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Wolflin bus wrecks on Centennial

◆ The accident occurred on Centennial Campus behind the ABB parking deck.

News Staff Report

A Wolflin bus wrecked yesterday around 4:15 p.m. on Centennial Campus, directly behind the ABB parking lot. B.E. Franklin, the lieutenant on duty, said that driver James Herndon stopped the bus in the College of Textiles' carriage-

way and stepped outside for unknown reasons. The bus then began to roll and Herndon jumped back in to stop it.

His foot slipped off the brake and hit the gas pedal, where his foot stuck, according to Public Safety Chief Tom Younce, who was also on the scene.

The bus then ran over a light post, knocking it down, and crossed through the trees lining the courtyard between the ABB parking deck and the Partners I building.

It proceeded to cross the park-

ing deck turnaround and finally went up the embankment, where it stopped.

The bus was empty and the driver was not hurt. A stop sign became wedged into the back left window in the course of the accident. Chief Younce said he didn't know how that happened or where, though he said it was "probably somewhere in the College of Textiles."

"At this point," said Chief Younce, "there will be further investigation to determine neg-

ligence or any other causes." Herndon declined to comment.

"Nothing like this has ever happened before," said Claire Kane, transportation planner with NCSU Transportation.

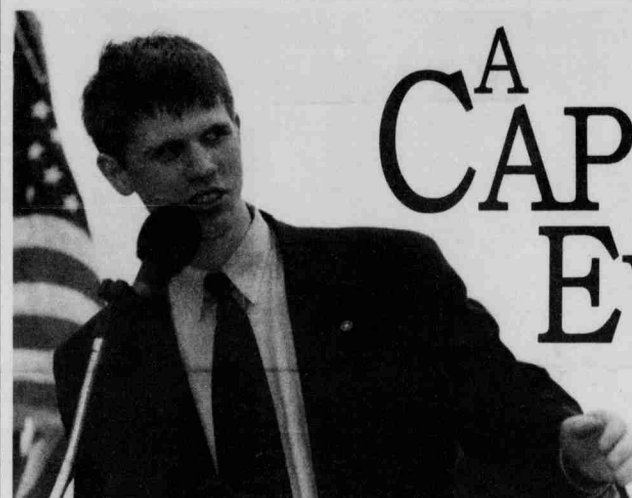
"We're thankful no one was hurt."

Kane said that TCT, the Wolflin bus service provider, is investigating the incident to determine the possibilities of mechanical malfunction or driver problems.



This Wolflin bus ran onto an embankment on Centennial Campus Tuesday afternoon.

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ASG President Andrew Payne addresses the 600 attendants at Tuesday's "Students' Day at the Capitol."

A CAPITAL EVENT

Student lobby spawns BOG bill



UNC System President Molly Broad has a fairly captive audience at the day at the capital Tuesday.

◆ ASG's "Day at the Capital" led to the drafting of a pair of bills that would give students a voice on the Board of Governors.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

Six hundred UNC System students converged on the state capital Tuesday. Two real chances for a student voice on the system's Board of Governors emerged from their work. North Carolina legislators introduced a pair of bills Tuesday that could give the student member of the UNC System Board of Governors voting rights. State Senator Ellie Kinnaird (Orange) and N.C. Representative Alma Adams (Guilford) each wrote and submitted to the floors

of their respective houses bills on voting rights for student members on the BOG.

Kinnaird's bill went directly to the Senate Rules Committee; Adams' House bill was sent to the House Higher Education Committee.

Adams believe students are currently underrepresented on the board.

"You [students] have a voice, but no vote," she said.

Adams is also a professor at Bennett College.

The two bills, if passed, would strike out the language in the BOG's general statutes that allow student members full membership without voting rights and replace it with a statement allowing the student member voting privileges. ASG officials are "very opti-

◆ The UNC System Association of Student Governments brought 600 UNC students to the State Capitol Tuesday.

Ayren Jackson
Senior Staff Reporter

History was made yesterday.

While lobbying, debating and creating positive changes at the North Carolina Capitol are all traditional activities among members of state government, it was not until yesterday that students from the 16 UNC System schools took the opportunity to lobby on behalf of their own issues.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, the UNC Association of Student Governments sponsored its first "Students' Day at the Capitol." The event brought together approximately 600 students from across the state with the hopes of receiving much-needed support from legislators on important university concerns.

