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NCSU full to the brim

University officials are in the process of conducting various surveys and tours in the hopes of improving overcrowding in many areas of campus.

ASHLEY B. PERRY
Staff Writer

For years, the facilities at N.C. State have been increasingly inadequate to the needs of the enrollment growth that the university has experienced.

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Miriam Tripp
DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND DESIGN

Thus, a space study, commissioned by the UNC System's General Administration, is currently being conducted statewide for every college or university that falls within the system.

to be inadequate in many areas and, according to Miriam Tripp, the director of Facilities Planning and Design, that may be an understatement.

"There is pretty strong consensus among the university administration that our classrooms and labs are inadequate," Tripp said. "The preliminary space study determined that our campus was deficient in all categories except one. I think that once the study is finalized, we will probably be short in every category."

The main problem facing University Planning is trying to anticipate future enrollment growth. Tripp explained that the university is currently trying to deal with a "baby boom-let," the children of the baby boomers, which is overcrowd-

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Campus facilities have been found

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Professor dwells in solar house

Plans from the NCSU Solar Center helped Thomas Wentworth build an energy-efficient solar house.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
Assistant News Editor

With blueprints from N.C. State's Solar Center, Thomas Wentworth, a botany professor, and his family built their very own passive solar home in 1993.

"As an ecologist, I've always been interested in environment-friendly living," Wentworth said.

After five years, Wentworth is satisfied that he made a good investment.

"Passive solar makes good economic sense," he said.

According to Wentworth, a passive system is less sophisticated than an active system because it has no external mechanisms and requires standard building materials.

"There's a misperception that passive solar involves some kind of unusual technological equipment and technology," he said.

"There's no great deviation from standard building practices."

In the spring of 1997, Wentworth installed a solar hot-water heating system, and it didn't take long for him to see a financial difference.

The average monthly electric cost for the 1994-96 period was \$120.30. For 1997, it dropped to \$32.32. That's over \$23 in savings a month.

"Energy costs continue to escalate," he said. "The sun's free. It's a win-win situation."

However, Wentworth said other factors contributed to the savings in cost. Before the solar hot-water heater was installed, he said four people were living in their home. Since their daughter went away to college last year, one less person is using electricity in the home.

"I'm always hesitant to say 'this is wonderful,'" Wentworth said.

Nonetheless, the low utility costs are hard to ignore.

"I'm confident that we're getting a good six months of solar heating of our water," Wentworth said.

The solar pump runs on a minimum consumption of electricity to supplement a certain temperature in the storage tank during colder winter months, he explained. The use of electricity in Wentworth's home before the solar hot-water heater was 1529 kWh per



Thomas Wentworth's solar house looks like a regular house.

month. Now, it is an average of 1233kwh per month, he said.

Although it is far easier to build a home from scratch with solar in mind, Wentworth said there are ways to incorporate passive solar features into a home. For starters, he suggested looking for a home with the appropriate location for true solar benefits.

Lots with longer north-south direction are ideal to collect the most sunlight, he said.

Just as in his home, large, double-glazed windows, sliding doors and skylights achieve solar energy. Massive, insulated, concrete slabs maintain storage of solar

on the north-facing side of a home.

"Windows are poor insulators," he said.

"That's why they have high heating and cooling bills."

Other "intangible" benefits Wentworth said his home has is its luminosity of natural light and its aesthetic appeal.

"I have no regrets about the way it works," he said.

The Solar Center first made Wentworth aware of the solar-home option.

"It's a service they provide to every citizen of North Carolina," he said. "It's there for anyone to take advantage of."

Plans for the home were chosen out of a file of architecture plans designed by those at the solar center.

"The architecture plans are available at a low cost because they are subsidized by the state," Wentworth said. "They are high quality at a very low cost."

Wentworth and his family went with plan seven, a 10-year-old blueprint. After they selected a plan, the Solar Center also gave Wentworth a list of local builders who are experienced in solar construction.

They also consulted with him on certain modifications to incorporate since many improvements have been made since the plan was created.

Now the Solar Center also keeps Wentworth up-to-date with advancements for solar homeowners through workshops, tours and education programs.

"They helped us to be educated consumers," he said.

For example, solar home consumers in North Carolina can take advantage of a 40 percent tax credit the state gives towards part or all of passive solar investments spent on a home, Wentworth said. Active solar systems receive 100 percent of a tax credit, he said. Wentworth said he has received this tax credit.

Wentworth said he hopes the state's initiative to recognize the advantages to using solar energy will encourage others to start reaping the benefits of sunlight.

"People ought to be more aware of it," he said. "I hope to inspire other people to think about solar energy."

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Thinkin' hard



In the Method Road Greenhouses, senior Pierre Thompson studies the behavior of larvae.

Republicans regroup

An NCSU professor and the executive director of the College Republicans say the GOP is examining its attitude and platform in the wake of the recent elections.

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Senior Staff Writer

For the GOP, the next move after recent elections involves regrouping and restructuring, according to Andrew Taylor, an assistant professor in political science.

"The Republicans ran campaigns based on the recent scandals in Washington," Taylor said. "It wasn't enough to win an election. The Republicans talked about investigation into the White House scandal and [nothing else]. Meanwhile, the Democrats campaigned on policy issues primarily focusing on the fact that the economy is in good shape."

Taylor also said that although Republicans lost a number of seats in Congress, the recent elections were still status quo elections. Meaning that a large number of incumbents held their offices.

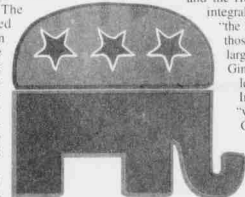
The biggest backlash of the recent elections,

according to Taylor, was the resignation of Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House. And while most believe that Gingrich may be running for cover, Jason Cotter, executive director for the College Republicans at N.C. State, feels that Gingrich's decision was the right one.

"Gingrich's decision to step down shows that he is a statesman and not just a politician obsessed with his own power," Cotter said.

Cotter thinks of Gingrich as a revolutionary and feels that it's not always best for the founder of a revolution to maintain power after the revolution has run its course. Cotter believes that the balanced budget and Contract with America, a 1994 contract drawn up by Gingrich, House Majority Leader Dick Armey and the House Republicans, are two integral parts of what he called "the 1994 revolution." And with those systems in place, thinks largely to the work done by Gingrich, it's time for a new leader to surface.

In answer to the question "what's next for the GOP?" Cotter believed that the party would return to focusing on social issues while maintaining a conservative standpoint. He cited education as a key issue in Republican politics and said that something the GOP would have to stand on is its charter school



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Legislation supports music dept.

The Student Senate will debate a resolution tonight that seeks to improve the music department at N.C. State.

