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# Transportation plans more parking changes

◆ Parking officials want to add more faculty/staff spaces.

ASHLEY B. PERRY  
Staff Writer

Parking on the university campus has long been a contested issue at N.C. State. Now, the problem has arisen once again.

The University Transportation Office is in the process of modifying the present status of parking lots across NCSU's campus. According to some members of Student Government, including Student Body President Jimmy Chang, the changes are an attempt by transportation to appease faculty and staff who previously have had to park farther away from their workplaces.

"The faculty were getting robbed of spaces when the D lots were created where C lots [faculty parking] had previously been," Chang said. "We wish that [transportation] had come to us sooner so that we could have proposed a solution."

Chang added that the new parking situation "creates a problem for resident students who have to park away from their dorms and walk a greater distance."

"This greater distance, it is feared, could allow for increased potential of attacks to students as they travel from their cars to their residence halls, particularly at night."

Greg Cain, associate director of opera-

tions for transportation said that several forums were already conducted on the matter.

"During the month of November, we gathered forums of students and faculty from all the areas of our campuses and told them what was needed to be done. We collected their suggestions and tried to make accommodations for their feedback. We had intended to begin phasing in the changes starting Jan. 4, but we had not been able to get approval from the Board of Trustees, so our plans have been put back until this coming fall," Cain said.

Approximately 1,000 spaces across campus are in contention. The spaces most argued over, however, are on Central campus.

According to Cain, the changes are not necessarily being made to satisfy faculty. Instead, he said the parking modifications are an attempt to control traffic congestion around Centennial and North Campus.

"As an example, we currently have about 100 spaces available around Sullivan," he said. "We are hesitant to sell permits for those spaces because of the potential increase in traffic that this would create. That area is too congested as it is."

The changes to the existing parking lot arrangement are scheduled to be phased in slowly over the next three years. Modifications will primarily involve B, C and D lots. Current parking decks should not be affected by these changes.



Students and staff must now pay to park. This parking lot behind the new Health Services Building, which was available to those with C, CD or D parking permits just last semester, has now become the Central Campus Pay Lot. Across the NCSU campus, other such spots may be taken away from students and given to faculty and staff members in accordance with the university's Department of Transportation's new plans.



Michael Lenihan, a junior in sociology, stops by the West Dunn Building to make one of many payments every college student must make.

## Services will not take cash for calls

◆ Network and Communication Services no longer accepts cash payment for students' telephone bills.

APRIL MORRIS  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 1, 1998, Network and Communication Services stopped accepting cash payments for telephone bills.

The new no-cash policy was born from Network and Communication Services' inability to handle large amounts of cash, according to Jennifer Van Horn, director of Network and Communication Services.

"We took away our cash drawer altogether. We didn't really have the facility to handle cash," she said.

The volume of cash coming into the office, up to \$3,000 a day, was too great for the level of security in place, according to Dawn Best, manager of Student Communication Services.

Students still have other payment options even though cash is no longer accepted. Telephone bills can be paid by check — a convenience many students do not have.

"Since I don't have checks, my parents have to pay my phone bill for me," said Alyx

Demou, a freshman in the School of Design.

The bills can also be paid with a credit card. However, many students' credit lines are pushed to the limit already.

In addition, students have the option of paying with an All Campus Card. For example, if a phone bill is \$15, that amount can be put on an All Campus Card, which is then swiped at the Network and Communication Services office.

Network and Communication Services has not had many difficulties since they changed to a no-cash policy, according to Van Horn.

"We really haven't had any trouble with students paying maybe one or two problems," she said.

Overall, the move to no-cash has been good for Network and Communication Services. Cutting cash handling out of the office has made it more efficient and secure, according to Van Horn.

"It has been a big benefit to us, and I don't think that it has been a detriment to students. It has accomplished our goal," she said.

Network and Communication Services is located in the West Dunn Building.

## State volunteers get paid compensation

◆ State employees who volunteer for the Special Olympics get paid time off from work.

CARR FROEDGE  
Senior Staff Writer

Faculty and students volunteering for this summer's Special Olympics are acting out of the kindness of their hearts. However, N.C. State employees are also being rewarded with paid time off from work.

In April, Gov. James Hunt declared that all state employees are eligible for leave time from work matching the amount of their own time that they vol-

unteer to work at the games.

The objective of this resolution, Executive Order No. 132, is to allow state employees to volunteer during their work time.

However, the leave, which is granted on an hour-to-hour basis, can be taken any time between Jan. 1, 1999 through July 31, 1999. So, in essence, the time employees are missing from work is not while they are volunteering at the games.

State employees have the opportunity to earn the maximum of eight hours of paid leave by simply volunteering for the Special Olympics during their free time, which "means non-work days, non-work hours or work hours

changed to vacation leave," according to the resolution.

"I think the idea behind it is good but taking a day off from work just because you volunteer doesn't sound like volunteering; it sounds like getting paid to do this," said Ansley Hamrick, a sophomore in communication.

Other questions raised by the resolution are how it will affect NCSU students and whether or not they will find that their classes are being cancelled because their professors are volunteering at the Special Olympics.

Probably not, according to Greg Holden in the department of human resources. Employees must first check with their supervisors to make sure

their absence is acceptable.

Karen Wolf, the director of Office of Academic Personnel Services, said that if professors took their matched time during class time it "would not be very irresponsible."

Faculty must consult their supervisors to make sure their time off is taken responsibly, according to Wolf.

"This is the common-sense approach," she said. "Anyone wanting to volunteer for the games can do so by filling out an application before the extended deadline, Jan. 31, 1999. Those interested may also contact Greg Holden or Joyce Glen, or for further information consult the N.C. State home page.

## A hard night's day



As the work piles up many students settle down into a library chair, that is. Students take refuge from the day-to-day turmoil by resting in the NCSU library.

## Homicide witness becomes victim

MARK PRZNIKOWS  
The Hartford Courant

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — It was a brief, eventful life. Leroy Brown Jr. became a homicide witness at age 7 — and a homicide victim at age 8, slain in his duplex home alongside his 30-year-old mother, Karen Clarke.

Obvious and anguished questions were posed over and over Monday. Were the bullets fired into Leroy meant to keep the boy from testifying in the upcoming trial of a man accused of killing Clarke's boyfriend? And, if so, why weren't Leroy and his mother under guard?

The recriminations were quick to arrive. Although authorities said Clarke sought no protection for her boy, politicians were condemning the court system for failing to provide it. "My personal feeling is it was a failure of the entire system," said state Rep. Christopher Caruso, a Democrat who represents the North End neighborhood where Clarke and her son lived and died. Mayor Joseph P. Ganim and state Sen. Alvin W. Penn, D-Bridgeport, expressed similar thoughts.