As they rallied at the Halifax Mall, as they walked

the halls of the legislative building and as they asked senators and representatives for support, these students had one goal in mind.

"We need to make a statement that says we care about our education," said NCSU Student Senator Jeff Enis. "Our issues as students at universities of higher education should be important to everyone — we are the future."

After a lunch rally on the Halifax Mall and a meet-and-greet, students were divided into groups and met with legislators to discuss and ask for support on three main issues which currently face UNC System schools.

Students encouraged Senators and Representatives to support need-based financial aid and a 6 percent increase in faculty salaries. Both of these issues have been proposed and endorsed by the UNC Board of Governors.

"Access through financial aid and increased faculty salaries is our number one priority," said UNC System President Molly Broad. "I still have a smile on my face from the \$3 billion bond election, but through it our universities need more than bricks and mortar — our universities need access."

Other states have already made improvements in faculty salaries, with six other states approaching or exceeding 5 percent increases.

"Competitive salaries are important in maintaining quality education," said Jonathan Rowe, student body president of Western Carolina University. "We have the best universities in the country

and we should also have the best teachers."

As student tuition continues to rise, UNC schools continue to carry a significant amount of unmet need for student financial aid among their in-state students.

"We as students should have the right of receiving an education without the threat of having to take on two or three jobs or not having enough money to continue," said Nikita Mitchell, student body president of N.C. A&T. "The numbers don't lie and the numbers are saying that we are not being fairly funded for our education."

Students also lobbied senators and representatives for a student vote on the UNC BOG. Current ASG President Andrew Payne sits as a non-voting member on the board.

According to the ASG, 82 percent of other states' Board of Governors have a student vote.

Students who attended the "Students' Day at the Capital" agreed that it will be a day that will ultimately positively change the status of the UNC System.

"Most of the senators and representatives listened and supported our concerns all the way," said NCSU Student Senator Michael Mineiro.

The event was a historical one.

"The challenges of old are old," said NCSU Student Body President Harold Pettigrew. "We need new challenges."

"I [am] looking for input, feedback ... any questions or suggestions would be greatly appreciated," she said.

NCSU hosts nationwide waste forum

◆ Experts from all over the country will discuss waste management solutions at N.C. State Thursday.

Dominique Donato
Staff Reporter

As part of its acceptance of the Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainability Initiative, NCSU is required to exceed a mandatory 40 percent waste reduction of campus waste going to landfills.

In an effort to do its part and foster discussion on waste management solutions, NCSU, along with the EPA and WasteWise, is hosting a satellite forum on waste management. This forum will be broadcast from the EPA to various locations.

The broadcast is not a public one, but Michelle Minstrell, NCSU Recycling/Solid Waste Manager, has secured a room equipped with the downlink address.

The event is hosted through WasteWise and the College and University Research Council (CURC). Created by the EPA, WasteWise focuses on reduction of municipal solid waste. CURC is a technical council of the National Recycling Council (NRC) that specializes in education, training and networking.

Together, WasteWise and CURC hope to spread information to universities nationwide on waste prevention, recycling and the purchase of products with recycled post-consumer content.

The forum will consist of a panel of experts from colleges across the country. Among the schools represented on the panel will be the University of Virginia and Emory University.

The forum will be held Feb. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 1600 of Centennial Campus's Research 4 Building. Panel discussion will focus on the sharing of lessons learned by the attendant institutions in waste reduction. Panel members will also take questions from all over the country.

After the forum, Minstrell will hold a discussion about NCSU's waste management policy. Attendance at this event is a chance for students and faculty to discuss their concerns and address questions to Minstrell about the university's policies.

There are only 30 seats available for the forum. Interested parties can contact Minstrell at 515-9883 or michell_minstrell@ncsu.edu.

Minstrell is excited about the forum.

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SBP Harold Pettigrew



TIGER WOODS, y'all!

