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## Stewart Theatre instates technical fees

◆ Any group using Stewart Theatre now has to pay for the use of a technical crew; however, reservations and equipment are still rent-free.

SAARAH E. MIRANO  
Senior Staff Writer

As a result of financial difficulties, all N.C. State on-campus groups now face technical fees when using Stewart Theatre.

The decision to have a "more fiscally sound policy" was made known to faculty and students in the spring and was implemented at the beginning of the fall semester, according to Alex Miller, associate to the vice chancellor for the Arts Programs.

The new policy still has an open-door approach on reservations and allows on-campus groups to use Stewart Theatre and its equipment rent-free.

Before this policy, NCSU paid for all technical crew costs for all events. Now, all technical charges are based on the level of technical support one's group would require for the event, whether dean or student.

"These are costs that we have to cover," said Miller. "People just don't show up and work for free."

According to Miller, the technical crew is composed of students who usually receive minimum wage. The increase of minimum wage from \$3.35 in 1986 to the current \$5.15, budget cuts and more events requiring larger crews are factors that led to the decision.

Miller reports that problems were arising involving groups that either failed to show up for scheduled events, made difficult arrangements in technology or made special requests at the last minute. Such occurrences led to wasted crew and operational costs, running Stewart Theatre "in the red."

A significant factor leading to the new policy was the increased demand for the use of the theatre, especially by the Theatre and Music Departments and UAB groups.

Interestingly, other universities hold similar, if not more costly, policies. Both UNC-Chapel Hill's and UNC-Pembroke's student organizations are required to pay labor and production costs, while Duke requires users to pay a rent of \$525 per day plus expenses.



Some favorite convenience foods cost more at campus C-Stores than at local stores as owners try to compensate for the lack of beer and cigarette revenue.

## C-Store prices compare unfavorably

◆ No beer, cigarettes or gasoline means increased prices in C-Stores around campus, according to University Dining.

April Morris  
Staff Writer

Those students who shop at the C-Store for items such as Pepsi, bottled water and loaves of bread may be surprised to find out that some of the C-Store prices are lower than some area stores.

However, it seems that if students prefer anything else, then they need to be prepared to shell out some extra dough.

Twelve popular C-Store items were compared with those of a local supermarket, Harris Teeter on Oberlin Road and a local convenience store, Circle K on the corner of Western Boulevard and Method Road. Out of those 12 items, the C-Store had the best prices on three of them: a 22-ounce bottle of Pepsi, a 20-ounce bottle of water and a loaf of Merita Old Fashion Bread.

Some staples were over-priced as compared with other stores. For example, a can of Campbell's chicken noodle soup was 20 cents more at the C-Store. A half-gallon of skim milk was 20 cents to 30 cents more than Harris Teeter and Circle K. The microwave French bread frozen pizzas were a \$1.33 more than Harris Teeter.

ITEM	C-STORE (C)	CIRCLE K (K)	HARRIS TEETER (H)
Snickers	0.91 (King Size) 0.60 (Regular)	0.90 (King Size) 0.60 (Regular)	2 for 0.99 (Regular)
20-oz. Bottle of Pepsi	0.75	1.20	0.89
20-oz. Bottle of Water	0.70 (Aquafina) 1.00	0.80 (Purina) 1.25	0.80 (Purina) 1.25
French-American Noodles	0.75 (16 oz. Marbled)	0.90 (16 oz. Creamette)	0.89 (16 oz. Marbled)
French-American Spaghetti (16 oz.)	1.00	0.99	0.70
Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup	1.00	0.80	0.80
Half-gallon of Skim Milk	2.10	1.90	1.80
Shredded French Bread Pizzas	3.90	N/A	3.00
French Bread Pizzas	3.00	2.80	1.80
Box of 8 Pop-Tarts	2.30	1.90	1.80

"C-Store food is way overpriced," Lily Olive, a freshman in art and design, said. "I have cash points, and my parents are paying for it, but it's way overpriced. I shop there because it's right near my dorm. It's convenient."

With this being the sentiment of many students, some may wonder why C-Store items are priced higher.

"A college campus convenience store is a lot different from other convenience stores and grocery stores," said Randy Lait, business officer for University Dining.

Off-campus convenience stores like Circle K make most of their money on gasoline, cigarettes and beer — none of which the C-Store

sells — so they can afford to make less on other items that are just there for the customer's convenience like drinks and snacks, according to Lait.

Grocery stores like Harris Teeter buy in bulk directly from the producer, cutting their costs, which is then reflected in the final price for the customer. The C-Store buys small quantities of items from a wholesale vendor who bought from the producer and, thus, pays more for an item from the start than the grocery stores.

"Take, for instance, the microwave lunch buckets. The grocery store sells them retail for what

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## NCSU and WFU enjoy pharmaceutical partnership

◆ A scientific union with Wake Forest would advance NCSU's research with tobacco into therapeutic drugs.

BRANDI CRAWFORD  
Staff Writer

Wake Forest and N.C. State are pooling their efforts to establish a start-up company that may produce a new line of drugs, pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals, which will assist in treating the symptoms of such ailments as cancer, arthritis and asthma.

Mark Crowell, the associate vice chancellor for Technology Transfer and Industry Research of NCSU, said the technological aspect of this project started at WFU. As stated in a recent article of the Winston-Salem Journal, the new company Pilot Biotechnologies, Inc., is based on more than 20 years of research by Dr. F.H. "Ski" Chilton, the director of molecular medicine and a professor of internal medicine, physiology and pharmacology at WFU.

The objective of collaborating with NCSU is to be able to test which

crops will produce the fatty acid found in the new compound most efficiently. Currently, there is a focus on tobacco and whether it is cost effective and productive.

"If we can genetically engineer plants to produce fatty acid, then we can make the product cheaper for the consumer," said Beth Fordham-Meier, the director of Technology Transfer and Industry Relations at WFU.

The research is being done in the medical field of WFU, and the application part of it is taking place in NCSU's College of Agriculture and

Life Sciences.

"We do have some of the best crop science people," Crowell said.

The new compound is categorized as a "nutraceutical," or a natural plant extract. However, scientists at WFU want to make sure that proper testing is done on the new compound to ensure that they know how it will react with other "herbal remedies."

"It is necessary to have enough scientific material to back up your claims of such drugs," Fordham-Meier said.

According to Chilton in a recent article in the Winston-Salem Journal,

this is an important part of the research. "If you go to the health-food store, the vast majority of things on the shelves have little value to human health and fighting disease. In fact, some can be harmful. There are a small percentage of these products that are beneficial," Chilton said in the article. "What we have done is we've employed world-class science to answer these questions. The thing that will differentiate Pilot is the science that will back the products."

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## Council evaluates SpeakOut

◆ The Council on the Status of Women also made plans for its upcoming Susan B. Anthony dinner.

JIMMY RYALS  
Senior Staff Writer

Gender equity is an issue often discussed and talked about in nearly every societal circle.