Authorities said police briefly watched Clarke's home in July, but that they discontinued surveillance at her request.

Chief State's Attorney John Bailey, whose office has relocated 47 witnesses for safety reasons since 1996, said that Clarke was offered help relocating, but she was intent on remaining in the first home she ever owned, a duplex she bought during the summer for \$76,000. A cousin, Janet Gordon, said Clarke may have thought she had no choice but to stay.

A condition of Clarke's mortgage required that she occupy the house for one year, Gordon said. The brown-shingled house is the last on a dead-end street of modest homes.

Clarke closed on the house in July, two months after the shooting death of her boyfriend, Rudolph Snead Jr.

The man accused of killing Snead, Russell Peeler, is free on \$900,000 bail. Over the objections of prosecutors, a judge recently released Peeler's attorney documents identifying Leroy as a witness.

Caruso said the judge probably had no choice, but Leroy should have then been protected.

Police shed little light on the killings Monday. At a crowded news conference at police headquarters, Capt. David Boston went over the basics. A co-worker of Clarke's discovered the bodies at the duplex Friday morning, after Clarke failed to show up at work or call in sick.

Bags of groceries were by the front door. It appeared as though Clarke and her son had just returned from shopping when they were accosted.

Mother and son apparently ran upstairs. Police found Leroy at the top of the stairs, shot in the back and once in the head. Clarke lay a few feet away from her son, also shot. A neighbor had heard possible gunshots about 6 p.m. the previous night, but dismissed them as a car backfiring.

By Monday morning, the deaths had become a cause celebre. Network reporters from New York vied for a spot at the news conference with local radio, wire, television and print reporters who called out questions that Boston could not or would not answer.

"We are doing everything we can to find out who did this," Boston said.

Clarke was a quiet, churchgoing woman, but she loved Snead, a man who had enemies and a minor criminal past. Court records show that Leroy was the state's key witness against Peeler, who is accused of wounding Snead in

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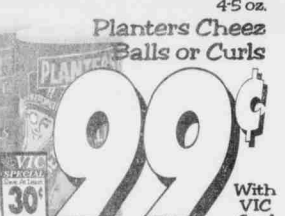
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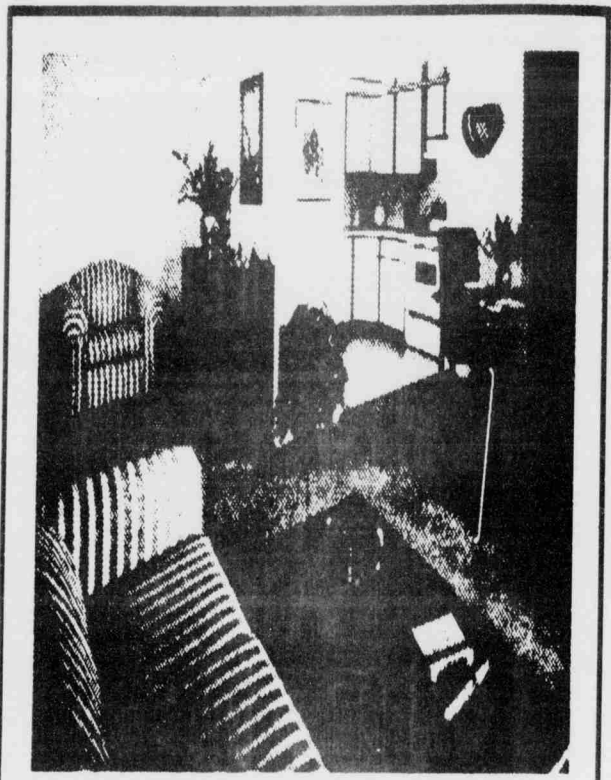
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MATTHEW PERNICIARO  
Staff Writer

If one ventures off the belt line and makes his way toward North Raleigh looking for a good dinner, they should definitely choose Margaux's. With a mixture of French and American upscale cuisine, Margaux's delivers an excellent dining experience.

Whether you're looking for a romantic setting or a place to have a party, Margaux's presents both. The restaurant also contains a full sushi bar accompanying one of the nicest bar settings that can be found. It is obvious why Margaux's has so many regular customers — people know to stick with something when it is good, and this restaurant greatly exceeds that mark.

When I dined at Margaux's, I was greeted by one of the managers and was promptly met by a waitress. For an appetizer, my party and I shared a mixture of sushi — some of the best I have ever tasted.

I sat in a booth facing the fish tank, which I believe must be the best seat in the house, because the tank is beautiful. The atmosphere of Margaux's is high class but is also extremely comfortable and relaxed.

For my main course I enjoyed a mixed grill of seafood, which included a stuffed lobster tail, grilled shrimp, bacon-wrapped scallops and potatoes. As I have said, the food is unbelievable and so was this dish. To finish the evening off, I had tiramisu for dessert.

Not only does the food at Margaux's taste great, but it is presented in a manner in which each dish looks like a piece of art. I almost didn't want to begin eating. I was so impressed by the way each course of my meal looked.

In addition to some of the best food in the Triangle and a massive selection of wines from around the world, the staff of Margaux's truly stands out. Spectator Magazine named them the Best in the Triangle in its annual summer awards. From the warm welcome one receives upon entering the establishment to the premiere wait staff, you truly feel treated well. Lastly, the always-pleasant bar staff charms their patrons with admirable service that can be compared to the cast of "Cheers."

So, if you are looking to dine at an upscale restaurant in Raleigh, just remember, Margaux's is at the top of its game.

## Health Beat



Breaking the STD silence

AMERICAN SOCIAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
Special To Technician

The American Social Health Association (ASHA) has unveiled a new estimate of annual cases of sexually transmitted diseases, commonly known as STDs, in the United States. A panel of leading health experts convened by ASHA on behalf of the Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that 15.3 million new cases of STDs occurred in the United States, in 1996, a 25-percent increase over 12 million previously estimated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1988. This update is the first to apply a rigorous methodology to calculate the annual STD incidence overall since the CDC estimate.

As the primary private, nonprofit advocate of national STD prevention, ASHA remains steadfast in delivering state-of-the-art information to the public toward better understanding, detection and treatment of STDs, and has spearheaded the development of an improved method for weighing the strength of available data.

This 25-percent increase in national incidence, or new cases diagnosed, is now primarily indicative of better detection methods available that provide a more accurate count. Improved detection techniques have made it possible to identify asymptomatic ("silent") infections



Things you'll see when you land that job in Europe.

