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In the NEWS

Nominations encouraged for O. Max Gardner Award

The O. Max Gardner Award, named in honor of former N.C. Governor O. Max Gardner, is made annually to a member of the faculties of the University of North Carolina system who, in the opinion of a UNC Board of Governors committee, "has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race" during the current school year.

A N.C. State committee will consider the file of each nominee from NCSU. All faculty members, including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service of the UNC system is eligible. Contributions to society made earlier than the current year also are considered.

Faculty members nominated in previous years may be re-nominated. Nominations should be sent to Dr. Cecil F. Brownie, College of Veterinary Medicine, APR Department, Campus Box 8401. For format information, contact Brownie at 513-6229 or cecil_brownie@ncsu.edu. The nomination process will be closed on Monday, Nov. 15.

Nominations packages should include a nominating letter that includes a summary of the candidate's contributions and stresses how he or she contributes to the welfare of the human race; highlights of the candidate's accomplishments in the last year; current curriculum vitae; a minimum of three reference letters in support of the candidate, with most from people outside NCSU; a short description of the background of each person who submits a reference letter; and a draft executive summary of the nomination package. Assistance in preparing nomination packages is available from the Creative Services office.

NATIONAL

More than half of U.S. companies has experienced recent violence

More than half of American companies have experienced at least one incident of workplace violence in the past three years, according to a national survey scheduled to be released next week. Few of the incidents, however, were on the scale of Tuesday's shooting in Honolulu.

The survey, by the Society for Human Resource Management, found that 2 shootings and 3 kidnappings accounted for 2 percent of the incidents. The most common violent acts were verbal threats (41 percent) and "pushing and shoving," (19 percent).

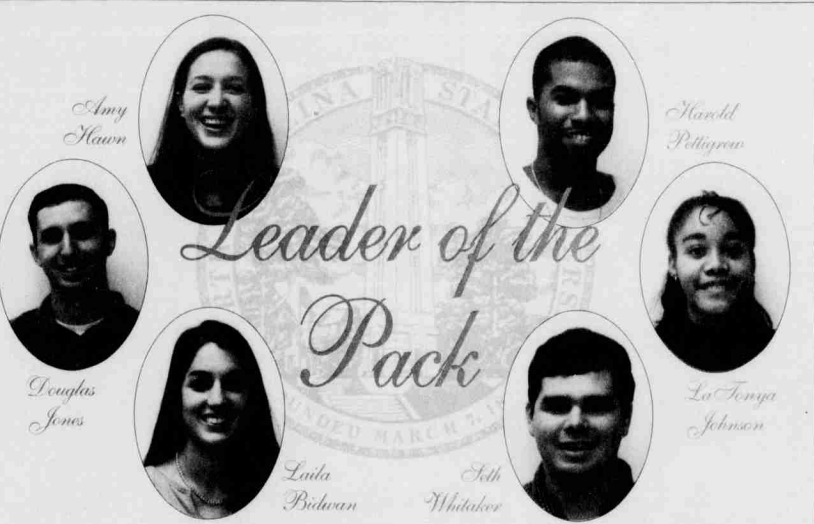
"What happened in Hawaii is tragic, but it's also atypical," said Kristin Acceptor, a spokeswoman for the Arlington, Va., trade association.

The study, compiled from surveys filled out by human resource managers at 681 companies, found that 55 percent of the incidents involved "personality conflicts" between employees. Only 8 percent were directed by an employee against his or her supervisor. In 76 percent of the cases, the aggressors were men and in 45 percent the victims were women. Firings were the catalyst for just 18 percent of the violent incidents, according to the survey. Work-related stress accounted for 24 percent.

WORLD

U.S. film studios take in small slice from Chinese market

American studios took in less than \$20 million in China last year, out of a total foreign box office approaching \$7 billion, according to the MPPAA. Separate U.S. government figures suggest that such revenues in China are among the tiniest in Asia—less than in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand or the Philippines. "The Chinese movie industry has been losing money year after year," said Minxin Pei, a scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "Political fears aside, the Chinese government worries that its movie industry will suffer the same fate as the movie industry in many other developing countries, that it would be wiped out."



Leader of the Pack

EMILY TOWNLEY
Senior Staff Writer

During halftime of the Homecoming game, one male and one female student will be chosen as N.C. State's Leaders of the Pack for being students of quality.

No Homecoming game and festivities are complete without a Homecoming Court. N.C. State puts a spin on this tradition with its annual Leader of the Pack scholarship awards, which will be presented to one male and one female student, Saturday during halftime of the Homecoming football game.

According to Mike Wallace, faculty advisor for the Leader of the Pack, the program was designed in 1990 to replace the popularity contest of the Homecoming Pageant that NCSU previously hosted each year.

"This program removes the popularity contest and recognizes quality in students," Wallace said. "We also now include men."

The Leader of the Pack selection committee, steered by 1998 Leaders of the Pack, Kelly

Crabtree and Daniel Gunter, chose six finalists based on academic performance, extracurricular involvement and ability to express ideas in oral and written formats. Those selected were Laila Bidwan, Amy Hawn, LaTonya Johnson, Douglas Jones, Harold Pettigrew and Seth Whitaker.

The student body was invited to vote Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Atrium, the Talley Student Center and the Fountain Dining Hall to choose the male and female they feel best exemplify Leader of the Pack.

The two individuals scoring the

most points from each portion of the selection process will be named Leaders of the Pack by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, Gunter and Crabtree on Saturday. They will receive engraved Reverse bowls and \$1,000 scholarships, courtesy of Student Government. Each finalist will be awarded a plaque and the individual with the highest score will receive a gift certificate from NCSU Bookstores.

Recipients are expected to return to NCSU next year to help conduct the selection process and present awards to next year's Leaders of the Pack, according to Wallace.

"I have met all six finalists," Wallace said. "The very best thing about being involved in this program is getting to see and work with these incredible, outstanding students."

Bidwan, a senior in chemical engineering and textile chemistry, is the philanthropy chair of Order of Omega and a student representative in the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists. She is also a member of Chi Omega sorority and vice president of the Panhellenic Association.

"I heard about Leader of the Pack as a freshman when one of my sorority sisters got the award," Bidwan said. "I remember thinking of her as such a role model, and realized then what an honor this is for a student at N.C. State."