However, some on campus may find themselves wondering what's done about it here at N.C. State. The Council on the Status of Women (CSW) elaborated on the issue at its Nov. 13 meeting.

Among the items discussed at the council's meeting was the success of the recent CSW-sponsored SpeakOut, held Oct. 20 in the Caldwell Lounge. Chancellor Marvyn Anne Fox and Provost Phillip Stiles attended the event, in which students, faculty and other members of the NCSU community were invited to offer thoughts and recommendations on the status of women on campus. Those interested but unable to attend were also invited to fill out response forms, which could be found throughout campus in the days leading up to the event.

"I think SpeakOut went fairly well, although we didn't have many people

actually come to speak out in person," Chairman Harriette Griffin said. "We had the most SpeakOut response forms filled out ever."

Griffin said she will file a report with the provost on the event, offering to him the recommendations given at the event and the response forms received.

Council Leadership Team Member Marva Motley reported on progress in the planning of the upcoming Susan B. Anthony dinner to be held on Jan. 25. Last year, 70 students and 60 faculty members attended the dinner; Motley expects similar numbers this year.

Motley also shared with the committee the difficulties in retaining a keynote speaker for this year's dinner. The council's first choice, UNC President Molly Broad, will be unavailable for the dinner. CSW also sought Fox, but she too is unable to attend. Among those named for consideration were Myrna Adams, N.C. Attorney General Elaine Marshall, Laurie Scott (last year's keynote speaker), U.S. Congresswoman Eva Clayton and educator Jeanne Lucas. "As the dinner's grown, we've gotten bigger-name speakers," said Motley of recent lecturers.

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## And they're off



NCSU Grounds Crew members race from point to point in the fastest "race mowers" on campus. Both seem quite laid back and confident in their mowing.

Christina Hancock/Staff

## Technician's View

# Stores not convenient

♦ Aventura Ferry and Wood Hall need their own C-Stores

Convenience is something everyone at N.C. State desires in everyday life, from classes to eating to recreational activities. For students on campus, there are two dining halls ready to serve them. Classes are basically located in the north and central parts of the main campus, with the exception of those held at Centennial Campus and the vet school. And for exercise and sporting activities, the intramural fields and Carmichael Gymnasium are close at hand, fit with indoor and outdoor basketball courts, racquetball courts, adjacent tennis courts and an indoor track.

However, there is something that is not convenient for students who live in Wood Hall and the Aventura Ferry Complex (AFC). These two facilities, which are on the southern part of the campus, both facing Western Boulevard, don't have a "convenient" C-Store anywhere near. For Wood Hall, the first option is to take the long walk to the Talley Student Center and use the C-Store that is available there. In the evening, this is a dangerous task, because Morrill Drive is not sufficiently lit at night; thus, walking alone is a huge risk at these crucial times. And of course, Wood Hall really is in the woods, and the residents there probably feel very isolated anyway. A C-Store for these students would help alleviate this dilemma and would eliminate the dangerous circumstances involving the alternative choices in finding the nearest C-Store.

Students at AFC have a different situation. First of all, just like the Wood Hall students, they have a long walk to the two C-Stores as well, those being the Talley Student Center location or Bragaw Hall. Problem is, they have to cross perilous Western Boulevard to do so. Their best option is to forego those

two locations and cross Aventura Ferry Road to Mission Valley, the strip-mall/movie theater. This might sound convenient, but these students can't use their cash points at the convenience store. And like Western Boulevard, Aventura Ferry Road is no walk in the park either. This thoroughfare is constantly bustling with menacing drivers, especially in the late afternoon/early evening hours.

The solution is simple: build a C-Store facility to help out the students of Wood Hall and AFC.

For Wood Hall, perhaps the meeting/recreation center on Warren Carroll Drive, perpendicular to the two buildings that make up Wood Hall. This complex would be a great place to forge a C-Store because the mailboxes are located here. How nice would it be to have a variety of foods and drinks to choose from while getting the mail? It definitely beats a worn-out vending machine.

AFC has an excess of room to work with. Perhaps one of the study lounges could be converted to a C-Store, or maybe one could be placed in the News Services building right next to AFC. Plus, there's plenty of land to expand with all around this dorm, so a solution shouldn't be too hard to find.

If just isn't fair what these students have to go through for a bite to eat or something to drink. Students in dorms located in the West, Central and East Campuses have convenient options when it comes to C-Stores. Why were the students in Wood and AFC left hanging?

If NCSU can get millions of dollars for the new arena, there's no reason it can't get a couple hundred thousand for C-Stores in close proximity to Wood Hall and AFC.

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Republicans must win back their base

I wish to take issue with an editorial that appeared in the Wed., Nov. 11 Technician. I realize that it is hip to read the election results as a total exoneration for the president, but the explanation is not that simple.

One factor in Democrat gains is the fact that the Republican voter base failed to vote in the 1998 elections. The reason for this is that most Republicans have failed to articulate a conservative agenda. In other words, to say that we need to go more moderate is ridiculous because that is precisely the root of the problem with the Republican Party.

If the Republicans are going to survive, they need to do several things to win back their base. They need to fight to cut taxes, reduce social programs and demolish big government. They need to be far more combative with "Demokrooks" and the Philander-in-Chief. Finally, they need to be far more accommodating to the social conservatives in the party. Even if they are not successful, it will be better that they tried rather than not try at all.

Matt Hamby  
Senior, Textile Engineering

### Humans are made to eat anything

I wanted to point out the possibility that Stanislav Krapivnik may have made a perfectly human mistake in assuming that all vegans are omnivorous, self-righteous idiots who want to make others feel guilty for eating meat. This is not so. There are certainly many graceful and insistent vegans and vegetarians

who feel everyone must be converted, but we are not all so evangelical. As a vegetarian, I have made a decision for myself and apply it only to myself. I would add that Krapivnik's decision to eat meat should also be kept to himself, lest he fall into the trap of playing the opposite character to the loud-mouthed vegans he so despises.

I also would like to offer a few comments concerning Krapivnik's use of "facts" to support his anti-vegan views.

Only in the United States and in other wealthy countries can the citizenry afford to eat meat at every meal. Most of the world is largely vegetarian. This was not a well-chosen argument.

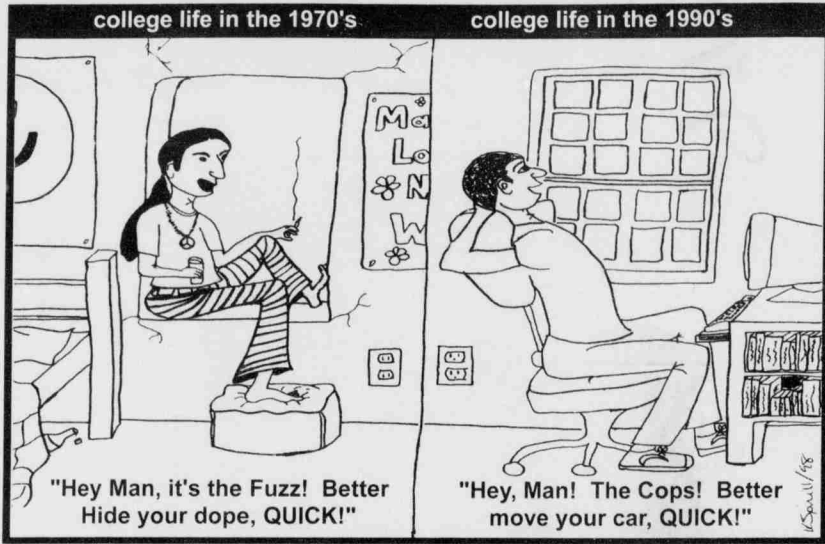
Forward vision with depth perception is common to predators the world over. This was not a well-chosen argument.

