



2008 NC STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 28
@ South Carolina
(Thursday)

September 6
William & Mary

September 13
@ Clemson

September 20
East Carolina

September 27
South Florida

October 4
Boston College

October 16
Florida State
(Thursday)

October 25
@ Maryland

November 8
@ Duke

November 15
Wake Forest

November 22
@ North Carolina

November 29
Miami



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ON THE COVERS:

The Wolfpack will be led by an experienced group of seniors in 2008.
On the front cover: TE Anthony Hill (83), CB Jeremy Gray (30), HB Andre Brown (24) and OT Mearns Green (60).
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NC STATE UNIVERSITY

City/Zip

Raleigh, NC 27695

Founded

1887

Enrollment

31,000

Nickname

Wolfpack

Colors

Red (PMS-186) and White

Conference

Atlantic Coast Conference

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

President

Dr. James L. Oblinger

..... (DePauw '67)

Athletics Director

Lee Fowler (Vanderbilt '74)

Faculty Rep:

Donn Ward (Virginia Tech '72)

CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM

Field

Wayne Day Family Field

Surface

Natural Grass

Capacity

57,583

Press Box

Vaughn Towers

FOOTBALL FACTS

First year of football

1892

All-time bowl record

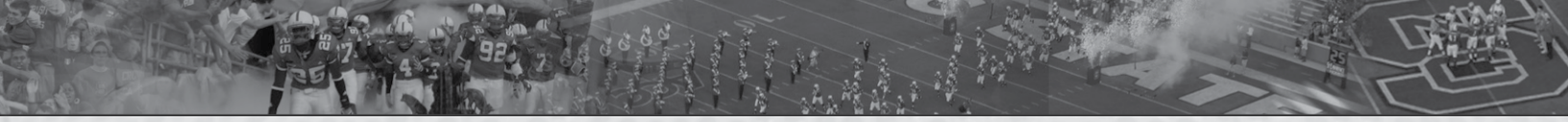
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Years in postseason play

24

All-time record

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CHAMPIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

Perhaps no coach in the country has put more of an emphasis on academics than NC State's Tom O'Brien. The most important part of his three-pronged goal for the Wolfpack is academics, as he vows to make the Wolfpack,

"Champions in the classroom, in the community and on the football field."

But O'Brien doesn't just talk the talk - he has a proven track record of fielding outstanding teams that also boast outstanding accomplishments in the classroom. Under O'Brien's guidance, Boston College won the 2004 American Football Coaches' Association's graduation rate trophy. Seven other times during his 10-year tenure, the Eagles won honorable mention in the graduation rate battle (1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006).

Following the 2005 season, *USA Today* began to re-order its college football polls by re-ranking the top 25 teams based on graduation rates. In the very first revised poll, O'Brien's squad came out number-one in the country. When the publication re-ordered the poll again midway through the 2006 season, BC was once again on top.

In NC State's last two graduation ceremonies (December of 2007 and May of 2008), a total of 18 football players have earned their degrees.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FOOTBALL STUDENT ATHLETES

STUDY HALL

- ASPSA requires study hall for both incoming freshmen and some continuing student-athletes. The intent of the study hall is to create a structured study environment to set the student-athletes up for success academically.
- Study hall requirements vary from student to student based on the student's level of academic preparation prior to NC State or on their total grade point average. Decisions about study hall requirements are made by the Academic Coordinators and communicated to the coaching staffs and sport administrators. Modifications to study hall requirements are made as appropriate.

PAC (PREPARING ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS) PROGRAM

- The purpose of the **Preparing Academic Champions (PAC)** Program is to enhance the academic performance of student-athletes by improving their study strategies and to have them take responsibility in their learning.
- The PAC program consists of a coordinator and graduate assistants who specialize in developing individualized academic support plans for student-athletes with learning challenges.
- The PAC Program staff provides information to other staff members and students on study skills and strategies that include memory and concentration, test-taking, note-taking, effective reading and time management.
- PAC staff members assist in training tutors how to work effectively with different learning styles.

TUTORIAL SERVICES

- ASPSA employs over 80 tutors to work with the student-athlete population. The Tutorial Coordinator assigns students to small group and one-on-one tutorial sessions, depending upon students' needs. With the majority of the tutors having at least a bachelor's degree, more than 50% having master's and beyond, the tutoring pool is highly-educated and proficient.
- Tutoring appointments are located primarily in the Case Athletic Center and Wendell Murphy Center for football student athletes. Each center has access to computers and is staffed by ASPSA employees.

- ASPSA's tutorial program has received the Level Three College Reading and Learning Association Certification and is among only a few programs in the country certified who specifically serves student-athletes.
- Each semester a comprehensive orientation for tutors is held to cover the rules and regulations that govern NC State and also the NCAA compliance rules related to tutoring. In addition training workshops are provided and required of the tutors each semester.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY

FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

USC 101C - INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY EDUCATION I

- Introduction to University Education I provides success strategies for first year student athletes at NC State University.
- The course is designed to assist students with the skills and knowledge needed to meet the academic and personal challenges of university life and the increased responsibilities of adulthood. Topics include: Goal Setting, Time Management, Study Skills, Critical Thinking, Interaction with Faculty, Continuing Eligibility, Academic Integrity, Nutrition, and Diversity.

USC 102C - INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY EDUCATION II

- Introduction to University Education II provides student-athletes with the skills necessary to promote informed decision making in choosing an appropriate major and exploring possible careers.
- Course is required of all second semester student-athletes in the First Year College.
- Additional areas of career development, academic success and personal development will also be addressed, as they would pertain to the responsibilities and challenges that student-athletes face.

MAJORS ROUNDTABLE

- Participation required of all students enrolled in USC 102C in the Spring of their freshman year.
- Small roundtable discussions with representatives of NC State colleges about the requirements for different majors and the intracampus transfer requirements.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

- Every new student-athlete including must attend the university-sponsored New Student Orientation which is held in the summer. Spring admits must attend the January orientation.
- ASPSA strives to meet or exceed the percentage of student-athletes that attend New Student Orientation versus those students who are not student-athletes at NC State.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

- During each New Student Orientation session in July, ASPSA sponsors an evening session designed to provide information to parents of incoming student-athletes about the services provided by ASPSA and what can be expected during the student-athlete's academic career.

NEW STUDENT-ATHLETE ORIENTATION

- Every new student-athlete must attend a mandatory orientation session sponsored by the ASPSA to be held on the day prior to classes starting.
- Orientation will allow students to become familiar with those professionals on campus who support student-athletes including the Provost, Dean of Undergraduate Academic Programs, Office of Student Conduct, and Athletics Administration.

MENTORING PROGRAM

- Each incoming scholarship student-athlete is assigned a faculty/staff mentor during their first year. The program is designed to connect first year students with a faculty/staff member on campus.
- Discussion series are sponsored throughout the academic year to provide opportunities for the mentors and mentees to meet and discuss critical topics that students may be facing in their first year at North Carolina State University.

M.A.G.I.C. (MAXIMIZING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN COLLEGE)

- M.A.G.I.C. Summer Seminar is a program designed to assist incoming freshmen student-athletes make a successful and smooth transition to North Carolina State University. The sessions will be interactive and engaging to most effectively help the participants achieve the learning outcomes.
- Topics covered include classroom behavior, time management, study skills, learning styles, diversity, effective writing, leadership, academic integrity, and communication.

- The seminar concludes with a daylong retreat to bring together all the topics discussed throughout the 4-week seminar.

ACADEMIC AWARDS & POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Football players Luke Lathan and Steven Hauschka both earned ACC postgraduate scholarships in 2008.

CATERPILLAR SCHOLAR ATHLETE BANQUET

- Each April, ASPSA hosts a banquet to honor the student-athletes who earned above a 3.0 in the previous fall or spring semesters.
- At the banquet, the Top Ten Awards are given to recognize the student-athletes who have the highest cumulative grade point averages. To be eligible for the award, the student-athlete must have completed two years at NCSU, have junior status and have not exhausted their eligibility.

CATERPILLAR SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

- Each week, a male and female Caterpillar Scholar Athlete are recognized on gopack.com and when appropriate during the Football or Men's Basketball games. A list of potential scholar athletes is generated each semester and forwarded to Wolfpack Sports Marketing who selects and highlights the weekly winners.
- Each spring at a Men's Basketball game, the previous semesters scholar athletes are provided a ticket to attend the game and are recognized on the court at halftime. The top ten scholar athletes are also honored by walking out with the ASPSA staff at halftime.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE POSTER

- Each semester, ASPSA has a poster created to recognize the previous semester's scholar athletes (TGPA > 3.0). The posters are distributed across campus.

ACC HONOR ROLL

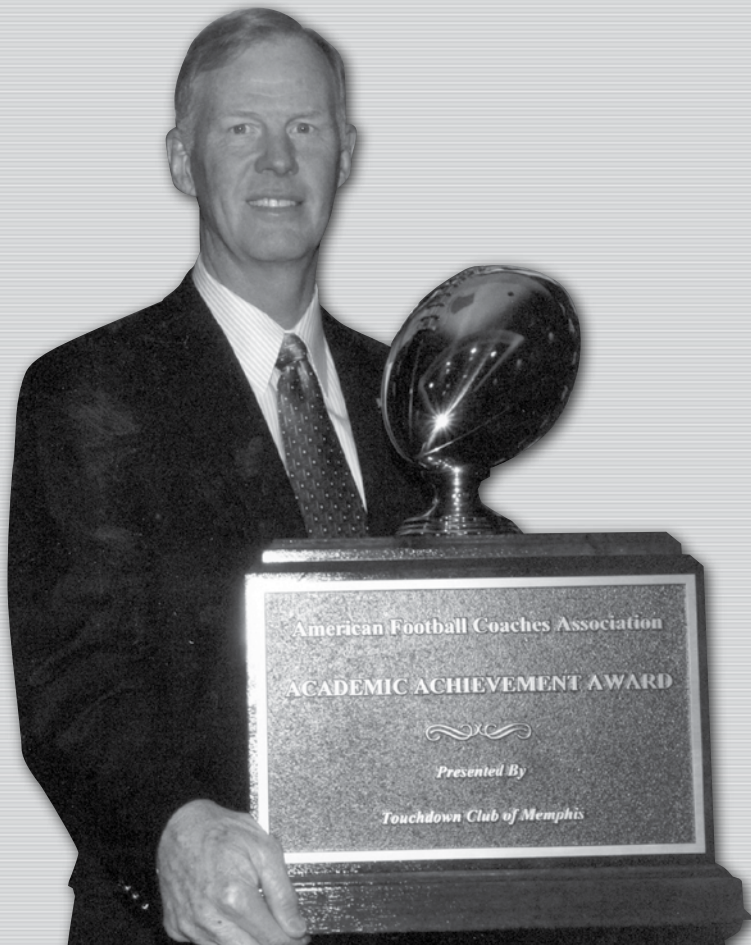
- At the conclusion of each academic year, ASPSA identifies students who have earned a total grade point average of a 3.0 or higher for the academic year and are eligible for the ACC Honor Roll.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

RESUME BLITZ

- An annual event where ASPSA partners with the Career Center and Student–Athlete Life Skills Program to provide a one-day resume development session for junior and senior student-athletes. The session includes a lecture component, and an



ACADEMIC COORDINATORS FOR FOOTBALL

ERICKA LAVENDER



Ericka Lavender is entering her first year season with the Academic Support program for Student Athletes at NC State and now serves as the co-academic coordinator for football.

Lavender joins the NC State program after serving in a similar role at The Ohio State University. She began her work in Columbus in 2002 through an internship with the Big Ten Conference. In 2003, she completed her Master's of education in Sports Management from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lavender spent four years at Ohio State, serving as Athletic Academic Counselor for men's and women's gymnastics, volleyball, softball, women's lacrosse and cheerleaders. She assisted those teams with achieving team and individual academic

goals, monitoring academic progress and working with prospective student-athletes.

A native of Steubenville, Ohio, Lavender graduated from Ashland University in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in recreation administration.

on-site workshop where students receive one-on-one assistance in developing their resume. The goal of the event is to have each participant leave with at least a draft version of a resume.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

- NC State student-athletes host a Leadership Conference for middle school students. There are four concurrent sessions presented by student-athletes.

