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## Fore! NC State Tees Off Golf Course Fund-Raising Event

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Continuing a long tradition of academic and athletic excellence, North Carolina State University will hold the NC State Golf Course Campaign Kickoff dinner reception to begin fundraising for an Arnold Palmer Signature golf course on Centennial Campus. The dinner reception, which features honorary chairmen Tim Clark and Carl Pettersson, both NC State alumni and PGA Tour professionals, will be held at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2.

#### **Media coverage is invited.**

Clark and Pettersson will join invitees to begin the campaign to raise \$16 million for construction of the multipurpose golf course, research center and clubhouse.

“I am honored to aid in the completion of this project,” said Clark, who is 19<sup>th</sup> on the PGA Tour’s current money list for 2005. “NC State has been waiting for this for a long time.”

NC State is one of only two Atlantic Coast Conference schools without a home golf facility. The planned course will not only aid the university’s golf team, but will also support critical academic programs, including the Professional Golf Management (PGM) and turfgrass programs.

“Golf courses enhance universities; they enhance communities,” said Nora Lynn Finch, senior associate director of NC State athletics. “The golf course will be open to the Raleigh community, as well as students, staff and faculty.”

The 6,915-yard, par-71 course will be the only public course inside the Raleigh beltline. Naming opportunities are still available for the course, individual holes, the clubhouse and other facility-related sites.

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