No land predator of any consequence sweats. Dogs do not. Cats do not. Hawks, eagles and other birds of prey do not. Deer, horses, cows, dik-diks, gazelles, zebras, wildebeests and other vegetarian animals do sweat. We sweat. This was not a well-chosen argument.

There is exactly one necessary amino acid that is not available from vegetable material, and this amino acid is readily synthesized by the body from the constituent acids of beans, whole grains, milk, cheese and various vegetables. All of the minerals and vitamins are readily available from vegetable sources. Modern science even suggests that because of the fiber content, the vegetarian diet, carefully applied, may be superior in some aspects. This was not a well-chosen argument.

People have short, comparatively dull incisors and canines. We have grinding teeth in the backs of our mouths, like the ruminants (cows, etc.). Overall, we have the teeth of omnivores, not carnivores. Our "sharp" teeth are (arguably) more

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# Ending a dispute

Amanda Guthrie  
Staff Columnist

In August I unknowingly sparked a huge debate regarding the topic of veganism. The only problem with this is that it seems to me that everyone who responded to my article completely missed my point.

Since I am the one who tapped into this source of infinite disagreement, I am now writing with the intent of clearing this whole mess up so the name-calling can stop. The purpose of my original column was to point out that many people are hypocrites when it comes to the topic of animal rights and that killing animals is wrong — all this talk of flat versus sharp teeth and two versus four feet is not in any way related to my original point.

Recently I was told that animals don't have rights that are inherent or specific to themselves but that people place rights upon them. I totally agree — and as a civilized and compassionate human being, I have given animals these rights, and I live my life so that I do not infringe upon them. I have thought about this subject a

great deal, and I have come to the conclusion that I'm right in believing it is wrong to mass produce and slaughter animals for human consumption.

I find it completely worthless to argue about whether or not humans are carnivorous. I have no opinion about this either way; my concern is that we continue to use the same old claim to be civilized; yet, we perform such archaic behaviors as eating meat. This behavior is, to me, as ridiculous as capital punishment.

We are a civilized people; yet, we get some kind of thrill from strapping a criminal into an electric chair and firing his brains out. And over 75 percent of the population stands around cheering as if this were some sort of victory. When are we going to stop claiming to be civilized and act like we are? If we are so intelligent, why can't we adopt a plan to adequately handle criminals without slaughtering them?

This is similar to the question of eating meat (and I do realize that the cow in your burger didn't commit some heinous crime, but my argument is regarding the rights of criminals and animals alike, not their actions). We

are letting our feelings and taste preferences cloud our better judgment.

The industries that provide beef, poultry, etc. are, in and of themselves, terrifying. They are dangerous for workers and horrifying for the animals involved. Assembly line production of meat and the industries contained therein have the highest incidences of on-the-job injury and force low-skilled employees to work under horrible conditions. (There is an absolutely eye-opening article about fast food and the beef and potato industry in this month's Rolling Stone.) This industry is not good for anyone involved except those who run the companies.

I know everyone is tired of hearing vegetarians whine about how sad and mistreated animals have become, but the fact of the matter is that people like myself spend our whole lives trying to make things better for creatures (human and otherwise) that don't have a voice. Animals hurt because they need to, and they don't know better — we do know better, and we should structure our behaviors likewise. Neither our ancestry nor the human condition requires us to eat meat and neither should our desires.

# People's failures are amusing

Natalie Duggins  
Staff Columnist

I'm pretty much surrounded by news — I spend a great deal of time on the computer (not for personal enjoyment, I assure you), so I end up perusing online news articles daily. My job leaves me plenty of time to read the newspaper and various magazines, so I manage to keep well-informed.

I am, of course, the exception to the rule.

I've come to the conclusion that a majority of the student body here is oblivious to what goes on outside the confines of the university. If it's not in Technician, most remain

unaware. Spend 50 cents to pick up a copy of The News & Observer? Heck no.

One more quarter and that's enough for a soda. And finding time to watch the news or check online versions of newspapers or magazines is relatively impossible. Hence, I like to provide my views on the issues as often as possible. If I haven't figured it out by now, I have an opinion about most everything — and typically, I won't hesitate to tell you (which is probably why my stint in retail sales came to a screeching halt). So here goes another edition of "Natalie's commentary on pertinent events."

There's something about watching people fail that's funny. I'm not just

talking about any Tom, Dick or Harry that fails a calculus exam (who hasn't done that?). It's that "original failure" that gets me laughing. Like those herds of college and high school basketball players who opted to enter the NBA draft early, the morons. Now, they're sitting at home, making no money, without a college education. Ah, something about that just makes me feel better about myself. Maybe it's just the fact that their failure is bigger than any possible failure I could ever have in my life — there is some solace to be found in all that.

I guess you could call it irony, but

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# Country music deserves more recognition, respect

Donnie Lassiter  
Staff Columnist

You know something that really makes me mad? All of those BMG mailings that come to N.C. State students — none of them have "country" as a choice for your favorite music. What the hell is up with that?

Just because I am at one of the largest and most culturally diverse universities on the eastern seaboard doesn't mean I can't enjoy country music. In fact, country music is one of the things I hold closest to my heart, right alongside my mamma and my hals.

I would even be so bold as to say that one of the most important things to me is country music. It seems like whenever I'm upset, in a cranky mood, confused, happy,

lonesome, sad or angry as a hornet, all I have to do is pop one country song or another into the CD player and sit back and jam. An example of just how accurate a statement this is can be drawn from my experiences of this past weekend. I was at home, visiting my dad for his birthday, and I somehow managed to contract one of those 38-hour, stomach-flu-like things. Therefore, I spent most of Saturday in my bed overdosing on Pepto Bismol and Roloids. Apparently this mixture sparked a nasty dose of insomnia, and, because I couldn't sleep, I switched on the radio to a local country station.

For the next 12 hours, I laid there listening to the smooth sounds of Garth Brooks, George Strait, Tim McGraw, the Dixie Chicks, Brooks and Dunn, Kenny Chesney and Sammy Kershaw, along with a wide

range of others. As the stomach pain conjured up in my mind the benefits of bludgeoning myself to death with my cordless phone, I began to fall into some kind of stupor. I started to think about just how much the music I was hearing meant to me. I listened to each song, went over the words in my head, and applied many of them to my life and the experiences I have had in the past. One by one, hour by hour, I listened to the tunes crafted by many of my favorite artists, and it occurred to me that this would be my next column.