## How to get a job overseas

◆ Guiding you through the bureaucratic process to that plum job in a foreign country.

CARL KERCHMAR  
Senior Staff Writer

Thinking about going abroad before taking on graduate school or settling into a lifelong career? Or maybe a semester off from the four years plus of undergraduate work is an appealing idea. Working abroad is a great way to expand your horizons and see a foreign country from the inside out — an experience that is more in-depth than two weeks of tour buses and tourists traps.

Instead of snapshots of monuments and food tasting, working abroad gives an interactive opportunity to experience a foreign culture and all its subtleties of life.

Every culture has a different working atmosphere, not just in appearance but in social attitudes inside and outside the workplace, as well. The experience also has an impact on the way you'll perceive home upon returning, if you choose to come back.

When thinking about working abroad, language might become a major obstacle if you want to work in your respective specialized field. But if you're not bilingual and don't have a problem working in a pub, tourist agency or as a sales clerk, then your English and limited foreign language skills can get you a job in several countries.

The Study Abroad Office here on campus

has handouts and information that make choosing a country as easy as applying for a work permit. And for American citizens wishing to work abroad, your chances are great. Aside from deciding where to work, getting the work permit becomes the next step.

Working abroad requires that you have a special visa or residence permit issued by the government of the country that authorizes you to be legally employed. Employers overseas will usually tell you that they can't hire you without a work permit, and governments will tell you that they can't give you a work visa or permit without proof that you have a job.

This "Catch-22" has given rise to programs that navigate students and graduates through the bureaucratic obstacles to gaining practical experience overseas. Council Travel in Chapel Hill, in coordination with the Council on International Educational Exchange, is the contact for obtaining work-abroad permits. They also coordinate flights and housing at a reduced rate if you have an international student identity card, which costs \$20 through the Study Abroad Office. They can be reached at 1-888-COUNCIL.

For those interested in taking a high-paying job related to your degree, the United Kingdom, including Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, is the best possibility if you're not proficient in a foreign language. Once you have a work permit, the process for obtaining temporary employment is like the United States. There are temporary employment agencies like Manpower or Reeds that can find employment fast.

Also note that Manpower is in every major European country and can provide jobs to English speakers in non-English speaking countries. A work permit for the United Kingdom can also be obtained through CIEE. Other possibilities for a work permit include the British Universities North America Club and the Immigration and Nationality Directorate at 08-70-608-7766. They provide general inquiries about immigration rules and procedures that apply to getting a work permit.

BUNAC is an established student-exchange employment program that, for the past 36 years, has ironed out the bureaucratic process. Participants are allowed to take any type of employment, subject to government approval, for six months maximum anywhere in the United Kingdom. In 1998, 22 percent of BUNAC participants worked in career-type jobs, 29 percent in office work, 15 percent in restaurants, 15 percent in pubs, 12 percent in hotels and 7 percent in retail. BUNAC has an information pack at the Study Abroad Office and can be reached at 1-800-GO-BUNAC and at [www.bunac.org](http://www.bunac.org).

Working abroad is realistically not going to make you rich, but it is an exceptional resume and confidence builder. N.C. State student Dave Bell has had the opportunity to work in Germany, and he uses his international working experience as the cornerstone for his resume. In the end, working abroad is about seeing new places, understanding foreign culture and, above all, making new friends.

## The E-Commerce explosion

◆ Internet sales are becoming a moneymaker but not a big one.

CARL KERCHMAR  
Senior Staff Writer

This holiday season 73.2 million shoppers crowded the Internet in the United States, spending an average of \$629 online. 1998 witnessed an explosion in electronic sales of the World Wide Web's shopping sites, amounting to an increase in \$13 billion in revenue, highlighted by \$5 billion spent between Thanksgiving and Christmas alone, according to statistical reports by all E-Commerce and The Boston Consulting Group.

Their figures show that the top 10 publicly traded online retailers have experienced an annual revenue growth in excess of 160 percent, even though only five percent of online visitors became retail customers, where 1.6 percent of those visits resulted in purchases. Some of the biggest movers in the market include Dell, Schwab, Eddie Bauer and Lands End, which account for 51 percent of Internet retail sales.

Clothes have made a big increase in sales but amount to less than 10 percent of all Internet sales. Online customers are mainly buying computer goods and entertainment, which accounts for 80 percent of the overall online market. IDC Global Market Forecast lists software sales at 29 percent, hardware at 25 percent and 33 percent for books, music, travel and clothes combined. The world's biggest bookseller, Amazon.com, scored a 27-percent leap in sales for

the fourth quarter in 1998 at \$250 million, compared with \$68 million last year, reported in last Wednesday's USA Today.

With year after year of increases in E-Commerce, could increasing confidence and access to the Web force the deconstruction of the physical retail sales environment?

Probably not. A closer look at the Internet retail market shows firms like Amazon.com spending heavily to market their Web site. Internet analysis from the Giga Information Group explain that big marketing costs will result in little to no profit in the coming year. They foresee that fewer than 5 percent of E-Commerce sites on the Web will show profit in the next 12 to 18 months.

Marketing is cutting into online profits but proves to be successful at creating a fundamental shift in the demographics of online shoppers.

For the first time ever, women shoppers online represented 55 percent of the market during Dec. 4 to Dec. 10, ousting a traditionally male shopping experience, revealed Media Matrix, America Online Shopping Channel

increased by 350 percent, where women shoppers rose 308 percent.

In addition to more women shopping online, Zone Research has discovered that Internet shopping and spending has grown the highest for those age 50 and over. Shoppers over the age of 55 jumped from an average purchase of \$281 each in 1997 to a whopping \$1,819 each in 1998. Shoppers age 50 to 54 rocketed from \$97 per person in 1997 to \$626 per person in 1998. Those shoppers age 25 and under spent only \$210 each this year.

Computer and entertainment goods are established commodities in online shopping, but have you ever considered grocery shopping on the Web? An online firm known as Peapod offers grocery shopping online where items are picked off the shelves by employees, checked out and packed into their white, temperature-controlled van with Peapod logos.

Started in the Chicago area, it has opened distribution centers in the West Coast, Texas, Boston and New Hyde Park in New York. Certainly the online retail and gro-

cery market is expanding and making cameos in the media as hot new things in commerce that may change American's consumer habits. But when the big picture on E-Commerce is looked at, the online retail market becomes something like a goldfish swimming with a whale.

Big business online is among the businesses themselves. If you combined the 1998 revenues of every single retailer on the Internet, totaling \$7.8 billion according to Forester Research, you wouldn't even match the total sales of one business-to-business seller, Cisco Systems.