CARR FROEDGE
Senior Staff Writer

While N.C. State is predominantly a technical school, the student senate will review a proposal in support of the humanities department.

Resolution 8, which calls for strengthening the music department, will come to the floor tonight at the Student Senate meeting in the Witherspoon Student Center. There, the senate will vote on whether or not they will endorse an expanded music program.

The resolution "urges the development of a long range plan of action for music programs."

Essentially, if passed, it recommends increasing courses, faculty, arts requirements and administrative support.

Anyone eager for the proposal's passage should applaud Ryan Avent, a member of the senate who began working on this last year. Avent, then a sophomore, felt that the music

department needed some work. After speaking with several members of the student body and the faculty who shared similar concerns, he drafted a proposal.

"I see a lot of potential for the music department, but students need to know more about what is going on," said Avent.

The first proposal was vetoed in the fall, but the one that will be reviewed tonight was rewritten to make it "more realistic," Avent said.

In terms of the potential of the music department, Avent gave an example describing the high prices for different musical programs, such as concerts, that students may want to attend but find they cannot afford the prices.

More money in the department can lower those prices and make these events, planned for student enrichment, more available for their audiences.

If passed tonight, the senate will then have to follow up with university officials to ensure its implementation because the resolution is a statement of student opinion, said Avent. It depends on how much it is followed up as to whether or not it actually happens.

"I plan to follow it up closely," Avent said.

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GOP

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system, which puts the power to choose schools in the parents' hands. Aside from education, Cotter believed that the GOP would have to turn its attention to tax policies and make them something of central concern to the party's platform. Given the recent outcome of the elections here in North Carolina, it might seem as if the Republican party, specifically here on campus, would suffer some set backs. That's not true, however, according to Cotter. A lot of good work was done for campaigns, specifically Lauch Faircloth's, and a good number of students were registered to vote.

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ing facilities that were previously at maximum capacity. Continuing, Trapp said, "The university space study determined a base standard of a certain square footage per student for classroom and laboratory space. [The study] found that we are deficient in class space, library space and we are particularly short on lab space. This obviously prevents us from allowing all students to take specific science courses who need them." One specific hope is that the reports will aid the university in receiving additional funding for a new Undergraduate Science Teaching Laboratory, which would replace the Withers building and additional classrooms that are currently scattered in other buildings. The administration also hopes that the results of these studies will benefit requests for funding for additional land purchase and construc-

tion. Another study, the Capital Equity Adequacy Study, has been authorized by the North Carolina Legislature. This study, conducted by Eva Klein and Associates of Virginia, is analyzing the issues of facility quality versus quantity. The Capital Equity Adequacy Study is paying special focus to predominantly black universities to make sure that all college and university facilities are up to level regardless of racial composition, geographic location or even campus enrollment. The study will be completed by April 15, 1999. Included within these studies are individual site visits on each campus. The site visits involve tours of each campus with the vice chancellor and deans, as well as members of faculty, students and alumni. The purpose of a site visit is to look at the entire campus and draw consensus on what is seen as inadequate. The group also occasionally interviews individual student's in particular classrooms. Site visits are expected to conclude at the end of November.



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11 a.m.-2 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
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Michael Jordan just signed with another team.

Michael Jordan leaves the NBA as a free agent. The Chicago Bulls, the team he played for for 13 seasons, are looking for a replacement. Jordan is expected to sign with the Charlotte Hornets. He will be the highest paid player in the league.

She's a gang leader... with a goal.



PERSONS PRESENT



Eels were apart of the menu at the First Thanksgiving

Quote of the Day:
"Hey who took the cork off my lunch?!"
-W.C. Fields

From lab tables to TURNTABLES

◆ An engineering student is pioneering a new kind of music.

CARL KERCHMAR
Staff Writer

N.C. State has a large and diverse student body numbering around 27,000. Within this population are some dynamic people. They don't adhere to playing it safe. They are not mainstream follow-the-herd types. One such dynamic individual comes from the engineering school.

Ryan Tubbs is shattering stereotypes about engineers being "dorky." Tubbs is pursuing a double major in biochemical engineering and biochemistry, plus teaching Chemical Engineering Lab 331. Between semesters he also works for Zymotech, a company that develops bio-films to weed out volatile organic compounds from plant emissions that can harm the ozone layer.

The other half of this engineer's life is spent behind turntables. Tubbs is "DJ Lucky" and is developing his unique style of trip-hop while juggling engineering school.

As one of the only trip-hop DJs in town, Tubbs explains his music as "taking a raw beat — just the basic beat — mixing it with something funky, maybe jazz or blues. There're aren't any lyrics, so I use my scratching as the lyrics."

Trip-hop is about the same speed as hip-hop, though Tubbs quickly expresses that they are still "totally different." Trip-hop is considerably

slower than the house or jungle that can be heard in dance clubs like Legends, Marz or the parties endorsed by flyers distributed at Work Music & Clothing.

Even though the engineering curriculum is demanding, Tubbs still finds the time and energy to explore his musical talent. "But I still wish I had more time to listen to records," he said.

Ironically, Tubbs reveals that the demanding engineering curriculum actually pushed him to find some kind of creative outlet to balance his life. Since the curriculum doesn't allow the freedom to explore exotic electives, Tubbs had to go outside the university system to find his niche.

"At this point," explained Tubbs, "I don't see how I do one without the other. Music is a release but also a balance."

When explaining how engineers have got themselves a non-creative and "un-lip" stereotype, Tubbs mentioned, "Some engineers took their path in elementary school to become a brain, where only grades matter and parents support this. They go through high school with that 'grades, grades, grades' mentality until they get to engineering in college. It gets so hard and takes up so much of their time that engineering is all they're concerned with; they think it's the only thing that matters."

Although Tubbs admits his grades have suffered a bit since he's gotten out of the lab, he feels confident that employers prefer an individual with

a dynamic personality because it brings more creativity to the workplace.

Tubbs didn't learn his skills in class or daydreaming, but from "The Scratch Pickles" video which teaches how to battle (switching back and forth on two records of the same track), label records and scratch. The Baby Scratch (wiky-wiky) and the Drag are beginner moves and the Chirp, Scribble and Transformer scratch are advanced. He also got tips from other DJs on which equipment to buy.