Hawn is a junior majoring in women's and gender studies and sociology. She had been coordi-

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NCSU Veterinary School helps reunite Floyd's lost animals

◆ N.C. State's College of Veterinary Medicine, which established a field hospital for animals lost or hurt during Hurricane Floyd, now aims to reunite the animals with their owners, or find them new homes.



"Tiny" reunited with the Grant family.

A lot of N.C. State students helped out with Hurricane Floyd relief by donating money and supplies during the various drives here on campus. The NCSU relief effort is now continuing with the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine faculty and students offer North Carolina veterinarians and interested citizens came together to form a field hospital for lost and hurt animals, according to the

of the field hospital, in a recent news release, "has always been to reunite these animals with their owners."

The web page also explains that donations have been made by local businesses, corporations and citizens to pay for food and supplies that were necessary to treat over 500 lost pets.

Though the college initially helped out in the field, now most of the animals have been found and treated—and the main work remaining to be done is locating the owners. This search is done via the Internet.

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N.C. State students, professor bring home national invention award

◆ A team of N.C. State students and one professor won a prestigious award at the National Inventors Hall of Fame for their material science work.

JIM BARTOLOUS
Staff Writer

A team of seven N.C. State students, one post-doctorate student and their faculty advisor, Robert Davis, distinguished university professor of material science and engineering, were recently recognized as one of three National Collegiate

Invention of the Year winners. "The award is a great honor, and is a tribute to the team members' creativity and experimental abilities," said Davis. The other two award winners were the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Indiana University.

BF Goodrich corporation sponsored the competition, which featured teams from over 200 colleges and universities. The awards were presented at the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio.

Davis and his team were recognized for their work on the pendio-epitaxial growth of films composed of gallium nitride and related materials such as aluminum nitride

alloys. These new films are able to grow laterally first, then vertically, enabling them to isolate dislocations in the material. Dislocations are releases of strain, much like when something cracks due to strain.

Unfortunately, dislocations that are high in density can hinder the electrical properties of the materials, causing electrical devices to short circuit. The new material will be able to immobilize and nullify the effect of dislocations. Thus, it can be used for creating more powerful and more durable devices such as semiconductors and optoelectronic devices like blue light emitting lasers.

Davis explained that the idea for the invention came out of necessity. Blue lasers, for example, which can read more stored information on CD's and such than traditional red light, were made with materials that would break down due to dislocations. The result was a short life span for the lasers. With the new materials, the life span of a blue laser grew to over 10,000 hours, unlike the 27 hours with previously used materials. In addition, these new materials enable micro-electronic power devices to contain more power.

Davis and his team conducted their experiments in the Riddick

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Exposure to Bisphenol A may result in early puberty

◆ Recent research of Bisphenol A, a chemical that interferes with development by mimicking a sex hormone, may indicate that early puberty in humans correlates with exposure to environmental estrogens.

ALISON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A study by researchers at N.C. State and the University of Missouri at Columbia (UM-C) has found that prenatal exposure to Bisphenol A may accelerate the onset of puberty in humans. Bisphenol A is a type of estrogenic endocrine-disrupting chemical (EEDC) that interferes with mammalian development by mimicking the action of the sex hormone estradiol.

The study shows that mice given Bisphenol A, in amounts correlating with human exposure, alters postnatal growth and brings on early puberty in the female offspring.

Scientists have known that Bisphenol A is a type of EEDC. But the joint study NCSU conducted



with UM-C is the first to document that exposure to low, but repeated doses of the chemical, delivered via a mother's food intake, can dramatically affect the growth and development of female fetuses later in life.

"The study has presented that the effects of Bisphenol A have been more developmental irregularities rather than overt pathology. The early onset of puberty is one example," said John Vandenberg, professor of zoology at NCSU. So, where is Bisphenol A found?

All sources of Bisphenol A are not known, but scientists do know that it can be found in many types of soft plastics, pesticides and tin can linings. It is also found in dental products used to coat children's teeth, and in collapsible plastic baby bottles.

Small increases in the level of endogenous estradiol in pregnant women may substantially increase the sensitivity of fetuses to EEDCs. Therefore, some fetuses may be at high risk for a wide array of abnormalities and diseases.

Andrew Hotchkiss, a co-author of the study and doctoral student in zoology said, "Bisphenol A leaches out of soft plastics at a very slow rate, but the rate increases with repeated use or induced heat." "Plastics are fine materials for many uses," said Vandenberg. "Our research simply suggests we need to know more before we decide if they're safe for all uses."

Further studies are planned for the future to attain knowledge of all effects on male and female mice. "We hope to expand on these findings by determining if there are behavioral consequences," said Vandenberg.

"In the bigger picture, the study's results echo human health trends over the past 50 years," according to Vandenberg. "The onset of puberty in humans is coming at a younger and younger age. Over the last half century, it has dropped about two years. It is possible that the earlier onset of puberty in humans in industrial nations correlates with exposure to environmental estrogens."



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The "Marks" of Zorro
Cheesy Pun? Yes, but we've got Kelly's latest column, too. Dig into Opinion for more.



Homecoming
N.C. State versus Maryland, Homecoming preview. See Sports

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nator of the Pillowcase Project and on the committee for planning the Take Back the Night March. She is involved in Student Government as vice president of Student Issues and has served as executive secretary and vice president of Diversity in the past. She is also a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and received the Outstanding Woman Award.

"I think that a strong focus of the award is well-roundedness," Hawn said. "I feel like I have really taken advantage of what N.C. State has to offer and become involved in many different types of activities."

A junior in mass communications and communication disorders, Johnson feels that the Leader of the Pack should be someone "who displays good leadership skills, serves as a good role model and is of good character." Johnson has been involved in the Greek community, Student Government and Student Media. Additionally,

she has made Dean's List each semester she has been at NCSU, is a University Scholar and is a member of Gamma Beta Phi and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies.