The company that sells routers and network switches says its Internet sales currently average more than \$8 billion per year. With respect to all commercial activity online, "75 percent of E-Commerce transactions happen outside the consumer's reach," quotes The New York Times. Forester Research says businesses sold \$43 billion worth of goods and services over the Web in 1998, which is over five times the retail total. And even though consumers aren't part of these transactions, they indirectly benefit from them when a firm can offer a lower price because production costs are reduced.

The Internet is cutting significant costs in the supply chain between businesses by eliminating intermediaries, allowing for better procurement and resource planning. The savings that appear on a firm's balance sheet from business-to-business commerce have a far bigger impact than what consumers buy from Internet retailers like Amazon.com.





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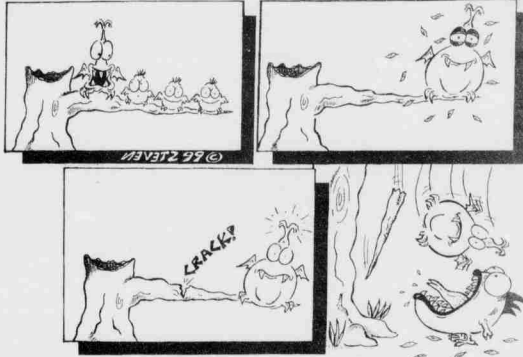


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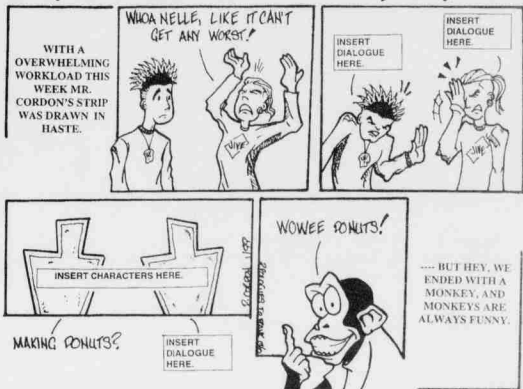


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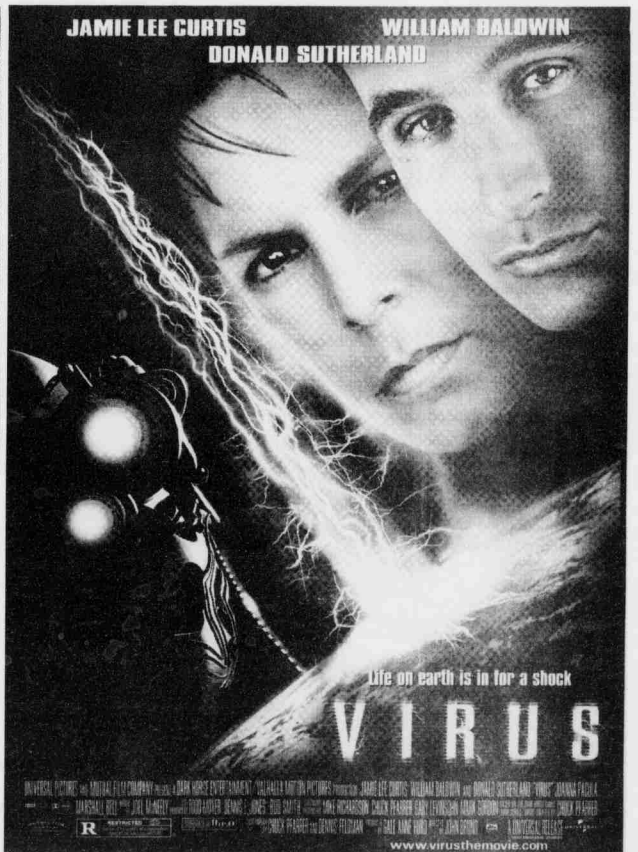


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**Technician's View**

# NCSU offers key details

◆ Although criminal information is readily available because of a new law, NCSU Public Safety fails to practice the same policy with a public Crime Log.

The university is to be commended for releasing information

In such a timely manner about Harold Jackson and David Stringer's suspension for their alleged connection in the killing of NCSU student Neil Davis.

Under new Campus Security Provisions, effective Sept. 25, 1998, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act no longer prohibits the disclosure of discipline proceedings. In actuality, this means that universities cannot hide violent crime behavior in secret campus courts. The Davis shooting case has been the first case for NCSU since the new provision. Unlike other universities that have tried to find loopholes in the recent provision, NCSU has kept students and parents well informed about the hearings.

Likewise, the university should rethink its policy on disclosing everyday campus crime. Public Safety must maintain a Crime Log of all the calls their officers respond to within three days of the

incident. However, if Public Safety claims the incident is still under investigation and revealing further information might impede the case, they can evade disseminating relevant information to the public. The ramifications are dangerous. Ultimately, people of the NCSU community will be unaware of criminal activity happening in the places that they live, work and study.

For example, the investigation of the assault on Dana Latch has dragged on for nine months. Yet, Public Safety claims that the case is "still under investigation." Latch, an associate math professor, was severely assaulted in Harrelson Hall back in July of last year. The fact that it is "still under investigation" may be a cover-up of the truth—that, to this day, they still don't have any leads.

The university's current openness of trial proceedings is admirable, but the true test is to see how long this policy will be maintained. By being forthcoming, Public Safety enforces its fight against crime on campus rather than hindering it. It's a testament to just how competent they are in catching criminals. The benefits obviously outweigh any motives Public Safety might have for withholding criminal information, if not only for the sake of its reputation.

## Harrelson Hall 1961

Construction of Harrelson Hall began in 1961. In 1962 the building was completed and dedicated. Harrelson Hall, while aesthetically pleasing, has long been criticized for being an uncomfortable learning environment.

This photo was taken near the present site of the atrium.

What we don't understand is all the strange stuff that's covering the ground...

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# Misuse of power

NARLIE DUGGINS  
Staff Columnist

It seems to have become commonplace for me to be dissatisfied. From my initial choice of topics to focus on something else. Just another reflection of my mass confusion, I suppose, but whatever the case, this column isn't what I originally intended.

I had this really funny column written—well, started at least—about Fox's latest animated sitcom, "The PJs." But as usual, my interests have swayed between Sunday night and today, so I digress.

Student Government is a crack. There, I said it. I said the one thing that everyone on this campus (except maybe members of the Student Government) have thought to themselves at one point or another. Granted, the recent events that have transpired with Student Government here at NCSU are

equally compelling reasons to maintain disdain for this complete abuse of power, but my contempt for Student Government goes further back in my experiences.