RESUMÉ WORKSHOPS/MOCK INTERVIEWS

- ASPSA coordinates Resume and Interview workshops that allow student-athletes to create resumes and practice interview skills.

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT

- ASPSA works in collaboration with major corporations, local companies and agencies to develop internship opportunities for student-athletes. The focus is on internships but student-athletes have also received support for full time employment upon graduation.
- Sample placements have included: Coca Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated, Mulkey Engineering, Brier Creek Country Club, North Carolina High School Athletic Association, North Carolina Amateur Sports, Hummingbird Creative Services, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Court Monitoring Program), RBC Center, and Rex Hospital.

CAPSTONE COURSES

- USC 401, "Transitions for the College Graduate" will focus on the unique transitions the student will face upon leaving college. Through a variety of formats, students will have the opportunity to explore several aspects of their post-baccalaureate lives and ways in coping with emerging careers, money management, extracurricular retirement, transitional issues, civic engagement, and continuing education opportunities. Explorations of these areas include specific emphasis on developing and refining interviewing skills, professional and personal networks, financial endeavors, and job application and selection.
- USC 201, "Introduction to the World of Labor," will provide the student with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary glimpse of the workplace. Students will spend three days per week in the classroom and two days per week working at a site in the field. While in the classroom, students will examine four aspects of work: history of labor, power of work, cultures and conflicts in the workplace and expectations of the workplace. Two days will be spent working four-hour shifts at a pre-designated location. These students will have the opportunity to both experience first-hand what it means to have a job, as well as apply the knowledge learned in the classroom.

KATIE SHERIDAN



Katie Sheridan is entering her sixth season with the Academic Support program for Student Athletes at NC State and her third serving as the co-academic coordinator for football.

As a graduate student at NC State, Sheridan spent one year working with the football team and a year with men's basketball before accepting a full time position with the Academic Support office.

Sheridan earned her bachelor's degree from NC State in business management in 2003 and competed on the Wolfpack swimming team, serving as team captain her senior season. She received her master's of education in counseling at NC State in 2005.

Sheridan is originally from Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

NC STATE UNIVERSITY - A CAMPUS OF ACHIEVERS

Since being founded March 7, 1887, NC State, the largest four-year institution in North Carolina, has established itself as a dynamic academic community. More than 31,000 students from all 50 states and over 100 foreign countries join to form one of the nation's most outstanding universities each year.

North Carolina State University has emerged as a national leader in science, engineering and technology while keeping its roots deep in the North Carolina community through comprehensive extension outreach. A strong humanities program, a vibrant theater and one of the premier Colleges of Design round out the portrait of NC State.

NC State's beautiful campus hosts a great diversity of people, programs and excitement. Student-athletes select NC State for many reasons: strong academics, outstanding athletic opportunity, excellent reputation, career advantages, the prospering Raleigh/Triangle location and many social opportunities.

THE CAMPUS

NC State's campus is comprised of 2,110 acres, with the main campus located one mile west of downtown Raleigh, the state's capital.

The state's first veterinary school is located nearby on a 182-acre campus near Carter-Finley Stadium, home of Wolfpack Football.

In addition, the future of NC State is forming around the 1,334 acre Centennial Campus. A unique venture between government, private corporations and NC State, Centennial Campus is a model of education in the new millennium. Over time, the master plan for the expansion of the Centennial will more than double the size of NC State and is currently home to over 71 integrated corporate and government research partners, including 26 incubator companies and over 1,800 employees.

The university's facilities are supplemented by 101,000 acres of research farms and forests across the state with employees stationed in all 100 North Carolina Counties.

THE TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

NC State, acclaimed for its outstanding athletics program, is also known as one of the country's top research universities. It is ranked 3rd among national research

universities in industry-funded research, and 35th nationally in total expenditures for research and development. NC State is ranked 1st in total research expenditures in the 16-campus University of North Carolina system, and 2nd in total state and local research funding among national research universities. NC State's expenditures for research and sponsored programs exceed \$303 million and 70% of NC State faculty are engaged in sponsored research.

The University is ranked 17th in the nation for launching start-up companies and has received more than 550 patents for beneficial technologies developed by its world-class faculty. Students interact with and learn from industry, government and business partners every day at NC State's acclaimed Centennial Campus, which is a widely recognized model for how universities can construct academic partnerships with the private sector.

At the same time, NC State is a tremendous asset to its home state, through partnerships that foster economic development and an extension network that reaches into each of North Carolina's 100 counties and the Cherokee Reservation. Being engaged with the real-life concerns of our state is part of NC State's land-grant mission, but in recent years it has been taken to a new plane. Every college at NC State now has an outreach function. You can find university faculty, staff and students working all across the state to achieve everything from better air quality to homeland security.

NC STATE DEGREES GET JOBS

An NC State degree is valuable - and not just to the graduate, but also valuable to employers.

Employers also know that NC State graduates are prepared to hit the ground running, ready to contribute to their goals.

The success of recent graduates is proof of the value of an NC State degree. Fifty-nine percent of 2006 graduates landed jobs related to their majors either before or upon graduation! Another 28 percent of grads found employment related to their major within six months. The bottom line? NC State degrees open doors.

THE LIBRARIES

The University provides several extensive libraries containing over 3.1 million volumes of books, bound journals

QUICK FACTS

Founded: March 7, 1887

Student Population: 31,000 (largest four-year institution in N.C.) from all 50 states and 100 countries

Majors: 100

Faculty Population: 2,040 (+5,843 administrative and support staff)

Total Research Expenditures: \$303 million

Total Budget: \$1.01 billion

Number of Patents Held: 552 and growing

Land Mass: 2,110 acres on Raleigh campus, plus more than 101,000 acres in research and extension farms, forests and facilities through out the state

Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 15:1

Average Class Size: 35 students

Degrees: Bachelor's degrees are available in over 110 different fields, master's in 110 fields and doctoral degrees in 61 fields and a Doctor in Veterinary Medicine



and federal publications and over 4.63 million microforms. D.H. Hill, the main library on campus, is ranked No. 18 in the nation among public universities and is on a network system in conjunction with UNC-Chapel Hill, NC Central University and Duke University. Combined, these resources are second in number to only The Library of Congress. Aside from D.H. Hill, many colleges maintain more specific library collections in their buildings.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the extensive support services offered through the ImPACK program and the office of Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes, NC State offers a number of services that are open to all students.

The Tutorial Center provides free tutoring in English, foreign languages, mathematics, chemistry, physics and other freshman and sophomore courses. NC State offers academic, personal and vocational counseling to students through the Counseling Center.

The African-American Cultural Center (AACC) serves as the hub of campus activity for African-American students, as well as the community "at large". The AACC provides a supportive environment for African-American students while serving as an educational facility that promotes awareness of the African presence throughout history.

In addition, the Peer Mentoring Program is a student peer-advisory program with first year African-American students paired with returning students. The primary objective of the program is to help students with their academic, emotional and social adjustments to college.

A WEALTH OF CHOICES

Students at NC State have many academic options through our degree-granting colleges. NC State offers 110 baccalaureate degree programs, as well as dual degree programs in which students can combine varied academic interests and increase their career options. There are over 5,000 course options available at NC State. Together with

FIRST-YEAR COLLEGE

NC State's First-Year College program offers new freshmen a year of study and guidance before choosing an academic major.

Over 750 students are served by the First-Year College.

First-Year College offers a comprehensive first-year experience with immersion into the academic, social and cultural life at NC State.

First-Year College includes a career development program designed to help students make an informed choice of a major.

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

NC State is committed to providing you with a safe environment.

The Department of Public Safety's Police Division at NC State operates 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Officers are ready to respond to all emergency calls and requests for assistance.

more than 55 research centers, institutes and laboratories, the colleges and schools at NC State support a broad spectrum of more than 1,200 scientific, technological and scholarly research endeavors.

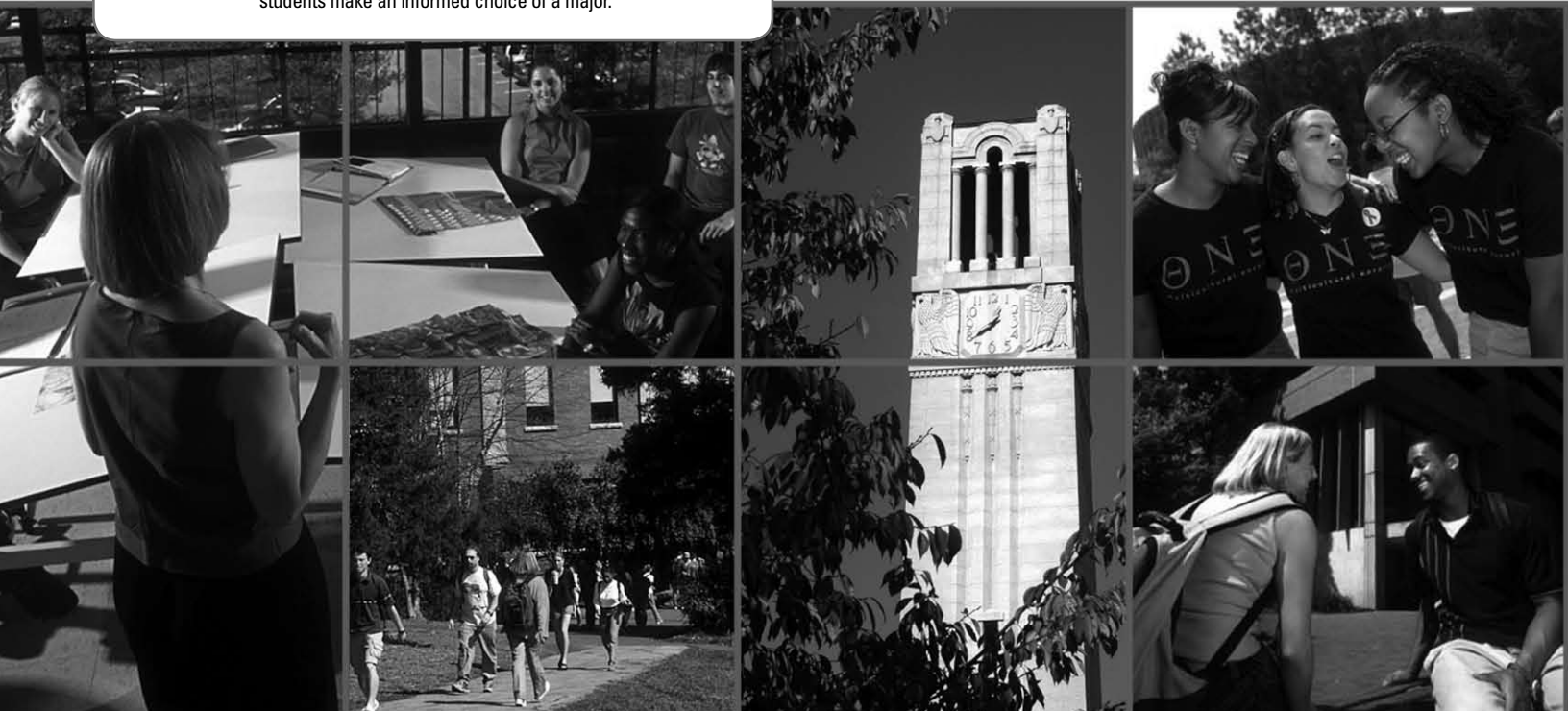
The university is organized into 10 colleges, the School of Design, the Graduate School and the Division of Undergraduate Studies. All students will be assigned an advisor who will help the students select their courses and prepare for life after NC State. Students may select a specific major that they wish to study, or if there is a general idea of an area of interest, choose the undeclared option of the particular college of their choice. The First Year College option allows students the opportunity to explore different programs if they are undecided about a career choice.

Following are the colleges and schools at NC State:

- College of Agricultural & Life Sciences**
- College of Design**
- College of Education**
- College of Engineering**
- College of Humanities & Social Sciences**
- College of Management**
- College of Natural Resources**
- College of Physical & Mathematical Sciences**
- College of Textiles**
- College of Veterinary Medicine**

A GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME

In addition to outstanding athletics and academics, NC State offers a chance to grow and learn through a wealth of social opportunities. More than 7,000 students live on campus, putting them within walking distance to classes, labs, the libraries, theaters, concerts, art galleries and sports facilities. In addition, every dormitory room comes with connections to the NC State campus computer network, a network that ranks in the top-25 nationally according to the *Princeton Review*.