Jones decided to run for Leader of the Pack after speaking with friends about his involvement on campus over the course of his college career. Jones is a fourth-year student in materials science and engineering and multidisciplinary studies, and is a member of the Golden Chain Society. He is involved in Student Government as the chief of staff to the Student Body President and is Vice President of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

A junior in business management, Pettigrew wishes to "get the word out about Leader of the Pack because a lot of students don't know what it is." He has been active in Student Government in the past as a student senator and member of the executive staff and is currently president of the Society of African-American Culture. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Union Activities Board.

"I am well-rounded in various aspects of minority student organizations and in the community as

a whole," Pettigrew said. "A lot of student leaders focus on one particular aspect of campus. I think that the Leader of the Pack should be one who is involved in many aspects of the campus community."

Whitaker is a senior majoring in chemical engineering and political science. He has been involved in Student Government as a student senator and currently serves as Student Senate President. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Whitaker and Jones both worked to create and implement the Analysis of the University Seminar, a program designed to educate students on campus issues and the structure of the university.

"I am most proud of this accomplishment because I have been able to serve students in a direct way," Whitaker said. "The seminar teaches students how to be involved on campus, rather than just telling them to go to one protest or one specific meeting."

"This award is not just about the scholarship," Bidwan said. "It's an honor to represent the school."

Vet

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ing pictures of animals that were found when the college worked with rescue efforts to find and treat animals.

Color pictures of located cats and dogs have been posted on the web page. The Internet provides a perfect medium for getting the pictures available to people everywhere Wilder said.

Wilder also pointed out that consideration is being taken for people without access to the Internet. The college has produced books with photos of the animals, she said. These books are

available for viewing at animal shelters. The pictures have been up since September 23, and Wilder said many animals have been claimed or identified.

Wilder also explained that people generally have one of two ways of looking at the prospect of finding their pet. Either the owner has lost everything, and has reassurance in getting their pet back, or the owner has lost everything, and it is too much to deal with a pet in their current situation.

Nov. 1 marked the first day the pets that were not claimed by their owners were available for adoption. However, there is a screening process involved with adopting a pet or providing a pet with foster care, Wilder said that peo-



Photo courtesy of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dog #157 waits to be claimed.

ple interested in adopting a pet should look at the web page (http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/images/CVM_find_pet/index.htm) or call the adoption hotline at (919)715-9679.

Invent

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Labs, located on NCSU's campus.

"NCSU and the College of Engineering and the Department of Materials Science foster and support an environment conducive to creative thinking and the conduct of research, which allowed us to conduct the proper experiments to

prove our ideas," noted Davis.

The new materials are already licensed inventions of NCSU, and along with Davis' team, they are currently in the process of obtaining patents for the new materials from the U.S. Office of Patents and Trademarks.

Davis explained that the lasers and CD players might be some of the first applications of the new materials.

"This is one of the fastest moving ideas I've seen in the semi-conduc-

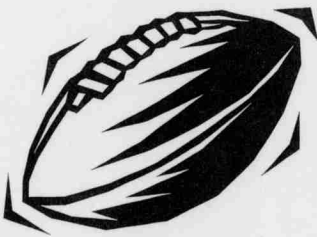
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Masquerade Ball



UAB and the NPAC are sponsoring a masquerade ball from 11:59 p.m. until 2 a.m. this Friday at the Talley Student Center Ballroom. Tickets purchased in advance at the Ticket Central are \$3/single, \$5/couple and at the door \$5/single, \$7/couple. Festivities will include a casino with prizes, food and a disc jockey. Masks will be provided, dress is semi-formal. All Students are welcome to attend. The Ball will complement Homecoming festivity.



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GET TO THE GOOD PART.

Opinion

Technician's View ATM, at no extra charge

◆ A new law in San Francisco prohibits banks from charging other banks' ATM users at their tellers. If the law stands, will other U.S. cities and states follow suit?

Withdrawing money from an automated teller machine (ATM) with whose owner you don't do business is a pain in the neck, to say the least. A \$20 withdrawal becomes a \$21.50 debit, putting money where it was never intended to go.

Voters in one American city, however, have passed a law banning that sort of double-charging. Hopefully, local and state governments across the country will follow their lead.

According to a Reuters report, on Tuesday, residents of San Francisco made the California city the only major one in the country to outlaw ATM double charges. They voted in favor of Proposition F, which outlaws the one- to two-dollar fees that banks charge on ATM users who do not have accounts with them.

The legislation would not affect all extra ATM charges—under the law, banks could still charge their patrons for using other ATM's and independent teller owners could still levy charges on their machines.

Though no other major cities

have laws against the charges on the books, two states have similar policies: Iowa and Connecticut. Those two states find their legislatures in the same place that San Francisco's is about to be: tied up in litigation.

The California Bankers Association's (CBA) 280 members immediately brought a lawsuit against the cities of San Francisco and Santa Monica, another California town that passed similar legislation. A preliminary hearing has been set for November 15.

And why shouldn't the banks have filed suit? According to the Reuters report, they poured \$400,000 into fighting the Proposition F and they stand to lose millions of dollars if the legislation holds up.

But all those dollars should never make their way to the banks in the first place. As the ATM has become an integral part of everyday life, so has the nickel-and-dime highway robbery that the double-charge is.

A win for the city of San Francisco in the CBA lawsuit would open the door for similar legislation across the country. With Charlotte, one of the nation's biggest banking cities, in North Carolina, the N.C. General Assembly would be well served to consider pursuing a law against the unfair double charges.

CAMPUS FORUM

Fight the increase

In response to Daniel Margolis' forum letter yesterday discussing the UNC-CH tuition increase, well, Mr. Margolis, I'm growing tired of the apathetic mood sweeping this campus regarding a possible tuition increase. Any tuition increase of this magnitude will prevent thousands of exceptional students from attending our great university.

Are you implying that this university should close the doors of opportunity to thousands of students? Do you remember that girl in your freshman chemistry class who studied with and, as a result, you got an "A"? Well, it just so happens that she's one of your "unfortunates" who is at a community college because she couldn't afford to go to N.C. State. The guy you met in economics that you play basketball with? I guess it's just "too bad" that he is now unemployed and not finishing his last two years of school because he couldn't afford it. These are REAL PEOPLE, Mr. Margolis, with real lives, and real families to support.

And, yes, it would be great to give the terrific faculty at NCSU a raise. Let's work as a community of students to get them their 5.5 percent raise. Not by raising tuition at our universities 100 percent, but by lobbying the General Assembly.

