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Sorority makes history

◆ Alpha Kappa Alpha replaces Alpha Phi Alpha on Fraternity Court and becomes the first African-American sorority to reside on campus.

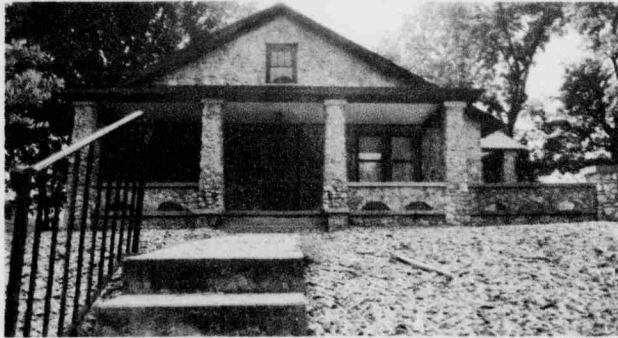
SARAH E. MIANO
Staff Writer

The N.C. State chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) just settled into its new house on Fraternity Court. This makes it the first African-American sorority to reside on campus in NCSU history.

The house, located at 1402 Varsity Drive, became available last fall when Alpha Phi Alpha (APA) notified that its chapter was not in good standing nationally. APA was suspended for up to five years; subsequently, the lease had to be terminated, according to Drew Smith, associate director of Greek Life.

Since the complications occurred in mid-October, the fraternity members were allowed to remain in the house and rent individually. Then the house sat empty until February, when word came out that there was a vacancy.

This was a unique opportunity, Smith said, because on



The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority now occupies this house at 1402 Varsity Drive.

Fraternity Court "every chapter is an original tenant." Most of them have been leasing since the 1960s or 1970s. "They don't turn over," Smith added.

Three chapters were in the running in March. According to Smith, there were four major qualifications. First, membership in the National Pan-Hellenic Council was necessary.

"You also need really close alumni that will assist the chapter with the business aspect," Smith said.

A large enough membership to facilitate the housing was also stressed. Finally, the chapter had to be a successful one.

AKA, whose NCSU chapter originated in 1976, was approved by Greek Life in April. The choice of AKA was attributed to its success as a chapter and its membership of 14 students, according to Brandy McGraw, house manager of AKA. Tylisha Baber, who has been a member since 1997, feels that the growth is linked to community service,

campus activities and academically based projects. The sorority is also known for its programs with senior citizens, the African-American family and politics, according to Corneki Brown, AKA President.

Since renovations for the house were already in order, this allowed them to be advanced with the sorority in mind. While APA's colors were black and gold, the incoming chapter identified itself by pink and apple green. Therefore, by August the AKA house was complete with new furniture, green carpet and pink wall trim. "It's a very old building," said Drew Smith. "It's a marvelous structure."

The sorority looks forward to having a formal house-warming party for other sororities a la music, food and dancing. They have reason to celebrate, according to Brown, who views this opportunity as "a privilege."

"It shows that African Americans, not only sororities, are a voice on campus also," Brown said. "We are a thriving voice."

Upheavels shake Russia

◆ Hard times are again knocking on Russia's door, causing many to fear a collapse in reform.

DAVID HOFFMAN
Washington Post

MOSCOW — On the eve of President Clinton's arrival for a summit with President Boris Yeltsin, Russia's economic upheaval has profoundly shaken confidence in the goals of free markets and democracy that the West has so long championed here.

The sudden implosion of the ruble, a power-grab by tycoons and the return of skyrocketing prices and currency black markets, as well as the faint rhetoric of an ailing leader, have all taken their toll on the ideals of "reform" and "democracy," according to conversations with professionals, politicians, academics and businessmen.

Perhaps more than at any time in Russia's 6 1/2-year quest to remake itself after the Soviet collapse, the concepts of liberal market reform and democracy are in retreat.

It's not that Russians have given up on the West; they still long to be part of it, and have had more exposure to Western influences than at any time in their history. But they have grown disillusioned with the kind of free-market democracy that has unfolded under Yeltsin, who is seen more as a sorry symbol of stagnation and frustration than as a beacon of progressive change.

The disenchantment has long been building, from the 1993 violent confrontation with parliament to the war in Chechnya. But devaluation of the ruble nearly two weeks ago and the chaos that followed have provoked an outpouring of bitterness among those who supported Russia's transformation into a market economy and liberal democracy.

"What kind of Russia do we have? One where the

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Co-op aids forests of Latin America



Bill Dvorak hard at work.

◆ N.C. State's College of Forest Resources is cooperating internationally to save endangered trees.

MICHAEL T. RUBELE
Staff Writer

The College of Forest Resources is tucked in between Western Boulevard and an intramural soccer field. However, hidden though it may be, there is a lot going on out there.

If you're like the majority of students who don't know much about the forestry department, you'll be surprised to learn about one of its five co-ops. It's known as the Central America and Mexico Coniferous Resource Cooperative, or CAMCORE.

CAMCORE is one of the few programs at N.C. State that works exclusively overseas, according to Bill Dvorak, an NCSU forester. Specifically, it works in the tropics and sub-tropics.

CAMCORE was founded in 1980. It was introduced as a gene conservation program intended to rescue certain trees that are on the brink of extinction.

Dvorak has spent the last 17 years exploring the tropical jungles of Latin America for endangered trees. He said CAMCORE is "zoos for trees."

The work CAMCORE is involved in includes breeding, research on seed collections and data analysis. Dvorak is enthusiastic about the work being done here. He said, "One of the real advantages students have here is the interaction with other countries."

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Checkin' out what is under the hood



Brian Handlon, a masters student in mechanical engineering, checks out a 1958 Ford Grand Victorian.

NCSU scientists improve concrete

◆ A new concrete gains support and draws international attention.

ALLISON BALLARD
Senior Staff Writer

Scientists at N.C. State are improving existing concrete technology so buildings and bridges can better withstand normal weathering, earthquakes and even bombings.

The new concrete has done so well in testing that representatives from Japan's Ministry of Construction and Fujita Corporation visited Centennial Campus on July 23 to learn more about the high-performance concrete.