NEVER A DULL MOMENT

More than **400** student organizations on campus offer social, creative, recreational and academically oriented extracurricular opportunities. Cultural and entertainment opportunities abound on campus. Over the past several years, NC State's campus has hosted three presidents, countless singing and musical groups, NBA exhibition games and many other events.

University Dining has something for everyone and can accommodate most special nutritional needs. NC State operates a nationally recognized dining program that offers convenience, quality and service. There are 15 locations around campus, ranging from all-you-can-eat Case Dining Hall to the Wolve's Den to campus convenience stores and quick food like Chick-Fil-A and Taco Bell.

A 42,900-square-foot Student Health Center opened in 1999 to consolidate counseling, disability services, health education and medical services. Staffed with full-time physicians, nurses, pharmacy and other medical support staff, NC State's Student Health Services provides routine medical care to students on an outpatient basis. Regular student fees cover routine medical services.

MORE TO DO THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED

More than 300 extracurricular activities challenge students mentally, socially and physically and can help fill out a well-rounded college experience. Diverse clubs include special interests, while sororities and fraternities create the unity and fun of Greek life.

Activities include honor societies, a freshman fellows leadership program, a student-run newspaper and radio station, a yearbook and literary magazine, numerous pre-professional organizations, Student Government Association and musical activities. The Black Student Board, a branch of the Union Activities Board, sponsors a number of programs, including the Pan African Festival, a week-long event in the spring. Students may participate in all aspects of the student-run theater at Thompson Theater, while the Black Repertory theater encourages the production of African-American plays.

GETTING AROUND

The Wolfline is NC State's University Transit System. Its six routes provide service to the Main Campus, Centennial Campus and the College of Veterinary Medicine, three Park & Ride lots and residential neighborhoods to the south of Main Campus. NC State is also served by several public transportation systems.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

The entire campus has 2,240 acres, 20 residence halls, and 295 apartments. The campus offers full student access to internet and e-mail from over 2800 computer stations. All residence halls and most off-campus housing have internet access.

PROMINENT LEADERS

Leadership

- Former North Carolina governor James B. Hunt
- Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.
- North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Burley Mitchell
- UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnesale
- Presidential candidate and U.S. Senator John Edwards (N.C.) and U.S. Congressmen J.D. Hayworth (Arizona) and Walter Jones (N.C.)
- Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Four-Star General Henry "Hugh" Shelton
- Four-star general Maxwell Thurman, who led the U.S. forces in the invasion of Panama in 1989.

Business

- Jim Goodnight, founder and CEO of SAS, one of the world's largest computer software companies
- *USA Today* founder and managing editor Richard Curtis
- Wendell Murphy, former CEO of Murphy Family Farms
- Jim Owens, CEO of Caterpillar

Sports

- 2006 No. 1 NFL Draft Pick Mario Williams of the Houston Texans
- Pro Bowl and Super Bowl winning wide receiver Torry Holt of the St. Louis Rams
- NFL first-round draft pick and starting quarterback Philip Rivers of the San Diego Chargers
- Former Pittsburgh Steelers Super Bowl winning Head Coach Bill Cowher
- Head Coach of the Chicago Bulls, Vinny Del Negro
- 1996 Olympic gold medalist swimmer David Fox
- Head coach of the NBA's Seattle Supersonics, Nate McMillan

Entertainment

- Physician and ESPN sportscaster Dr. Jerry Punch
- ABC Sports Commentator Terry Gannon
- Former *Entertainment Tonight* host and Emmy-winning composer John Tesh
- Mark Zenow, Director of Public Relations for the rock band "Hootie and the Blowfish"



CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

Centennial Campus is a vision for the future of NC State and universities worldwide. The 1,334-acre site, adjacent to NC State's main campus, is quickly emerging as the Research Triangle Area's fastest growing development. There is no other research park like it in the country. A "technopolis" of university, corporate and government research, development facilities and business incubators, Centennial Campus makes it part of its goal to contribute to the overall economic development of the State of North Carolina, as well as the educational development of researchers and students alike.

The campus is made up of "neighborhoods" which include laboratories, classrooms, office space, residential housing, plazas and courtyards. More than 100 government and corporate partners have already taken up residence, including the National Weather Service, Bayer Corporation, and the NASA Mars Mission Research Center. On any given day, you can find faculty, students, industry researchers and government scientists collaborating to produce scientific and technical innovations that will change the way we live and work.

To date, over \$620 million has been invested in facilities and infrastructure. By the time the campus is complete, that number will grow to over \$2 billion in public and private investment. Construction has included 2.7 million square feet of space in 25 major building modules and 13 additional buildings are in the design and construction phases.

Located on the banks of beautiful Lake Raleigh, Centennial Campus consists of several multidisciplinary research and development neighborhoods, university, corporate and government facilities supported by advanced technology and infrastructure. Upon completion, the campus will weave together a community encompassing a hotel and conference center, a championship golf course, apartments and single family homes and a middle school.

CENTENNIAL CAMPUS QUICK FACTS

Size

- 1,334 acres
- Office/lab space leases available
- Wet lab and office incubator space available
- Building sites available through land lease for build-to-suit options

Population

At present:

- 1,600 corporate and government employees
- 1,350 university faculty, staff and post-docs
- 3,400 university students
- 600 middle school students
- 60 housing residents

Projected at build-out:

- 12,500 corporate and government employees
- 12,500 university faculty, staff, post-docs and students
- 7,000 housing residents
- 600 middle school students
- 2,400 support services personnel

Partnership

- 61 corporate and government partners
- 73 NC State research centers, institutes, laboratories and department units
- 250 students and 200 faculty involved with Centennial Campus partners

Development

- \$620 million invested in facilities and infrastructure to date
- 2.7 million sq. ft. of space constructed in 25 major buildings
- Three additional buildings under construction, totaling 500,000 square feet
- Five more projects approved for construction totaling 660,000 square feet
- First sustainable "green" building opened in 2005
- Proposed executive conference center, hotel and golf course

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Here's what some former Wolfpack football players are currently doing:

Morocco Brown (1994-97) - Director of Pro Personnel, Washington Redskins

Clyde Chesney (1969-71) - Administrator of Cooperative Extension Service, Tennessee State University

Charlie Cobb (1987-89) - Athletic Director at Appalachian State University

Bill Cowher (1975-78) - Former head coach of Pittsburgh Steelers, now studio host of CBS' NFL Today show.

Dick DeAngelis (1955-57) - Owner of Amedeo's Italian Restaurant in Raleigh

Jim Donnan (1965-67) - Former head coach at Marshall and Georgia and now an analyst for ESPN.

Lin Dawson (1977-80) - Founder of the Lin Dawson Organization, a development/consulting firm.

Jerrick Hall (1999-02) - Assistant football coach at Campbell University, which is in its inaugural season of football.

Olin Hannum (200-01) - Professional Rodeo star

Sterling Hicks (2002-05) - Real estate agent in Cary, N.C.

David Horning (1978-80) - Senior Associate Athletics Director at NC State

Dick Idol (1967-79) - Outdoorsman and wildlife artist. Master Sculptor, creator of Wolfpack Turf statue in front of Murphy Center

Steve Keim (1992-95) - Director of Player Personnel, Arizona Cardinals

William Lee (2004-06) - Currently pursuing his PhD in mechanical engineering at NC State and was the recipient of the Department of Defense National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship. Last spring, he was inducted into the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.

Ricky Logo (1989-92) - Assistant football coach at Vanderbilt University

Shane Montgomery (1987-89) - Head coach at Miami (Ohio)

Jim Ritcher (1976-79) - Pilot for American Airlines

Mark Thomas (1994-97) - Radio talk show host, 99.9 the Fan in Raleigh

Steve Warren (1965-67) - Managing Partner of the Gateway Management Group, Member of NC State University Board of Trustees

Clayton White (1997-2000) - Assistant football coach at Stanford.

Drew Wimsatt (2001-02) - 1st Lieutenant in US Marine Corps. Stationed in Iraq and flying Cobra attack helicopters.



CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY



STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

Giving back is a major point of emphasis for the NC State football staff, as evidenced by Tom O'Brien's vow to make the Wolfpack champions in the community. O'Brien has teamed with NC State's well-established Student-Athlete Development Program to make sure that his student-athletes are involved in community projects as often as possible. In his first few months at NC State, representatives from the football team served lunch at the Raleigh Rescue Mission, worked with Habitat for Humanity, hosted a Kids Sports Clinic for Foster Kids and took part in various other service projects.

O'Brien practices what he preaches to his football team, as he was recently named to the Board of Directors of the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Foundation.



MAKING AN IMPACK IN THE COMMUNITY

ImPACK's outreach program places special emphasis on touching the lives of Wake County's thousands of school children. NC State student-athletes are encouraged to provide tutoring and mentoring activities for children. This program seeks to avoid one-time events such as assemblies, and focuses instead on building long-standing personal relationships between the children and the student-athletes. Visits are also made to children at local hospitals.

During the 2007-2008 school year, Wolfpack student-athletes and staff reached thousands of people in the Triangle area through ImPACK's outreach efforts, including working with community programs such as Read-a-Thons, Habitat for Humanity, non-profit organization fundraisers, mentoring and other outreach programs.

Student-athletes also coordinated two fundraisers for charity - a talent show and a concert.

The athletic department also sponsored a Habitat for Humanity home, with Wolfpack student-athletes from all sports participating in the construction.

IMPACK PROGRAM

ImPACK is a "Life Skills" program designed to support the total development of NC State student-athletes. The mission of **ImPACK** is to provide an unmatched comprehensive life skills program for student-athletes that encourages their growth in decision making, enhances their interpersonal relationships, and enables them to make meaningful contributions to their communities. The **ImPACK** program consists of five major components:

THE ACADEMIC COMMITMENT	THE ATHLETIC COMMITMENT	THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENT	THE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENT	THE SERVICE COMMITMENT
<p>The primary goal is to educate student-athletes so they not only obtain a degree, but also develop an appreciation for learning in addition to the knowledge and skills that will carry them through life. The following topics are primarily covered in the first-year orientation course taught by academic coordinators in the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes (ASPSA).</p>	<p>NC State pledges that all student-athletes will be provided with quality facilities, equipment, coaching and support services so each student can achieve his or her maximum potential both academically and athletically. Sensitivity to the dignity of the student-athlete is vital to the success of the department.</p>	<p>The goal of this component is to explore and develop career options and to prepare student-athletes for an exciting long-term career. The goal is to aid our student-athletes in securing their first professional job in their chosen career after graduation. Services in this area include: career counseling, job fair, interviewing workshops, networking, resume writing, internships, summer employment, etc.</p>	<p>The ImPACK program focuses on the individual as a whole person, and provides a system of balanced "life learning" that addresses the needs of the individual before and after graduation. The areas that this commitment addresses include: Social Development, Personal Health, Fundamental Values, Emotional Health, Leadership Training/Citizenship.</p>	<p>The ImPACK program supports the philosophy that student-athletes gain "leadership through service." Through their efforts, they make a positive contribution in an extensive community outreach program as well as develop a commitment to life-long service. Student-athletes are participating in the following programs: School programs, community outreach, and P.A.C.K.</p>



STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

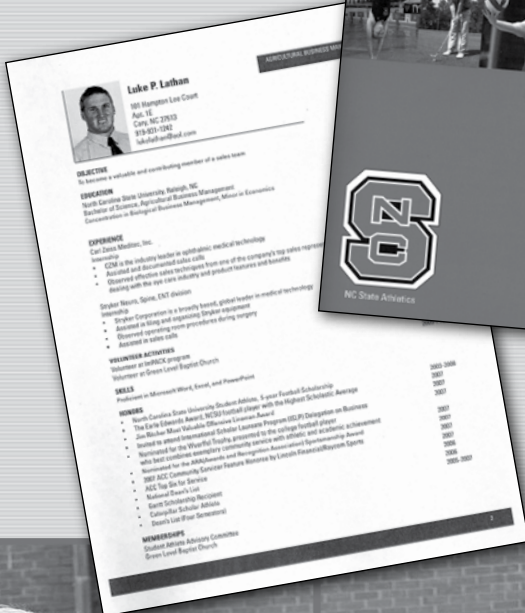
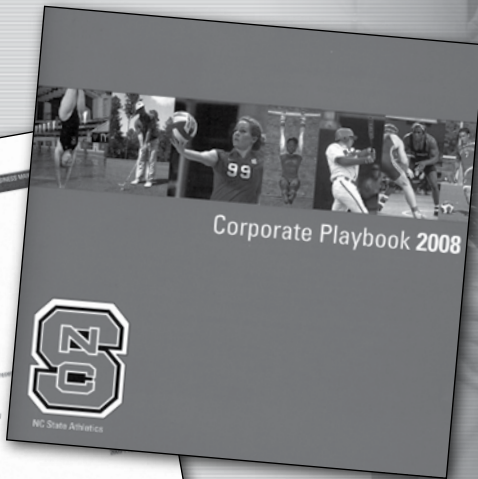
CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

CAREER NETWORK FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Career Network for NC State student-athletes is a partnership between the ImPACK program and a variety of businesses. These businesses provide summer employment opportunities, internships and postgraduate career options.