I can assure you that the UNC system will not lose tenured faculty because they get paid less. Notice I didn't say "paid little." They will lose faculty, however, if our campuses are not places where different minds from different places having different views can come together and be educated. Let's ensure that we keep this university a place of diversity where bright minds from ALL backgrounds can get an education!

I applaud UNC-CH Student Body President Nic Henke for his tears at the board meeting last week. He, unlike some people, Mr. Margolis, is empathetically fighting for his fellow students and friends. I encourage all NCSU students to do the same. Join this fight!

Brad Adams
Fredman
FYC

Poking fun at Pokemon

JIMMY BYRLES
I have finally found it. I have had my endurance tested, but I have found some socially redeeming value in the absolutely worthless form of mindlessness that is Pokemon.

I spent a summer working in a children's library, exposed on a daily basis to the lunacy that Pokemon trading cards inspire. I live on a campus where members of the 18- to 24-year-old demographic indulge themselves with the trading card of choice for nine-year-olds.

I have even watched in horror as my own friends helplessly fell into the Pokemon phenomenon. I have read E-mail messages suggesting that Technician begin printing Pokemon pictures.

But before I get to exactly what makes this Pokemon worthwhile, I must confess something: I have no idea what in the hell Pokemon is. So, when I decided to write a column this week about this assinine game, I decided to do a little research first.

For those who are, like me, uninitiated in the ways of the Pokemon, I offer the following brief primer. Born in Japan in 1996, Pokemon made its United States debut in 1998 as a low-budget game for the Nintendo Game Boy (you remember those, right?).

A surprising best seller, the game has, since last September, matured into the mind-numbing media bomb that it is today. There are now Pokemon clothes, a Pokemon televi-

sion show, more Pokemon video games, and the centerpiece of the Pokemon enterprise, trading cards.

It is with these trading cards that pre-adolescents and nostalgic (or foolish) young adults enter the game. Originally, Pokemon centered on the quest of a character named Ash Ketchum. His goal was to capture all of the more than 150 Pokemon pocket monsters and train them.

Once trained, the cute little beasts do sickeningly sweet battle, knocking one another unconscious with "powers of attack" like the feared "just attack," and the petrifying "sting attack."

The main character's last name tells all about the card-collecting game: "Catch 'em." Pokemon card collectors aim to collect all of the trading cards, which retail in packs of 11 for about three dollars.

In addition to its absolute insanity, Pokemon has proven to have definite health risks. When it was still only a Japanese phenomenon (of 150 animated Beatles in London, circa 1962), one 1997 episode of the show sent 685 viewers to emergency rooms. The strobe-lighting effects have been toned-down for apparently more seizure-prone American viewers.

In another example of Pokemon-related health problems, a grown man offered an 11-year-old boy a pack of Pokemon cards, if only the young man would allow him to scorch his arm with a cigarette. Did the kid take the deal? You bet he did. There were Pokemon cards at stake, after all.

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Marks' favorites



KELLY MARKS

You know, there are times when life just sucks.

But, this is the thing: Life, in itself, is pretty wonderful. I can type this now and smile, but, last week when I wrote those words, intent on starting a column and finishing the darn thing, they loomed on the screen, dark and ominous. It was 4:34 in the morning of what ended up being the second all-nighter that week and I was holding a sleepy-eyed vigil over a temperamental printer in case the beast had the flat-out gall to cease in its duties. A computer crash, a paper jam and a couple of expletives later, it was officially pronounced a bad night.

Needless to say, that column didn't get finished.

Of course, as I'm staring another deadline in the face, it seems perfectly acceptable for me to prey upon what words I did manage to squeeze out on paper before I went on autopilot. I think I'll save you some of the extraneous whining and the curses muttered against all things bad in technology and just list the finer points (if there are any to be found).

See, the thing is, last week sucked. Forget profundness, forget rational explanations, there was just this mood hanging in the air—it was rife with the very essence of suckiness. In fact, suckiness poured in through my nostrils and rolled down my throat until, every time I breathed in, I got two good lungs full of grochiness. I was slow, I was confused and I was easily irritated by those around me. And I'm afraid I acted accordingly. I ran the gamut of emotions, from weeps to argumentative flat-out whiny and mean.

And, on the good days, I just looked at people and smiled and nodded and dozed quietly at whatever place I could find that was stationary.

Granted, I got through it all, but something happened that evening and I keep thinking about it. Around 5:30 a.m. or so, some time after everything that could go wrong with a computer did, I walked outside. And the air was cool and the night was clear and there were leaves gathered into piles at the foot of the steps to Learzar. And, well, long and sucky week that it had been, it just

didn't matter anymore. It was there are times when life just sucks.

But, this is the thing: Life, in itself, is pretty wonderful. I promise. See, as I sat outside bemoaning my existence, I started looking at the stars. It was the kind of evening where your breath hangs in the air in front of you like a Dentyne Ice commercial and you draw your arms around yourself tight and marvel at how wide your eyes can open. And you take it all in. And it's all pretty cool.

There are things in this life that you can't help but smile at. Things like shuffling through the piles of leaves that gather at the side of the roads and walkways—I go out of my way to walk through these, just to hear the satisfying crunch and rustle underfoot. I drag my feet along and watch them pile up around my ankles.

I love, I particularly like the acorns, there's something incredibly satisfying about stepping on as many of them as you can in a single jump across campus. Every little crunch and crack makes me feel a tad bit more alive.

I love clothing. I highly recommend that each and every one of you take PE 233 if you get the chance. It is truly a great thing to tie on very loud shoes and make very loud movements to some of the premiere pop and country favorites of today.

I have no rhythm; I do not care. I get to stomp and clap and do the "grapevine" and it's a lovely contrast to all of my other classes, where they don't really encourage my doing any of those things. "This is a wonderful thing to take a class for the sheer whimsy of taking it."

I like walking across campus on a cold morning and passing the dorms. All of the laundry vents in the Triad empty out on the backside and, as you walk toward the Free Expression Tunnel, there are these patches of warm air that smell like three waffles.