"This concrete is stronger and more durable. It acts like a bullet-proof vest to protect from corrosive agents," said Neven Krstulovic-Opara, an NCSU

assistant professor of civil engineering.

To help buildings withstand tension, support structures are placed in concrete to help hold it together. Currently, steel rods are used for this purpose.

In 1958, James Romualdi started to use short steel fibers to strengthen the concrete. Although this method tested well, problems arose in the transition to practical applications.

Now NCSU is "developing the second generation of this material," said Krstulovic-Opara, who worked with Romualdi at Carnegie-Mellon University before coming to NCSU four years ago.

This high-performance fiber-reinforced concrete, or HPRC, uses mats made from recycled steel fibers that look similar to air-conditioning filters.

Lengths of the mats, made by Ribbon Technology Corporation, can be unrolled when building a bridge, for example, or cut for smaller jobs. The mats can also be

easily bent around support columns. After the mats are laid, liquid concrete is poured into them.

All of this makes the new process, called slurry infiltrated mat concrete (SIMCON), ideal for practical applications.

The concrete can be used when building new structures and can also be used to refurbish existing bridges and buildings.

"It is a cost-effective and long-lasting way to resolve use problem of deteriorating national infrastructure," Krstulovic-Opara said.

"The hallmark of [N.C. State's] program is using the holistic approach — combining the materials science with structural engineering," Krstulovic-Opara said.

The group has been testing the material for the best way to use the concrete when building structures.

Seismic testing, done at the Constructed

Facilities Laboratory on Centennial Campus, has shown that the new concrete has increased durability against earthquake damage.

Also, when the high-performance concrete does break apart, it cracks and breaks into smaller pieces than standard concrete — meaning that it is less likely to cause injury during an earthquake and is less susceptible to water damage.

"We would like to use this new material to improve our buildings' structure in Japan," said Hiroshi Fukuyama, senior research engineer for the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering.

Krstulovic-Opara plans to visit Tokyo in October to continue discussions of the high-performance concrete.

Also working on the project are John Hanson, Tasnim Hassan, Yasuyuki Horie and Paul Zia.

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Sep. 12	Florida State	3:30 pm
Oct. 1	Syracuse (ESPN)	8 pm
Oct. 10	Georgia Tech	TBA
Oct. 17	Duke	TBA
Nov. 7	Wake Forest	TBA



Men's Soccer Home Schedule

Sep. 1	Charlotte Southern	4 pm
Sep. 4	Wolpack Adidas Classic	
5	NCSU v. Liberty	2 pm
	NCSU v. Iowa	2 pm
Sep. 20	Maryland	2 pm
Sep. 30	Georgia Southern	2 pm
Oct. 7	Coastal Carolina	4 pm
Oct. 11	Wake Forest	2 pm
Oct. 14	Mt. St. Mary's	1:30 pm
Oct. 18	Duke	2 pm
Oct. 21	UNC-Wilmington	3 pm
Nov. 1	UNC-Charlotte	2 pm



Volleyball Home Schedule

Sep. 11	Wynham Gardens NC State Invitational	7:30 pm
12	East Carolina	12 pm
	Wake Forest	7 pm
Oct. 7	Maryland	7 pm
Oct. 10	Florida State	6 pm
Oct. 11	Virginia	4 pm
Oct. 21	Campbell	7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Wake Forest	7:30 pm
Oct. 31	Duke	6 pm
Nov. 3	UNC	7:30 pm
Nov. 12	Georgia Tech	7:30 pm
Nov. 13	Clemson	7:30 pm

Women's Soccer Home Schedule

Sep. 1	Virginia Tech	2 pm
Sep. 8	UNC-Charlotte	3:30 pm
Sep. 30	Campbell	4 pm
Oct. 3	American	1 pm
Oct. 6	UNC-Chapel Hill	4 pm
Oct. 14	Wofford	3:30 pm
Oct. 20	Furman	3:30 pm
Oct. 23	Clemson	3:30 pm
Oct. 25	Florida State	1 pm

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Forest

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According to Dvorak, there are six people in the College of Forest Resources who work full time with CAMCORE.

CAMCORE supports its operations through funding that comes from different organizations around the world who contribute hoping to see endangered tree species revitalized in their native environments.

The process of revitalization often requires transplanting trees into a different environment where work can be done that will eventually ensure that the trees can once again thrive in their native environments.

Some facts and figures collected reveal that around 8,500 trees and 32 different species have been replanted by CAMCORE. Roughly 85 percent have survived in their new locations.

Dvorak and his colleagues are working to save forests, something of dire importance in the tropics of Central America and in places like Haiti where deforestation is a critical problem. Their progress ensures us that somehow the malpractice of deforestation will be reverted.

Russia

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attempts to build a liberal market economy have come to a complete crash," said Alexei Pushkov, a television commentator. "All the people behind it are marginalized, and I don't think they have a lot of chances to survive. It's a country where this type of Western liberalism has degenerated into an oligarchic type of regime, and big money — not free markets and democratic institutions — mainly big money is defining the policy moves."

The changed Russian mood may present a serious challenge to Clinton as he returns to Moscow for the first time in more than two years. In the past, Clinton saw Yeltsin as the focal point of change in the new Russia. But now that argument will not work, many Russians say. Yeltsin has all but lost control of the political process, and there are enormous pent-up pressures for a shift in economic policy, which may be anathema to the West.

"This summit is different from any Soviet-American or Russian-American summits," said Sergei Rogov, director of the Institute for the Study of the United States and Canada here. "The real agenda is not the strategic issues and arms control and regional conflicts and regulation of the geo-strategic competition. The real agenda? It's the economy, stupid! The Russian economy is collapsing."

Alexei Arbatov, a member of parliament from the centrist Yabloko faction, said Yeltsin could be expected to tell Clinton that Russia "will continue on the path of reforms," and that Clinton could be expected to reply that the United States "will support Russia in whatever is needed to continue on the path of reforms." But "neither of the two statements has any validity," he added.