Graduating student-athletes are featured each year in the NC State Corporate Playbook, a publication that features photos and resumes of NC State student-athletes. It is put together by the NC State Student-Athlete Development/Community Relations department and is sent to over 1,500 businesses, government agencies and corporations, providing the NC State student-athlete with major exposure.

The Corporate Playbook is sent to over 1,500 potential employers each year



The Wolfpack football program and players receive national, regional and/or local media exposure on almost a daily basis. At NC State, that exposure is seen as both a privilege and a responsibility, as each interview gives the individual student-athlete a chance to represent his university and his team.

In order to help each student-athlete project the best possible image, annual media training is provided to the football team. Individual media training is also available to any player who is interested.

TOP MEDIA MARKET

NC State University is located in one of the top 30 media markets in the nation. Several regional newspapers have a beat writer assigned to cover Pack football, while television stations from five networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, WB) as well as a 24-hour news channel are located in the triangle.

MEDIA TRAINING

Each year, the entire team meets with nationally acclaimed media trainers to discuss interview techniques. Individual media training is also available upon request.

TELEVISION EXPOSURE

Ten of the Wolfpack's games were televised last season and the two that weren't were carried by ESPN360. NC State games were broadcast by ESPN, ABC, espn2, ESPN-U and Lincoln Financial Sports. Over the past 11 seasons, 101 NC State football games have been televised.

GOPACK.COM

A constant and reliable source of information for NC State fans is Gopack.com, the official web site of the NC State Athletics Department.

Not only does Gopack.com provide in-depth articles on football, it is also the only consistent Internet source for news on all of the school's varsity sports squads. Gopack.com also provides real audio broadcasts of football, men's and women's basketball, baseball and the coaches radio shows. And for those who can't listen, live in game statistics and box scores are just one keystroke away.

WOLFPACK VIDEO

Weekly and yearly highlight films are just a small portion of the services offered by Assistant Athletics Director for Technology Jim Sherrill, his assistants Hud Jordan and Mike Urban and a staff of eight camera operators. The Video department has spacious accommodations in the Murphy Center, including two non-linear editing suites for production, a breakdown area for Coaches' video needs, C/Ku band and Direct TV satellite distributions system, a Digital video, DVCAM, Betacam SP, VHS duplication center, a CD & DVD duplication system, a broadcast studio and control room, live satellite capabilities and a fiber optic link to the football practice fields.

JIM SHERRILL

Assistant Athletics Director for Technology

The NC State Athletic Department's Assistant Athletics Director for Technology, Jim Sherrill, plays a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the football program. A 1985 graduate of NC State with a bachelor's of science in radio, television and film, Sherrill's career with the Wolfpack began in 1994, when he began working as a video coordinator. In July of 2003, Sherrill was promoted to the position to director of technology and earned his current title in 2006.



Sherrill oversees all sports video and computer needs. In addition, Sherrill also serves as the director of "The Tom O'Brien Show," "The Sidney Lowe Show" and "Inside Wolfpack Athletics with Lee Fowler." Recently, he has been working with all new athletic facilities to plan for and implement all telecommunications and computer services. Sherrill oversees a staff of 17, including several fulltime, graduate and student assistants.

Sherrill and his wife Kim have one son, David, also a graduate of NC State and a one-year-old grandson, Tyler James Sherrill.



RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

POPULATION

Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina, boasts a population of over 368,000 residents. Over 823,000 people live in Wake County, while well over a million populate the area (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill) that makes up the Triangle region.

LOCATION...LOCATION... LOCATION

Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina, is located 150 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and 190 miles east of the Great Smoky Mountains. There are 163 parks in Raleigh, covering over 7,043 acres.

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK

The Research Triangle Park is the largest planned research and development park in the United States. More than 50 companies and government agencies have dedicated research centers in computer science, biotechnology, telecommunications, medicine, environmental science, and the humanities and social sciences. The 7,000-acre site is the home of 157 organizations, and employs over 39,000 people.

Many cooperative research ventures take place between these companies and faculty members and laboratories at the University. As an NC State student and graduate, the benefits are all here for you.

DIVERSITY

One-third of Raleigh's population is made up of minorities. One-third of the population is also between the ages of 18-32.

A COLLEGE TOWN

There are seven colleges and universities within Wake Counties borders. In addition to NC State, Raleigh is home to four other institutions of higher learning: Meredith College (women's college), Peace College (women's college), St. Augustine's College and Shaw University. NC Central University, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University are also located within 30 minutes of the NC State campus.

GETTING AROUND

Raleigh-Durham International Airport is just 15 minutes west of downtown Raleigh. About 10 million travelers use it to catch almost 500 daily flights to more than 46 non-stop destinations. North Carolina also has the largest state-maintained highway system in the nation. Three interstate highways intersect the Triangle area alone.

NOT TOO HOT, NOT TOO COLD

The average high temperature in Raleigh is 70 degrees, while the average low is 50 degrees. The mean annual temperature in Raleigh is 59.3 degrees.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT RALEIGH

RANKS IN THE TOP FIVE FOR:

#1 Best American City for Singles - *Every Day with Rachel Ray*, January 2008

One of Best Cities for Young Singles - *Kiplinger*, June 2007

#1 Best Place to do Business - *Forbes Magazine*, May 2007

#1 Best U.S. City for Jobs - *Forbes Magazine*, February 2007

#1 Business Climate in the Nation - *Site Election*, November 2007

#1 Best Place for Business - *Forbes Magazine*, May 2007

#1 College Town (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill) - *USA Today*, August 2003

#1 Hottest Job Market - *Business 2.0*, March 2004

#1 Biotech Workforce - *Milken Institute*, June 2004

#2 Most Educated City - *U.S. Census Bureau*, April 2005

#2 Best Public Education System - *Expansion Management*, April 2005

#2 Best Place for Business and Careers - *Forbes Magazine*, May 2004

#3 Best Area for African Americans, *Black Enterprise Magazine*, May 2007

#3 Techiest City in America - *U.S. Census Bureau*, Sept. 2007

#4 Hottest Job Market for Young Adults - *Bizjournals*, April 2007

#4 City for Best Places to Live - *Money Magazine*, 2006

#4 City That Rocks - *Esquire Magazine*, April 2004

#4 Best City for Dating - *Sperlings Best Places*, May 2004

#4 Best City for Entrepreneurs & Small Business - *Gold Guide Rankings*, 2004

#5 Best Place to Find a Mate - *Men's Health*, March 2007

LISTED IN THE TOP 10 AMONG:

"Most Fun Cities" - *Cranium Magazine*, January 2004

"Best Cities for Singles" - *Forbes Magazine*, July 2005

"Best Educated Workforce" - *Expansion Management*, May 2005

"Places for Wireless Connections" - *Intel*, June 2005

"Hottest Cities" in America - *Time Magazine*, February 2000

"Best Places to Do Business" - *World Trade*, March 2000

"Best Cities for Quality of Life" - *Business Development Outlook*, August 1999

"Fastest Growing Job Market Over the Past Decade" - *American City Business Journals*, April 1999

ALSO IN THE PAST DECADE,

RALEIGH HAS BEEN NAMED:

The "Best Place to Live in the South" by *Money Magazine*

The "Best Place to Live in America" by *Money Magazine*

The "Best Place to Live and Work" by *Employment Review*

The "Best City for Education" by *Places Rated Almanac*

One of the 10 "Best Places for 20-somethings to live" by *Swing Magazine*

The "Best Place for Business in America" by *Fortune Magazine*

One of the top five "Markets for New Graduates" by *National Employment Weekly*

One of the top-20 "Hot Spots to Start a Business"



The NC State Student Aid Association (The Wolfpack Club) is a private organization established in 1936 to promote and support the athletics program at NC State. Through continuous fund-raising efforts, the Wolfpack Club is able to provide 100% of the student-athlete scholarships. Over 20,000 members have made it possible for the Wolfpack Club to complete multiple capital campaigns and build some of the finest athletic facilities in the country for NC State athletics.

"Throughout the country, NC State has the reputation of having a passionate and loyal fan base. With the Wolfpack Club reaching its goal of 20,000 donors, this solidifies our club as one of finest fund raising organizations in the nation," said Coach Tom O'Brien, who is a Wolfpack Club member.

The organization also coordinates many special events and functions for Wolfpackers all over the state, as well as certain regions of the country. Ticket priority and special mailings are two popular benefits of becoming a donor. However, the most important benefit is knowing that the contribution is providing a young man or woman the opportunity to attend NC State University.

The Wolfpack Club would like to thank the following people for their generous Scholarship Endowments to the Football Program.

\$250,000 POSITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Marek & Mabel Alapin Quarterback Scholarship
 Ed Woolard Tailback Scholarship
 Don and Kris Mercer Fullback Scholarship
 Ron & Cheri Danella Wide Receiver Scholarship
 Neal Hunter Wide Receiver Scholarship
 Four Wolves Tight End Scholarship
 endowed by the Willis Martin Family
 Four Wolves Right Tackle Scholarship
 endowed by the Willis Martin Family
 Four Wolves Left Tackle Scholarship
 endowed by the Willis Martin Family
 Four Wolves Left Guard Scholarship
 endowed by the Willis Martin Family
 John & Deborah Wilson Right Guard Scholarship
 Freddy Miller Center Scholarship
 Ed "Scooter" Mooney Nose Guard Scholarship
 Tyler Morris and Alex Mitchell Defensive End Scholarship
 Rentel Family Middle Linebacker Scholarship
 Longley Family Punter Scholarship
 A. Tab Williams, Jr. Place Kicker Scholarship

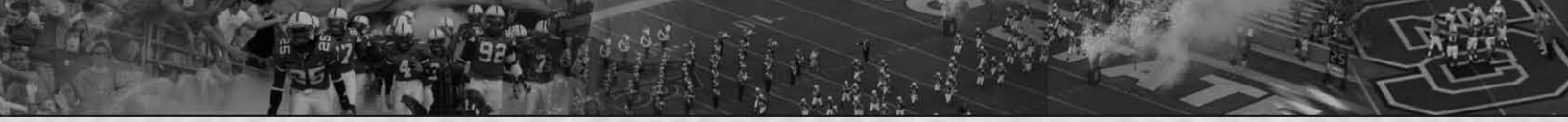
\$100,000 SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

John D. Adams Scholarship
 Anonymous
 Lee R. Barnes Family Scholarship
 Eddie Bassett Memorial Scholarship
 Beam Family Scholarship
 C. Grier Beam Scholarship
 Steven and Nancy Bordeaux Scholarship
 Henry K. Brannon III Scholarship
 Robert Lee Brooks Family Scholarship
 Richard K. Bryant Family Scholarship
 Burkhardt Family Scholarship
 Clark Family Scholarship Jimmy, Vickie, Lynn & Christopher
 Joe and Sherry Colson Scholarship
 Lori and Mike Constantino Scholarship
 Jeffrey D. Cox Family Scholarship
 Toni & Carneal Downey Scholarship
 Earle Edwards Memorial Scholarship
 John & Martha Emrich Scholarship
 William A. English Scholarship
 C.P. & Edna Gaston III Scholarship
 Giersch Family Scholarship
 L. R. Gorrell Co. Scholarship
 Harrison Family Scholarship
 Robert & Beverly Hartgrove Scholarship
 R. Brooks Hedrick & Jane H. Hedrick Scholarship
 Sue K. & Daniel M. Hill Scholarship
 Peter Grant Hinkle Foundation Scholarship
 The Holt Foundation Scholarship
 William S. & Diane K. Howard Scholarship
 Paul N. Howard Jr Scholarship
 Bob and Dot Hughes Scholarship
 Jimmy and Nancy Jacumin Scholarship
 Jacumin Family Scholarship
 Al & Wanda Jones Scholarship
 David & Holly Jones Scholarship
 Jordan Family Scholarship