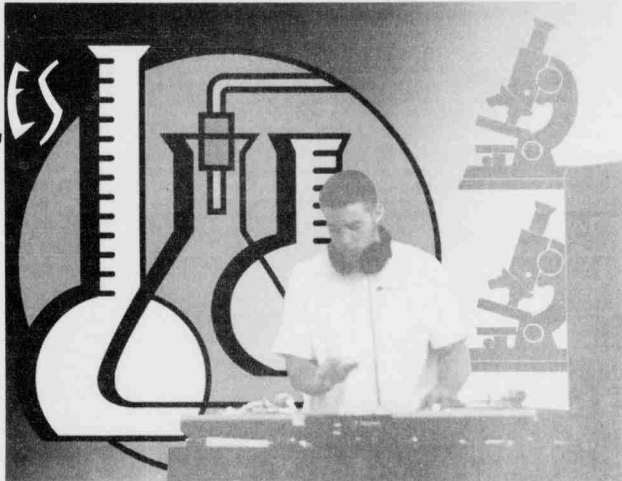
Mixing records is not only time consuming but is also expensive. Tubbs points out that new turntables cost \$2,000, and a crate of records is worth \$1000, not to mention the sentimental value. In addition, he also rents studio space with local DJ Carlos for recording.

"I'm tellin' you, from wall to wall you can hardly walk because there's so many records in there. And we know every one of them. Every bit, speed and inch of the grooves." Eventually the studio will have high-filtering audio equipment that will allow their music to be digitally mastered and pressed onto CDs.

When asked about the local music scene, Tubbs noted that Raleigh's clubs still don't have an ear for innovative music.

"They just want booty music, straight up. Nobody could sit and look at the DJ and be like 'I'm', that's real phat," Tubbs said when asked about the area clubs.

For Raleigh to become more attune



Ryan Tubbs spinning on the turntables.

with DJ's technical side it needs more people. Tubbs makes a simple statistical point — if 5 percent of the population is interested in innovative music and a city grows from 1 million to 2 million, then that 5 percent gets doubled.

"The more people the city brings in, the more culture it has," remarked Tubbs. He is optimistic about the growth of Raleigh and realizes that six years ago his trip-hop wouldn't have been possible because of lack of interest. He also hopes that the Raleigh radio will get better. When asked about doing a set on WKNC,

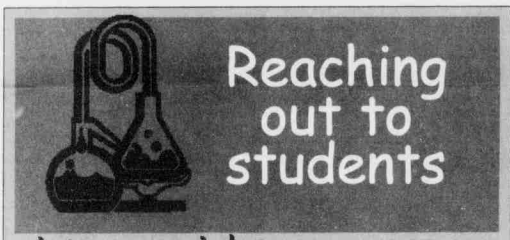
his expressions became negative.

"It's real political at WKNC. I know DJs that are the s*** and can't spin there." Another complaint surfaces around the poor equipment and arrangement in WKNC's studio. The turntables aren't adjacent and there isn't a professional cross fader (a switch that controls which record is being heard and is vital for smooth mixes). Unfortunately, WKNC's policy doesn't allow DJs to bring their own equipment. This turns potential DJs off, who fear a sloppy performance from the lackluster

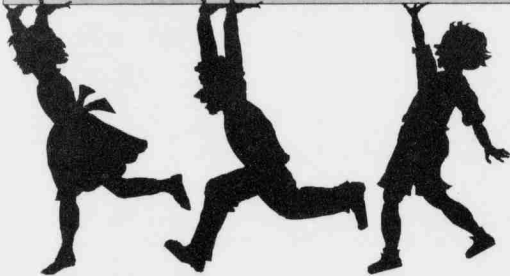
equipment and poor arrangement.

Instead, Tubbs (DJ Lucky) has performed at the Cyber, the Big Bad Wolf and several private parties. As for the future, he's excited about spending time in the studio to perfect music on a CD, as opposed to public performances. For a trip-hop CD to be successful, he feels that DJs have to come together and provide more diversity in the music.

Tubbs, a.k.a. DJ Lucky, is native to Raleigh and is an example of how diverse and dynamic the city is becoming.



Reaching out to students



◆ Grants will help educate children and teenagers about science and math.

VICTOR RAY PRINCE
Staff Writer

A new grant to our university will be used to help disadvantaged teachers across the state as well as educate future math and science leaders.

Beginning Sept. 1, 1998, the Student Research Exploration and Precollege Outreach Program went into effect. This program is directed by Dr. David Haase and Dr. Charles Lytle of N.C. State and focuses on providing increased and valuable opportunities in science to children and young adults. The program targets young people at every level, from kindergarten all the way to undergraduates right here at NCSU. Funding for the project was made possible by \$8 grants totalling \$1.4 million from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. It is the second grant of its kind received by NCSU and will also fund the second foray into a project of this sort for Lytle and Haase.

The two major components of the program are a pre-college outreach program directed by Dr. Haase and a student research exploration program headed up by Dr. Lytle. The main idea of the two parts, as a whole, is to encourage participation and interest in science and mathematics related fields of study in children and young adults, as well as to raise interest and participation by females and minorities.

A recent study published in Popular Science on the performance of U.S. students in math and science as compared with stu-

dents of other countries supports arguments for the need of programs such as the Science Outreach. In fact, the United States placed 18th in the world in science, ahead of only two other participants. Although performance of U.S. students clearly gets worse as they progress toward higher learning, the Outreach program works mainly with students that are college-bound. Though Dr. Lytle acknowledges the fact that "...research indicates that the middle school and junior high years are critical," he feels that their focus is precisely where it should be. "We intend to target specific areas where we can make a difference."

These goals, though they seem lofty, are well within reach for Haase and Lytle, who have directed this type of program before and look forward to doing it again. Haase estimates that the programs, which include rural student outreach and teacher workshops as well, will benefit 600 teachers and 20,000 students in 40 counties across our state. "This is a pretty ambitious program."

The aid will not be limited to education and expert provisions, though, as the outreach programs will also offer increased accessibility to advanced equipment to schools that don't have the funding to provide it themselves. These loans will be available to all the schools affected by the program.

Because the first programs focused on the rural, more disadvantaged areas of the state, this four-year program will also provide for areas fitting that description.

Students will not be the only ones reaping the benefits of the Research Exploration and Pre-college Outreach, however. Teachers

◆ A look at the life of John Miller, a homeless man frequenting N.C. State.

NEIL HERBERT
Senior Staff Writer

How do you respond when asked by a homeless person on Hillsborough Street for money?

Maybe it depends on your mood. You might ignore the request out of fear for your safety or annoyance at being given a blatantly pat hard-luck story. You might fish some change out of your pocket or offer to buy the person food. Perhaps you're the type who would stop and chat with the person, or the type to lecture them on the value of hard work or religious faith.

But would you consider inviting the person to live with you and help them get back on their feet? That's exactly what senior animal science major Will Hasskamp did this fall, and, so far, the relationship between him, his two roommates and John Miller is working out. Just about everyone in and around the university has seen Miller. He has been such a fixture on Hillsborough Street that Technician runs file photos of him when it needs an all-purpose symbol of homelessness (that was John's picture in yesterday's issue). Last year, Hasskamp decided to get to know Miller, and he has been concerned about Miller's welfare ever since. He feels he has reason to be.