In fact, Russia has long zigzagged between reform and reaction. But the latest phase of reform seems to have ended Aug. 17, when the government devalued the ruble, defaulted on its domestic bonds and froze banks' debts to Western creditors. The ruble went into a tailspin. The Russian stock market is now lower than on the day it opened three years ago. Russian international credit ratings are at rock bottom. Banks are paralyzed. Russians are again hoarding dollars, and whatever confidence they were beginning to show in commercial bank deposits has been shattered.

Yeltsin's major accomplishment in recent years was to stabilize the ruble exchange rate and tame inflation. But the cost was enormous in economic pain inflicted on the country, including workers not being paid and the rise of a crude barter system. Now, in reaction, there are mounting demands, across the political spectrum, for the Central Bank to start printing money, even though it would probably unleash massive new inflation and evoke disapproval in the West.

"Yeltsin will have to abandon this model of low inflation, balanced budget, macro-stabilization, to go for a large-scale emission (of money)," said the centrist legislator Arbatov. "There is no other way, and the only argument now is about the mechanism of this. And that will effectively end the economic aid of the West."

"Now we are in a period when we have to take emergency measures, we do not have a luxury to be concerned about markets anymore," Arbatov said. "We have to save the country and the economy from total collapse and chaos."

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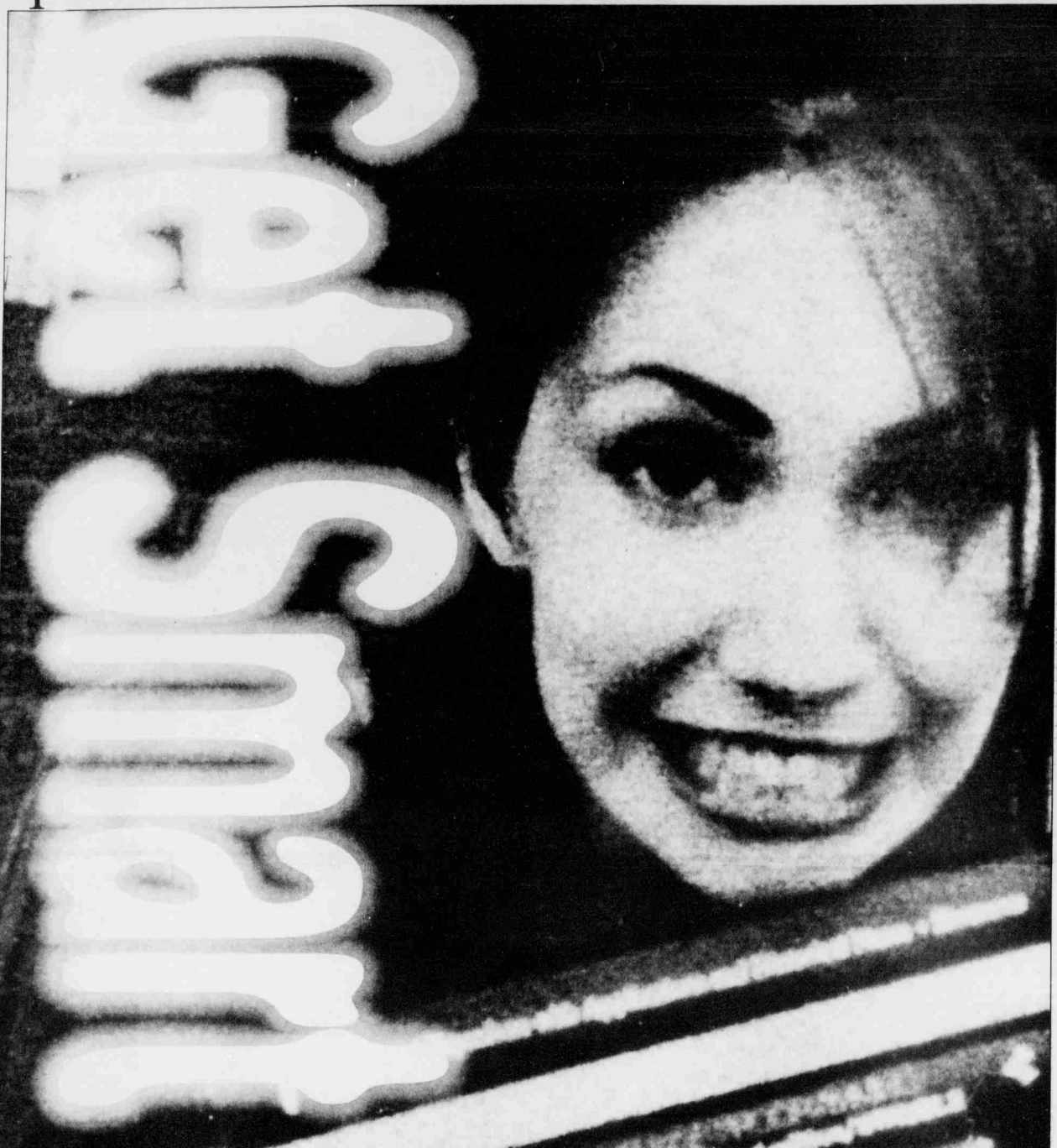
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Editorials

Booster passes on

◆ Former Wolfpack fan will be remembered fondly.

Recently, the Wolfpack lost one of its biggest fans. But although John Bedford Stroud may no longer be alive, his legacy lives on at N.C. State.

Stroud, who died Aug. 18 at the age of 83, was a devoted follower of NCSU. A graduate of Wake Forest University, Stroud later developed a special fondness for NCSU athletics and became an avid supporter of the athletic program. The loyal Wolfpacker, who remembered fondly by both coaches and athletes, attended most home games until his health made it impossible.

Stroud will perhaps be most readily remembered for the Stroud Center, which was named after him and his wife, Lillian. The complex, which is located on Western Boulevard, provides housing for male athletes and other students, as well as a tutorial center for student athletes. Its purpose is well-suited to the devotion of its namesake.