Yes, I would no longer stand idly by and let country music be bashed and omitted on those damn BMG reader-ready cards. I would rise up in support of my beloved music and let the nay-sayers of the world know just how worthy country songs are. I vowed I would not sleep until thousands of my fellow students and

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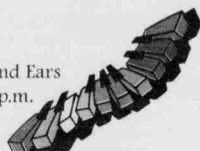
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peers were educated as to the benefits and values of the country genre. Of course, 20 minutes later I fell asleep, but that's beside the point.

For years, friends of mine have poked fun at my love for my favorite music. I've heard that line about "what do you get when you play a country song backwards" a hundred times. I've been forced into giving up my tunes at work and in the car. I have had the Flashback Cafe thrown in my face for months under the assumption that my kind of music simply couldn't stand up to the test of others. (You know who you are, you evil, evil man.)

I guess what I am saying is that country music is just completely awesome. My two favorite artists, George Strait and Garth Brooks, have sung countless songs that reach

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# Extra

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Quote of the Day:  
"I hope life isn't a big joke,  
because I don't get it."  
- Jack Handey



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## Still a Hero

◆ Christopher Reeve spoke to WakeMed patients last Wednesday; NCSU student found inspiration.

MEGAN RILEY  
Staff Writer

Three and a half years after his equestrian accident, Christopher Reeve continues to travel across the nation, promoting awareness of spinal cord injuries.

On Wed., Nov. 11 Reeve spoke at the WakeMed Foundation's Society of 1961 appreciation evening gala. The society members are individuals and corporations who have donated \$1,000 or more to the WakeMed Foundation to help build a new rehab facility.

About 30 former patients attended the news conference. Several asked Reeve questions concerning spinal cord research, health insurance improvements and Reeve's continuing acting career.

Reeve said that the bright future for spinal cord injury patients has kept him optimistic and has been a source of inspiration. He is determined that the wheelchair will not be his major mode of transportation forever.

As chairman of American Paralysis Association, he has been working with scientists to rejuvenate cells around the spinal cord to help quadriplegics regain movement.

He said, "The mystery has been solved" that has been looming since ancient times.

Rats that have damaged spinal chords and have been given a new antibody that blocks inhibitory proteins have regained movement and motor coordination so that they can climb rope ladders and put their weight on their legs. Reeve said that scientists can humanize this antibody, and trials may begin as early as this year.

With the Christopher Reeve Foundation, he has also seen improvements in the quality of life of patients, such as with improved wheelchairs and increased accessibility. Through lobbying, he is trying to increase funds for spinal cord rejuvenation research.

One patient in the audience asked Reeve to continue his lobbying for health insurance improvements. He has been trying to raise the limit on catastrophic injury health from \$1 million to \$10 million.

Besides his optimistic outlook on the future, Reeve also finds inspiration in his family and personal trainers. While Reeve said that "the first couple of months [after the accident] were not as relaxing as I hoped," his health has gradually improved so that he has regained some sensation in parts of his body, namely down his spine and in his left leg and arm.

He attributes some of this success to the personal trainers who have a

"tough love" and dedication for their patients. They won't "let you off the hook and make you do more." "They make you focus on the future when the present seems dim," Reeve said.

Reeve's wife has also been honored for being his support and helping him survive the accident. When she would visit him in the hospital, Reeve said that the nurses would say to him, "Here comes your medication."

"The realization of being is more important than doing" has helped him cope with missing out on riding horses with his daughter and playing piano and sports with his sons. He said that the real quality time with his family has taken place after the accident, for he actually sits down with his children for several hours and really listens to what they say.

Reeve said that he has discovered benefits of the accident, for he has become more tolerant of other people.

Reeve suggests that quadriplegic patients stay as active as they can, because if they exercise, their will not atrophy if they are given the chance to walk again.

"Resting is bad for me. Work is good," he said. Since the accident, he has continued his film career, as he has narrated, starred in and directed films.

In his first leading role since the equestrian accident, "Rear Window" will run on ABC this Sunday. Starring Daryl Hannah and Robert Forster, it is an updated version of Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 adaptation of Cornell Woolrich's short story.

Reeve said that he would often work 14-hour days although he was only supposed to work eight hours. He "thrived on it" and was glad to be busy.

The movie incorporates some of the modern technology offered to people who use wheelchairs, such as the sensors that open elevator doors.

Reeve also talked about his autobiography "Still Me," which he worked on from Dec. 1996 to Dec. 1997, five

days a week. He said it was a grueling process, as he would transcribe about six pages one day and then read it over the next. However, he called it a "liberating experience" and a "therapeutic thing to do."

While he hadn't written anything since high school, he found that the writing talent in his genes (his father was a poet and novelist while his mother was an editor of a newspaper) helped him. The most challenging aspect of writing the book was being honest about the people who are still alive, yet not putting them in a bad light.

Reeve said that he pushes forward with all of his work, for the alternative of letting his life go to waste and staring out the window is "unacceptable."

### Closer to Home

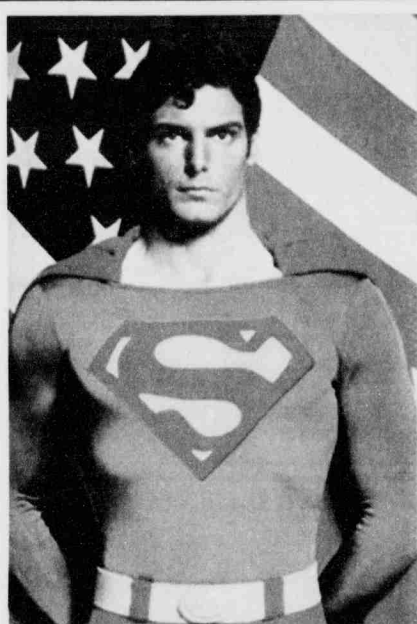
Among the former patients at WakeMed who attended Reeve's press conference was Tris Smith, an N.C. State freshman.

Smith, a Cary native, said "To hear how much [Reeve] actually works out, to see how motivated he is and he doesn't have any movement" was inspirational. Smith said, "He's done a lot of good things for spinal cord research."

After a car accident on June 16, 1996, Smith no longer has the use of his legs and only has limited use of his hands. While turning into a sports shop in Kingston, an assumed drunk driver ran a red light and crashed into Smith's car.

Smith's new fiancé was also badly injured, for she was thrown out of the car and nearly died twice on the scene. She has mostly recovered, and her face, which was severely cut, has been reconstructed with plastic surgery.

Because Smith's "life revolved around sports," such as golf and basketball, before the car accident, he had to adapt to his new lifestyle. At first after the accident, he wouldn't have much to do after he came home from rehab. He's changed his attitude since



Christopher Reeve proves that he is still a super man.

he started attending NCSU. "Now it's either do homework and study or get really bored."