"I want people to know about my health," says Miller, a 44-year-old Knightdale native who has been homeless for most of the past six years.

Miller, who can frequently be seen begging in front of the former McDonald's on Hillsborough Street, suffers from chronic diarrhea, a result of several operations for stomach cancer, a large-intestine ailment and a hernia. His stomach burps constantly and to soothe it, he drinks over a gallon of milk a day.

Miller is of medium height, with a light-brown and gray mustache, weathered skin and sunken-in light brown eyes. He keeps his thinning hair about an eighth of an inch long, giving him a slight resemblance to a monk. In his lower jaw, two front teeth are missing.

Before his life unraveled, Miller drove a cab. After growing up in Knightdale and Carrboro, he moved to Raleigh and, at age 20, he began driving for Safety Cab Company. He held the job for eight years. Then, in 1981, a passenger jumped out of his cab at a traffic light on Capital Boulevard (then called North Boulevard) and was killed as he ran into traffic. A lawsuit brought by the man's widow followed, and, though the cab company won the lawsuit, Miller lost his job. The next year, he was diagnosed with stomach cancer and underwent the surgery responsible

for some of his digestion problems today. For the rest of the decade, Miller worked as a house framer and carpenter. During that time he served a prison sentence for sale and distribution of marijuana. By 1992, he was homeless.

Struggling to get off the street

This is not the first time Miller has tried to get off the street. In 1995, a local minister befriended Miller and helped him get a room and a job at the Hillsborough Street Burger King. Miller said that he wasn't making enough to pay the rent and buy food. He would get off of work at 11 p.m., he said, and have to beg until 2 a.m. to make enough money to eat. He gave up in frustration and returned to the streets, where he has lived for the last two and a half years.

In 1997 Hasskamp started lending Miller a hand. Living in a dormitory at the time, Hasskamp was not able to give Miller a place to stay for more than the occasional weekend night. He was able to help Miller financially, giving him \$50 on one occasion and \$100 on another.

Miller recently said, somewhat sheepishly, that he spent the money partying, but Hasskamp's kindness made an impression. "They have treated me better than my own blood," he said of Hasskamp and his roommate Tyson Carr. He calls

them "true Christians."

In early October, Hasskamp and Carr invited Miller to live with them in their apartment on Dixie Trail. They wanted to give Miller a break from the street; Carr felt Miller was too weak and possibly in danger of dying. They offered Miller their living-room couch and encouraged him to rest and try to recoup his strength. They have taken him to their church, Cary Christian Assembly, and they pray that Miller will deepen his faith.

Three weeks after moving in, Miller landed a job as a cook nearby fast-food restaurant. He says he will still have to beg when he is not working until his first paycheck comes. And he worries now about not having enough strength to complete the shifts at his job as well as keeping ahead of the bills. But he has vowed not to quit and says that the restaurant will have to let him go before he returns to begging.

Miller thinks his strength and health will return to him. "I believe in God," he says between chronic coughing fits. "I'm going to heaven when I die. I talk more to God since I've been here," he says, gesturing to Hasskamp and Carr's apartment. For the moment, he says he has what he needs: a place to lay his head, food to eat, cigarettes to smoke and milk to drink.

How to participate in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week:

Wed., Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Brickyard Legislation/Policy Day — A letter-writing campaign, several local politicians have been invited; info will be available concerning laws and policy relating to homelessness issues.

Thurs., Nov. 19, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Fountain Dining Hall Food issues day — A display in the dining hall illustrating how much food we waste; information will be available there and at the Brickyard concerning food issues such as hunger and food waste.

Fri., Nov. 20, 7 p.m.-7 a.m., Outside of the Municipal Building in Downtown Raleigh
The main event - "Sleepout." Spend the night outside to get a taste of what it's like to sleep on the streets of Raleigh on a cold November night. The early part of the night (7 p.m.-midnight) will include numerous activities including food/clothing/hygiene product distribution, "open mic," discussion groups, finding out how a homeless person becomes homeless and more...

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Technician's View

NCSU needs more space

◆ Overcrowded facilities continue to be a problem.

Here's a news flash: There is not enough room on N.C. State's campus to accommodate everyone on it.

At least not according to a recent space study, commissioned by the UNC System's General Administration. But most people don't need a study to figure this out. All one has to do is take a look around the NCSU campus to find evidence of inadequate space: overcrowded classrooms and labs, a lack of room at the various on-campus dining facilities and a decided dearth of parking spaces.

The study, which will be conducted at all 16 of the UNC campuses, found that "our campus was [space] deficient in all categories except one," according to Director of Facilities Planning and Design Miriam Tripp. This lack of square footage included classrooms, laboratories and libraries, among other areas.

Translation: NCSU has more people than it has room for. And this is a problem. It means that students are not always able to take courses they need, especially if those classes happen to be science classes with a lab. It means overcrowded dorm rooms, particularly at the beginning of the academic year. And it means that something must be done in preparation for continued enrollment growth.

Campus facilities, which were already at maximum capacity, are being stretched beyond those limits as the university's population continues to expand. The main

problem stems from what has been termed a "baby boom-let," the children of baby boomers who are now attending universities.

The solution may at first seem readily apparent: build more buildings and facilities to accommodate the increasing number of students. But this is easier said than done because, after all, there's no such thing as a free lunch.

Yes, our campus does have the space to expand and construct new classrooms, labs and libraries — the currently undeveloped land and empty building space on Centennial Campus would be the ideal location. But these things take money — money that the university does not have at the present time.

So this is where the study could actually be beneficial to our university, via backing up requests for the funds needed to purchase additional land and start construction. Administrators — and, ostensibly, students — hope the space study's findings will help garner funding for a new Undergraduate Science Teaching Laboratory to replace Withers and other science classrooms. In turn, the space left vacant by such a move would provide extra space for classrooms that are now overcrowded.

But in order for this to occur, NCSU faculty and administrators must stick to their guns and be diligent in their pursuit of such funds. With projected growth models estimating that NCSU's population will exceed 30,000 in the next 10 years, this problem is not going to go away.

U.S. efforts with Iraq to be intensified

So here we are again. The United States musters its forces and rallies its allies. Saddam Hussein promises to cooperate, the United States releases its forces. This time is different, the Clinton administration says, because the Iraqi dictator is more isolated — and because if he breaks his promise, the United States won't hesitate to use force. "If it doesn't work, we are prepared to act," as the president indicated, "national security adviser Sandy Berger said Sunday. That sounded a lot like what he said eight months ago: "Failure to allow the inspectors to go where they want, when they want will result in the use of serious force."