Joel Isaac Frady
Assistant Features Editor

"Down to Earth," like most other comedies, is as much of a one-man show as it can be. Like an Adam Sandler or Jim Carrey comedy, the plot is relatively irrelevant. Its main purpose is to create the situations so that the jokes can be made. This often doesn't work ("Ace Ventura") as the audience gets so much of the comedian that it gets monotonous and the humor is lost. In "Down to Earth," the guys who run heaven, who promptly place Lance back into a new body, which happens to be that of a rich, old white man. This is the part of the premise that is particularly funny but isn't executed well at all. Even after he gets the body, he continues to see himself and so does the audience. He also keeps acting like Lance Barton would, which makes sense if you

stand-up isn't very good and he gets booted off the stage at the Apollo. On his way home, he gets distracted by Sontee (Regina King), the romantic interest in the film, and before he knows it a truck is coming at him and he's in heaven. There he meets Keyes (Eugene Levy, "Best in Show") and Mr. King (Chazz Palminteri, "Analyze This"), the guys who run heaven, who promptly place Lance back into a new body, which happens to be that of a rich, old white man.

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Down to Earth

★★★★

Director:
Paul and Chris Weitz
Starring:
Chris Rock
Eugene Levy

look like Chris Rock, but it doesn't make as much sense if you're an old white guy, yet Lance acts as if nothing has changed (which makes one wonder if he still remembers what he looks like). It would also have been funnier if the audience saw him as the rest of the world does,

instead of as Rock. The funniest bits of the film are the two or three times that someone else's perspective is shown and we see an old white guy rapping, dancing etc.

Rock doesn't get the whole show, though, and the shortcomings are made up through a large and funny supporting cast. Highlighted by Mark Adly ("The Full Monty") as the butler who puts on a fake English accent to please the head of the house, Jennifer Coolidge ("Best

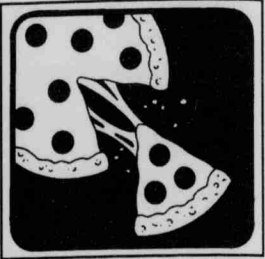
in Show") as his wife and Wanda Sykes as the maid, they keep the flavor going and add some diversity to the film.

Even so, the majority of the humor comes simply from Chris Rock being Chris Rock, and in this case it works out. Rock, unlike many comedians who jump right into bad films, has built up his film career to this point with great supporting roles in excellent movies ("Nurse Betty," "Dogma") and makes the step to leading man with ease.

Whether this film works with the viewer will depend on whether the viewer likes Chris Rock. If you like him, you'll like the movie. If you don't, you won't. There's nothing special here, as it's predictable and formulaic, but it still accomplishes what it's supposed to, and that's getting laughs.

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The Pizza Papers



PART ONE

Zack Smith
Senior Staff Writer

PIZZA. THE CHOICE OF LUNCH, DINNER AND IN SOME CASES BREAKFAST FOR VIRTUALLY EVERY STUDENT AT N.C. STATE. AND FOR STATE STUDENTS, THE CHOICES OF PIZZA ARE HARDLY LIMITED; THERE'S NEARLY A DOZEN DIFFERENT PIZZA RESTAURANTS SPREAD ALONG CAMPUS AND HILLSBOROUGH STREET. WHICH BEGS THE QUESTION: WHICH PIZZA PLACES ARE THE BEST?

And so, I have set out to eat at every pizza place around over the course of the next several weeks, to answer this burning question: Who has the best pepperoni? The best service? Do they take plastic? These questions and many others will be answered in ... The Pizza Papers.

Here are the rules I adhere to: I visit the place and order a small lunch to judge. For the most part, I stick to the classic pepperoni, but if the place offers anything particularly exotic-sounding, I order a slice of it to judge separately. This is only pizza; no subs, calzones or lasagna may be used to tempt the palate. All judgments are strictly my opinion, and do not reflect the overall opinion of Technician staff.

ON TO PART ONE.

The first place I visited was *Sylvia's Pizza* at 2304 Hillsborough. It's located down by Tompkins Hall in the "B's-The-Slice" district of I Love NY Pizza and Pinochio's Pizza. Here's what I learned:

Type
By the slice, mostly. There is a reasonable variety of slightly left-of-center materials, mostly chicken or artichoke-based on the day I ate there. I ordered a slice of Pepperoni and a slice of Spicy Chicken and Peppers.

Service
The person who served me was very friendly and personable. They have a slightly awkward arrangement, with the main display and ovens in the back and the pick-up window in the front, but it didn't bother me that much.

Do They Take Plastic?
Debit cards, yes; credit and checks, no.

Cleanliness
Not too bad, but they could stand to have someone wipe off the tables after each customer is done. For that matter, they're also a little short on condiments; I had to swipe a parmesan cheese container from another table, and their napkins are kept over at a separate counter with the straws and plastic utensils. As any pizza-eater knows, when you get sauce on your hands, you need napkins immediately.