I like cold Dr. Pepper in a can, when it's so cold that it burns and tickles in your throat and your eyes tear up at the sides and you must make that satisfied, little-old-lady "ahhh..." sound (I'm sorry, it's inevitable—you can't not make that sound).

I like so many things, but I think I'll stop listing them before this becomes like some *Boop* teen magazine profile (Kelly likes the color blue and loves spaghetti, she hates smoking and people who harm the earth).

The thing is, there are a lot of little things in a day that are great (these are some of my favorites, feel free to have your own). Sucky days happen, but that's it. They happen and then they're done with. They get better. Even the ones where it's already tomorrow and you're assaulting an Epson 800 Stylus printer with a shoe and pretending it's somebody that you really hate.

To sum up, I was walking through the Brickyard a few weeks ago and passed a friend who asked me how I was. I made some vague remark with the phrase "personal hell" in it and was instantly smacked in the face with a reprimand about all of the people in Ethiopia or with rare degenerative birth defects. I don't remember the exact comment he made, but it was just enough to make me feel particularly evil and self-absorbed.

It also made me realize that things are never as bad as they seem. Even when they are, they can always be worse. To prove this, the same friend woke up with a kidney stone the very next day and spent a whole week recovering. Suddenly my little problems seemed just that—little.

It's all about perspective. It's a big world out there. Big enough that there is always something worse that could be happening to you. And big enough that there is always something better. There is always something good to see, no matter how small, how simple or how silly. Just remember something like leaves, or your friends, or that you can sketch a complete line dance to Sugar Ray's "Fly." And then smile.

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Anderson issues Communist Fanimesto



MARK ANDERSON

Right off the bat, let me assure you that I am not Russian. I am American. In fact, some 21 years ago my life began in Kansas, the geographical heart of America. Our national pastime thrives there and across the country, from the little league diamonds to the major league ballparks.

The baseball season culminated last week with the New York Yankees' less-than-exciting "World Series" victory in Yankee Stadium. Having two Canadian teams play in the big leagues must constitute a reasonable representation of the world. The Yankees should play the Japanese and Cuban teams for the right to be called true World Champions.

Back to the subject...baseball has developed into an athletic microcosm of our capitalist economy, with

money determining players' loyalties, while the necessity to win the big game supercedes the desire to play well.

Of course, the on-field action is still fairly interesting, but the busting exchange of millions of dollars drains out the good of sound of the ball smacking leather and wood.

Surprise! The conciseness for money, attention and clout drives players, managers and owners. With players (like the NHL Carolina Hurricanes' Keith Primeau) holding out to be paid better than other athletes and even teammates (as in Primeau's case), the omnipresent force of the big contract separates professionals from the presumed standard of playing the game out of love for the sport. Apparently, \$8 million is chump change compared to \$10 million.

While the athletes focus more and more on lucrative deals, the off-field news says baseball fans' excitement for the actual game. The players ought to play for half as much,

happily, still with the opportunity to play the game and build a stronger team.

A more competitive league would mature from the unbalanced mess that exists today. The level of performance would increase and the fans would recognize it as artistic mastery of a difficult sport.

George Steinbrenner, the owner of the Yankees—winners of three out of the past four Series—must have attended the Bill Gates workshop, "How to Run a Monopoly." The Bronx Bombers, having amassed a Gaudy 25 championships, are the Microsoft of the baseball community. New York is choking out the smaller, less financially sound ball clubs with a team of bought-out free agents.

These small teams "around the corner" ("You've Got Mail") have no chance against the franchise—Did somebody say...clubs, built around superb, proven talent stolen from other teams in desperate money. These big name players must

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Beantown winning in seven games. I believe in the "shop around the corner," the mom-and-pop stores and David (.and Goliath). As a lifetime baseball fan, I believe any team can thrive at our national pastime. It just takes some humility, passion and perseverance.

Listen up, Ronald. No one said anything about McDonald's. Alas, poor New York Mets' fans, your year of redemption is coming, with a legendary subway series in the near future. Hey, did you catch that Shakespeare allusion? What could haiku inuendo? Send me E-mail this time, would you? Mhunder2@unity.ncsu.edu

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So, with these strikes against it, what was that shining value referred to earlier? Last week, an eight-year-old boy in Colorado uncovered a Pokemon counterfeiting scheme at a local discount store. When authorities traced the scam, they confiscated \$6,900 worth of trading cards. The boy's lesson? How to spot a fraud—an important one in the increasingly questionable world of fun and games.

Jimmy's very disappointed in himself for having allowed Pokemon to be a column topic. Any responses you have for the lacking-in-creativity columnist would be greatly appreciated. jpryals@unity.ncsu.edu

Court puts Giuliani in his place over art exhibit

DAVID J. CIESLAK

Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

The embattled Brooklyn Museum of Art finally got a break Monday, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's half-baked plan to usurp a portion of the museum's annual \$7.2 million in funds was struck down by a federal court judge, who said Giuliani violated the First Amendment.

After every right-wing advocate and religious zealot in the New York area and beyond denounced the museum, Giuliani decided to take action by spearheading a campaign to level it.

On one side, First Amendment advocates who were infuriated by Giuliani's decision to withdraw city funds solely because the exhibit

which features a picture of the Virgin Mary splattered with cow dung and a vivisected pig—was rendered "offensive."

On the other side, a mayor looking to become New York's next senator who decided that trampling on the Constitution is perfectly reasonable if his religious beliefs are tarnished.

And in the end, the referee—Federal Judge Nina Gershon—decided that in America, negating artists' rights is unacceptable and withholding funds to a house of education and culture is deplorable. In his vintage arrogant style, Giuliani called Gershon's decision "the usual knee-jerk reaction of some judges."

If anyone had a knee-jerk reaction, it would be Giuliani. His ignorance of federal law, combined with his inability to remove his personal

religious beliefs from his job as mayor, are excusable. Thankfully in this country, citizens have the right to challenge politicians' decisions.

But the question remains—how is this issue not about free speech, as Giuliani claims? The mayor and a clan of overly religious people tried to withdraw funding from this museum solely on the basis of the exhibit's content.