Kees Family Scholarship
 Kempf Family Scholarship
 Kerr Family Scholarship
 Harold & Noel Lichtin Scholarship
 Steve & Emily Loftis Scholarship
 Steve Roger Mackie and Ginny Durham Mackie Scholarship
 Marlow-Vickers Family Scholarship
 Bob & Carol Mattocks Scholarship
 J. Stuart Mayberry Memorial Scholarship
 McCauley Athletic Scholarship
 Dalton McMichael, Sr. Family Scholarship
 Bonnie Brown McNeill Scholarship
 Mecklenburg County Wolfpack Club
 Angus W. & Joyce M. Mercer Scholarship
 Merritt Family Scholarship
 Miller Family Scholarship
 David Craig Miller Family Scholarship
 Jerry & Mary Cynthia Monday Scholarship
 Harvey L. Montague Family Scholarship
 Neeb Family Scholarship
 Kenneth Wayne Nichols Scholarship
 Jim & Shirley Overcash Endowed Scholarship
 Peebles Family Scholarship
 Emory and Mary Pitts Family Scholarship
 E.J. & Betty Ann Poindexter Scholarship
 H. Eugene & Noel F. Polhemus, Jr. Scholarship
 David & Sarah Polston Scholarship
 Bill & Peggy Powell Scholarship
 Thomas P. Pruitt Endowed Scholarship
 Punch Family Scholarship
 Bobby Purcell Scholarship
 Randolph Family Scholarship
 Richardson, Percival & Moore Scholarship
 Riddle Family Scholarship
 John Ripple Scholarship
 Ed P. Schrum Scholarship
 Philip M. Segal, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 Shoaf Family Scholarship
 Garland Spangler Memorial Scholarship
 Spencer Family Scholarship
 David Stout Family Scholarship
 Tanger Family Scholarship
 Valentine Family Scholarship
 Randall & Susan Ward Scholarship
 Gregory R. Williams Family Scholarship
 Rhonda Williams Scholarship
 The Winston Family Scholarship
 Eddie Youngblood Scholarship

GENERAL ENDOWMENT

Carl and Peggy Allen Scholarship
 Jimmy Dean Clark Scholarship
 Dewey M. Corn Scholarship
 Thomas Pope Herring Scholarship
 Ruffie A. Jones, Jr Scholarship
 John Devereux Joslin Scholarship
 The Mangum Group Scholarship
 Frank E. Roberts Scholarship
 Richard Sheridan Scholarship
 The Sparrow Family Scholarship
 Henry W. Webster Scholarship



CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD



The Wolfpack coaching staff wants every NC State player to earn his degree in order to have all the tools to be able to follow his dream. For many student-athletes, that dream is to play in the National Football League. NC State boasts a rich tradition of sending players to the professional ranks, as do Tom O'Brien and his experienced coaching staff.

The Wolfpack coaches know what it takes to make it to the next level. Both coordinators, Dana Bible on offense and Mike Archer on defense, have coached in the NFL, while secondary coach Mike Reed has coached in the NFL and in the European leagues. Two Wolfpack coaches played in the NFL, Reed and defensive line coach Keith Willis, a 12-year NFL veteran.

Entering 2007 camp, more than 25 former Wolfpack players are on NFL rosters and 11 NC State players have been drafted in the past three years. In 2006, a school-record three NC State players were taken in the first round, while the Wolfpack's Mario Williams became the first player in ACC history to be drafted as the number-one overall pick. During O'Brien's tenure at Boston College, dozens of Eagle players also went on to play professionally, 21 were drafted and more than 20 are still on NFL rosters.

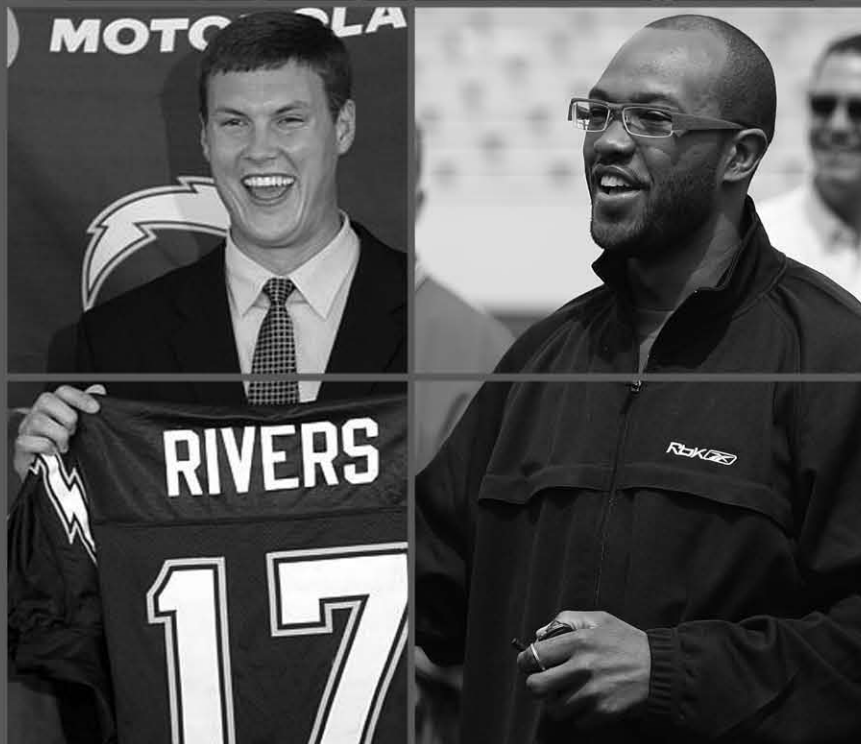
In addition to the former NC State players drafted into the National Football League, countless others have signed free agent contracts. Additionally, many former Wolfpack players have joined teams in NFL-Europe, the Canadian Football League and the Arena League. Scouts from numerous NFL teams attend every home game and are frequent visitors at Wolfpack practices.

THE PACK IN THE FRONT OFFICE

NC State is well represented in the front offices of the NFL. Former Wolfpack offensive guard Steve Keim was recently promoted to Director of Player Personnel for the Arizona Cardinals after serving as a regional scout for that organization for seven years. The All-ACC guard played for the Wolfpack from 1992-95, acting as team captain as a senior.

In May, former Pack linebacker Morocco Brown was named the Director of Pro Personnel for the Washington Redskins, after holding the assistant director's position for the Chicago Bears.

Other former Pack players are currently working as pro scouts, including Kevin Turks (Chicago Bears), Alex Santos (Washington Redskins) and Darrell Moody (San Diego Chargers).





SUMMER FUN SPECIAL GRILLING T-BONES WITH TONY GONZALEZ // SLAMMING TILES WITH THE METS // MAKING SMOOTHIES WITH RANDY MOSS // LIVING THE DREAM WITH THE TIGERS // PLUS: BACKSTAGE AT THE NHL DRAFT AND 8 POKER TELLS



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

The North Carolina State Strength and Conditioning staff, under the direction of Todd Rice, uses a variety of protocols to assist the Wolfpack in its efforts to achieve full athletic potential. With a heavy emphasis on flexibility and joint integrity, the program concentrates on the fundamentals essential to improving strength, speed and agility.

The Pack has the advantage of training in one of the largest strength and conditioning facilities in the country devoted solely to football. The Wolfpack conditions in a 14,000+ square-foot facility that overlooks the playing field at Carter-Finley Stadium. The bright, open area spans the entire width of the Murphy Center, and includes over 15 tons of weights, plus other machines and equipment, such as 16 Olympic platforms and a variety of "selecterized" equipment and other strength apparatus.

The facility also houses a 5,000-square-foot plyometric, core and flexibility training area that also contains an aerobic area for coaches and support staff.

Rice is assisted by Craig Buckley and former Wolfpack linebacker Dantonio "Thunder Dan" Burnette.

WOLFPACK STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING FACILITY INCLUDES ...

- Over 15 tons of weights
- Hampton Dumbbells up to 150 pounds
- Nautilus "selecterized" weight equipment
- Mat Room
- Video and audio system with 24 speakers and amplifiers
- Cardio equipment including treadmills, stairmasters, recumbant and upright bikes and elliptical trainers
- Floating concrete floor for sound absorption



The Wolfpack Strength and Conditioning Staff for Football: Assistant Dantonio Burnette, Director of Strength and Conditioning Todd Rice, Assistant Craig Buckley



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD



LEADERS OF THE PACK

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

The Wolfpack coaching staff boasts an exciting combination of experienced, veteran coaches and young, dynamic leaders. NC State's coaches combine for 246 years of coaching experience ... almost two and a half centuries!

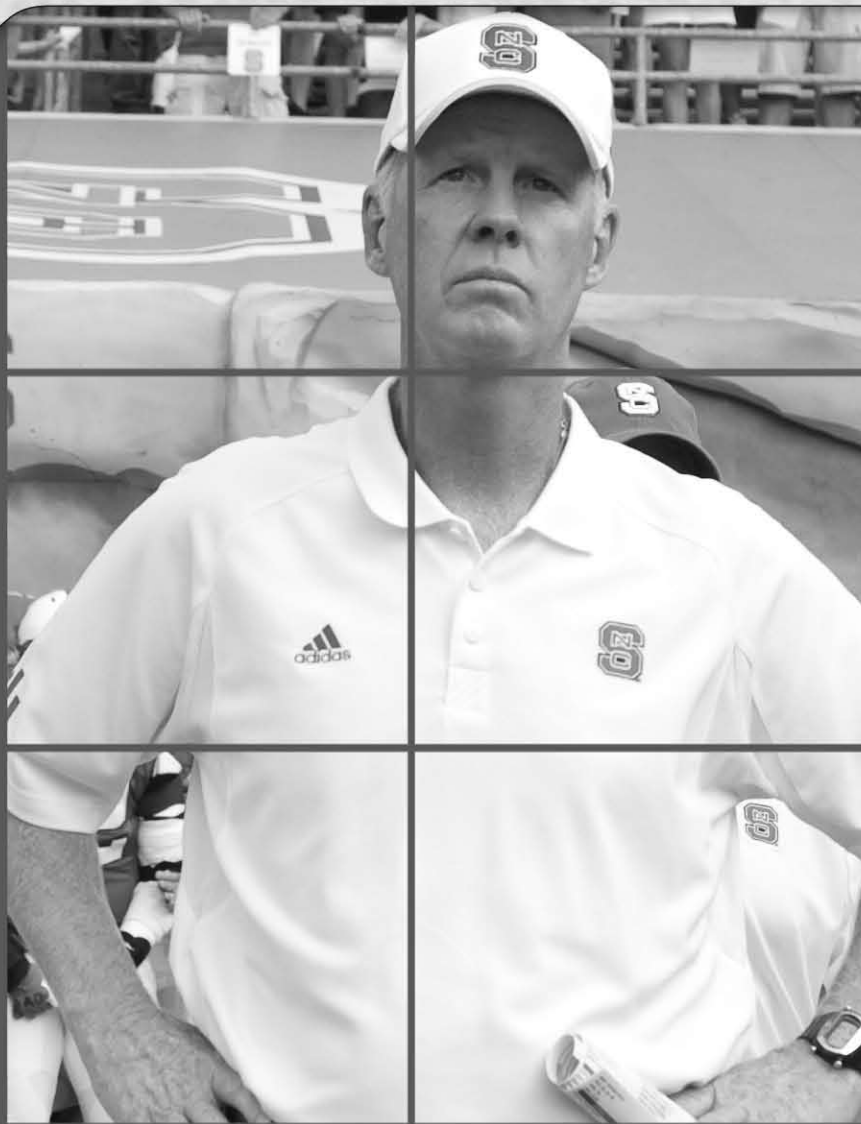
In addition to Head Coach Tom O'Brien, two members of the staff have been Division IA head coaches: Mike Archer (LSU) and Andy McCollum (Middle Tennessee State). Three have coached in the NFL (Mike Archer, Dana Bible and Mike Reed). The leaders of the Pack have also coached in the professional leagues and on the high school level.