Price
\$4.60 for the two slices I had.
But How Was the Food?
Pretty good, actually. The re-heating in the pizza oven made the crust a little crunchy, but the chicken had a nice flavor to it, spicy without overwhelming the flavor. The pepperoni was also very good, although it needed a little oregano sprinkled on it.
Overall?
I'd eat there again. It could stand to improve a little, but it's the newest place on the street and it has plenty of time to correct its minor flaws.

A couple of days later, I went to one of the better-known places on the street, *Brothers Pizza*, located at 2508 Hillsborough, next to Two Guys. My experience:

Type
A sit-down restaurant, more of a traditional by-the-pie place. I ordered the lunch special of a one-topping mini-pizza (pepperoni) and a side salad.
Service
A little slower than I'm used to on the day I ate there (it took a while to get refills for my water), but the place was pretty crowded. Overall, it was very fast and friendly.

Do They Take Plastic?
Yes.
Cleanliness
The restaurant is very clean and well-run.

Price
The price was \$4.98 for a small four-slice pizza and a small salad.

But How Was the Food?
Very good. The pizza was a little hot and soggy at first, but after a few minutes to cool down, it was fine. The crust was crispy without being too crunchy, and there was a nice, even blending of cheese, sauce and pepperoni.

Overall
It's one of the longest-running and best-loved pizza places on the street, and it doesn't look like that's going to change any time soon.

Tune in next week for Part Two of this series, if our intrepid reporter doesn't die of heartburn

Solid · Black · Dog

Joe Reising
The Observer

It is usually never a good sign when a band puts their picture on the album cover. Case in point: every Britney Spears' Backstreet boys' 'N Sync record ever made. A band's picture usually signifies that the music is not good enough to stand alone and the record companies need to market band members' faces to sell the album. Fortunately, Frank Black does not have a pretty face, and he and his band, the Catholics, are definitely not hashing out flavor-of-the-year sound to hungry teenage consumers.

In fact, Dog in the Sand reaches about as far back into rock and western roots as any band can reasonably go. As Frank Black explains on the W.A.R. Records Web site, the album was recorded live onto two tracks - meaning no studio overdubs or even edits. Black, hopefully joking, fires off a time when the band will record on wax cylinder, and then, perhaps a release just on sheet music.

It may seem strange for Frank Black to be embracing such a time-worn rock sound. As the former lead singer of the Pixies in the late '80s and early '90s, Frank Black and friends laid most of the ground-work for 90s rock music

with their early use of start-stop song dynamics and general knack for finding fresh ways around regular rock formulas.

No such groundbreaking sounds are to be found on Dog in the Sand.

On a recent tour, Black said that the band listened to the Rolling Stones' 'Exile on Main Street' every morning, and Bob Dylan's *Blonde* every afternoon, which gives a pretty good idea of Dog in the Sand's overall sound.

One can easily picture half the songs from the album pouring out of the jukebox in some smoky barroom on the edge of the desert. The use of the pedal

steel guitar throughout the album, an instrument responsible for much of that '50s western sound, definitely helps create the effect.

But Dog in the Sand is much more than a rock revival. It is also a Frank Black album, and as such, carries with it Black's penchant for always doing something different - both as a singer and lyricist.

"Blast Off," the album's opener, begins with Black singing in a shaky goth voice over slow chords but then quickly breaks into rowdy rocking beat with pounding honky-tonk piano courtesy of former Captain Beefheart and Pere Ubu

member Eric Drew Feldman.

Black's off-the-wall lyrics show up throughout the song, with lines like, "I'm in a Beckett trance/ from all the chemicals/ and when we get there/ the Irish in me gonna claim it for France?" Not too many roadhouse rock songs can claim to reference existentialist playwrights, or spout off lines like, "Union pour la promotion de la propulsion phonotique." It is that kind of eccentricity that makes an otherwise good old-fashioned rock song a little more fresh and challenging.

On "Bullet," Black has fun with the traditional

minor chord stomp of the song, singing, "If you don't like my melody/ I'll sing it in a major key/ I'll sing it very happily." The Catholics pull off all the western genres on the album expertly, but it is reassuring to know at the same time that they aren't taking themselves too seriously.