The exhibit causes no physical harm. It's disgusting to some, but it's art to others and no politician has the right to make that distinction. In these times, as more of our basic rights are jeopardized, we must continue to fight those who attempt to stomp on our freedoms. And Gershon was absolutely right. There is no federal constitutional

issue more grave than the effort by government officials to censor works of expression and to threaten the vitality of a major cultural institution as punishment for failing to abide by governmental demands for orthodoxy," she said in her decision.

Politicians exist to carry out the wishes of their constituents. But when Giuliani threatens his constituents' rights by using mayoral power to financially run an established cultural center, he does nothing but a disservice.

A public servant listens to the wishes of all his or her constituents and then decides to take action using public policy as a guide. Giuliani did nothing of the sort, and because of his intolerance for their rights, New Yorkers should seriously consider whether or not to elect him to federal office.

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BARBARA DUFFEY
Daily Trojan (U. Southern California)

There are millions of men from around the world who would love to have their genes combined with the most beautiful women," says Ron Harris, proprietor of the web site www.ronsangels.com, which is auctioning supermodels' eggs to the highest bidder. He isn't talking about "combining genes" in the natural sense (wink wink, nudge nudge, know what I mean?), but rather buying eggs for artificial insemination that will grow in a surrogate mother. Who are the "most beautiful women"? Why, supermodels, of course! I, for one, am in a perpetual state of depression because I weigh about 60 pounds too much to be one. I'm also not tall enough. Don't worry about me, though. I've resigned myself to the fact that no one will ever want to "combine genes" with me. Who would want his kid to be short and pudgy with chubby cheeks? Certainly not the men with "substantial financial resources," which Harris says comprise his target audience.

He has bidders, too. According to an article by ABC News at www.abcnews.com, more than 5 million people have visited his web site, and he's already received four or five bids. One bid is \$42,000, which he claims is serious. Rich people want a supermodel for a daughter. People are willing to pay to have a better chance of having beautiful offspring; perhaps the worth of a child is directly proportional to how beautiful he or she is. This beauty is defined in what I consider to be the conventional sense: tall and skinny with striking features.


Defining beauty by the standard of

Harris is telling us that our own genes aren't the ideal for a baby; the supermodel is the ideal. Or perhaps Harris is only a businessman who knows that someone will pay him to have a more beautiful child. In that case, we ourselves are to blame for the beauty standard. We are holding everyone, including ourselves, to a false and destructive sense of what is attractive.

Any article on beauty will probably include, if only indirectly, the cliché that you've been thinking from the beginning: Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. My eye says that beauty is you. Be yourself. That's gorgeous. When the overweight girl passes you, stop looking down on her. How do you know that someone isn't in love with her? Why should a wealthy man not want to date her? Don't tell girls they have to be anorexic or at least skinny in order to be popular with men. Tell them they just have to be themselves. I consider Camryn Manheim of ABC's *The Practice* to be beautiful, and she certainly isn't a supermodel. As she said when she received her Emmy last year, "This is for all the fat girls!"

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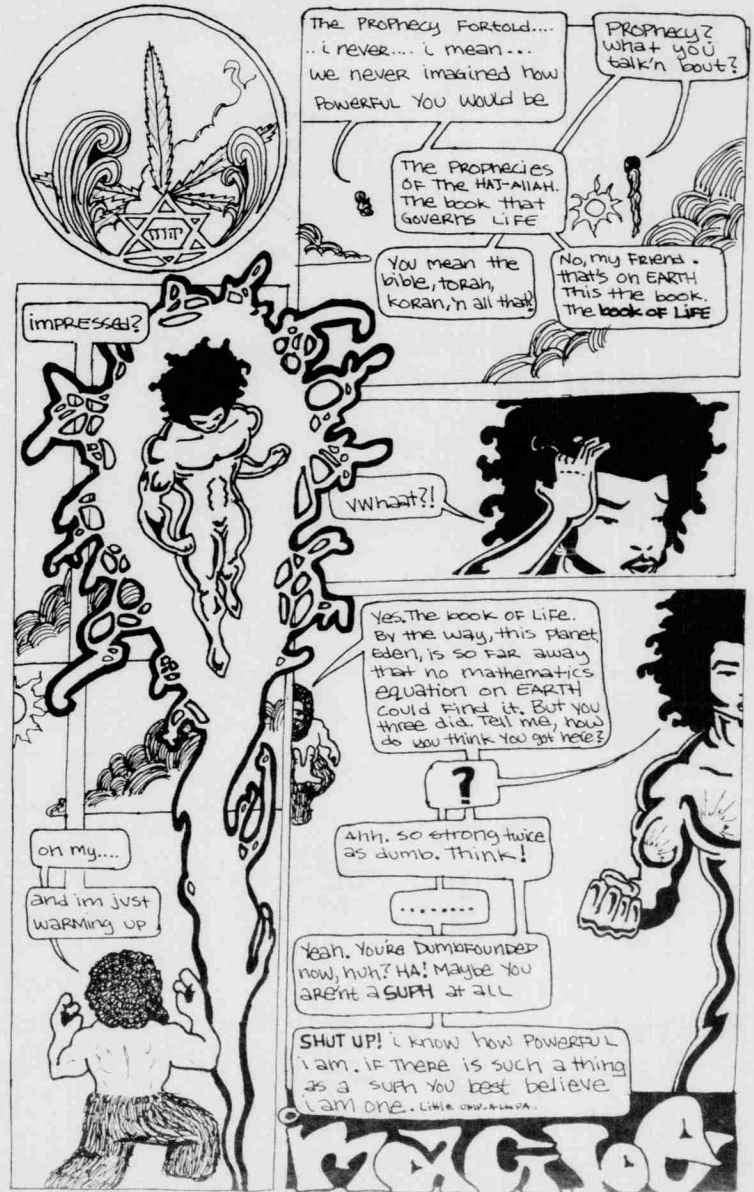
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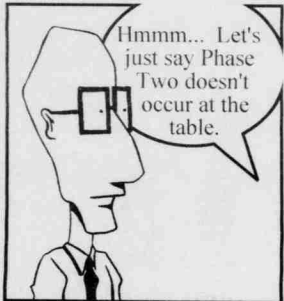
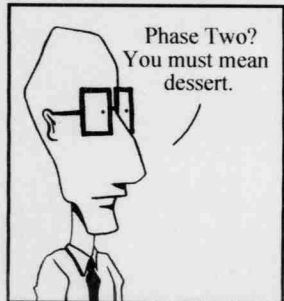
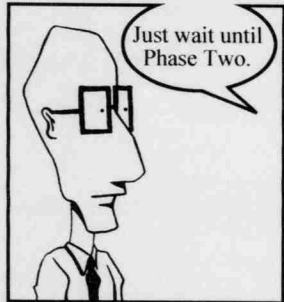
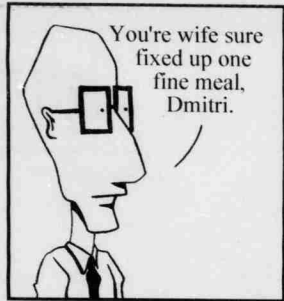
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the guard's performance. "This time he has the advantage of being here right from the start."