When I began taking part in electing Student Government officials back in middle school, I quickly came to the conclusion that it was nothing more than a popularity/beauty contest. Good ideas and philosophy don't mean jack when you pit them against the girl that all the guys want to date or the school's most popular jock.

These so-called representatives are nothing more than figureheads. Student Government—in any level—is like the candy dish at your grandmother's house; it's just there because it looks nice on the table. Some notion decided a long time ago that students should have say in how their school is run. It works out somewhat like communism—ideally, it'd be great, but it'd never

work. So instead, they decided to create a powerless body of students so that the students' woes about representation can be resolved. Now, it looks like students have say and the bureaucracy maintains all their power—see, it works out for everyone.

I can't help but to recall the class president from my high school. Sara was a rare combination of brains, common sense, beauty and popularity, so regardless of whether or not you voted for her for the "right reasons" or the "wrong reasons," she was the best candidate. But, alas, she was voted into a figurehead position—no one can thrive with any sort of creativity in such a restricted environment.

But then again, Sara didn't get a free trip to the Asheville leadership conference either. And when efforts to initiate a tradition of having a

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### CAMPUS FORUM

## Unfair ticket privileges

As a senior at N.C. State, I am concerned about the manner in which Carolina tickets were offered to Student Government Members. I, too, am an active member of the campus community, albeit in a different capacity than Student Government. With this in mind, I find it unjustified that Student Government members who did not volunteer their time to work campout were given the opportunity to receive tickets and would like to know the reasoning behind the situation.

As student body president, you have the responsibility to serve all NCSU students inclusively. I fail to see how special privileges for your organization uphold this responsibility. I am also well aware of poor spectator behavior in the past and hope that Student Government is not exploiting the situation in order to receive tickets, (e.g. seating Student Government officials behind the Carolina bench while that inappropriate behavior does not take place).

In addition to a prompt response, I am requesting the names of all Student Government officials, (with the exception of those on the Campus Life Committee, and those who helped with campout or otherwise stood in line), who accepted tickets.

I camped out long and hard for my tickets and find freebies for Student Government both outrageous and unfair. Why should one organization receive such privileges while the rest of us are, literally, left out in the cold?

Shannon Leveille  
Senior, Middle Grades Education

## Student wins campus lottery

Well, I did it. I experienced my very first campout, which is quite a feat, considering that I am a junior. Everything fell into place. We gathered the group, set up shifts for tent sitting and were bestowed with the luxury of getting the inside track on when the campout was to be announced. From there, it went downhill.

We arrived at Reynolds at about 10:15 a.m. There was a sparse population there, possibly due to the early time of announcement. Keep

in mind that the lottery is supposed to end 30 minutes after it is announced. My group turns in its IDs and receives its ticket for the lottery. We all shuffle with treed feet into Reynolds Coliseum to await the verdict, all the while being scolded for being loud by Kay Yow, who is the woman's basketball coach. (I thought they played in front of cheering thousands...) Keep in mind, once again, that the lottery was supposed to end 30 minutes after the announcement on WKNC.

However, the time is now 11 a.m., and there are still people rolling in. Word was that due to the early time of announcement, people ended up bitching and griping that it wasn't fair, that no college student is up at 10 a.m. on a Saturday. Au contraire, mon frere. I was up at 10 a.m., as were the other six in my group to fulfill the requirement of being half present, as were at least a hundred people when I got there. And last time I checked, I was a college student. There will be many that agree that the campout procedures were pretty poorly handled.

Some will complain that it was announced too early. (I'm crying for you, really. If you wanted tickets that bad, perhaps you shouldn't have had that extra leechose the night before.) Some will contend that there should be more publicity concerning the campout announcement, say in the prior Thursday's Technician. (Ok, braimee. You figure this one out. Wouldn't there be people then camping out just to camp out? There is still only 30 minutes to register for tickets, so people will miss out. No matter how eloquently written and how many words you looked up in the thesaurus, this argument is a sieve.)

The only legitimate gripes I have heard have been from those people who deserve to gripe. Such as the group from my dorm, who got to the lottery earlier than I did, only to be picked next to last for tickets, while Joe Schmo, who arrived an hour after campout was announced, got picked first. (Keep in mind that the lottery is supposed to end 30 minutes after it is announced.)

I don't want to hear someone gripe about having to wake up at 10 a.m. to get to the lottery until they have gotten up at 5 a.m. on the morning tickets were issued, only to be turned away because they were sold out, most likely due to the high volume of lottery campers. The problem here does not lie with the fact that campout was such a surprise to everyone but rather on Student

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## Friends change like the seasons

RICHARD MORGAN  
Staff Columnist

If the beginning of the fall semester is about orientation, then the beginning of the spring semester is about disorientation.

Just when everything starts sinking into the comfort and ease of habit, everything changes. Well, the dining hall food is still the same, but everything else changes.

Classes and teachers change. Books change. The weather changes. The year changes.

And friends change. It's that last change that I think too often gets ignored—at least, not enough attention is given to it. Too often we overlook or even ignore changes in those who are closest to us because we don't want to admit

that changes mean differences and that differences mean conflicts. And, after all, who really wants to be in conflict with their friends?

There's also that pesky adage that makes us all think that we should always strive to "make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold." Well, sometimes, one is silver and the other is just old.

Some friendships are forever, but most aren't. And, though friendships do provide us with a certain joy from the rampant bedlam of college life and things in general, that comfort is not always in our best interest.

Of course, I'd never suggest that we should all become friendship whores, or that we should all move from person to person at the drop of a hat and make new "best friends" every day. That kind of emotional

prostitution isn't just ridiculous, it's also unhealthy.

What I am suggesting, however, is that we break free from both the delusion that association equals friendship (i.e. "we're friends because we're in the same lab group" or "we're friends because we graduated from the same high school together") and the myth that friendship is some kind of eternal destination (i.e. "we were friends last year, so I guess we're friends this year, too"). Friendship is a dynamic, tumultuous process that's in a constant state of change and development.

When you ask yourself questions like "what was the last meaningful conversation we shared?" or "when did we last share a significant experience?"

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## Where to draw the line between public and private

K. GAFFNEY  
Staff Columnist

It is somehow a socially-accepted idea that public figures forfeit their rights to a private life. While I understand the concept behind this, lately I find myself wondering where and how the world goes off-track.

We have a president who has been impeached and is now on trial, largely because he had an affair with a woman who was not only half his age but also his subordinate. And not because she is pressing charges for sexual harassment, but because the voyeuristic society, which we like to call the world's greatest example of democracy, is so wrapped up in what the Jones's and the Smiths are doing that we seem to forget that looking out for Number One also means looking out for Number One.