Occasionally, though, songs like the slow sprawling ballad "I'll Be Blue" or the electric piano lament "I've Seen Your Picture" drag down the pace a little bit. But even these songs are done well and add a few more moods and details to the album's septa-toned view of the western horizon.

Frank Black is not going to inspire any future Nirvanas with Dog in the Sand. But he does do an excellent job re-imagining the western roots of old time rock 'n' roll, while still bringing in plenty of his inventive oddness at the same time.

Dog in the Sand is an album worth buying, both to hear phrases like "In division pelagic you were choragic" and simply to hear some great rock tunes. With this album, Frank Black and the Catholics revive a vintage sound sadly forgotten amid the stacks of discs with pretty faces and not an ounce of inspiration.

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Cal system optional SAT reaction

◆ Cal President Richard Atkinson's support of optionalizing the SAT has sparked nationwide debate.

Andrea O'Brien
Daily Californian (UC California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Four days after the initial announcement of University of California President Richard Atkinson's recommendation to make the SAT optional for UC applicants, many academics are left questioning his unprecedented move and how it will change the university system and colleges across the nation. While the long trip to implementation could take more than a year, the mere mention of the proposal was enough to cause speculation to circulate nationwide.

"The University of California is the premier higher learning institution in the country, and I think this will be very important for universities across the country," said Pedro Noguera, a former University of California-Berkeley professor who now teaches at Harvard University.

Some academics have hailed the proposal as a step in the right direction for the university, while others defend the SAT's ability to reliably predict how students will perform in college. They all agree, however, that the UC president's landmark

recommendation is sure to challenge one of the nation's most influential standardized tests.

"The rest of the nation will look to California and begin long-overdue debate about the standard of these tests," said Michael Reese, a UC spokesperson.

The UC system has often been viewed as a leader among public universities, setting the trend on a variety of issues.

When the UC Board of Regents voted to ban the use of race preferences in admissions in 1995, all eyes were trained on the UC system, the first major university to take the step. In the six years since the regents' decision, numerous state higher education institutions have followed suit.

Some, however, have said the university is falling behind the national trend for admissions processes.

"I think most other universities look at a wide range of factors and that's what Cal should do," Noguera said. "What the president is proposing to do makes a lot of sense."

Most private schools already utilize a more comprehensive process for evaluating applications, said Michael Rowan, chair of the executive board of the Academic Senate, the statewide faculty governing body for academic policy.

He added, however, that UC campuses are already moving toward a more "holistic" and

comprehensive admission process, which will give each applicant more attention and focus on accomplishments as well as grades and test scores.

"I would say to some degree it's not good to have one criteria as the one evidence we use for students to do well in school," Noguera said. "I'm not going to rule out the value of the SAT, but you want to look at the whole person and what they've done, rather than just grades or SAT scores."

UC Student Regent Justin Fong said the change may come just in time.

While visiting UC Berkeley last week with other members of the board, he said the university has become too reliant on standardized testing in its admissions process.

"We don't look comprehensively at all the applications that come in," he said. "At least half of the students that apply don't get their full applications considered at UC-Berkeley."

While few educators are quick to dismiss the merits of stan-

dardized tests, many college officials are calling for a new form of the test, one more indicative of what students actually learn in their classes.

"If we can connect testing more closely to what high school courses teach, then more students will have a better chance of success," said Freeman Hrabarski, III, president of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

If the proposal is approved by the Academic Senate and the UC Board of Regents, the test's elimination could affect the class that enters in Fall 2003, at the earliest.

Atkinson's recommendation will be sent to the Academic Senate's Board on Admissions and Relations with Schools Tuesday for consideration.

The board is a systemwide committee that deals with admissions proposals.

Erin Gallagher of The Daily Californian staff contributed to this report.

BILL WOLFLINE

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That House optimism is contrasted by the fact that a bill similar to Kinnaird's never made it past the Senate Rules Committee in 1999. Still, Payne said the Senate bill has at least 26 co-signers within the Senate, an encouraging sign.

"Basically, we aren't asking for anything fancy," Payne said. "We just want students to have the right to vote."

Payne sees the assignment of the bill to the higher education committee as an encouraging sign. The house's "good leadership" also contributes to his enthusiasm.

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"Basically, we aren't asking for anything fancy," Payne said. "We just want students to have the right to vote."