Grundy was ineligible to play during the first month and a half of last season, but came on strong for the Wolfpack in the later months of the season, even earning mention on the Atlantic Coast Conference's All-Tournament team.

On Wednesday night, he picked up right where he left off.

Grundy was 12 of 14 from the field, including hitting five of six shots from behind the three-point line.

But Grundy wasn't the only impressive performance in the backcourt.

Point Guard Justin Gainey added nine points and 11 assists while committing just three turnovers and controlling the up-tempo Wolfpack offense for most of the game.

Sophomore shooting guard Archie Miller added 10 points, on three of four shooting with two treys and a pair of free throws that tied the game at 73 points late in the second half.

The free throws came on an empty line, after California player Marc Mitchell was called for an intentional foul after taking down Wolfpack post player Kenny Inge on his way to the basket.

After a nasty fall apparently on his upper back/lower neck area, Inge laid on the floor for a couple of minutes while the Wolfpack team doctors administered to him. Inge was able to walk off of the floor with little assistance.

"I believe I could have put him back in," said Sendek after the game when questioned as to why Inge remained on the bench for the remainder of the game.

"Director of Sports Medicine Charlie Rozanski came up to me and said that he was okay. We just wanted to try different things."

According to Sendek, there is "every indication" that Inge is fine.

After the free throws, Grundy scored a driving lay up to give the Wolfpack a two-point lead which they would not relinquish.

N.C. State scored 19 points in the next 3:28 while allowing California to just eight.

Former DePaul player Willie Coleman led the California All-Stars with 23 points while former University of California at Berkeley player Mike Gill added 21 points.

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wandered around the post-game interview room after their 48-21 loss to Georgia Tech on Saturday nonchalantly, not terribly concerned that they had lost, the next three weeks will be a very different story.

The Wolfpack must win two if the next three contests in order to advance to a post-season bowl game.

In order for the Pack to be eligible for the postseason, because they have 12 games on their schedule, 7-5 is the worst record that they could have.

And the five that they have already included the win over Division I-AA William and Mary.

In all likelihood, the Pack will have to win both of the conference games still slated on the schedule. Not just the one Saturday, but also next Thursday's contest with UNC-Chapel Hill.

The two wins would put the Pack at 4-4 in the conference, which is likely good enough to pick up one of the conference's five slated bowl bids.

Rumors add lies: an internet scandal

ISRAEL GUTIERREZ

(Independent Florida Alligator '01, Florida)

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Steve Spurrier is leaving the University of Florida to become head coach at Notre Dame.

At least that was the Internet rumor someone started a few weeks ago. The so-called breaking news quickly reached reporters in Gainesville and South Bend, Ind., via postings on various Web sites.

Reporters in South Bend immediately questioned all the necessary authorities in the Notre Dame athletic department. They asked Fighting Irish coach Bob Davie about his job security.

It was Davie on his way out? Will God and Touchdown Jesus be smiling on Spurrier?

It could have been true. The anonymous source used all the right names. All the supposed sources were right there on the computer screen.

"People were talking about it as if it was something that was going to happen," said Eric Hansen, a sportswriter for the South Bend Tribune and managing editor of Irish Sports Report. "It was funny because, if I remember right,

(Notre Dame) had started winning at the time. That made it even more curious. Had this been in the midst of a three-game losing streak, it might have made some sense.

"(Davie) just pretty much laughed it off."

It was a laughing matter after the rumor was confirmed false. But a practical joke, rumored to have come from a student in Tallahassee or Knoxville, Tenn., caused a slight stir in the college football world, if

only for a couple of hours in a couple of towns.

Such is the world of sports lately, with the arrival and increased popularity of sports Web sites on the Internet. Specific team Web sites, recruiting Web sites and personal Web sites, many of which provide separate chat rooms and message boards for idle sports chatter, have created a whole new avenue for fans, coaches and media in the sports world.

Whether it be legitimate fact, purposely false or just a rumor, sports information is finding its way onto computer screens everywhere. And its effect on sports no longer can be considered a thing of the future. SECRETS&RUMORS.COM

Dick Reitey is better known as Swampie among UF fans.

The 49-year-old Eustis native is the man behind Swampie's Rumor Mill, an interactive sports forum on the Gator Country Web site www.gatorcountry.com.

Reitey considers himself one of the more careful editors when it comes to what information gets on his site.

"There's a lot of stuff that used to go on out there that was really false stuff," Reitey said. "And there's a lot of extremely malicious people on the Internet who love to spread false rumors. I've gotten, over the years, to be able to spot those pretty quickly."

Yet not all Internet gurus are as careful, or as ethical, as Reitey.

Gator Country has a message board called Swamp Gas, where Reitey said information is liberally edited by volunteers and passed for everyone to read.

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Pack's crunch time approaches

◆ Turtle soup would be a nice going away present for 19 Wolfpack seniors.

K. GRAFFNEY
Sports Editor

The senior class of the 1999 Wolfpack Football team is one of the most successful to come through Carter-Finley Stadium in a number of years.

The names are all too familiar: Todd Boyle, Chris Coleman, Scott Earwood, Ryan Hamrick, Alex Santos, Rashon Spikes, Tony Scott, and yes, Jamie Barnette to name a few.

And while the 19-member class will be honored before kickoff on Saturday, they won't have too much time to be nostalgic.