He visits rehab three times a week and has the help of his personal trainer who he called "amazing." He also has made plans to start playing basketball at WakeMed and wheelchair rugby in Charlotte.

Because his adopted mother had arthritis and was taking heavy doses of medication, she was unable to take care of him properly.

Therefore, he moved in with his fiancé, who is also a freshman at NCSU, and her family. "They've accepted me as their son," he said.

"They've been a big help and sup-

port," Smith said. "They've kept me going through all of this."

However, Smith said that the relationship between him and his fiancé can become somewhat "strange" since she assists him in his daily routines. "She crosses that line between caretaker, girlfriend and sister," he said.

In his second year at NCSU, Smith is managing well. Although his biggest challenge everyday is "getting around," he has found the facilities in the NCSU's building have been good. He is able to write with utensils, especially pens, that don't require much pressure. He has tried using a note-taker in previous semesters, but found that he wouldn't listen in class.

## Hand-delivered hope

◆ N.C. State students make a commitment to ease Raleigh's hunger problem.

NEIL HERBERT  
Senior Staff Writer

Luke Perry, a senior in industrial design, keeps a box of food beside his table at his studio, where he can often be found, alone, working over an assignment with his headphones on, late into the night. In the box on any given day, Perry might have two dozen bottles of grapefruit juice, eight or 10 loaves of bread, several packages of his Spunkmeyer muffins, trays full of supermarket cucumbers, bags full of nuts and a few two-liter of soda. Though he replenishes his stock weekly, Perry never eats any of it.

Instead, he and more than two dozen other active members of N.C. State's Hope for the Homeless drive the food downtown six nights a week and hand deliver it to homeless people that sleep under church breezeways, in the courthouse entryway, on bus stop benches and a host of other barely covered spots that don't attract the police department's attention.

Now in its second year, Hope for the Homeless has come into its own, after beginning as a campus branch of a husband-and-wife "micro charity" called Help Perry. The program's founder, is tall, gregarious and sports a short crop of bright red hair under the navy-blue ball cap he often wears. The son of medical missionaries, he is from Lake Junaluska, N.C. (about 30 miles west of Asheville). He spent part of his childhood in Bolivia and has traveled to Bangladesh, where his father now lives and works. He says his experiences with poverty abroad have sensitized him to the problems of hunger and homelessness here in the States.

"I've always considered myself fortunate," he says. His reason for working with the homeless is simple. "If I was in that position, I would want someone to help me."

He founded the Campus Help group last spring after meeting the

couple who began Help, and started organizing the food runs, which rely on donated food from the Interfaith Food Shuttle (which gets food donations from area supermarkets, hotels and restaurants) as well as the Western Boulevard Dominoes Pizza and the Peace Street Steak-Out. The group has since involved the campus dining service, which donate leftovers that are delivered to the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

### Making the food run

Perry is the Saturday night driver for the downtown route. At 11 p.m., he is in his black Nissan sedan, with a trunk full of non-perishable food, a plastic water cooler, paper plates, cups, towels and bottled drinks. He heads to Domino's Pizza, where he picks up several cheese pies that the manager makes especially for Hope for the Homeless three nights a week (the groups get leftovers on other nights, when they are available). He talks to the manager for a few minutes, firming up the restaurant's pizza commitment for the fall, and loads up the stack of boxes in his car, which quickly fills up with their aroma.

"Sometimes these hot, fresh pizzas are sitting in my back seat," he says, smiling. "I'm like, 'don't do it, Luke.'" He leaves the Domino's parking lot and heads to campus to pick up three fellow HFH members who will accompany him downtown, handing out the food as well as blankets and clothing.

Hope for the Homeless follows a few rules to try to minimize risk to its members when they are on their late-night runs. They stay in their group. They never let anyone inside the car. They carry no cash or valuables. They leave any situation that makes them feel uncomfortable. But they stress in their safety guidelines that for the most part, it's not the homeless population that presents danger, but the petty criminals who prey on the homeless and others downtown. HFH only approach people who are obviously camped out for the evening, and they have had no unpleasant incidents so far. The only harassment they have received has been from police who gripe



Hope for the Homeless seeks to provide food and blankets for those who need it.

about the trash that the homeless sometimes leave behind.

Their runs start at the First Baptist Church on Salisbury Street. A couple of members hop out of Perry's car and head up a set of curving stairs which lead to a small covered entranceway. There is only room for one or two people to be sheltered at the First Baptist church, so the stop is usually brief.

The next stop is the Church of the Good Shepherd, which is a popular spot for sleeping because of an abundance of covered entrances and breezeways, and because the Church donates space in its basement to the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen, which opens at 11 a.m. From Hillsborough Street, the Church looks deserted under the streetlights of downtown. Pulling into the parking lot beside it, Perry and his friends know they can expect to find anywhere from 10 to 20 people camped out here.

The members of HFH walk over to a breezeway where nine people sleep head to foot. Seven are single men, and two are a married couple that Perry has become friends with. Two women in Perry's group reach the breezeway first, and begin calling out "good evening" in warm, polite voices.

"Excuse me, Sir. Would you like something to eat?" they ask. Perry

arrives and recognizes his friends, Robert and Rose. They have come to the triangle from Detroit, looking for a better life, but have had a conflict with the relative who had been housing them. Neither has found a good job, although many of the homeless on HFH's route do work during the day. This is the reason the group begins their food runs so late — many of the homeless don't get back downtown from their jobs until the evening.

It is the second week of October, and the nighttime temperatures are just starting to dip down into the 40s. The men around the church sleep under blankets and on top cardboard, which softens the concrete and stone surfaces that become their beds. Robert and Rose huddle together and talk and laugh with Perry. They had planned to meet at Western Lanes earlier in the evening to bowl a couple of games with Perry and HFH treasurer Daniel Sorrell, but Robert and Rose lost all of their belongings to a thief earlier in the day and didn't feel up to making the walk down Hillsborough Street.

There are 11 more stops to go, and in between, the HFH members scan the streets, looking for people camped out in new nooks or simply sprawled out on sidewalks and

## N.C. State gives help to Honduras

CHRISTINE OLDHAM  
Extra Editor

Thousands killed. Even more left homeless. Crops destroyed. Infrastructure ruined.

This is the legacy of Hurricane Mitch. N.C. State students helped out last week on the Brickyard, but over spring break, a handful of students will have the chance to see first hand the devastation in Honduras and to personally be of service to a people in need.

Janey Musgrove, the director of the Center for Student Leadership, is organizing the trip with the help of Habitat for Humanity. She will also be going on the trip with the students.

"I am psyched. This is a great opportunity for students to be involved in cross-cultural service," Musgrove said.

Musgrove has done cultural programs for five years and had worked with out-of-state services previously. However, this is her first trip involving Habitat for Humanity.

When organizing a trip through Habitat for Humanity, people from the organization meet the students on the trip at the airport.