No one in America is removed enough from this issue to shirk responsibility completely, like to say that we are defending the constitution and that the legal action is the result of "high crimes and misdemeanors" against the nation. But the truth is that we would rather talk about what is going on in the bedroom than the boardroom, and it doesn't matter if it is on Market Street or Madison Avenue or 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Since I started studying communications and journalism, one thing has been made abundantly clear to me: the media's purpose is to deliver an audience to its advertisers. And in that, it must attract those audiences with stories and sound bites that intrigue the public. And it really works that way.

If it didn't, would the Weekly World News be published, would television "news" shows like Hard Copy and Extra be aired nationally,

and would the Star Report be made a national Best-Seller?

I hate to break it to you, folks, but that "book" didn't hit the New York Times Top Ten list because it had the names of some famous people in it or because it was controversial. While all that may be true, it sold so many copies because people bought it.

After the death of Princess Diana, many celebrities spoke out against the outrageous acts of the "paparazzi" and decry the media for its compulsive need to pry into the private lives of so-called public citizens.

I have no problem with these accusations, but when you sit in a coffee shop and listen to people complain about the media don't forget the million people a week who buy tabloid magazines.

Isn't they, or should I say we, the ones ultimately responsible? And what business of ours is it?

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## Gaffney Duggins

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try. Do you know how many people actually vote in this country?

And if it doesn't effect his job, why should it be our business.

I think that if, by some magic bottle of white-out, it was possible to erase all of the personal turmoil surrounding Bill Clinton, and people could look strictly at the way that he has done his job, he might be considered one of the most effective presidents in the history of the nation. But that will never happen.

Because we have the right to know, because it effects us.

Amusing isn't it that we are concerned with how the president runs the country, but 400-page documents are published on his personal life and not his public policy.

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homecoming dance fell on deaf ears, she didn't propose lighting up the town's water tower.

Any positive thoughts that Sara may have salvaged about Student Government have all gone down the tubes since I arrived back at N.C. State this spring. Student Government sucks, and I won't hesitate to say it.

When I first heard the news of the handouts given to members of Student Government, two things crossed my mind. First, there was the age-old advice passed down to me from my father that says that there's no such thing as a free ride.

What I wondered, would the price of those tickets be to N.C. State students? Increased fees? Moving the UNC-CH vs. NCSU basketball game to Charlotte Coliseum? Who knows? My second thought was, in the words of the immutable Janet Jackson, "What have you done for me lately?" Not a damn thing, that's what.

**RECYCLE**  
Technician

I know people who braved last weekend's bitter cold weather only to continue the tradition of the State/Carolina basketball campout. To give those people crappy seats so members of Student Government could be seated behind UNC-CH's bench is ridiculous. But to say that the seating will provide "a nice diverse look of N.C. State" is far worse. That's just...bull. You wanted a ticket, now you got one...who cares that you screwed dozens of Pack enthusiasts out of what was rightfully theirs? You got what you wanted, so of course you won't disagree. Les Robinson said, "I am trying to cut back the risk of us embarrassing ourselves." Alright, that's understandable, particularly considering the melée that occurred at last year's match-up. But, why not just beef up Public Safety (Reynolds Coliseum is in their jurisdiction, isn't it?) and take a technical foul when something "embarrassing" happens, like other schools in the ACC do?

Student Government is a crock.

Natalie is sitting by her computer eagerly awaiting hearing all the pertinent legislation of NCSU's Student Government...for those that want to e-mail her, try natalie@sma.sca.ncsu.edu.

## Health

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that were undercounted in the past. These asymptomatic infections can be diagnosed only through testing, and routine screening programs are not yet widespread. "Additionally," said Linda L. Alexander, ASHA president and CEO, "social stigma and lack of public awareness concerning STDs often inhibit frank discussion between sexual partners and between patients and health care providers about STD risk and the need for testing."

Despite these advances in detection, along with improved treatment and prevention, STD rates in the U.S. remain the highest of any country in the industrialized world. U.S. populations at greatest risk are teens (who are more likely to have multiple partners and otherwise engage in risky behaviors); women (due to physiological and social disadvantages) and their infants and ethnic minorities who are poor and lack access to medical care.

While most STDs (other than HIV infection) are not usually life threatening, a deadly aspect of STDs is their link to HIV. Because STD infection greatly increases the risk of both potentially acquiring and spreading the virus that causes AIDS, improved prevention, screening and outreach efforts and further research on detection and treatment methods are necessary to slow the HIV epidemic. If left untreated, some STDs can also lead to infertility, pregnancy complications and cervical cancer. Prevention of STDs is pivotal to reducing the severe reproductive consequences of these diseases and the sexual spread of HIV infection.

The updated numbers for human papilloma virus (HPV) and trichomoniasis — two STDs which showed sharply elevated numbers as compared with other STDs — are attributable to these improved detection and estimation methods. According to the national ASHA panel of experts, more than two thirds of the 15.3 million STDs that occurred in 1996 were due to increases in the estimates of these two STDs.

Alexander affirmed that "to make significant inroads in the quest to eliminate STDs, we as a nation must break the silence, dispel the ignorance and stigmatize the topics." Breaking the silence about STDs is key the success of this and any STD prevention campaign.

The general public and health care providers are encouraged to call the National STD Hotline at 1-800-227-8922 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., M-F or the 24-hour National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-2437 for more information.

## Homicide

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a drive-by shooting Sept. 2, 1997, and then killing him in a second attack in May. Clark had told police that Peeler and Snead had been arguing over money, perhaps as little as \$90.

On the day after Labor Day 1997, Snead was driving home with his 7-year-old son and Leroy.

Snead later told police he saw Peeler sitting in the front passenger's seat of an approaching car, and he tried to speed off. Peeler is accused of leaning out the window and firing at least three shots. One round lodged in the door. Another grazed Snead's forehead. Leroy was cut by shattered glass.

With statements from Leroy and Snead, police arrested Peeler and charged him with attempted murder. He posted bail and soon thereafter is accused of beginning to threaten Snead.

The day Snead died, he was on the phone at a barber shop. A man came in out of the rain with a jacket pulled over his head, ignored a minister waiting for a haircut and walked straight to Snead.

He raised a black semiautomatic handgun and pointed it at Snead. The man fired point-blank at least five times. Snead fell backward to the floor.

Snead threw his pager under a bench. As others in the shop gathered around him, he said, "It was Russell, yo." He died hours later at Bridgeport Hospital.

With Snead dead, Leroy became the only witness against Peeler. Police had linked the September and May shootings with forensic evidence that showed the bullets in both attacks came from the same gun, probably a .40-caliber Glock. But without Leroy, they could not tie Peeler to the drive-by.