But NCSU buildings aren't the only things that bear Stroud's

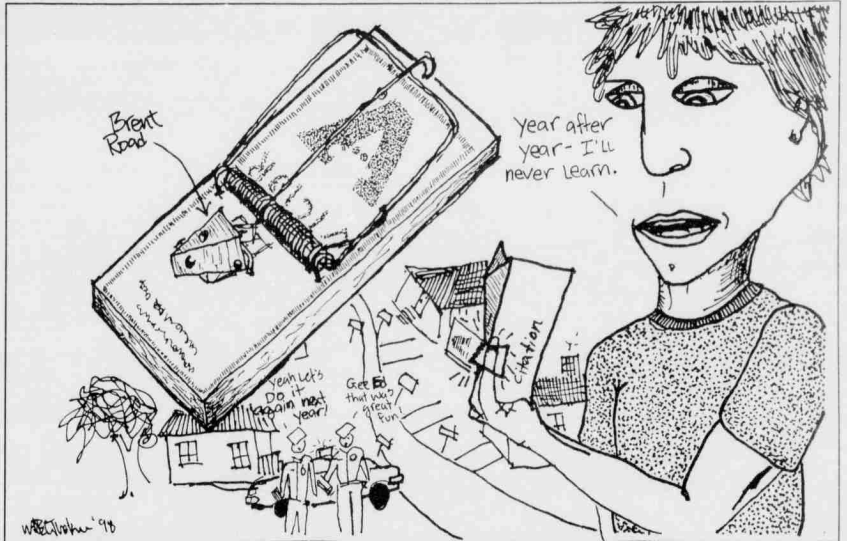
name. A former postmaster in Ellenboro, N.C., Stroud received a National Meritous Service Award in 1979 for the development of a "functional code file index subject breakdown." The method, which led to a notable increase in efficiency for the U.S. Postal Service, later became known as the Stroud System. Stroud was one of five postmasters originally appointed by John F. Kennedy.

In addition to his enthusiastic support for the university, Stroud was also active in his church and community. A farmer and a dairy man, Stroud served as a former Sunday School Superintendent, a deacon of Big Springs Baptist Church and a member of the Rutherford County Rural Development Club.

Friends and family say Stroud always gave back to the community and sought to help those less fortunate than himself.

"He left a tremendous mark on this step of the world," his son Stephen said. "He's an example of what's good in this country."

And indeed, this is how this exemplary Wolfpack fan and supporter should be remembered.



U.S. fights back

CHAD MESSER
Staff Columnist

Well, it would seem that in light of recent events, I have become a bona fide political columnist. Current events, after all, are painted in political colors, and who am I to avoid making people angry? (Not to mention the fact that I love the hate mail I get on a daily basis).

The big story now is that the United States (read: "Slick" Willy Clinton) bombed the living Hell out of terrorist targets in Afghanistan and Sudan Thursday morning, our time. The targets were a paramilitary training compound and a chemical factory, both evidently used for the purposes of furthering international terrorism. The particular man that we were attempting to turn into a fine red mist is exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden, who has allegedly been funding terrorist activities against the U.S. for years, from the bombing of the World Trade Center to the shooting of U.S. troops in Somalia.

Wow. I have gone two paragraphs as

a fairly serious journalist. Dr. Hunt would be proud. Anyway, back to my old self. It's about time we started acting like the most powerful nation in the history of civilization. Here is some rich wacko, paying people to kill American service men, as well as civilians, and he has been allowed to live this long. That is a travesty.

I hear all you ultra-liberal crybabies shouting about how it is wrong for the government to kill this man, and I agree. We should let the families of all his victims torture him until he dies on his own. We should shove all his millions down his throat and sit him down in the middle of Cameron Village because I'm sure the merchants will do anything to get that money out of there.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that it is about time that the headline ran on the covers of every newspaper in the world:

"Mess with U.S. and get blown up". In such action, we, as a nation, are only ensuring that every mad Arab with a bomb will not use it on the United States or its people. Take a hint

from the Irish and blow each other up, for if you use a pipe bomb on an American embassy, we will aim a much bigger bomb at your tent. That's the new law of the land. Terrorists are not safe.

And as for all the people who cry and moan and protest every time the United States puts its foot down, you should be shot or at least tried for treason. If you want to get blown up by some madman, I can get you the Unabomber's prison correspondence address. You are probably the same people who cry about U.N. sanctions against Iraq, saying that innocent people are suffering. That's right, Saddam fought the Gulf War with giant robots. The Iraqi people had nothing to do with it. If you are one of these people, please stick your head in an oven because no one is listening to you anyway.

Perhaps the most annoying thing about these wonderful military strikes is the fact that the generally useless national media can't help but bring Monica Lewinsky into the mix. I

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Technician

CAMPUS FORUM

Headline was misleading

The Technician has reported on the Nuclear Reactor Program in the past. Reporters have interviewed the reactor staff and photographed the facilities. The past reports provided Technician readers with a fairly accurate description of our activities. However, our staff was surprised and disappointed with a recent article.

The Aug. 24 issue of the Technician contained a front-page article which incorrectly portrays the activities at the Nuclear Reactor Program. The staff of the Nuclear Reactor Program is very conscientious of safety and provides an outstanding environment for supporting academic, research and extension activities. The Technician article portrays a very contrary environment. The following comments address my points and offer corrections.

The title, "Nuclear Program Draws Citations" is misleading. "Nuclear Program" implies the Nuclear Reactor Program. The majority of the material in the report involves the oversight performed by the Radiation Protection Division of the Environmental Health and Safety Center. A better title would have been "NCSU Radiation Protection Program Draws Citation."

The "safety violations" are related to activities performed on campus by different departments and the oversight responsibilities of the Radiation Protection Division. The quote by Aaron Padgett relates the campus radioactive environment together with the photograph, complete an erroneous message and misleads the reader to think the problems discussed are related to the Nuclear Reactor Program.

The title is misleading and the accompanying photo is also misleading. The radiation protection problems discussed in the article (e.g. "lack of training") are not related to the Nuclear Reactor Program, and the building photograph is inappropriate. The title of the article, together with the photograph, complete an erroneous message and misleads the reader to think the problems discussed are related to the Nuclear Reactor Program.

The only statements related to the Nuclear Reactor Program are toward the end of the article. The author discusses an N.R.C. inspector report that addressed written "instructions" vs. "procedures."