They then proceed to a house that is in progress where, for a week, they do manual labor on the house for a family, cutting down on the costs tremendously.

Musgrove, who worked on a home in Costa Rica, said that what draws her to international service projects is definitely the people. "The way we were treated — with open arms, an outpouring of hospitality, the love, the children, the smiles on their faces — it was great."

These trips can also be a life-changing experience.

"This is 1998 living in Honduras — it will leave quite an impression," Musgrove also said that it was a great learning opportunity about yourself, about others and about another country. "It makes you stop and think about what you have."

The trip costs about \$1,000, and applications are due Nov. 19. They can be picked up at the Center for Student Leadership on the third floor of Talley Student Center. Musgrove says that the kind of person she is looking for the trip is a person who knows that "you make a living by what you get and a life by what you give."



One family's hope is washed away during Hurricane Mitch.

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## Help

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benches. Most of the homeless HFH encounter have been out on other nights and know the group's routine. None get up from their spots, and nearly all thank the group members for their kindness.

Some give the group tips on people sleeping nearby who might not have been readily seen. It is this contact and communication that means the most to the members of HFH. Sometimes people need to talk, and Perry is glad to listen. Sometimes, as with Robert and Rose, the people become friends.

Though there are numerous agencies in Raleigh that allow one to volunteer to work with the homeless, the members of HFH say they love the immediacy of coming to people in their time and place of need and lending a hand.

"The [Interfaith Food] Shuttle doesn't give you interaction like this," Perry says. The homeless men and women on the route are grateful that HFH see it that way.

## Lassiter

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to the very core of my being and seem to lift me to some spiritual level. Songs like "Marina Del Rey," "If Tomorrow Never Comes," "If I Know Me," "Baby Blue" and "The Dance" hold special places within my heart and mind, because it seems like I have undergone experiences just like the ones described in their lyrics. That's why I can sit back and just jam to some country tunes for hours on end.

I could list hundreds of songs that I know by heart and have a personal

meaning to me, but I'll spare you. Just rest assured knowing that my list of favorites is a very long and distinguished one. The next time you happen across a country station, do yourself a favor and just stop and listen for a while. Once you get past the rambling about dogs, ex-wives and beer, you're going to find something that lifts your spirit — something that makes you truly alive. Who knows, in time, maybe you'll even learn to say "yee-haaa."

*Donnie is considering forming a country music cult, of which you are all welcome to become members. If you want to share a spiritual experience, or if you just want to chat about the latest hits, e-mail him at [jlassiti@univm.ncsu.edu](mailto:jlassiti@univm.ncsu.edu).*

## Speak

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The committee also discussed and made changes to its recently ratified annual goals. Among the goals were: reporting to the chancellor, increasing visibility, becoming diverse, representative and action-oriented and promoting and supporting "structural change to achieve equity for women, programs to ensure women's development and efforts to improve the campus climate for women." Griffin

requested that committee members consider plans for implementing the goals and present them to her before the next meeting, planned for Dec. 11.

Griffin presented preliminary plans for the 1999 Spring Conference as well. The conference was planned for March 30 at the McKinnon Center, but, because of scheduling problems, council members suggested April 12 or 13 as an alternative date. Griffin pointed out that holding the conference in April could create a problem for proposed keynote speaker Fox, whose inauguration takes place on April 17. Council members also discussed ideas for conference themes.

## C-Store

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is two cents plus wholesale for us [the C-Store]," Lait said.

Lait continued by saying that the prices of goods in C-Stores will probably not equal the prices in supermarkets.

"We're never going to match the pricing of grocery stores," said Lait. "We have actually reduced prices in the convenience stores and are making less money from some items like AA batteries and more on others like fountain soft drinks."

To offset the inherent extra cost of C-Store items, University Dining now gives an at-the-register discount on items purchased with cash points. For example, the \$400 cash-point plan receives an 18 percent discount on items at the register.

Employees or students without cash points do not see these savings.

"Prices are too high for the students and the employees, especially for the students who do not work," said Victoria Gosde, an employee in Facilities Operations.

## Union

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Fordham-Meyer states that she hopes to "continue such world-class experiments and do additional scientific evaluation."

Fordham-Meyer said their main objective is for "research to be continually done to develop compounds with beneficial effects."

The Centennial Venture Partners fund is sponsoring the start-up company that is located in Research Triangle Park. The location of this company is representative of the joint efforts of both universities to "identify promising research and commercialize those products with the help of venture capital sources," the news release said.

J. Phillips L. Johnston will be the company's chief executive officer, and Floyd H. "Sk" Chilton will be the CEO of Operations. There will, however, be researchers on both campuses as these experiments are carried out. This fund will also assist in supporting future research efforts of this sort.

## Forum

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suiting to tearing vegetable matter than meat and uncertainty not suited to the kind of territorial combat we see in land predators. This was not a well-chosen argument.

I have never met (or even heard of) a person who would have a prayer of running a deer non-stop for five or six miles. The people I know (even the fast ones) would be outdistanced in the first 100 yards and wouldn't find the deer again without dogs or a helicopter (dogs are predators).

Further, our digestive tracts are several times longer than the digestive tracts of carnivores (cats, dogs, weasels, what have you) and are more nearly of the average length of the digestive tracts of herbivores (excepting the ruminants). Kravynik appears to have overlooked this as well as other biological information in his diatribe against veganism.

My claim is that people were "designed" to eat everything, and if one looks closely at the facts, this is obvious. Eating meat does not have the "factual" support and moral superiority that Kravynik believes it has. Vegetarianism and veganism are perfectly viable dietary schemes and are in no way without historic and evolutionary precedent. Kravynik's forum letter shows not only a hypocritical intolerance for variance but also a lack of knowledge of the material at hand. He might do well in the future to consider thinking before offering the public such a litany of half-logic condemnations.

Jeff Freeman  
Junior, Physics

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8 p.m.  
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11a.m.-4p.m.  
11a.m.-2p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
8 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 18

11a.m.-4p.m.  
11a.m.-2p.m.  
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Look for more activities to be announced each day on the Wolves' Den "Schedule of Events" board in Tally Student Center



# Duggins

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whatever you call it. I enjoy it. Another example is Paula Jones. After years of attacking the president, she just recently settled out of court with Clinton's attorneys for a mediocre \$850,000. Sure, that seems like a lot of money, but when you include the fact that she had previously turned down an offer for more than a million — that's a considerable difference. And how much of that money do you actually think Jones will see? Unless her Republican, oops, I mean anonymous, benefactors find the bill for her legal fees to be more than estimated to be (which was \$750,000), she'll still wind up with considerable losses. "I feel that I have won," Paula Jones said after the settlement was announced.

She's just lost at least \$200,000. Damn that. I get upset if I lose my dollar in the soda machine. Two hundred thousand? I'd be insane. She didn't get the apology from the president that she had lobbied so much for. Believe me — she didn't win anything. It's still funny though that Paula Jones won't be laughing about it, but I certainly will.