What is different this time around is President Clinton's hints of a new strategy aimed at the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi dictator represents a threat to his region and the world, Clinton said Sunday. The best way to address that threat is through a "new government" in Baghdad. The United States will now "intensify" its efforts to work with Iraq's opposition, he said.

Clinton's assessment of Saddam Hussein is correct. But until recently, the administration didn't see much merit in targeting his regime. Back in March, Berger said of a direct campaign, "I am convinced the costs — in blood, treasure and political isolation — are not justified." Of war by proxy, he warned of "the dangers of starting something we were not prepared to finish."

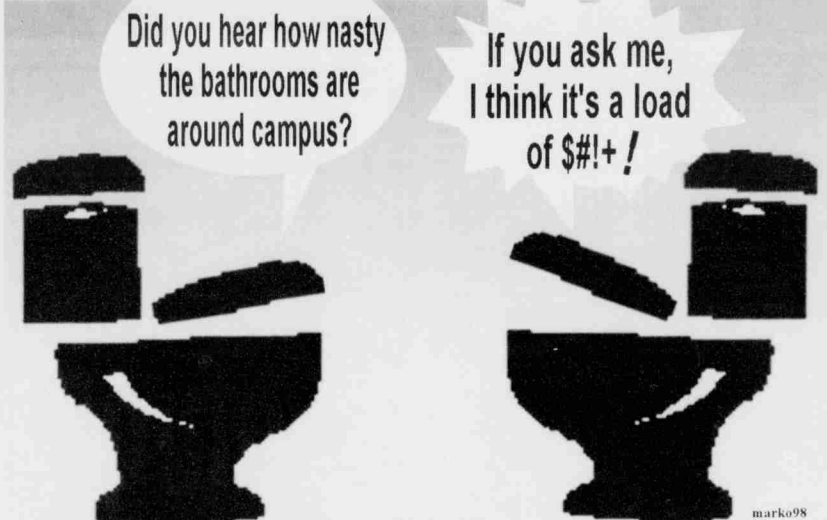
Has Clinton now re-weighed those dangers, or was he speaking out of frustration at having been played by Saddam Hussein again? Is he really committed to helping the opposition, or was he trying to put the best spin on the latest standoff? If he is serious, it means a sustained commitment and a willingness to use U.S. troops at least in a sup-

porting role. If he is not, it is worse than reckless to embolden those who may expect U.S. assistance when none may be forthcoming.

The administration's claims of success in this latest round find themselves burdened by its record of deception, bluster and inconsistency. Not only tactics but goals, too, have shifted with time. Last February the administration also claimed to have won a clear victory when in fact it had accepted serious infringements on U.N. arms inspectors' freedoms. It claimed to be supporting an aggressive inspections regime when in fact it was pressuring the inspectors to avoid confrontations with Saddam Hussein. After Iraq booted the inspectors in August, the administration shifted its stated goal from depriving Saddam Hussein of his weapons to maintaining the economic sanctions on his regime. U.S. officials began questioning an inspection regime's chance of success.

Now the administration is back to championing access for inspectors as the most important goal and to deriding the efficacy of bombing. If the inspectors truly are allowed to do their job, with Iraqi cooperation, that certainly will be preferable to inconclusive bombing. But Saddam Hussein has made clear that maintaining and acquiring nuclear, chemical and biological weapons are his primary goals, more important to him than the lifting of sanctions, the welfare of the Iraqi people or anything else. Unlike other tyrants today, he also has been willing to use such poison weapons. He may tolerate what Scott Ritter called the illusion of arms control. But he will part with his weapons of mass destruction only when compelled to do so.

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Did you hear how nasty the bathrooms are around campus?

If you ask me, I think it's a load of \$#!+!

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Girls will be girls

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

I'm such a girl.

Now this should be obvious to anyone who's met me in the flesh. I mean, I look pretty much like a girl. Well, at least some of the time. And occasionally, I even dress like one, pulling out the skirts for work or when I've hit code red on the laundry (code red being two days before the fresh socks and undies are no more).

I act very girly, too. I brush my hair a lot for no real reason. I find myself craving stuff from Bath and Body Works, knowing fully well that I don't really want to go through my days smelling like Sun-Ripened Raspberries. Besides the fact that my head starts hurting from smelling myself all day long, let's face it — normal people just don't emit fruit-flavored odors naturally.

It gets worse, though. I giggle at guys that I like. And I gussip. And I have an amazing propensity for whining — I do it often and with great vigor. Especially if it involves the same guys that I'm giggling at.

I'm such a girl. And I hate girls. But it's okay. Really. Because they hate me, too.

Perhaps I should explain for all of the guys who are scratching their heads out there. The simple truth of the matter is that all girls hate each other. It's an underlying social truth that anyone with the extra X-chromosome innately knows and accepts.

Sisterhood? Schmeisterhood. Think I'm kidding? Observe a group of girls in a restaurant. Watch as some leggy gorgeous femme fatale enters with a dashing gent on her arm and passes by them on the way to her chair. Count how many times the word "bimbo" is uttered. Witness the death looks, the accusations of anorexia, the muffled whispers and guffaws that will echo through the restaurant in an attempt to unnerve the goddess as she dines

on her French fries.

Girls are mean. But we've been bred that way. There's a remnant of some archaic instinct that keeps us at odds with each other — call it the "Lioness Syndrome." Like female lions, we're on the prowl. And should we see someone as a threat to us in any way, we will kill her. Or at least tell our friends that her thighs are fat.

It all boils down to a competitive issue. And you, boys, are the prize, the goal, the trophy that all seem to be seeking. Now I'm not blaming you, guys. You don't make us hate each other. We simply hate each other because of you.

It's sad, but all too often the case. Who knows where it stems from? It could be left over from the Victorian period where the surplus of women led to the great fear of old maidhood. Perhaps it's just a reflection on the typical outdated views that without a man, a woman is nothing. It could even just be poor self-image, plain and simple. Whatever the explanation, it is a very real phenomenon that runs the gamut from simple jealousy and cattiness to pure malice.

"Now wait," all the girls are thinking. "You're wrong — I have tons of girl friends."

Yes, yes, I'm sure you do. I do, too. And I love them all. But girl friendships are a complicated thing.

For the most part, they're like alliances between countries — delicate balances of power and favors, sorted out through years of minor disputes and, perhaps, some bloodshed on occasion. Any girl who ever went to a fifth-grade sleepover knows just how fragile these peaceful relations are, and how quickly treaties can break down once multiple factions are gathered together under one roof.

Real girl friendships end up forming out of a mutual understanding — two girls become friends when neither one finds the other one threatening. They tend to view themselves as being in the same

boat. They're pretty good at bolstering up each other's self esteem. Friendship is an us-against-them issue ("them" referring to all of the other conniving females in the world).