This is an administrative topic that should not be confused with a "safety" issue. As a result, the passage quoted is out of context with the rest of the article.

The Technician should have contacted a Nuclear Reactor Program representative. We are very happy to host visitors and average over 1,000 visitors per year, ranging from Cub Scouts to visiting scholars. Our staff is very accessible, and with a little coordination, any visitor can tour the facility and obtain valuable information.

We have worked very well with the Technician in the past and would like to continue to support their mission.

Pedro Perez
Associate Director, Nuclear Reactor Program

Technician wages are horrid

I was amazed to read the pay rates for articles in Technician. Paying \$7 to \$21 per article is ridiculous. I wrote for the student newspaper, The Reflector, at Mississippi State in 1976, 1977 and 1978. At that time I was paid anywhere from \$7 to \$24, depending on article length. Writing a feature or news article takes time — time to find subjects to interview, time to set up an interview, time to do the interview and time to write the article. Paying someone \$7 for an article is an absolute joke.

It is no wonder that Technician has so little campus news apart from sports and entertainment reviews. I suppose getting into a sports event or movie free makes the trivial rate of pay acceptable.

May I suggest that funding for Technician be increased significantly so that campus news can be investigated and reported? It would be a more egalitarian use of funds to increase funding for reporting than using student funds for narrow-interest student groups.

It would be nice to know what is going on around campus. Campus crime, campus automobile accidents, changes in student populations, etc., all affect students. It would be nice to have some features on the different departments and the different types of research efforts so that we can learn about the range and diversity of interests on campus. Campus planning and maintenance are topics that need to be explored.

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STEVEN F. LEBEOUF
Staff Columnist

I'm sick of hearing whiny politicians tell me that I have claim to the wealth of all those wealthier than me (i.e., just about everyone in the United States over the age of 20). Call out the EPA! These irrational, vote-grabbing politicians have polluted my air with Clintonian statements such as: "You have the right to quality health care," "You have the right to a well-paying job" and my all-time favorite, "You have the right to a college education."

What politicians forget (or else ignore) is that a right cannot exist in

contradiction with another right. For example, you cannot have the right to a job without infringing someone's right to not hire you. And you cannot have the right to a portion of my income without infringing my right to keep what I've earned. (This is precisely why the IRS is logically inconsistent with a rights-based constitution.)

Of course, acknowledging these logical incongruities would not be politically correct. In fact, it would be political suicide. But I hope that cocaine is not a crime in North Carolina (as it is in many other states) because as the Libertarian candidate for Wake County's seat in

state legislature, I am indeed a politician who refuses to ignore logic for the sake of winning votes. In order to clear any confusion about true inalienable rights, I have compiled a list of nine rights that have been conveniently misinterpreted by our politicians.

1.) You have the freedom to say whatever you want, but you cannot force me to listen or provide a forum for your speech. And if your statements are false then you must pay the consequences.

2.) You have the right to express your mind in any peaceful manner.

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The cops are ruling with an iron fist

BUSTIN ADAMS
Staff Columnist

Is it just me, or does anyone else feel like the law enforcement agencies in this city have it out for college students this year? Several things over the past couple of months have made me feel this way, and I can't help but think that it's not just my friends and I that this is happening to (if it is, then I guess we're pretty much messed up on the partying this year).

I know some of you veterans out there will say that it's always been like this. I've been here for three years. I know how much longer I'll be here, and I've been in many parties that have been busted. But it just seems like they're getting busted harder and more frequently this year.

It all started when I moved to Brent Road in June. I thought I would be exempt from being called in to the police for noise since I live at the "Mecca of college partying." But that impression didn't last long because the first week I was in the house, we had a small party. There were no more than 20 people (not too bad for a summer party) at my house and those 20 were split between the deck and the house. At midnight, one of "Raleigh's finest" walked around to my back deck and informed me that my roommates and I were going to jail if everyone was not gone in five minutes. By the way, I said midnight.

We all hoped this quick bust of a small party was a fluke. This hope didn't last long — two weeks later, the cops came at midnight again

when we only had ten people at our house. This time I really did almost go to jail when I started drunkenly yelling at the cop about some dog that barks and keeps me awake at night. (He wasn't amused.) I guess my roommates and I are lucky we haven't had any money and, aside from the Brent Road block party, haven't had a party ever since (sounds like someone needs a job, huh?).

Speaking of Brent Road block party, I know you all saw the huge police force writing tickets to anyone within a mile of a sidewalk (there were fifty more cops on patrol this year). Four of my friends received "open-container" tickets and three of them got the tickets because their feet were near the sidewalk (the fourth was just walking straight

down the street, I think, so he basically wrote the ticket for himself). Being residents of Brent Road, my roommates and I were invited by a city councilman, who lives down the street, to a meeting concerning the Brent Road party. I think we were the only college students there, and the meeting itself was nothing more than a bunch of retirees whining about how they wanted us dead (or maybe it just felt that way). The councilman went so far as to say he was going to send letters to certain houses with reputations for partying, advising those houses not to party. Judging from the number of people who know exactly where 519 Brent Rd. is, I think everyone at this school partyed at my house last year, and I'm

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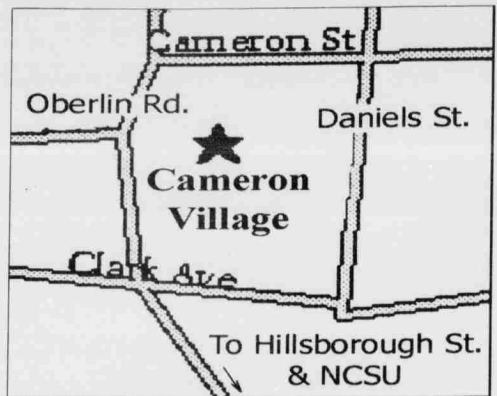
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due out Tuesday, while Cypress Hill's latest will hit the shelves in October). Wyclef Jean and the Refugee All-Stars provided a collage of hits from the Fugees' CD, Wyclef's own solo debut, John Forte's "Poly Sci." and the occasional free style session.