Continuing with the idea of stupidity for a bit, I want to throw in my two cents about this whole tobacco issue. How stupid is all this? If you smoke and you happen to get lung cancer, don't be surprised — you've been warned. If parents are smoking, then they shouldn't really be astonished when their kids decide they want to do it, too. It's all common sense. If you work in an environment where there's smoking, and the threat of lung cancer from second-hand smoke is there, then petition for a

non-smoking flight or area. It's not that hard to figure out.

Nonetheless, attorney generals from every state are slated to decide whether or not to settle with tobacco companies by Friday. This legislation would drastically reduce the amount of cigarette advertising (including a ban on advertising bearing the logos, billboards and animated spokes-camels, uh, men). Also, the tobacco companies will have to fork over billions of dollars to deter smoking. It's all ludicrous. It'd be like N.C. State paying for advertising for UNC-Chapel Hill. You don't need to bolster your competition that's bad business. It's hard to believe there are that many people who have no common sense at all.

There's this old cliché, "you can fool some of the people all of the time, and you can fool all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." Well, finally, the United States has joined the group of those people who refuse to be fooled. How many times does the world have to be fooled by Saddam Hussein's promises before they actually start believing that he's not going to live up to his end of the bargain? I've lost count of the number of times Hussein has allowed United Nations' arms inspectors into areas of Iraq that allegedly house weapons of mass destruction, then retracted his offer.

Kudus to Clinton for not accepting Hussein's latest offer of cooperation. Both Britain and the United States hope that a crisis will be averted, but let's be realistic here — his track record doesn't really leave us with much reason to hope.

Please excuse Natalie, she's upset about the loss of her *Star Store* job. She would deal *First Dr. Pepper* now. This, if you want to send your condolences or your own commentary, e-mail her at [natalie@smu.sca.nyu.edu](mailto:natalie@smu.sca.nyu.edu).

# Recruit

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The men's team did some damage as well, getting three of the country's top players to commit to come to State, one of which will be available this December.

Heading the list is one of the best players to commit to the Wolfpack in recent years. Damien Wilkins, a 6-foot-6-inch wing guard from Orlando, Fla., is rated as the 10th-best player in the nation, averaging 21 points, nine rebounds and over three assists per game last year. Wilkins, the son of NBA star Gerald Wilkins and nephew of NBA legend Dominique Wilkins, committed to the Wolfpack after visiting campus over Halloween weekend.

Also joining the Pack next fall will be Clifford Crawford of Winston-Salem. The 6-foot-3-inch guard is ranked in the top 50 in most recruiting publications.

Crawford averaged 25 points and seven assists for Parkland High last year.

Anthony Grundy, another 6-foot-3-inch guard, will be eligible to join State's back court at the end of this semester (Dec. 16th). The Bowling Green, Ky., native averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds last season at Hargrave Military Academy, the same school that produced current Pack stars Kenny Inge and Ron Anderson, as well as 1998 newcomer Carl Lentz.

# Notes

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league competing against teams from Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill and Wake Forest. State has swept the teams from UNC-Chapel Hill and each of the other two schools in the division twice. Considered the Divisional Champions, State will participate in the league's Final Four.

**Fencer finishes second**  
At this weekend's U.S. Fencing Association Tournament hosted by UNC-Greensboro, NCSU fencer Kirk Birch finished second in the foil event.

The Fencing club meets every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Fencing room, Carmichael Gymnasium. No experience or equipment is necessary.

**Duff Abrams' Dirty Dozen defeated Six Pack.** 27-12 in the Grad/Faculty/Staff Flag Football Championship.

Tau Kappa Epsilon defeated Sigma Alpha Mu in the Fraternity Bowling Championships.

Owen and Syme Residence Halls both won Flag Football Championships last week. Delta

Zeta and Sigma Phi Epsilon both won Championships in overtime in the Residence/Sorority and Fraternity "A" divisions, respectively.

In the Residence/Sorority Soccer championship, Sullivan defeated Alpha Delta Pi, after penalty kicks.

The Divas defeated the Dixie Chicks 1, 5-0 in the Women's Open soccer tournament.

In tennis, Mahandevan Venkatraman won the men's open championship. Erik Nelson and Michele Staben won the co-rec doubles title, and Venkatraman paired up with Atul Gupta to win the men's open doubles.

Daniel Williams and Alice Kassens won individual titles in the 5K Fun Run/Walk.

**Upcoming events**

The Air Force 4-on-4 Flag Football One Day Tournament will be held on Sun., Nov. 22 from 3-6 p.m. on the Lower Miller Fields.

There will be a Rockclimbing Workshop on Fri., Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is in Room 1000, Carmichael Gymnasium.

Carmichael Gym will host a Relaxation Techniques Workshop on Tues., Nov. 17, 5-5:45 p.m.

# Muscle

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ble, but when he was in the game played well finishing with 14 points in only 21 minutes of action.

"I felt good for the first time. I felt comfortable," Harrison said.

As well as things went for State, everyone knows that there is still a long way to go.

"We held them to a low field-goal percentage, but they were able to get 16 of their 35 misses back, which is too high of a percentage," Senick said. "They forced us into 19 turnovers, which is certainly too many. That statistic diminishes our high field-goal percentage."

Overall, however, it was a positive start to what should be an exciting season.

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## Pack uses some muscle

◆ Inside muscle and hot shooting drive N.C. State basketball team to an opening win.

JEREMY ASHTON  
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack got their season started the right way Saturday night using a deadly combination of inside strength and hot shooting to bury Maryland-Eastern Shore 81-60.

The Fighting Hawks were never able to find a solution to State's inside game, as the Pack pounded the ball down low seemingly at will all night long. Sophomore center Ron Kelley was especially impressive leading the team with a career-high 21 points on 9-of-12 shooting.

"We talked all week about one of the keys to his role for our basketball team being to have a real inside presence for us," N.C. State Head Coach Herb Sendek said. "Ron is such a nice guy that sometimes it's okay with him if you don't throw it to him. It may be okay with him, but it's not okay with me. I like our guys to throw him the ball."

Kelley, along with fellow sophomores Kenny Inge and Damon Thornton, dictated the pace of the game on both ends. The front-court trio combined for 16 rebounds and seven blocks and frequently forced UMES into taking difficult, low-percentage shots.



Kenny Inge (21) shows the force of the Wolfpack front court in Saturday's win.

"To go inside is the way we're going to win," sophomore guard Archie Miller said.

The team's dominating performance in the post gave several players great looks, a major reason that the team shot 63 percent from the floor. Miller was one such beneficiary dropping in 16 points off the bench on a perfect shooting night (5-5, 4-4 on three-pointers), despite missing every practice this week with a bad ankle.

"He really played well," Sendek said. "Everyone knows he's a good shooter, but I thought he did other things tonight, too. I thought he really handled the ball and added character to our team."

Other major contributors for the Pack included junior Tim Wells and freshman Adam Harrington. Wells gave State a huge spark off the bench, scoring a career-high 13 points. Harrington, making his first collegiate start, spent most of the first half in foul trouble.