Yet, even in the best of girl friendships, typical girl hatred and snipiness can get in the way. It's the petty jealousy that springs up from time to time when one friend looks better in an outfit than another does. It's the less-than-sincere enthusiasm that one friend feels for the other and her new boyfriend. It's the snide comments about each other behind turned backs. And it can't seem to be helped.

But it needs to be. I don't want to launch down some feminized road, paved with the virtues of sisterhood and girl power, but it seems like it might be in the interest of the fairer sex to stick together once in a while. There are enough pressures on women in the world without us setting up our own impossible guidelines to adhere to.

It's hard, though. I can't help but think nasty thoughts as one of my perfect friends preens in the mirror and complains about her weight. I have to remind myself that I should rejoice for the friend whose search for the ideal mate has finally ended. And I have to try really, really hard not to smack every guy that points out a beautiful girl to me.

Neve Campbell is not my nemesis. And you have every right to think she's pretty. And I'm working really hard not to hate her for it.

Really, I guess it all boils down to an issue of self-respect. Love thyself and all that jazz. And should that fail, I'll take comfort in the fact that a hundred other girls are out there, hating her with me.

Kelly would like to stress to all of her girl friends again how much she loves them. Really — she didn't mean you. Just those other evil wenches. As always, direct comments to kmarks@unity.ncsu.edu. And thanks for the love.

Men's bathrooms in Harrelson are atrocious

RICHARD MORGAN
Staff Columnist

[Warning: due to content of a graphic nature, the following column may not be suitable for all readers. Reader discretion is advised.]

I was going to sugarcoat this beginning a little, but I think the warning did enough of that. If you made it this far, I don't know if I should congratulate you or apologize to you, because you're about to learn the horrible truth behind N.C. State's most infamous hall.

Flat out, the bathrooms at Harrelson Hall are the most foul, wretched, putrid, filthy places on campus — if not in the Triangle.

The best way, I think, to illustrate my point — especially to the women who are, I hope, quite unaware of the conditions of the three bathrooms that sit at the core of

Harrelson — was to bring you readers through a standard "H1 run" to those horrible rooms.

When you walk into the lavatories, the first thing that hits you is the air. You can literally feel the filth floating around in the air. It burns your nose and soaks your clothes.

You have to do your business, though, so you stand by a now-yellow urinal and just hope that you won't have to stay long enough to find out what you're stepping in. You'd flush, but the handle is rusted and encrusted with who-knows-what.

You desperately want to wash your hands, but most of the sinks straight-up don't work — and the ones that do spray water everywhere or gush out with typhoon force.

You abstain from touching the paper-towel dispenser and choose instead to wipe your hands on your clothes — they are, after all, proba-

bly cleaner.

Refusing to touch the door with wet hands because you don't know what you'll come away with, you kick the door open, getting the added bonus of a little vented frustration.

The doors are straight and the stalls are curved; sitting in the stalls creates the horrific state of displaying much of your goings-on to the stray eyes of any passers-by.

Needless to say, anyone who enters the bathrooms of Harrelson leaves with a little cleaner of a picture of what Hell is like.

Students, faculty, staff, I ask you now the question that I hope you've already asked yourself: how does this domicile of the damned manage to exist amidst the peaceful Eden that is N.C. State?

Having had many classes in Harrelson during my academic career — and having had to go to the

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They will also illustrate for teachers the benefits of new technology that is now available for use at the junior high and high school levels.

The project here at NCSU is being handled by the departments of Math and Science in conjunction with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. NCSU staff will work for the next four years on the project in conjunction with several other North Carolina schools including Salem Women's College, Meredith College and North Carolina A&T. There will also be summer research programs and internships available in which students from universities and area schools can participate, as well as programs to increase preparation and interest in career development in the areas of science and mathematics.

This year's project, as opposed to the one for the last grant, focuses only on the college internships and the teacher education and assistance. Lytle said that he and his peers "felt we were accomplishing more with these things. Also, the Howard Hughes medical group seemed to be more focused on these types of goals."

though, I suppose unavoidable — problem of those "passers-by" with wandering eyes.

Is it the administration's fault? Maybe if the Chancellor, et al. were a little less concerned with the novelty of Centennial Campus — with its proposed golf course, hotel and conference center — and a little more concerned about maintaining the rest of campus, things would be a little better. Or, maybe if "some people" were a little less proud of "innovations" like colored lights for the Bell Tower and a little more interested in things like campus sanitation, things would be better.

I think blame is not the answer. We need to approach the obvious problem of Hargettson's bathrooms with unified force.

Janitors, do your jobs — nuff said.

Designers, stop smoking crack. Optimal efficiency has to make a compromise with user-friendliness.

Students, stop urinating, defecating and ejaculating where you shouldn't. Let's try for a bodily fluid-free floor.

Administrators and other office minions, stop laughing at your Dilbert calendars, playing with your Newton's Cradles and eating her d'oeuvres at office parties. You're here to serve the students, do it.

In closing, I'd like to apologize for any offense taken in either my language or my tone, but before you send any responses to Technician, stop by Hargettson for yourself, take a peek at the bathrooms and then make your decision.

Seriously, something has got to be done.

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the Blue Devils opened the year with school-best four-straight tournament title.

Georgia Tech
ATLANTA — Georgia Tech's men's golf team remained fifth in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Top-25 ranking, the College Golf Foundation announced Wednesday. Tech has ranked among the top five in each of the three polls this season.

The Yellow Jackets, under the direction of third-year head coach Bruce Hepler, garnered 243 points to retain fifth place. Tech had placed fifth or better in four of its five tournaments this fall.

Maryland
COLLEGE PARK, MD — Senior back Jen Pratt (Greene, N.Y.), sophomore forward Keith Smith (Seinsorge, Pa.), sophomore midfielder Carla Tagliante (Cortland, N.Y.), sophomore back Molly

Kauffman (West Lawn, Pa.) and freshman back Autumn Welsh (Macon, Pa.) have been named to the Mid Atlantic Region All-America Field Hockey Team. Pratt, Smith and Tagliante were named to the first team, while Kauffman and Welsh were named to the second team.

Maryland (16-6) concluded its season by advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament before losing to Virginia 5-1.

UNC-Chapel Hill
CHARLOTTSVILLE, VA. — UNC-Chapel Hill's Joeel Furek brought his second-year varsity program to familiar territory in Charlottesville, Va., Saturday and the Tar Heels came home with third place in the Rivaanna Rump.

