina East-West All-Star game.

In 1995, his first year on campus, Smith was redshirted, and he came back the following year to become

a valuable contributor to the Pack defense.

"We expect a lot of things from Mike," Tarantini said. "If he concentrates and continues his commitment, he can be a force for us. His potential is unlimited."

Smith played in 13 matches, starting nine, on a Wolfpack team that finished with a 9-6-3 record overall.

However, in what would have been his sophomore year eligibility-wise, Smith made a tough decision. That decision was to concentrate solely on academics, giving up soccer for the 1997 season.

"I had a couple of class conflicts, so I thought I would take a year off to get that situated," Smith explained. "It was a huge decision because taking a year off of any sport you know you are going to be set back physically."

"I had to think about the reason I came here, and that was for my school. It's just a sacrifice you have to make."

"We sat down with his parents and talked about it a lot," Tarantini said. "We decided on it before the season started."

That 1997 term was one of the most successful teams State has had in the 1990s, finishing in third place in the Atlantic Coast Conference. However, Smith still doesn't regret his decision.

"It was frustrating to watch the team and not be able to play," he said. "But it's one of the sacrifices you make in life."

This year the Pack has struggled but not because of a lack of effort

by Smith, and his fellow teammates.

Smith rejoined the soccer team this year and has been one of the most consistent players on the team.

"Not only is he consistent, he is very poised," Tarantini said. "Because he plays the game under control, he can see the game better than a lot of the players. He plays the game at his own speed."

"Mike has an incredible opportunity to make us better as a team."

Smith is one of two players on the Wolfpack roster to have started and played in every game this fall.

Mike has come a long way as both a player and a person. He signed with the Pack as a non-scholarship player and, despite taking last year off, is now on partial-scholarship.

"Preseason was rough," Smith said. "But being able to come back to the program is an honor."

If ever there were a year that the Pack needed extra players, in light of all of the injuries and struggles, this was it.

"It meant a lot to have him on the team this year," Tarantini said. "He is one of those guys who has been a big surprise for us this year."

According to coaches, Smith will still have two years of eligibility left after this season, despite being listed as a junior on the roster.

Wolfpack soccer fans can certainly look forward to watching a player with a bright future ahead of him, whether it be on the field or off.

ACC teams get down to business

◆ This week's action around the conference.

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The Wolfpack is the only conference team NOT in action this weekend, so here's a look at everyone else.

UNC-Chapel Hill at Virginia Pre-game talk is giving the nod to the Cavaliers home-field advantage, but don't overlook a possible big homecoming for Virginia natives Dre Bly and Ronald Curry. Less than a year ago, Curry, a top recruit on the hard-court as well as the gridiron, broke loyal Cav fans hearts by turning down "The University" for a Carolina Blue jersey.

Virginia looks to maintain its hold on third place in the conference with a win, taking advantage of the 4-2 Wolfpack's off-week to gain an advantage in the conference standings for now.

Virginia's Thomas Jones is the con-

ference's top rusher this season and ranks 11th nationally with 118.7 yards per game, but Jones getting the ball is what UNC-CH is looking to stop. Bly and the Tar Heel defense have 21 sacks in the last five games and have held opposing offenses to just 15 completions on third down in the last 66 tries.



Clemson readies for the Yellow Jackets.

Georgia Tech at Clemson Death Valley will become center stage for a mid-week match-up between the Yellow Jackets, who are scratching at the heels of the conference-leading Florida State Seminoles, and the Tigers, who are looking to lengthen their lead over the cellar-dwelling Terrapins from Maryland.

Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton has continued to establish himself among the conference's top field generals, posting impressive numbers of 1,614 yards and 14 touchdowns this season, but Clemson's Brandon Streeter is impressing a few people himself. Streeter has already posted the fourth-best single-season passing total in Clemson school history with 1,621 yards in nine games.

Florida State at Wake Forest Divine intervention may be on Wake's side, as Seminole starting quarterback Chris Weinke, who hasn't thrown an interception since FSU's Sept. 12 match-up with the Wolfpack, will sit this one out. Weinke will miss the rest of the season for the No. 5 Seminoles

after suffering a herniated disk, ligament injuries and the fragmentation of a small bone in his right arm that has caused numbness after a sack in last weekend's 45-14 win over Virginia. Weinke will have neck surgery, but early prognosis is that the 26-year-old sophomore quarterback could possibly return in August.

Wake Forest's Desmond Clark looks to lead the Deacon attack. Clark is the ACC's all-time leading receiver with 211 catches in his career but missed last weekend's match-up. Maybe he was resting up for his head-to-head match-up with Peter Warrick.

Maryland at Duke The Devils and Terrapins match-up is the only one with no real influence on the post-season picture. A win by Maryland could move the Terps out of the conference cellar, while a W from the Blue Devils could solidify Fred Goldsmith's team hold on sixth place. The Devils haven't finished that high since 1994, when Duke's 5-3 record was good enough for fifth place.



ACC Football Standings

Team	W	L
Florida State	6	1
Georgia Tech	5	1
Virginia	5	2
N.C. State	4	2
North Carolina	3	2
Duke	2	4
Wake Forest	2	4
Clemson	1	6
Maryland	0	6