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NC State Responds to Needs of Hurricane Katrina Victims

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North Carolina State University expresses its concern and support for those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

In response to the tragic events on the Gulf Coast, NC State is taking a number of steps to offer assistance to those in need. These include the following:

- ❑ The university will accept students from colleges and universities directly affected by the hurricane. For up-to-date information, go to www.ncsu.edu/registrar/hurricane/.
- ❑ Leaders from NC State Greek Life and other student organizations have agreed to take a leadership role in the university's relief efforts and are organizing an open meeting to identify interested groups and coordinate fund-raising activities on campus. The meeting, open to students, faculty and staff, takes place at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday, Sept. 1) at Witherspoon Cinema in the Witherspoon Student Center on campus.
- ❑ At Sunday night's football game against Virginia Tech, student-athletes from virtually all available NC State varsity squads will be volunteering their time to collect funds for hurricane victims. Fans should look for "Hurricane Relief" signs at each of the public stadium gates to contribute to the effort. These gates will be staffed by student-athletes with American Red Cross donation buckets.

"We join the nation in mourning the loss of life from Hurricane Katrina, and all those affected are in our thoughts," said Chancellor James L. Oblinger. "In the NC State tradition of service, we are using our resources to make a difference. Today we opened our doors to students who have been affected by this disastrous hurricane. We welcome these students to the NC State family, and we offer them our support. Across campus, our students, faculty and staff are organizing to provide assistance and relief to those in need. The scope of loss and destruction is unimaginable, but our hearts can understand the connection between ourselves and the victims of this disaster."

Updated listings of relief efforts will appear on the NC State home page at www.ncsu.edu.

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