Ganim and Penn demanded that Peeler, even though free on bail, be jailed immediately. His attorney, Gary Mastronardi, has said Peeler was confined to his house and monitored by an electronic bracelet. "It's become a political football," Gordon said sadly of her cousin's death.

## Morgan

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riend?" and you strain your memory for answers, what does that say? There's a difference, I believe, between being friends and merely being friendly.

So, here's the crux of the matter: I challenge those readers who have cared enough to read this far to take some time today and really consider — perhaps even reconsider — the relationships they share with others.

Some friends blossom into confidantes, while some friends wither into acquaintances. The choice of

direction is ours to make. Still, remember two things: One, that what we hide from friends speaks much more about those friendships than anything we share. Two, those who are brutally honest are not being honest but rather are being brutal.

Talk to each other. No. That's not enough. If never was. Friends must speak, not just talk; they must hear, not just listen.

So, speak to each other. Hear each other. You may each discover things neither knew you had lost.

It's times like now, the beginning of the spring semester and the new year, when we can best make these decisions. I hope that rewarding semesters are had by all.

## Forum

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Government's inability to take a stand on policy.

The rules were written for everyone to read. Just because in prior years campout has been announced in the afternoon, that does not mean it will always be. There are, after all, 24 hours in a day. It could have been worse. Campout could have been announced at 6 a.m.

A better solution for the entire campout process is to hold a lottery open for all students. Everyone throws their name in that wants to (by a certain deadline, of course) and the winners are truly the lucky ones. No one has to freeze outside of Reynolds. No one has to wake up on Saturday morning (I'm still chuckling over that one...) and there


can be no argument about who won or lost, as the process is totally random. Of course, this solution is pretty crappy, too, but it's a lot better than the one we have now. Anyone have any better ideas?

However, for me, the point is moot, as I hold my tickets in my hand. I'll think of those poor souls who could not wake up in time at 10 a.m. in the morning and those who were not lucky enough to find a reliable source to hook them up. I'll wade to you when the camera makes its way to me as I cheer on the mighty Wolfpack as they trounce the hapless Tar Heels, all the while wishing that everyone could witness such a fine game. But I sure as hell am not giving up my tickets. I spent two nights in 15-degree weather. Good things come to those who earn them. (And the early bird gets the tickets...)

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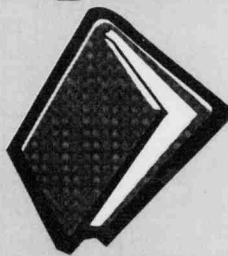
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## Gymnasts look to return to NCAAs



**Wolfpack Head Coach Mark Stevens, above with State junior Jenny Sommer, and the Wolfpack women begin their quest for another NCAA berth this weekend against JMU.**

◆ The Pack's tumblers hope to build on last season's success.

**JEREMY ASHTON**  
Staff Writer

After delivering the greatest performance in your school's history, it is hard to come up with an encore. But as the women of the N.C. State gymnastics team head into the 1999 season, that is exactly what they will be trying to accomplish.

Last season was the most successful ever for the Wolfpack and Head Coach Mark Stevenson. The team capped off a solid regular season with a third-place finish at the NCAA Southeast Regional to earn its first ever trip to the national championship meet. Although the Pack only finished 11th in the 12-team event, the experience was an encouraging one and has served as motivation for this season.

"It was a great experience," said senior Gemma Robinson. "We got to see the best teams in the country, and that's motivation for us to know what we need to do so we can be one of those top teams."

State's prospects for making another serious run at nationals appear to be bright. Ten of the 13 gymnasts that made the trip to Los Angeles last year are back.

## Freshman look to play key role for gymnastics

◆ Freshmen look to play a key role for the gymnastics team.

**JEREMY ASHTON**  
Staff Writer

With 10 of the 13 members from last season's National Championship appearance returning, the consensus was that N.C. State's gymnastics team would be pretty good this season. But, throw in an outstanding class of freshmen, and the Wolfpack has the potential to be something great.

"This year's group of nine freshmen may be the most talented ever to compete for the Pack. Several members of the class bring impressive credentials to the table. Kelli Brown, Angie Welch and Aimee Patton all competed at Level 10 during their prep careers. Welch competed in the USAIGC nationals last year and finished third in the all-around competition for her region. Brown finished in the top three in the all-around at the nationals and could be a key competitor for the Pack this season.

With all this new talent, Head Coach Mark Stevenson appears eager to test it out in competition.

"We're going to have a whole lot of freshmen compete in the first couple of meets because they're meets that in the overall season won't technically count for us," said Stevenson. "So we're going to try a lot of new things to find out how they perform under pressure."

Some minor injuries to a couple of key upperclassmen have also created welcome opportunities for some of the newcomers to gain experience and show off what they are capable of.

"At the beginning of the year, I did not expect to compete in any event being a walk-on, but now that I am competing I'm a little nervous," said Laura Jazab. "It's going to be a learning experience."

With the team once again aiming for the National Championship meet, there appears to be a little added pressure for the freshmen to produce. The coaching staff is hoping that by giving them a chance to compete now

Add an exciting group of freshmen, and this season has the potential to be better than the last one.

"Talent-wise, we've got the best team that we've ever had," said Stevenson. All the pieces appear to be in place, but the road back to nationals will not be easy. State has scheduled some tough competition this year in order to gain valuable experience for the big post-season meets.

"We always have a pretty tough schedule," said senior Stephanie Flanagan. "I think we can do pretty well this year as long as we go and do the things that we're capable of."

The Pack will be facing several quality teams including Penn State, West Virginia, Minnesota and defending National Champion Georgia. While this may sound like a brutal schedule, the important thing is not wins and losses but posting good scores in order to qualify for regionals. In addition, the experience gained in these meets will be invaluable since State will have to compete against teams such as Georgia, West Virginia and national runner-up Florida at the regional meet.

"It's really important for us to compete against teams that are at a higher level than us," said Stevenson. "If we don't, we'll never come up to that level."

With an extremely talented roster and the experience of last season's run at the nationals still fresh, the sky could be the limit for this year's edition of Wolfpack gymnastics.



**Sara Dolan works out on the beam in practice.**

that they will be able to alleviate some of that pressure.

"The coaches have made it pretty clear that we have to take it one meet at a time if we want to get back to where we were," said Brown.

With such a talented group of freshmen, the future of N.C. State gymnastics is looking bright.

## One more round with the Wahoos

◆ State's men's basketball team prepares for its last bout with Virginia in Reynolds Coliseum.

Sports Staff Report

What's a Wahoo anyway?

With the Wolfpack women unable to hold off Virginia on Monday, it is up to the N.C. State men to even the home-and-home series on Thursday.