Though, Public Enemy doesn't have the same fervor as when "911 is a Joke" first came out, there's still this awe associated with watching them perform. They're legends, plain and simple. Perhaps the most welcome surprise performance was from a group of DJs who battled onstage between sets, getting the entire crowd moving.

All in all, Smokin' Grooves was an incredible show — worth much more than the cost of a ticket. I've been to several different types of shows — from hip-hop to rock/alternative to electronica — but nothing compares with the energy of Smokin' Grooves. Everyone was dancing and singing along with the music. Members of Flipmode, Cypress Hill, John Forte, Flava Flav of Public Enemy and the Black Eyed Peas made their way through the crowds signing autographs and talking to fans.

Every time Smokin' Grooves plays any venue, it's a step forward for the world of hip-hop. It's proof that rap artists can get along despite the stereotypical image that some people have that rap is all about conflict.

Also, all the artists that joined this year's tour bring forward the essence of music — creativity and originality. No one has a sound like Wyclef or John Forte. No one can hype up a crowd like Busta Rhymes. There's no group out there that can break it down like the Black Eyed Peas. And of course, there's only one Public Enemy.

For every step that hip-hop loses when people think that Puff Daddy and Ma\$e are the best rap artists out there, the Smokin' Grooves Tour regains when it reminds us about what hip-hop is truly about.

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in") and men who don't care enough about their children and women ("More concerned with his rims and his Timbs than his women...Need to take care of their three and four kids men").

"The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" is an insight into the evolving mentality of this soon-to-be diva. One could easily compare Hill with Madonna, since both have undergone changes in their spirituality and maintain new perspective due to motherhood (though Lauryn's journey has taken a considerable less time).

"Forgive Them Father" echoes Hill's faith through her own interpretation of Bob Marley's "Concrete Jungle." Marley's influence over Hill's music can easily be seen, as many of the album's tracks integrate mellow reggae sounds with her own lyrical styling. Time spent with Aretha Franklin (Hill assisted in the production and direction of Franklin's "A Rose is Still a Rose") obviously helped Hill, as her voice sounds more dynamic than it ever has before.

While Will Smith raps about the strong bond between father and son in his latest single, "Just the Two of Us," Hill vocalizes the strength of her own relationship between her and her son. "To Zion" is a stunning tribute to her one-year old son and is definitely the best track on the album. Lyrically, Hill discusses the decision to have a child, despite the people who questioned her logic. "Woe this crazy circumstance I knew that his life deserved a chance/ But everybody told me to be smart/ Lauryn, baby, use your head/ But instead I chose to use my heart." Aiding in the beauty of this song is the lead guitar of Carlos Santana, whose performance is always phenomenal.

The thing that separates a good artist from a great one is the "listenability" of their music. All genres have been dominated by artists who are content with making one or two good singles, while the remainder of their album is mediocre at best. There's no room for mediocrity while Lauryn Hill educates the masses on her solo debut. "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." — N. Duggins

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Master P — "MP Da Last Don" ****

"Uhh!" That's the sound that almost every radio is bumpin' lately. Master P and his No Limit soldiers are taking the world by storm. With their "Bout it, 'bout it" lyrics and their "rowdy" style it's no wonder that the colonel and his army are appearing on almost every single track out in the rap world today.

Master P has done songs with almost every rapper out there. He's teamed up with Ice Cube, Montell Jordan, Bone-Thugs-and-Harmony and has even managed to add a new addition to the No Limit family. Snoop Doggy Dogg. He's produced the "I'm Bout It," and "I Got the Hook Up" movies and executive produces all of the No Limit releases. He's also working on writing a book with Clifton Tittle.

With all this 24-7 mad producing it should be to no surprise that P managed to pop out one of his own double albums to the masses. "MP Da Last Don" is just another addition to the No Limit series. Most of its tracks represent that old-school feel that Master P reflects upon. His deep-ghetto grooves open up a blunt description of reality, with a few fun tracks thrown in.

For example, take "So Many Souls Deceased," a track in which P discusses experiences with daily ghetto life and the victims of it. Now, compare that track to "Make Em Say Uhh #2," a track which is obviously just a song for good times. It's this type of style which makes Master P one of the best rappers of today.

Some other bumpin' tracks on P's album include "Till We Dead and Gone," "Let's Get Em" and "Da Last Don" track itself. Bone-Thugs-and-Harmony appear on "Till We Dead and Gone," and C-Murder hops in on "Let's Get Em". With all the guest appearances by Mia X, Snoop Dogg, C-Murder and Silkk the Shocker, it's no wonder this album is a straight-tight winner.

Master P's new album not only contains those phat ghetto grooves, but it is also quite affordable. I know that I purchased the double compact disc for somewhere under \$15. For 29 tracks, that's a pretty good deal. As for Master P and his new album I'd have to say, like everyone else in "round the world is sayin'." "I'm 'bout it!" —D.Eswain

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going to make a wild, wacky guess that I am one of those notorious houses.

Having a reputation has its good points and bad points, I guess. It's cool that we met a bunch of random people who just walk in looking for the guys who used to live there. It would really suck if the police set up a "satellite station" in my yard or something.

You might be saying to yourself right now, "Does it get worse?" Yes, I'm sorry to say, but it does. A friend and I were at Harris Teeter the day before Hurricane Bonnie was supposed to hit. I was buying supplies because when Fran hit, I almost starved to death (but that's another column). Of course, what would a hurricane be without an alcoholic beverage or 2? So my friend decided it was "Miller Time" and grabbed a case. He went to pay, showed his ID to the cashier and was rejected because she said "it looked too used." I think the corner on his

license was bent, that's all.

My friend looks like he's 30 and has been in college for at least 160 years. So it's not like he is underage. The whole situation was unfortunate, except he made a big scene, and I'm a huge advocate of "making a scene." I bet all of you are asking right now (and you know you are), "Austin, is there a point?"

Yes, there is. All I'm trying to say is that the police and Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) are out to get us more this year than in years past. My friends, partying is your God-given right as a college student. Although I'm sure they parried in their day, the people trying to shut us down seem to have forgotten this fact.