The Wolfpack coaches have sent dozens of players to the NFL and other professional ranks, and have coached in 85 postseason bowl games combined.

Six members of O'Brien's staff at Boston College followed him to NC State, helping the program get off and running quickly under the new leadership in the spring of 2007.

WOLFPACK COACHING STAFF EXPERIENCE

Coach	Coaching Yrs.
Tom O'Brien	34
Jerry Petercuskie	34
Dana Bible	33
Mike Archer	33
Don Horton	27
Andy McCullom	27
Jim Bridge	17
Jason Swepson	17
Keith Willis	14
Mike Reed	10
Total	246



CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD



The Wolfpack football staff hardly knows what it's like to spend the holidays at home. Head coach Tom O'Brien and his assistant coaches have combined to coach in 85 bowl games during their careers. He and the six assistants he brought from Boston College led the Eagles to seven consecutive bowl games, the longest active streak in the nation and the second-most in IA history for a coach at one school.

NC State boasts a rich bowl tradition as well. The Pack has advanced to a bowl game in five of the last eight seasons and has played in 23 bowl games all-time.

2008-09 ACC BOWLS

In addition to the ACC's automatic BCS berth, the league has tie-ins with eight other bowls for the upcoming season:

Bowl	Date/Time	Site	Opponent	Network
Congressional Bowl	Dec. 20/11 am	Washington, D.C.	vs. Army/Navy/At-Large	ESPN
Meineke Car Care	Dec. 27/1 pm	Charlotte, N.C.	vs. Big East	ESPN
Champs Sports	Dec. 27/4:30 pm	Orlando, Fla.	vs. Big Ten	ESPN
Emerald	Dec. 27/8 pm	San Francisco, Calif.	vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Roady's Humanitarian	Dec. 30/4:30 pm	Boise, Idaho	vs. WAC	ESPN
Gaylord Hotels Music City	Dec. 31/3:30 pm	Nashville, Tenn.	vs. SEC	ESPN
Chick-fil-A	Dec. 31/6 pm	Atlanta, Ga.	vs. SEC	ESPN
Konica Minolta Gator	Jan. 1/1 pm	Jacksonville, Fla.	vs. Big 12/Big East/Notre Dame	CBS



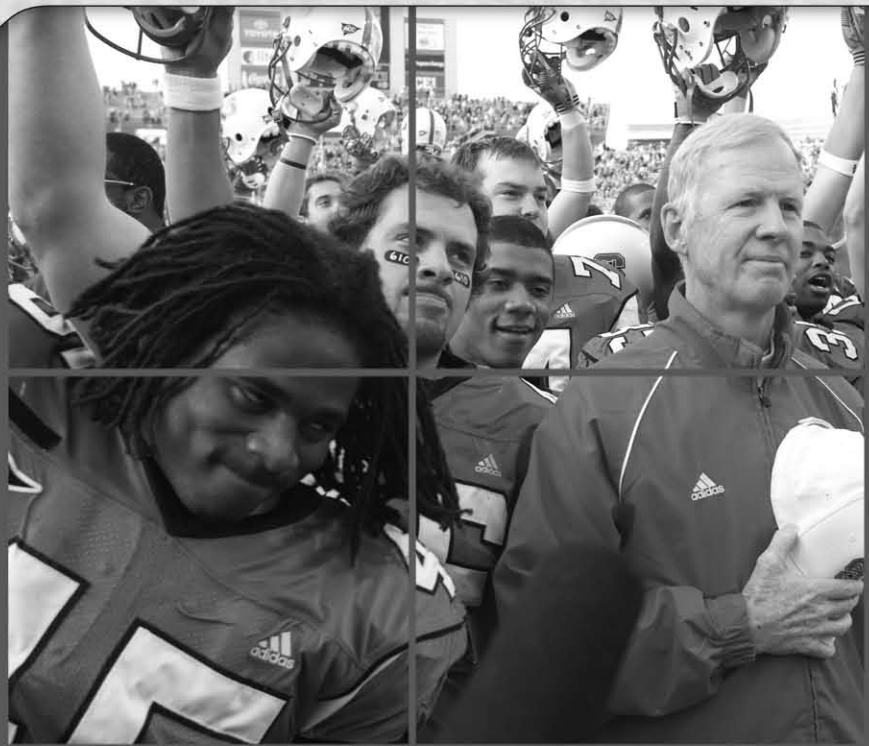
GAME DAY AT CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

There is no place like Carter-Finley Stadium to watch a football game. The atmosphere is electric from the time the first tailgaters pull into the parking lot until the last gate is locked hours after the game. The fun begins outside the stadium, as fans set up their tents, grills and picnic tables and begin to unpack and prepare feasts fit for champions.

A couple of hours prior to kickoff, the team arrives for what has become a Wolfpack tradition - the "Walk of Champions." Here, the fans have a chance to greet the coaches and players as they arrive at the Murphy Center to dress for the game.

Then it's time for the real fun to begin. The Wolfpack marching band, known as the "Power Sound of the South," takes the field, Mr. and Ms. Wuf greet the fans and the highlight videos begin to play from the huge display boards. Finally, the team gathers in the tunnel and then runs through a dazzling fireworks display to enter the field. From the minute the ball is first kicked until the final second has ticked off the clock, the decibel level is off the scale, as the loyal Wolfpack fans cheer on their team.





CHAMPIONSHIP FACILITIES

In its 41 years of existence, Carter-Finley Stadium has earned a reputation as one of the most exciting venues in college football, mainly due to the dedication of Wolfpack fans. Now, the facility has been renovated to match the excellence of the people who fill it and is rapidly becoming known as one of the finest football venues in the nation for both its atmosphere and its facilities.

In the past decade, the entire face of the stadium has changed dramatically. The south endzone is now the home of the 103,254 square-foot Murphy Center, which is unequalled in its design for the training and preparation of athletes. The student-athletes' academic, physical training and sports medicine needs are met under one roof, providing

the ideal setting for coaching, recruiting and celebrating NC State's gridiron heritage.

The Wolfpack squad practices just a stone's throw away at the Dail Practice Complex. This area covers seven acres and boasts three full fields, a training room, restrooms and a tower where the head coach is frequently found surveying his squad.

In front of the Murphy Center, the south endzone now boasts 5,864 permanent seats, with the top 11 rows featuring 1,900 premium seats with chairbacks. The "Superscreen" scoreboard enhances the Carter-Finley atmosphere, as fans are able to enjoy replays, highlights and other videos on the scoreboard's 24' x 32' video screen. A state-of-the-art sound system ensures that even the folks on the last row get the most out of

their game-day experience.

In 2005, Vaughn Towers opens for fans and the media. Located on the west side, the four-level facility boasts 117,000 square feet and holds 51 luxury suites, 955 club seats and luxurious quarters for the media covering NC State games.

Prior to the 2006 season, the north endzone, nicknamed "The Red Zone," was completely enclosed and is now home to Lifetime Rights and student seating, as well as a new and improved A.E. Finley Fieldhouse. The facility houses two spacious, state-of-the-art lockerrooms that can be divided into smaller lockerrooms when NC State plays host to high school championship games. There are also halftime lockerroom areas for the cheerleaders, the dance team, game referees

CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

ABOUT CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM

WAYNE DAY FAMILY FIELD

NAME:

Named for Harry and "Nick" Carter, textile executives and NC State alumni, and the late Raleigh philanthropist A.E. Finley.

CAPACITY:

57,583

ORIGINAL COST:

\$3.7 million. Half the funds were raised from alumni and friends, and the balance was borrowed.

COST OF RENOVATIONS

\$98+ million (scoreboards, Murphy Center, south and north end-zones, Wolf statue, scoreboards, concessions, restrooms and concrete restoration).

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION:

Plans for a new stadium were first drawn in the early 1960s. The land was donated by the N.C. Department of Agriculture, and ground was broken in 1964. A pond was drained and excavated to form the depression where the playing field now stands. More than 300,000 cubic yards of soil were removed during grading; 70,000 bags of cement were churned with sandstone to make 25,000 tons of concrete; and 1,350 tons of steel were used in construction.

WAYNE T. DAY FAMILY FIELD:

Named for Wolfpack alumnus Wayne T. Day in 2002.

Surface: Eleven-year old turf; 419 Tiftway Hybrid Bermuda grass, Sub-surface drainage at eight inches per hour with a two percent crown; grass is mowed year-round at 3/4 inch length. In October, the field is over-seeded with perennial rye grass to maintain its lush appearance.

WENDELL H. MURPHY FOOTBALL CENTER

Named for Wolfpack alumnus Wendell H. Murphy in 2003.

Four-level, 103,000+ square-foot operations center housing all of the support services and offices for the football program.

VAUGHN TOWERS

A four-story facility that boasts 112 working press seats, booths for radio and television broadcasts, coaching booths, and operations areas. The facility also houses 955 club seats, 51 luxury suites and the chancellor's suite.

LIGHTING:

Incandescent light fixtures with 672 fixtures of 1,500 watts each. Approximately 1 million watts located on eight standards, which provide 190-200 foot candle power.

LONGEST NC STATE WINNING STREAK:

16 games, spanning from 1972 until 1975.

FIRST GAME:

Dedicated on October 8, 1966 in a 22-31 loss to South Carolina, in front of 35,200 spectators.



WAYNE DAY FAMILY FIELD

The playing field at Carter-Finley Stadium was named Wayne Day Family Field in the spring of 2003 after the Day family pledged \$5 million to the Wolfpack Club Goal Line Drive Campaign. The Day family's pledge is one of the largest gifts to the athletics program in the history of NC State University.

Day, president and CEO of John J. Kirlin, Inc, is a 1965 graduate of NC State University. A native of Roxboro, Day graduated from NC State with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Before joining John J. Kirlin Inc. in 1969, he spent two years with the US Army Corps of Engineers, followed by two years at Honeywell. Day is a member of the World Presidents Association and the Washington Building Congress. He is actively involved in the rebuilding of the Pentagon, following the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001.

Day and his wife Mary Grace have two children and one grandson.

CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM RECORDS

NC STATE				OPPONENTS			
<i>Individual</i>				<i>Individual</i>			
Category	Mark	Player, Opponent	Year	Category	Mark	Player, Opponent	Year
Rushes	37	Ted Brown vs. Penn St.	1977	Rushes	39	by Mike Voight of UNC	1975
Rushing Yards	251	Ted Brown vs. Penn St.	1977	Rushing Yards	221	by Thomas Jones of Virginia	1999
Rushing Touchdowns	3	by many		All-Purpose Yards	231	by Leroy Gallman of Duke	1992
All-Purpose Yards	279	Andre Brown vs. S. Miss	2005	Pass Attempts	63	by B.J. Symons of Texas Tech	2003
Pass Attempts	57	Philip Rivers vs. Arkansas St.	2000	Pass Completions	41	by Matt Schaub of Virginia	2003
Pass Completions	32	Philip Rivers vs. Duke	2000	TD Passes	5	by Brock Berlin of Miami	2004
TD Passes	4	Jamie Barnette vs. Maryland	1997	Passing Yards	586	by B.J. Symons of Texas Tech	2004
	4	Jamie Barnette vs. Clemson	1999	Receptions	15	by James Brim of Wake Forest	1986
	4	Philip Rivers vs. Clemson	2001	Reception Yards	194	by James Brim of Wake Forest	1986
	4	Philip Rivers vs. Virginia	2003	TD Receptions	3	by Wali Lundy of Virginia	2003
	4	Jay Davis vs. Miami	2004	Total Offense	618	by B.J. Symons of Texas Tech	2003
Passing Yards	423	Philip Rivers vs. North Carolina	2003	Punt Return Yards	117	by Jack Patterson of East Carolina	1971
Receptions	15	Torry Holt vs. Wake Forest	1998	Kickoff Return Yds	231	by Leroy Gallman of Duke	1992
Reception Yards	217	Jerricho Cotchery vs. UNC	2003	Tackles	24	by Bill Banks of Penn St.	1977
TD Receptions	3	Nasrallah Worthen vs. Duke	1988		24	by Anderson of Virginia	1979
	3	Koren Robinson vs. Georgia Tech	2000				
	3	Jerricho Cotchery vs. Clemson	2001	<i>Team</i>			
Total Offense	463	Philip Rivers vs. North Carolina	2003	Points	58	by Florida State	2000
Punt Return Yards	103	Darrell Blackman vs. Florida State	2004	Touchdowns	8	by Florida State	2000
Kickoff Return Yards	174	Alvis Whitted vs. Florida State	1996	First Downs	30	by Texas Tech	2003
Tackles	24	Bill Cowher vs. South Carolina	1977			by Furman	1984
	24	Bill Cowher vs. Clemson	1978	Rushes	81	by North Carolina	1971
	24	Dantonio Burnette vs. Clemson	2001	Rushing Yards	402	by Wake Forest	1971
				Rushing TDs	5	by Clemson	1982, 1984
<i>Team</i>				Pass Attempts	64	by Texas Tech	2003
Points	67	vs. Western Carolina	1990	Pass Completions	41	by Virginia	2003
Touchdowns	9	vs. Western Carolina	1990	Passing Yards	586	by Texas Tech	2003
First Downs	35	vs. The Citadel	1983	TD Passes	5	by Miami	2004
Rushes	80	vs. East Carolina	1980	Total Offense	681	by Texas Tech	2003
Rushing Yards	407	vs. Wake Forest	1973	Plays	97	by North Carolina	1971
Rushing TDs	7	vs. Western Carolina	1990	Fumbles Lost	6	by Duke	1986
Pass Attempts	57	vs. Arkansas State	2000	Penalties	20	by Clemson	2001
Pass Completions	34	vs. Western Carolina	2003	Penalty Yards	181	by Clemson	2001
Passing Yards	423	vs. North Carolina	2003	Punts	12	by Western Carolina	1990
TD Passes	4	vs. six teams		Interceptions by	6	by Wake Forest	1984
Total Offense	638	vs. Wake Forest	1973		6	by Clemson	1995
Plays	95	vs. The Citadel	1983	Punt Return Yards	117	by Duke	1971
Fumbles Lost	3	vs. eight teams			117	by Penn State	1981
Penalties	14	vs. Clemson	1999	Kickoff Return Yds	276	by Duke	1992
	14	vs. Ohio State	2004				
Penalty Yards	131	vs. Maryland	1972				
Punts	11	vs. Miami	1981				
	11	vs. Florida State	2004				
Interceptions by	6	vs. Florida State	1998				
Punt Return Yards	126	vs. Florida State 2004					
Kickoff Return Yards	204	vs. Florida State	1996				

YEAR-BY-YEAR AT CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM

1966.....3-2	1973.....5-0	1980.....5-1	1987.....2-4	1994.....5-1	2001.....3-3
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1969.....1-3-1	1976.....1-4-1	1983.....2-5	1990.....5-1	1997.....4-2	2004.....2-4
1970.....2-1-1	1977.....4-3	1984.....2-5	1991.....6-1	1998.....5-1	2005.....4-3
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CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

YEAR-BY-YEAR ATTENDANCE AT CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM

Year	Attendance	Games	Average
1966	142,000	5	28,400
1967	136,800	4	34,200
1968	143,700	5	28,740
1969	156,750	5	31,350
1970	105,905	4	26,476
1971	124,200	5	24,840
1972	198,800	6	33,133
1973	202,300	5	40,460
1974	213,000	5	42,600
1975	266,000	6	44,333
1976	240,100	6	40,017
1977	312,700	7	44,671
1978	253,500	6	42,250
1979	289,000	6	48,167
1980	267,500	6	44,583
1981	323,650	7	46,236
1982	273,700	6	45,617
1983	315,500	7	45,071
1984	295,100	7	42,157
1985	238,400	6	39,733
1986	325,780	7	46,540
1987	265,500	6	44,250
1988	328,700	7	46,957
1989	312,380	7	44,625
1990	262,000	6	43,666
1991	303,473	7	43,353
1992	282,942	6	47,157
1993	245,163	6	40,860
1994	270,016	6	45,002
1995	272,594	6	45,432
1996	229,250	5	45,850
1997	290,400	6	48,400
1998	287,800	6	47,966
1999	239,394	5	47,879
2000	280,519	6	46,753
2001	295,524	6	49,254
2002	346,340	7	49,477
2003	372,919	7	53,274
2004	333,600	6	55,600
2005	371,276	7	53,039
2006	395,779	7	56,540
2007	394,493	7	56,356
Totals	10,908,923	253	43,118

THE RED ZONE

The north endzone, nicknamed the "Red Zone," encompasses new Lifetime Rights and student seating, but it is also home to a new and improved A.E. Finley Fieldhouse. The \$23 million renovations, which were completed before the 2006 season include:

- Two state-of-the-art locker rooms; one for NC State's halftime use, the other for visiting team use.
- Both team locker rooms have the capacity to be divided into four smaller locker rooms for use in high school championship games.
- Halftime locker rooms for cheerleaders, dance team, game referees and coaches.



VAUGHN TOWERS

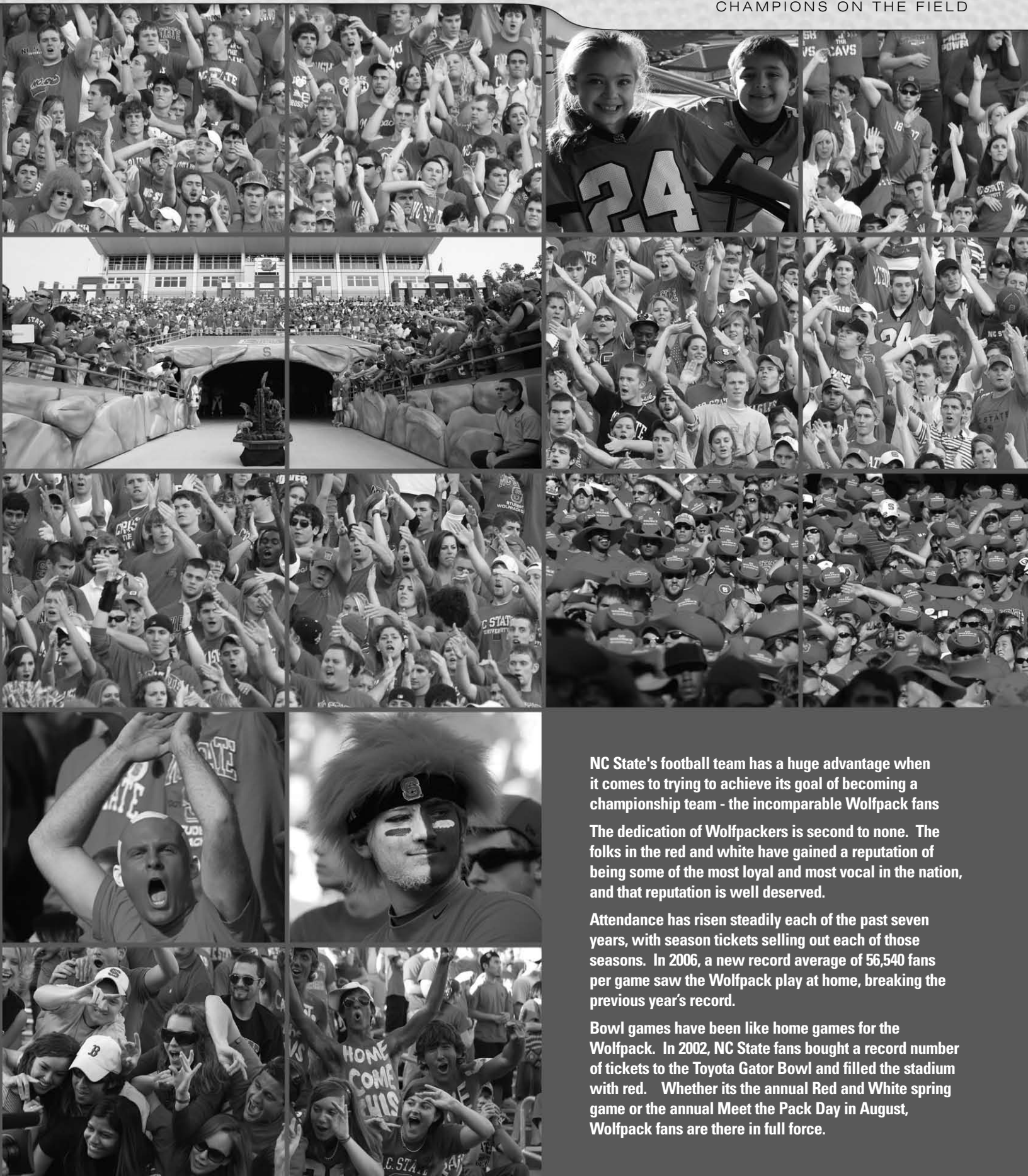
The Wolfpack's newest stadium addition, Vaughn Towers, dominates the skyline around Carter-Finley Stadium, as it rises above the west stands. The 117,000 square-foot structure, which stretches from endzone to endzone, includes four levels, 51 private luxury suites and 955 club seats, as well as a University Suite for the Chancellor. The state-of-the-art facility also includes accommodations for the media, with 112 press seats.

VAUGHN TOWERS BY THE NUMBERS

- 117,000 square feet
- 955 club seats
- 430 length in feet
- 183 height in feet from the field
- 140 height in feet from the concourse
- 112 media seats in working press box
- 87 height in feet from the back of the upper deck
- 51 luxury suites
- 4 levels
- 4 radio/television booths
- 2 coaching booths
- 1 video platform

THE WORLD'S GREATEST FANS

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD



NC State's football team has a huge advantage when it comes to trying to achieve its goal of becoming a championship team - the incomparable Wolfpack fans

The dedication of Wolfpackers is second to none. The folks in the red and white have gained a reputation of being some of the most loyal and most vocal in the nation, and that reputation is well deserved.

Attendance has risen steadily each of the past seven years, with season tickets selling out each of those seasons. In 2006, a new record average of 56,540 fans per game saw the Wolfpack play at home, breaking the previous year's record.

Bowl games have been like home games for the Wolfpack. In 2002, NC State fans bought a record number of tickets to the Toyota Gator Bowl and filled the stadium with red. Whether it's the annual Red and White spring game or the annual Meet the Pack Day in August, Wolfpack fans are there in full force.

THE MURPHY FOOTBALL CENTER

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

THE WENDELL H. MURPHY FOOTBALL CENTER

When it comes to football operations facilities, there is none in the country as fine as the Wendell H. Murphy Center. The 103,254-square-foot complex houses every aspect of Wolfpack football, from sports medicine, to equipment, to strength training, to academics. As functional as it is aesthetically pleasing, the Murphy Center is definitely the Wolfpack's den.

The Murphy Center (known as "The Murph" to the Wolfpack players) is the largest operations facility in the country devoted solely to football. Visitors enter the building through Gant Plaza, where the 28' "Wolfpack Turf" statue and fountain stands proudly. The center is open year round during the week from 8am-5pm for visitors, with tours available by contacting the athletic department in advance.

Visitors to the Murphy Center can experience the rich heritage of Wolfpack Football in the Finley Hall of Champions. This multimedia complex highlights NC State's football tradition with photos, artifacts and interactive exhibits. Fans can watch video highlights in the Woolard Theater and younger Wolfpackers can have fun in the Junior Wolfpack Zone.

From the lobby, double doors open into the massive strength training facility, which runs the entire length of the building and covers 15,000 square-feet. The facility houses a mat room, a track, a juice bar and over 15 tons of weights.

The third floor of the Murphy Center houses a large dining room and a players' lounge that overlooks Wayne Day Family Field. The lounge contains couches, pool tables, ping-pong tables, wide-screen TVs and video games for the Wolfpack players to enjoy during breaks.