When the Wolfpack scheduled the Maryland Terrapins as its last home game of the 1999 season and homecoming game, no one in Raleigh was too worried that the boys on the gridiron would pull off a final win at home for the seniors.

But in the week before the match-up, it is clear that a win for the Wolfpack in no where near in the bag.

Last year, the Wolfpack traveled to College Park and beat up on the Terrapins, winning 35-21, using reserves for a majority of the second half.

Maryland returned 17 starters, notable running back LaMont Jordan and defensive tackle Delbert Cowsette, but was barely breaking into the national top



N.C. State's football team finds itself in a must-win situation this weekend against the Maryland Terrapins. State is 2-4 in the conference while Maryland is 2-3.

100. The Wolfpack on the other hand was a top 40 team, led by two all-conference cornerbacks, veteran three-year quarterback, its two top rushers and two promising wide receivers and a veteran kicking crew that had been through just about everything.

Eight games, and eight N.C. State injuries later, the Terrapins head into Saturday's game as the favorite in some circles.

The Terps are 5-3 overall and 2-3 in the ACC, coming directly off

of a loss to Duke in College Park. Maryland, in its third year under coach Ron Vanderlinden won its first three games by a cumulative score of 90-10, holding opponents Temple and West Virginia scoreless.

Wins over Wake Forest and UNC-Chapel Hill (the only other conference school left on N.C. State's roster) have propelled the Terrapins to fifth place in the Atlantic Coast Conference Standings.

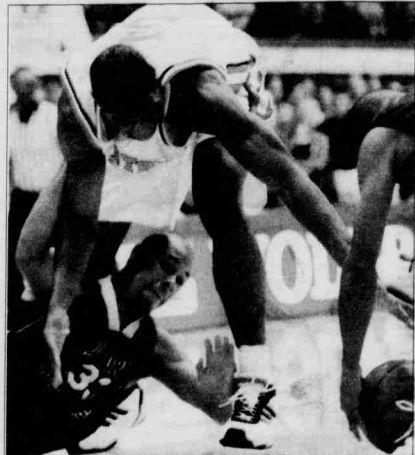
The Wolfpack, on the other

hand, is 5-4 overall and 2-4 in the conference, despite starting the season at 3-0 and ranked in the national top 25.

Since the start of the season, the Wolfpack has lost Keegan Wier, Erick Smith, Ryan Hamrick, Ray Robinson, K. J. Stone, Chris Coleman and Derek Roberts. And have lost four games, all at the hands of conference opponents, while only winning two.

And while the Wolfpack players

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Wolfpack center Damon Thorton fights for control off the ball in Wednesday's exhibition game in Reynolds Coliseum.

State men pull out win

◆ State men squeak out first basketball win.

K. GRAFFNEY
Sports Editor

In Grundy they trust.

Wednesday night, the Wolfpack men's basketball team got its first look at outside competition, and the Wolfpack fans got their first look at Anthony Grundy's sopho-

more effort. Grundy scored 30 points, propelling the Wolfpack to a 94-81 win over the California All-Stars in the Wolfpack's first exhibition game of the 1999-2000 season.

"He hasn't even been at full strength the last three days, going back into the weekend. He has been nursing a bruised shin," said Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek of

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Wolfpack swimming and diving, Friday night 7 p.m. in Casey Aquatics Center.

N.C. State's volleyball team defeated East Carolina, 3-1 in a non-conference contest on Tuesday night.

The Wolfpack women take on Wake Forest at 1 p.m. in Chapel Hill.

Ballanger, seniors give Tarantini historic win in final home game

◆ Jeremy Ballanger scores the only goal against ECU, in his last home game in his career.

JACK DALY
Assistant Sports Editor

It was sloppy, but George Tarantini earned his 150th victory as head coach of N.C. State's men's soccer team, as the team downed East Carolina 1-0 Wednesday at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

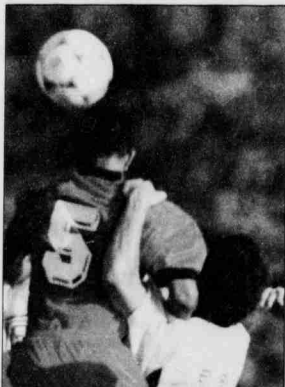
Senior captain Jeremy Ballanger scored the game's only goal in his last home game for the Wolfpack off a corner kick. Shaker Asad got the assist on the goal, which was scored in the 61st minute. It was the same combination of Asad to Ballanger on a corner kick that scored the team's first and last goals of the season at home.

"Well, we've been going to the back post pretty much all year," Ballanger said. "The last three or four games have been stagnant, not really working, so I tried to go in closer to the middle of the goal and lucked out."

Throughout the entire game, State (7-5-3, 1-3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) showed the effects of having back to back games this past weekend.

"We're absolutely dead physically today," Tarantini said. "We're physically destroyed."

In the first half, ECU had the best scoring opportunity. The Pirates' Nick Errato was left unmarked deep within Pack territory and his shot



N.C. State will take on the No. 1 ranked Duke Blue Devils this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Duke Soccer Stadium.

rang of the post past State keeper Mitchell Watson. The Pack had a couple chances of their own, but by and large, their play was lethargic.

"It's probably the ugliest game we've played all year," Asad said. "We're just happy to get a win, even though we played very sloppy."

The team was without the services of Nick Olivencia, who is tied for team lead in goals with five, and Sebastian Rodriguez. Olivencia hopes to return to the team for the ACC Tournament, while Rodriguez is done for the season.

"I think [we missed Nick], definitely," Asad said. "We need him up top. He's big and fast up there."

ECU had a great scoring chance early in the second half, but this time it was Greg Hoffman who hit the post. After Ballanger's goal at the 60:25 mark, neither team had any golden offensive opportunities.

The win left Tarantini with a career coaching mark of 150-87-26 in his 14 seasons at State.

"I am getting old," Tarantini laughed after the game. "I am getting old, that's what that means."

Watson earned his third full shutout of the season by stopping six Pirates' shots.

State travels to Durham Saturday to take on the no. 1 Duke Blue Devils. The ACC Tournament begins next Thursday with the Pack most likely taking on the Maryland Terrapins.



In his final home game with the Wolfpack, Jeremy Ballanger, 16, scored State's only goal.