UNC-Chapel Hill and East Carolina don't have to put up with all this oppression, and we shouldn't have to either. How many cops do you see on Franklin or 5th streets on Halloween? Answer: maybe two.

Party on NCSU — don't let "the man" hold you down.

Although it may not sound like it from this article, Austin Adams is a senior in business management and enjoys a quite average GPA. E-mail your thoughts to adams2@unity.ncsu.edu

Messer

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swear, if Monica had kept her mouth shut under that desk, there would be CNN reporters standing in unemployment lines, or worse, covering some what relevant news.

People can't help but mention the plot of the movie "Wag the Dog" when talking about the whole timing of the strikes. To all you people who think that the timing of the strikes was no accident, here's your cookie: nothing in Washington is an accident. The fact remains, though, that something was finally done about terrorism.

If I were the White House press officer, I would be very afraid. Bin Laden has a score to settle with the United States, and I'm sure he's tired of reporters talking about Lewinsky. I'm sure that no one would mind if he bombed them.

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Forum

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I, for one, would love to know why there are no sidewalks on the east corner of Morrill Road and Western Boulevard — and how many people have to be hit before N.C. State puts up a decent pedestrian overpass over Western. I'm sure that if you asked for article suggestions, you would be overwhelmed. I'm equally sure that you would find it hard to get someone to adequately cover a story with such execrable rates of pay.

Deborah A. Gaddis
Graduate Student-Department of Forestry

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Leading by example

◆ As one of women's soccer co-captains, Laura Ferguson has proved that the road to success is paved with hard work.

JAMES CURLE
Assistant Sports Editor

Ferg (furg) n. I slang, short for Laura Ferguson, co-captain of NCSU women's soccer team. 2 hard worker, leader by example. See also: Relentless competitor.

Ok, so "Ferg" isn't exactly an official word of the English language. But for the N.C. State women's soccer team, it's one of the most crucial parts of its vocabularies.

"She brings a competitiveness, a competitive fire," Head Coach Laura Kerrigan said of her

senior from nearby Athens Drive. "When we get out there in practice and we're doing one-versus-one, you know that you're going to have to play tough against Ferg because she's not going to back down against you. And that's what we need — it's catching. She's a catalyst for bringing that into the team."

During her four years with the Wolfpack, Ferguson has proved that hard work is the key to success. She's literally worked herself into the captain position, transforming herself from an unlikely starter her freshman year into one of the team's most looked-to players.

"I never expected to be captain," Ferguson said. "When I was elected captain by my teammates, it was such an honor and a privilege. I never thought I would be starting and here I am today."

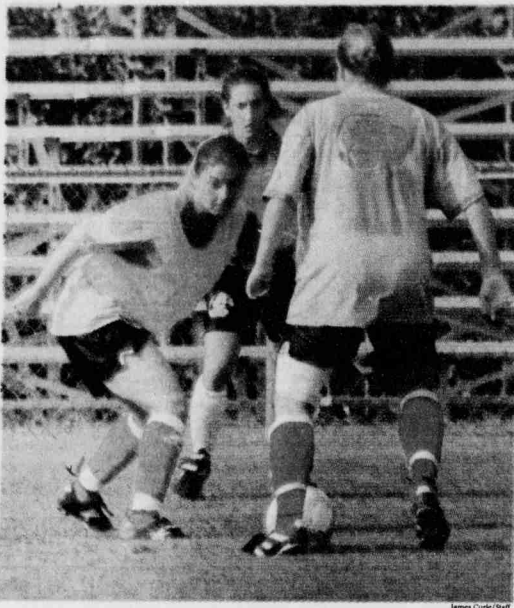
To be sure, Ferguson has applied the old adage of success being 10 percent preparation, 90 percent perspiration.

"Definitely the hardest worker on the team, by far, her whole four years," fellow co-captain Lisa Boggs said. "She's a tennis player not like the prospect of drawing her assignment during a game, her teammates can always count on Ferg bringing that intensity to practice."

"She's just a great defender," Boggs said. "I like playing against her in practice because she's hard, and it's always a fight when you're playing against her."

Ferg and Boggs seemed to be the natural choice as captains for the Pack this year. They've been friends all four years at State, having seen both the highs and lows of the program together. Their friendship has transferred onto the playing field and helped to solidify this team in a year when its playing under the direction of a new head coach.

"We've been friends ever since



Laura Ferguson (left) shows unrelenting focus when on defense.

James Curle/Staff



"Ferg" (right) and Lisa Boggs (left) are co-captains this year.

James Curle/Staff

our freshman year," Boggs said. "Through the years, we've been in Bible study together and we lived right next to each other last year. She's definitely one of my best friends here at State. I think we have a great relationship, and I'm glad that we're captains together."

"Ferg has been a great leader for us," Kerrigan said. "The captains have really stepped up for us, both Lisa Boggs and Laura Ferguson."

For Ferg, this year will mean more to her than just her final season at State. She's playing for the memory of her former teammate, Robin Morlock, who was tragically killed in a car accident this summer. The loss of Morlock hit the entire team hard, but for Ferguson, the loss of one of her good friends has pushed her to

worked all the more feverishly to make this season one to remember.

"This season, for me personally, is for Robin Morlock," Ferguson said. "I'm dedicating this one to her — every game, every sprint, every shot. She's my motivation. She's a great person, and she keeps us going a lot of times."

But whatever happens — wins, losses, highs, lows — it can safely be assumed that Ferg will be working, playing and enjoying this season more than any before.

"I don't want to have any regrets," Ferguson said. "I don't want to look back and be like, 'What if...?' I just want to give it all that we have."

To be sure, Ferguson has made a career out of doing just that.

State hires new coach

◆ Kay Louthian is hired as the new women's tennis coach at N.C. State, replacing Jenny Garrity who accepted the head coaching position at Kansas University.

Sports Staff Report

Replacing a head coach in any sport is never easy.

It doesn't make it any easier when that coach was recently named ACC Coach of the Year after leading the team to its best season in school history.

However, Jenny Garrity's replacement is more than ready to take the challenge and has the credentials to prove it.