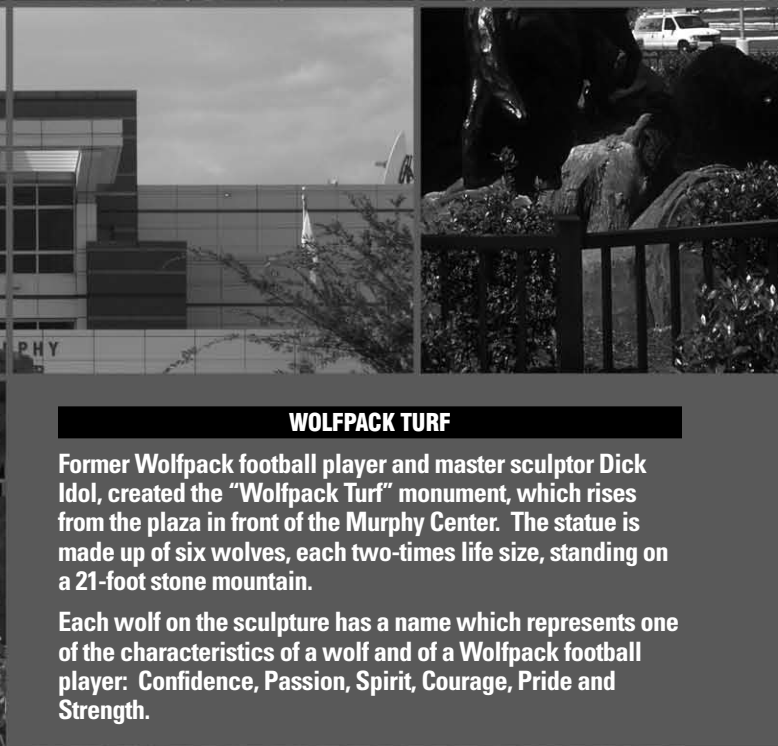
A large team meeting room and meeting rooms for each position are also on the third floor. Each room is equipped with the latest video playback equipment for reviewing film and breaking down an athlete's performance. That level also houses offices for the Wolfpack's academic advisors, as well as a large study room with computers in the Kirkland Academic Suite.

On the fourth floor, the coaches' offices, a large staff conference room, offensive and defensive meeting rooms, a television studio and the video production offices can be found.

The heartbeat of the Murphy Center is on the bottom floor. The beautiful lockerroom stretches the length of the building on one side of the hall, boasting 114 custom wood lockers, bathrooms, showers, a stereo and TVs. The other side of the hall is home to the equipment room and the state-of-the-art sports medicine facility, which covers 6,000 square feet and includes an aquatics area with three pools.

The building is named for Wendell H. Murphy, a lifelong supporter of both athletic and academic initiatives at NC State. A member of the NC State Board of Trustees, Murphy was awarded the prestigious Watauga Medal in 1999, the school's highest award given for outstanding and distinguished service.





WOLFPACK TURF

Former Wolfpack football player and master sculptor Dick Idol, created the "Wolfpack Turf" monument, which rises from the plaza in front of the Murphy Center. The statue is made up of six wolves, each two-times life size, standing on a 21-foot stone mountain.

Each wolf on the sculpture has a name which represents one of the characteristics of a wolf and of a Wolfpack football player: Confidence, Passion, Spirit, Courage, Pride and Strength.

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

NC State's sports medicine facility for football is truly among the finest in the nation. The more than 6,000-square-foot facility, located on the first level of the Murphy Football Center, includes over \$1,000,000 in gadgetry, including an aquatic area with three pools: a four-foot-deep hot/cold plunge pool; a three-lane, 24-feet long, multi-depth lap pool; and a treadmill pool by HydroWorx, with three underwater cameras that video the athletes' movements and gait patterns via a TV screen.

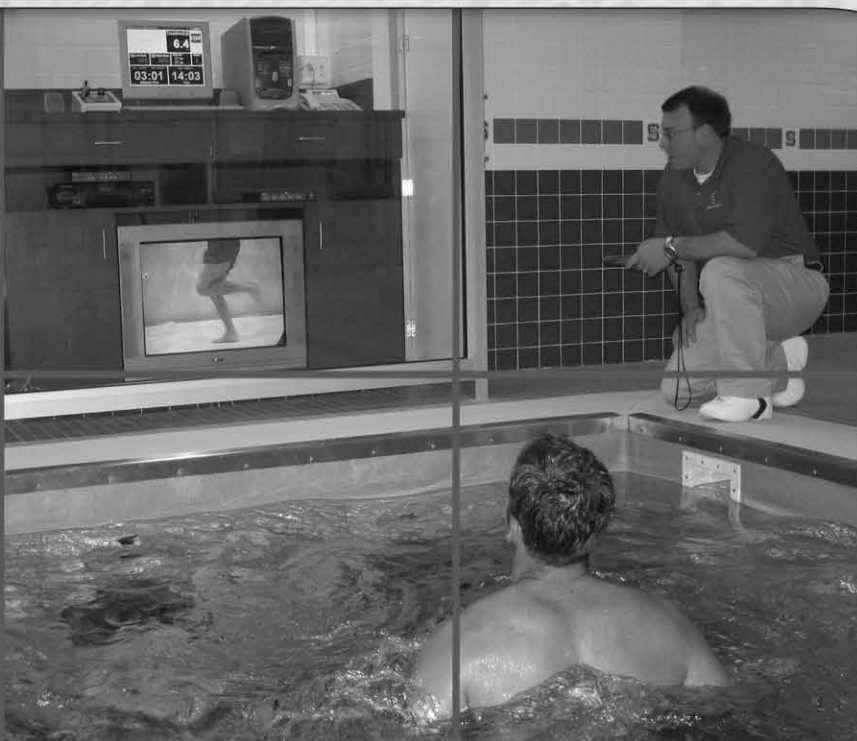
The \$200,000 HydroWorx pool boasts a hydraulic system that allows the injured athletes to enter the pool at ground level and be lowered via remote control onto an underwater treadmill. The pool can be used at depths from two feet to six feet and athletic trainers can adjust how much weight and pressure is applied to the injured body part. Using water as a method of therapy helps to unload the body weight and allows the athlete to work with less stress on the injured portion of the body. Further, the water allows early movement, motion and a gradual progression of weight bearing during exercise. This early motion and weight bearing process aids the student-athlete to progress through the rehabilitation with fantastic success. Video assists the staff in evaluating the biomechanics of the athlete's body movement, helping the student-athlete with their functional progression in a partial weight-bearing environment. This environment aids the student-athlete in achieving the overall goal of a smooth transition back to full functional activities.

NC State uses machinery by Biodex for physical medicine and rehabilitation. The most appreciated piece of equipment, the Multi-Joint 3 System Pro, allows the sports medicine staff to observe an injured joint or muscle in a controlled range of motion with real-time biofeedback. This allows the athlete to work the injured area in a monitored and safe environment. The \$45,000 machine includes attachments that allow for the observation of the ankle, knee, shoulder, elbow, wrist and hip.

Only the finest personnel in the medical profession work with NC State student-athletes. Jamey Coll, Senior Associate Director of Sports Medicine/ Head Football Athletic Trainer, is entering his 16th season as a member of the Wolfpack Sports Medicine Staff. Coll has served as the head athletic trainer for Wolfpack Football since 1996. He is certified with the National Athletic Trainers Association as an athletic trainer and is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist with the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Each year, Coll assembles an outstanding staff of medical professionals to assist in maintaining the student-athletes' well-being. The staff includes a full-time assistant athletic trainer, Tyler MacDonnell, a stable of medical doctors, three graduate assistant athletic trainers and 6-10 student aids. All of these individuals are responsible for the health and welfare of the football student-athletes throughout the year.





Dr. John Rubino, the head team physician, has worked with the Wolfpack program since 1990. A graduate of the University of Connecticut medical school, Rubino currently practices with Raleigh Medical Group.

Drs. David Fajgenbaum and Mike Fajgenbaum have served as the orthopedic consultants to Wolfpack Football since 1989. The brothers, who are both graduates of Tulane University, practice at the Bone and Joint Surgery Clinic in Raleigh. Also, Dr. Paul Burroughs III has been an orthopedic consultant the last four years, and both he and Dr. Mike Fajgenbaum attended the University of Florida for medical school.

JAMEY COLL

Senior Associate Director of Sports Medicine/
Head Football Athletic Trainer

Jamey Coll is entering his 16th year as a member of the Wolfpack Athletic Training Staff and has served as the head athletic trainer for football since 1996.

During his tenure at NC State, Coll has also worked as the assistant athletic trainer for football, has worked in the Reynolds Athletic Training Room as the rehabilitation coordinator and at NC State Student Health Services as an athletic trainer. At the Student Health Center, Coll collaborated with a physical therapist to come up with treatment plans and rehabilitation protocols for patient care.

Coll came to NC State after serving as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of Connecticut for two years, working as the assistant athletic trainer for football and the athletic trainer for ice hockey. In addition, he served as the athletic trainer for the Windham Orthopedic Surgical Group, working with physical therapists and orthopedic surgeons.

A native of Wrentham, Mass., Coll earned his athletic training degree from Salem State College in 1991 and went on to Connecticut, where he received his Master of Arts in exercise science in 1993.

Coll is certified with the National Athletic Trainers Association as an athletic trainer and is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist with the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Coll is married to the former Leah Havens Wallace of Raleigh, and the couple has two daughters, Sydney Patricia (4) and Savannah Havens (1).



THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD



Consistency. It is the mark of true excellence in any endeavor.

However, in today's intercollegiate athletics, competition has become so balanced and so competitive that it is virtually impossible to maintain a high level of consistency.

Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Now in its 56th year of competition, the ACC has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. And that is not mere conjecture, the numbers support it.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 108 national championships, including 57 in women's competition and 51 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 143 times in men's competition and 91 times in women's action.

The conference had an immediate impact on the national college football scene in the fall of 1953 when the University of Maryland captured the first of what would eventually be five national football titles for the ACC. Clemson laid claim to the league's second national title in 1981 while Georgia Tech followed suit in 1990. Florida State pocketed national titles No. 4 and 5 in 1993 and 1999, respectively.

In addition, Miami has laid claim to five national gridiron titles over the past 22 seasons. Four of the Hurricanes' five national titles (1983, 1987, 1989, 2001) were unanimous with both the sportswriters and coaches polls, while in 1991 Miami (AP) shared the national title with Washington (coaches).

This past season 10 ACC players earned first team All-America recognition, while nine others garnered second or third team honors. The 12 institutions that take to the field this fall under the ACC banner have produced 533 first or second team gridiron All-Americans and 73 first team academic All-Americans.

Led by Virginia defensive end Chris Long, the second overall selection by the St. Louis Rams and Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan, the third overall pick by the Atlanta Falcons, the ACC achieved a first for any conference in the NFL Draft, having two of the top four players selected in each of the past three seasons. Over the past three years, the ACC has had more players selected in the NFL Draft (115) than any other conference and, in that time,

has had more players taken in the first round of the NFL Draft (25) than any other intercollegiate league. In 2006, the ACC set NFL draft records with 12 first-round selections and 51 players drafted overall.

Long, who was the first defensive player chosen in the draft, became the third straight ACC player to achieve that feat joining NC State's Mario Williams, the top overall selection in the 2006 NFL Draft, and Clemson defensive end Gaines Adams, who was the fourth overall pick in the 2007 Draft, as the first defensive players chosen. No other league has ever had the top defender chosen in the draft for three consecutive years. The ACC also had the most first-round selections in this past year with seven.

The 12 current ACC schools have had 2,157 players selected in the annual professional football draft, including 217 first round selections.

If success is best measured in terms of wins and losses, then the ACC over the years has proven itself to be among the elite in Division I-A football. The ACC is the nation's winningest bowl conference as the 12 current league teams are a combined 145-129-5 (.529) in post season play.

In 2002, the ACC set an NCAA record when seven of its nine teams (78%) received bowl bids, and the ACC eight teams earn bowl invitations in each of the past three years, a feat matched by only one other conference.

The ACC features four of the Top 12 winningest bowl programs in the nation in Boston College, Georgia Tech, Florida State and Miami. The ACC also has the most successful bowl team (among teams with 15 or more bowl appearances) in the country in terms of winning percentage in Bowl games in Boston College. The Eagles, who currently have a nation's best eight-game winning streak in Bowl Games, are 13-6 with a .684 winning percentage. Georgia Tech (6th, 22-14, .611), Florida State (7th, 22-14-2, .605), and Miami (12th, 19-14, .576) all rank among the nation's elite in terms of bowl winning percentage.

In 2007, the ACC exceeded 4.1 million fans (4,141,540) for the second straight year and recorded its second-highest per game average in its history, and highest since 2004, drawing an average of 53,786 fans. In 2006, in eight more home games the Conference had recorded an all-time high in attendance, as ACC teams drew 4,485,625 fans, breaking the existing record of 3,835,260 set in 2005.