The Pack men have taken on Virginia 41 times in Reynolds, picking up wins in 29 of those matchups.

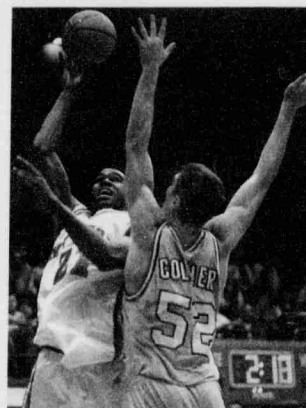
Here's a look at how the Pack and the Cavaliers match up, head-to-head.

**Point Guard:** Donald Hand finished second among ACC rookies last season with 99 assists in 30 games, but the sophomore floor general will have to battle State veteran Justin Ganney, who made his mark on the conference as a freshman not with statistics but by playing 160 minutes in the 1997 ACC Tournament. Three-fourths of those minutes came against teams earning NCAA berths that season. Hand has the numbers advantage, averaging 17.3 points and 4.1 assist per game coming into the match-up, but with Ganney's experience, and newcomer Anthony Grundy on the bench in relief, the advantage goes to N.C. State.

**Shooting Guard:** A tough call depending on the availability of State's Adam Harrington. Harrington, as a freshman, is ranked among the ACC leaders in scoring, three-point field-goal percentage, free per game and steals. UVa's Willie Dersch has picked up the pace this season and has scored in double figures in consecutive games. Harrington practiced with the team on Tuesday, but his status for Thursday's match-up is day to day. If Harrington, who scored 26 against Duke and is the team's leading scorer, can put in quality minutes for State, advantage Wolfpack. If not, Dersch and freshman reserve Adam Hall give UVa the advantage.

**Forwards:** Six-foot-6-inch freshman sensation Chris Williams is currently tied with Duke's Trajan Langdon for the conference lead in scoring, showing a bright promise for the Cavs. However, that's about where it ends for Virginia. State's front court includes several talented athletes, including freshman Keith Bean, who has provided a spark off the bench recently. When playing well, Kenny Inge and Damon Thornton are explosive on offense and can clean the glass with the best of them. Junior Tim Wells has also hit some big shots off the bench for State and is the team's best free-throw shooter, and freshman Ron Anderson has displayed athletic ability at the guard and forward positions. Advantage Wolfpack.

**Center:** As if the Cavs needed anything else to go wrong this season, Virginia's Colin Ducharme is still out with a broken ankle, leaving the squad with only one scholarship player taller than 6 feet 6 inches. However, that player is second in the ACC in blocks. Six-foot-11-inch junior Kris Hunter will provide State's Ron Kelley



**The Wolfpack's Kenny Inge, 21, will have to contain the ACC's second-leading scorer on Thursday.**

with a tough battle inside. However, as tough as Hunter is on defense, he is just as limited on offense, managing only 11 points in the Cav's last two ACC outings. Kelley has also struggled offensively as of late, with only six points against both Clemson and Maryland. Clemson's Harold Jamison and Georgia Tech's Alvin Jones both seemed to have their way against Kelley and State's interior defense. Call this one even.

**Coaching:** Rookie Head Coach Pete Gillen is showing Virginia fans everything they wanted to see in his first year. Despite having only six scholarship players available for action, the Cavs have remained competitive and are probably playing better than they should, only losing to Maryland by five points. Gillen has also hit the recruiting trail hard and has landed one of the school's best classes in years. In fact, the former Providence head-man might remind some of State's Sendek, who faced similar challenges in his first year. As promising as Gillen seems, Sendek has been around the block in the ACC a couple of times now and knows the importance of winning at home. Sendek must rally the troops after an embarrassing loss at Maryland for a must-win game in Reynolds Coliseum. Sendek is 1-1 versus the Cavs at home and 1-3 overall in his tenure. Advantage Wolfpack, with Virginia sneaking right up behind.

## NCSU vs. UNC-CH, part II

◆ After the Women's basketball team, but before the men's squad, N.C. State's wrestling squad gets its shot at arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill Wednesday.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State's wrestling team opens up Atlantic Coast Conference competition tonight against arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill.

For the Wolfpack, which is 2-0 at home so far this season, the match is the first of two against the Tar Heels this season.

While the young Wolfpack squad is without six of the wrestlers that went up against the Tar Heels last season, UNC-CH, the defending ACC team champion, has lost three national qualifiers from the line-up.



**The Wolfpack's Tommy Davis will have a tough match with 1998 4th place ACC finisher Josh Cowley tonight as the Pack meets UNC-CH.**

All-ACC wrestler Joe Hummel and ACC individual Champions C.C. Fisher and Scott Stay are no longer part of the Tar Heel roster.

At 125 pounds, Lee Carroll will wrestle against defending ACC wrestler of the Year Chuckie Cannon. Last season, Cannon was the ACC Champ at 118 pounds, qualifying for the NCAA meet, and earned Honorable Mention status to

the All-American team.

The contest will feature two highly anticipated match-ups. At 141 pounds, State's Tommy Davis and UNC-CH's Josh Cowley are slated to face off.

Davis finished third at the conference meet, qualifying for the NCAA meet in the 126-pound class.

Davis was 1-1 last season against

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## Olympic scandal comes to campus

◆ U. Utah holds its breath as Olympic scandal unfolds.

**JACOB PARKINSON**  
U. Utah Wire

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — As Salt Lake City's reputation takes a blow from the Salt Lake Olympic Committee bribery scandal, the University of Utah hopes to keep its name clean.

Both the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the Olympic Village, will be located at the University of Utah. This necessitates a close link between the University and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Many members of the University's Board of Trustees also sit in leadership positions with SLOC. University Board of Trustees member Robert Garff is chairman of the SLOC's Board of Trustees.

University President J. Bernard Machen also sits on SLOC's Board of Trustees as a voting member.

Garff said the University plays an important role in the Olympics. Now the lies that bind the University and SLOC could be damaging the reputation of not only Salt Lake City but also the University of Utah.

"I think there is a possibility that the U could get put into this," University student Luke Niumetulo said. "I think that without our mountains we will only be known as the scandalous

state."

Machen believes the University will not be pulled into the scandal.

"Based on what we know, there was no questionable activities the U was involved in. I don't think Salt Lake City is going to be tainted by it and I don't see the U as being tainted either," Machen said.

Four different investigations are looking into improper practices of SLOC's Bid Committee. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the International Olympic Committee, the United States' Olympic Committee and SLOC's own Board of Ethics are reviewing accusations.

SLOC officials have admitted giving

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