In the eighth race, UNC outdistanced boats from Texas and Georgetown, finishing behind Virginia and Princeton. UNC crossed the finish in 13:48 for the 4,500 meter course, behind Princeton's 13:45 and Virginia's winning time of 13:22.

VIRGINIA
COLLEGE PARK, MD —

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State in her sophomore and junior seasons. Going into her junior season, she was elected as one of the team's captain's by her teammates.

Acting as a team leader for the 1997 squad that struggled on and off of the court was a learning experience for Robinson, but didn't damage her positive outlook.

"It would be real easy for us to get down about last season, but that doesn't do anything for us," said Robinson.

"Kaitlin doesn't say a lot about the team struggling," said Sally of her phone conversations with Kaitlin this season. "She always tells me about how well (the team) played."

Or what a great game someone had. She is more confident about this team than she was about last year's."

And Robinson's confidence in her current teammates, despite the Pack's winless record in the conference, has had a lot to do with the positive outlook that has remained in the Pack program this season despite struggles on the court.

"We honestly believe that we can win this tournament," said Robinson, referring to the ACC post-season tournament the Pack will play in starting Thursday. "I know that all of these girls can play better than our record shows, and that is the one truly disappointing thing."

Robinson only has one explanation for her outlook.

"It's not worth it to look at it any other way."

Camel

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UMES game. "It may be okay with him, but it's not okay with me. I like our guys to throw him the ball."

Besides Kelley, the Pack has formidable forwards in fellow sophomores Damon Thornton, Kenny Inge and junior Tim Wells.

When the front court is playing well, it should also free up sharpshooters Archie Miller and Adam Harrington to get their damage from the perimeter.

"Our plan is to go inside," Kelley said. "If they can stop us inside we will go outside. You never know who is going to be on that night."

Campbell also brings some talented players, and the 1993 game has proven that anything can happen. Both Sendek and Lee, in his 14th year in Blues Creek, are notorious for their meticulous preparation and one can be certain that both teams will be ready to play.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. and student tickets will be distributed two hours before game time.

Pluchos

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when you go from a high school to junior college." Pluchos said. "It's kind of being the story of my life, always being one step back. I'm always striving for something that I haven't reached yet."

"I've always had a little step away from where I want to be, a step down from the goal I that want to reach. I'm always fighting, trying to strive for that next goal, that next step," Pluchos said.

Pluchos found a proving ground at Brevard, preparing himself for the transition to N.C. State, and earned junior college all-American honors his freshman year with a 12th place finish at Nationals.

"It gives athletes like myself a chance to come to a program like this," Pluchos said. "Coming out of high school, I wasn't mentally or physically prepared to step up to a program like this. Going to a J.C. gave me a chance to improve my academics and gave me another shot at coming to a university like N.C. State. I wouldn't change a thing."

Pluchos is finally coming into his own, but from the beginning, his story has been one of reaching after

success, but seeing it slip away. His very entrance to the world of running was marked by failure.

"I got cut from the basketball team, and my friend was like, 'come out for the cross country team.' I was like 'yeah, whatever,' but I showed up for practice one day, and it just kind of clicked. It was kind of natural, and my body's built for it. Ever since then it's been the sport that I'm really good at."

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clinch the No. 1 seed.

"I would say that this game is going to need to be a game where we actively decided to play all out," said Robinson. "Each player has to give 100 percent to win the game. When we play them, we know that we can't give them a run, we have to stop them and keep struggling."

If State gets by the Tar Heels, the Pack will have close to two days of rest before playing in the semi-final round against the winner of the No. 4 versus No. 5 game.

This year's tournament format is different from last season, when the Pack had to face Maryland in the

quarterfinals just 30 minutes after defeating Wake Forest, 3-2 the No. 8 versus No. 9 match-up.

"From the minute that (last year's) Maryland game was over I started trying to make a change for the tournament," said Hall. "If there was a time to be a ninth seed playing the No. 1 seed, it's now."

For State, who is 3-1 on neutral courts. This season, it will take three wins this weekend to secure a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We're just looking at one game at a time. We've tried last season just to take it one game at a time," Hall said. "It's not unfathomable for us to win the whole thing and we definitely feel like we can do it."

State plays its first game of the tournament at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum.

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Camel time

◆ Men's basketball looks for win No. 2 against the Fighting Camels from Campbell University.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. State's men's basketball team will be trying to put a little bit of history behind it when the Wolfpack hosts the Campbell Camels tonight in Reynolds Coliseum.

The last time these two teams met was almost five years ago, a game that many Wolfpack and Camel fans won't forget anytime soon.

The two teams met six times in the late 1970s to mid-'80s, with the Camels on the receiving end of a blowout each time. However, on Dec. 4, 1993, things finally changed for Head Coach Billy Lee and the Camels when they beat the Pack 72-69 in Reynolds in what is still one of Campbell's biggest wins in school history.

"We've got to come prepared to play ball," sophomore center Ron Kelley said. "This is college basketball and you can't take anybody light. If you play with heart and play competitively, you can beat anybody."

This year, two completely different teams will take the floor. In '93, the Pack would wind up in last place in the ACC, while the Camels were on their way to a 20-win season, one of the best in the team's history.

Now, the Wolfpack is fresh off of two winning seasons and post-season appearances while the Camels have lost several regular starters from a team that went 10-17 last year.

State should match up well against the Camels. The strength of this year's squad, the front court, will be matched up against a team with no player taller than 6-foot-9-inches.

"They are a good three-point shooting team," Kelley said of the Camels. "They will throw the ball inside, and they have some good post players."

The Wolfpack front court dominated the paint in the season opener against UMES, with Kelley's 21 points leading the way.

State Coach Herb Sendek has made no secrets that he would like to see Kelley get the ball more often.

"Ron is such a nice guy that sometimes it's okay with him if you don't throw it to him," Sendek said after the

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Damon Thornton and the Pack host Campbell tonight at Reynolds Coliseum.

N.C. State Volleyball



The N.C. State volleyball team will have a chance to extend its season in the ACC Tournament.

One last shot

◆ N.C. State looks for a post-season bid with trip to the ACC Tournament.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

It is not unprecedented for a ninth-seeded team to come from behind and win the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, and the Wolfpack volleyball team knows it.

"If there was ever a year to do it in the ACC Volleyball Tournament, it is this year," said Wolfpack Coach Kim Hall on Tuesday prior to the Pack's practice. "If you ask any of these girls, I don't think that there is a question that they think that we can win this match."

"We think about that every day, and this is what that we've been practicing for," said Wolfpack senior co-captain Kaitlin Robinson.

State will take on UNC-Chapel Hill in the first round of the tournament this Thursday in College Park, Md.

"I think that we play (UNC-CH) really well," Robinson said. "There is that whole rivalry, and I think being the underdogs, gives us an advantage."