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◆ O'Cain talks about the upcoming game at Maryland and possible bowl bid.

RODNEY R. BANUO  
Staff Writer

N.C. State's football team knows what's on the line this weekend, and Mike O'Cain will make sure his team is ready to go.

"I am not going to talk about Maryland. I am not going to talk about how they can beat us. My main emphasis is going to be to make sure we have our minds where we need them to be, and my players know that," Coach Mike O'Cain said at Monday's press conference.

N.C. State's win against Wake Forest made them eligible for a bowl bid. Now the Pack must face Maryland in order to qualify for a better bowl.

"We're happy about the concept of a bowl bid in general. I think we have a pretty good idea of where we're going but right now we need to focus on the end of the season," emphasized senior Ian Rafferty. "But now, it's total concentration on Maryland."

Coming off of two low seasons, this season definitely marks a change in N.C. State football.

"The East Carolina game was probably a low point, some people didn't even care we lost. The feeling in that locker room made me sick to my stomach," Rafferty said. "You wonder what it feels like to play a Notre Dame or a Georgia in a bowl game. I get excited about that kind of stuff."

This week, the Wolfpack will see the return of running back Rahshon Spikes, who will start despite the stellar performance of freshman Ray Robinson.

"Our main philosophy is that you

don't lose a starting position because of injury, and Ray understands that," O'Cain said about starting Spikes.

After Maryland, the Pack will face UNC-Chapel Hill in Charlotte, a highly anticipated game.

"You want every team to be doing as good as possible, so that a lot of people will be excited about the game," Rafferty said when asked if he hoped UNC-CH would win Saturday against Duke.

"I don't care about what happens this week over there. My main concentration is N.C. State. Whatever happens over there, I could care less," responded Coach O'Cain when asked the same question. "We need to make sure we can take care of everything we can so that we can play on Saturday."



With a 6-3 record and two games remaining against teams with losing records, the N.C. State football team is looking for its first bowl game in four years.

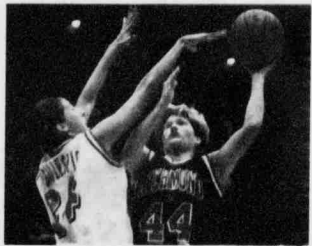
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2. Georgia Tech	6	1
3. Virginia	6	2
4. NCSU	4	2
5. North Carolina	3	3
6. Duke	2	5
7. Wake Forest	2	5
8. Maryland	1	6
9. Clemson	1	7

## Wolfpack women honored



Kay Yow and the members of the 1997-98 Wolfpack women's basketball team were honored with a ceremony at halftime of the men's game versus UMES in Reynolds Coliseum on Saturday night. The Wolfpack made the Final Four in Kansas City last spring for the first time in school history. The Wolfpack, currently ranked in the top 20, defeated the No. 3 and No. 2 teams in the nation on the way to the Final Four. This year's team has high goals, and will be gunning for a return trip to the NCAA Tournament as well as an ACC Championship.

## Men, women land top recruits



The departure of seniors such as Kristen Gillespie (defending) next year will be offset by one of the nation's best recruiting classes.

◆ The men's and women's basketball teams were active in the fall signing period, getting commitments from several top recruits.

Sports Staff Report

Both of the basketball teams at N.C. State have reason to be pleased with the results of the fall signing period. The women's team signed five highly touted players, while the men received commitments from three.

In what the coaches consider one of their top recruiting classes in the history of the program, the women signed five all-star players.

"I feel this class can and will lead the Wolfpack women into the 21st century as a force in the ACC and nationally," Pack Coach Kay Yow said in a recent press release. "I am very impressed by each individual as an athlete, student and person."

Kaayla Jones, a 6-foot-3-inch center from Cleveland, Ohio, tops the list of women's recruits. Jones is ranked as the 14th-best player in the country by Blue Star Recruiting Handbook, averaging 22.7 points and 19.5 rebounds per game as a junior.

Joining Jones in the Wolfpack front court will be two of North Carolina's best high school players. Amy Simpson, the Associated Press' N.C. Player of the Year as a junior, is a 6-foot forward from Reidsville, averaging close to 30 points per game.

Another forward, the USA Today/Gatorade Player of the Year in North Carolina, 6-foot-1-inch Carisse Moody, is ranked as the 63rd-best player in the country. The Rocky Mount native averaged 18 points and 11.5 rebounds as a junior at Northern Nash High.

In the back court, the Wolfpack will welcome two players. Ivy Gardner, an honorable mention All-American from Washington, D.C., averaged 21.6 points per game while also starting on the track. Gardner holds the school record in the 200-meter dash.

Terah James, the nation's No. 28 prospect according to Blue Star, was the Florida Player of the Year as a sophomore, and led her Sun Coast High to the 4A state championship while averaging 17.9 points and 8.3 assists as a junior.

◆ Going skiing?, club soccer heads to Nationals, crew fairs well.

Sports Staff Report

Crew posts top finished in Georgia N.C. State's crew team came home from a weekend meet in Augusta, Ga., this weekend with some top finishes.

Women's duos Kim Krumenacker and Susan Bennett took first place in two separate events, while Stew Williams finished third in a singles event.

The men's varsity eight boat finished fifth in a field of 24, while the novice men's eight took third out of 17.

The novice women's four finished

second, amongst eight other competitors.

Two weeks ago at the First Coast Head Race in Jacksonville, Fla., the women's novice 8 boat took first in a field of six.

The novice women's four boat finished in the middle of a six-boat field, and the novice men's boat took third in a field of seven.

Downing also won a singles event for the N.C. State team.

More information about the N.C. State men's and women's crew team can be found at [www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud\\_orgs/rowing/](http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/rowing/).

Ski Club announces winter break trip

The N.C. State Ski and Snowboard Club is sponsoring two trips over win-

ter break.

One trip will be headed to Quebec City, Quebec, on Dec. 26, returning to Raleigh on Jan. 3. The trip includes six nights hotel lodging and a four-day lift ticket. Transportation will be by bus, the price of which is \$120, and the trip price will be based on accommodations.

The other trip is to Steamboat Springs, Co. from Dec. 16 to Dec. 22. The trip package include round-trip airfare on American Airlines, ground transfers, six nights lodging in Colorado and lift tickets at Steamboat Springs. The price of the package is \$799.

For more information, check out the team's Web site at [www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud\\_orgs/snow\\_ski/team/](http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/snow_ski/team/) or e-

mail the men's team captain, Sean Watts (Sbwatts@unity.ncsu.edu), or the women's team captain, Jenny Ellerbe (jellerbe@unity.ncsu.edu).

Club Field Hockey enjoys surge in participation

Just because N.C. State is one of the only schools in the ACC not to field a varsity field hockey team doesn't mean that the Pack doesn't know how to play.

According to club team President Melanie Johnson, the team has enjoyed an increase in participation this season, and that increase has translated into good things on the field.

This season, State participates in a

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