Over the weekend, former collegiate standout Kay Louthian was named the eighth women's tennis coach in N.C. State history. Louthian had served as assistant coach at Vanderbilt University for the past two years.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to be at N.C. State and compete in the ACC," Louthian said in a press release. "I was able to watch the girls compete at NCAA Regionals in Knoxville last season, and I was extremely impressed with their unbelievable work ethic, team cohesiveness and very positive attitude. I am looking forward to becoming a part of the Wolfpack family."

Louthian has certainly proven her worth, both as a player and a coach. A member of the 1992 national championship team at Florida University, Louthian helped the Gators to a perfect 30-0 record while competing in the No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles spots.

After graduation in 1992, Louthian played on the pro tour for a year and a half, winning two doubles titles and achieving a world ranking on the WTA tour in both singles and doubles before a knee injury forced her into retirement.

As a coach at Vanderbilt, Louthian did her duty as a recruiter, and then some. She managed to bring in Julie Ditty, the nation's second-ranked singles and No. 1 doubles player to Vanderbilt in 1997. Louthian also was instrumental in the recruitment of Jenny Miller, ranked No. 22 nationally, and 31st-ranked Kate Burson last season.

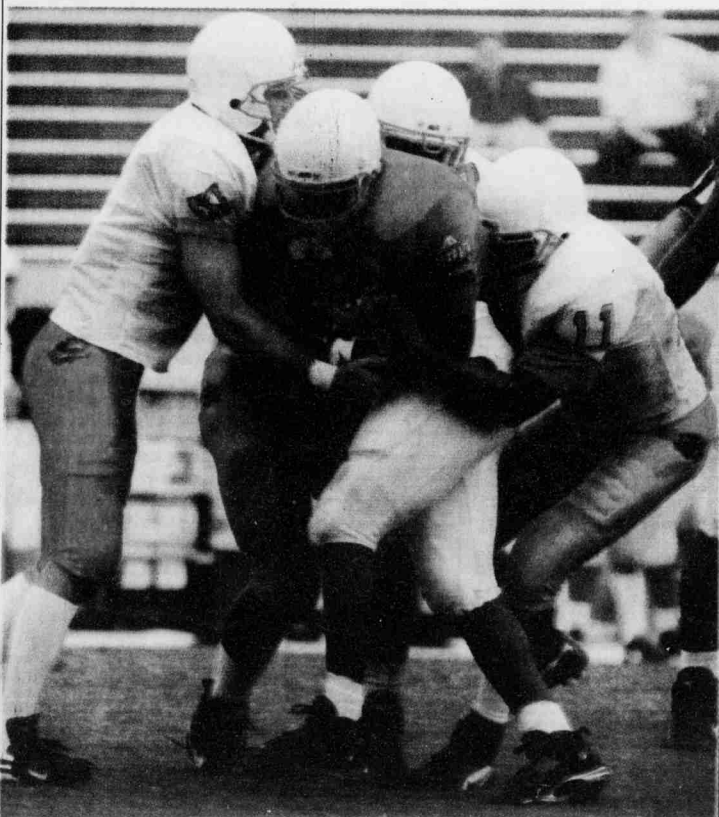
Louthian's coaching ability has been recognized nationally. The Columbia, S.C., native was named the Regional Assistant Tennis Coach of the Year last season after helping guide the Commodores to a top 15 national ranking each of the past two seasons.

"I am very excited that Kay will be joining our program here at N.C. State," Senior Associate Athletics Director Nora Lynn Finch said in a press release. "She brings a wealth of tennis knowledge, a high energy level and outstanding recruiting experience to the position."

The program is coming off of one of its best years in school history. The Wolfpack returns seven letter winners from a team that compiled the most wins (16) ever while advancing to the NCAA Regionals.

"Kay is very highly respected in the tennis community, and I think her hiring is a statement of our sincere commitment to the women's tennis program," Finch went on to say. "She will be extremely effective partnering with our men's tennis coach, Eric Hayes, to enhance our programs and tennis facilities over the next few seasons."

Open season on football



James Curle/Staff

The football team opens the season Thursday against Ohio at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Reynolds Coliseum ticket office today. Line-up will begin at 7 a.m. and the ticket windows will open up at 8. Guest tickets will be available for \$12.

Haynes joins Pack

◆ N.C. State graduate Tony Haynes is leaving the Duke University broadcasting network to join the Wolfpack basketball broadcasts.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

After 11 years on the Duke University football broadcast team and six years on the Duke basketball radio crew, Tony Haynes has finally decided to come home.

A 1984 graduate of N.C. State in speech communications, Haynes will work his final season for Duke football in the fall before joining the Wolfpack basketball crew in November.

"While I have enjoyed working at Duke and they have treated me very well, I am honored to be coming back to my alma mater," Haynes said. "I am very excited about returning."

Haynes is replacing former Wolfpack All-American Chris Corchiani, who accepted an offer this summer to resume his professional basketball career in Italy. Last season was Corchiani's first as a color analyst.

"We enjoyed having Chris with us, and we will certainly miss him," said Jerry Reckard, general manager of Wolfpack Sports Marketing, the radio broadcast rights holder for N.C. State football and basketball broadcasts. "We're just fortunate to have Tony joining us, and I think our broadcasts will be even better."

"There is no doubt that we will miss Chris," said Bruce Wilson, the operations director for 680 WPIT, the flagship station for Wolfpack athletics.

"He gave us a very interesting perspective as a former player and was able to give a behind-the-scenes look," Haynes, who began his broadcasting career calling baseball and women's basketball games on campus station WKNC, will join veteran Gary Hahn, the "Voice of the Wolfpack." Hahn is entering his ninth year as a member of the Wolfpack Capitol Sports Network.

"Gary Hahn is a good friend of mine, and we have known each other for a long time," Haynes stated. "I think we will have an instant chemistry on-air, which is important."

The 38-year-old Haynes is also scheduled to join Hahn, former NCSU quarterback and punter Johnny Evans and sideline reporter Lin Dawson for football broadcasts starting in the fall of 1999.

"Tony has filled in for us on a number of occasions on the 'SportsLine' show," Wilson said of the sports talk show on WPIT, formerly hosted by the late Garry Dornburg. "And by far, he was the most popular accord-