"Everything is set up for us to knock Carolina off," Hall said. "Carolina is in a must-win situation; they are obviously not supposed to lose."

Hall also feels that her team matches up well with the Tar Heels.

"I feel like we know them, we know their character, or lack thereof. We know what gets them going," said Hall.

The Pack has lost to UNC-CH twice this season, 3-0 on the road and 3-1 in Raleigh. But the scores in the three games that the Pack lost in Raleigh were relatively close, and according to Hall and to history, sweeping three matches in one season is a difficult task.

State finished up the regular season last week with conference losses to Georgia Tech and Clemson. The Pack team found out on Sunday that UNC-CH would be their first-round opponents, after the Tar Heels defeated Clemson to

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Optimism abounds

◆ N.C. State looks for a post-season bid with trip to the ACC tournament.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

For some people, it is all about perspective. And for Kaitlin Robinson, that perspective is one of humble optimism.

Robinson's positive outlook has stood the test of an 0-16 Atlantic Coast Conference record in her senior season, position changes and captaining a 1997 squad that didn't get off of the court, translating into problems on the court. Now, as the Pack enters the 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Volleyball Tournament as the No. 9 seed, Robinson and her positive perspective look to lead the Pack to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in her career.

Last week, Robinson and teammate Laura Kimbrell played in their final games in Reynolds Coliseum. Robinson was able to share the moment not only with Kimbrell and the rest of the Wolfpack teammates but also her mother, Sally.

"I know how important it was for her for me to be here," said Sally Robinson. "It was important for me, too. Volleyball has been such a part of our lives for so long, this is a very sweet sadness for the both of us."

Robinson came to State from Fort Collins, Colo. as part of fifth-year Head Coach Kim Hall's first recruiting class. For Robinson, the move was a major step, not only in moving so far away but in playing Division I volleyball. "I was really surprised that Coach Hall wanted

to come out and talk to me," Robinson said. "I never thought that I would play at that level. I didn't think that I was that good."

Sally Robinson remembers it differently. "I didn't really know that much about volleyball, but I thought that she was good, and everyone around us always told me that she was going to go far," reflected Sally during the Wolfpack's final regular-season game with Clemson.

And how far she has gone. Robinson made an immediate impression on the Wolfpack program, finding court time in her freshman campaign.

But Robinson is the type of player that would never boast of her own prowess on or off of the court. When directly asked about her play, she talks about the defense that set up a kill or the great block that she got from her teammates.

And while it would frustrate most athletes to play side-by-side with Laura Kimbrell, the ACC's new career record holder for kills, and be overshadowed in just about every game of your career, there isn't even a hint of jealousy in her voice when she talks about her four-year teammate.

"I think she is the best athlete that I have ever seen," said Robinson of Kimbrell. "I am so happy for her and all of the success that she has had."

And while Robinson may not hold any school or conference records, she has been an integral part of the Wolfpack program for the past four seasons.

As a freshman, Robinson played a limited roll, but saw action in over 120 games for



Kaitlin Robinson will play in the final games of her career this weekend in the ACC Volleyball Tournament.

ACC Notes

◆ News and notes from around the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State
DAHLONEGA, Ga. — The N.C. State rifle team improved its record to 12-2 overall and 8-2 in the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference after a second-place finish Saturday at North Georgia with a team score of 1,389. North Georgia won the match with a team score of 1,457.

Senior Chuck Rice was the Wolfpack's top shooter for the second-straight match, finishing third individually with a score of 368. Finishing eighth individually was senior Chris Gardner who finished the day with a score of 346. Also scoring for the Pack were freshman Jason Rice with 341 and sophomore Michael Rice with 334. Junior Josh Reynolds and Jonathan Ray also scored but did not place.

N.C. State returns to action Jan. 16, when it set its sights on VMI in Raleigh.

Clemson
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Scott Bower scored the game's lone goal in leading top-ranked Clemson to a 1-0 win over Duke and giving Clemson the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship.

Goalkeeper Josh Campbell earned his 11th solo shutout of the season and was named the tournament's MVP. Clemson is now 20-1 overall, while Duke falls to 18-3 this season.

This marked the Tigers' first-ever ACC Tournament crown and earned Clemson an automatic berth in the 1998 NCAA Tournament. The Tigers received a No. 1 seed in the NCAA pairings and will meet Lafayette College in the first round of action.

The Tigers won the National Championship in 1984 and 1987.

Duke
The Duke women's golf team, ranked No. 1 in the country, collected a four-over-par team total of 292 on Sunday afternoon to move up three spots and finish third at the 1998 Golf World/Palmetto Dunes in Hilton Head, S.C. Duke finished at 897, two shots out of first place. Despite the solid finish, this marks the first tournament in five events that Duke has not

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Putting it on the line

◆ Chris Pluchos's journey to success.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

Don't blink, because here he comes.

Wolfpack senior Chris Pluchos has spent his whole life sneaking up on people, so don't be surprised when he blows by you.

Last week's District III Cross Country meet provided a perfect example of how just easily Pluchos can hide in the crowd before emerging at the end to challenge the leaders.

While a number of Pack members went out hard from the beginning gun before later fading, Pluchos began his race in the middle of the pack, intent on finding his pace and conserving himself. The move paid off as Pluchos was able to spend the rest of the race attacking the field, moving up all the way to 15th place.

"I want to get out at a decent position and attack the whole race, that's what my best strategy for the whole race is," Pluchos said. "I don't want to go out too hard and screw up the points for the team."

On a day when the Pack sorely needed some senior leadership, Pluchos ran perhaps his best race to date, finishing second on the team and helping secure the team another

trip to the National Championships with a second-place finish.

"I'm going to give everything I have and put everything on the line," Pluchos said as he prepares for Nationals. "I don't want to do anything stupid, but then again it is my last race, so I'm going to give everything I've got and lay it all on the line. I want to leave everything I have on the field. I don't want to look back."

Pluchos's life has mirrored his racing strategy, and he is just now emerging into the spotlight in the last mile of his college career.

Take a look at the media guide of the N.C. State cross country team and Pluchos might look rather out of place, his name not being followed by a list of previous high school accomplishments a mile long.

"I wasn't really that good. I finished second two years in a row in the mile at the state championship, but that was it," Pluchos said. "I wouldn't say that I was a standout, I definitely wasn't."

Despite being a senior, Pluchos is running just his second year for the Wolfpack, having traveled the long road from high school to junior college at Brevard Junior College, to here at State, where he redshirted a year before finally running for the Pack.

"It kind of makes you want it more

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Chris Pluchos finished second for the Wolfpack, helping N.C. State finish in second place in the District III meet, qualifying the Wolfpack for Nationals.