Kane said the results of the investigation could be known by the end of today.

Kane also pointed out that incidents usually occur because other drivers get impatient and try to pass buses, and that Public Safety is always on the scene of such accidents.

"This is an extreme case," said Kane. "We're very fortunate no one was injured and that it went the way it did."

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New Horizons is a mixed chorus specializing in the performance of Negro spirituals and contemporary gospel music. The group also performs other music by black composers. The choir is one of the performance ensembles of the NCSU Music Department.

Thursday, February 22, 2001
12:30 PM - Barry Saunders, News & Observer columnist will be discussing his book *Do Unto Others...And Then Run*.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Capitol gain

THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE GOVERNMENTS' "STUDENTS' DAY AT THE CAPITAL" WAS AN ASTOUNDING TRIUMPH OF STUDENT WILL.

Tuesday, students from all 16 UNC System schools and various other institutes of higher learning across the state merged in downtown Raleigh to participate in a watershed event in student activism, the "Students' Day at the Capital."

Students spent the day addressing three central desires to various state senators and representatives: 1) a support of need-based financial aid, 2) a six percent increase in faculty salaries and 3) a student vote on the Board of Governors, which oversees the UNC System. The Board of Governors has already endorsed both the request for financial aid and the faculty salary increase.

In its embrace of what N.C. State University President Harold Petrigrew called "new challenges," students from across the state — and the cooperative lawmakers with whom they met — set a monumental framework for a functional future working relationship between students, administrators and legislators.

What the students and various student governments did, however, is not as important as the fact that they managed to do it in the first place.

Even if none of the student requests is satisfied, the strength of the state's student network can no longer be denied, and that recognition will aid in supplementing support to future ventures.

There are more than 162,000 students in the UNC System. State legislators and Board of Governors officials are finally realizing that students also constitute 162,000 future voters North Carolina residents who can and will change the political system to suit their needs. Legislators can either fight or cooperate; they made the right decision on Tuesday to cooperate.

The fact that such a diplomatic meeting of the minds could occur at all between such disparate camps over such an emotionally heated issue should be comfort enough to ASG President Andrew Payne and his 162,000-plus supporters.



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Marko MMI

Sex and Jesus



Richard Morgan
STAFF COLUMNIST

What does the dynamic duo of an erect penis and its complementary welcoming vagina have in common with Christianity's Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost? They're all all-American.

After all, isn't the pinnacle of religious ritual, a wedding, immediately followed by the pinnacle of sexual appetite, a honeymoon? True, many Americans devote themselves to the Word on Sunday mornings, but — come on! — you don't need to have seen "American Beauty" to know how many God-loving brethren are devoting themselves to the Word during morning showers the rest of the week.

We vote for a president based on his dedication to faith-based cooperatives and family values, but we're also glued to the screens of "Temptation Island" and "American Pie." There's something distinctly American about the way Britney Spears can bare her soul and thank God for her career at the same time she can bare her breasts and thank MTV for her record sales.

And why shouldn't they be entwined — God and sex? Not in the Jimmy Swaggart way, of course, but rather in the Hester Prynne manner in which we all spend pretty much our whole lives pursuing both spiritual and physical ecstasy.

[Sideline to Puritans: If you're uncomfortable with the notion that God is a passionate being, a raving romantic, who not only conceived of human sex but designed the penis, the vagina, the nipple and the lips to maximize the raw sexual intensity of the act, then read your Bible. Read about the God who chose "love" to be the one word to stand as substitute for who he is and what he stands for — not formality, not shirts and ties and white gloves and flowered hats — only love.]

God and sex define much of our culture. From the abortion debate to

gay rights to the idolatry of pornography, sexism and the objectification of the human body in general, a great load of our deepest passions spring forth from the duality of a sex-crazed pseudo-theocracy.

They even share the same dark sides: the cancers of money, egoism, shallow image and self-righteous arrogance — not to mention the ever-present fear of clinical apathy.

And it makes sense, these similarities. After all, both sex and God ultimately revolve around the same issues: creation, devotion, pleasure, partnership, relationship, service and sacrifice. Away from all the bells and whistles (literally, for some) of sex, the act is a pursuit of reproduction, an attempt to "be fruitful and multiply," to rub up against the dream of immortality by ensuring a piece of you is born into the future.

But it's important to realize sexual ecstasy — as powerful and pleasurable as it may seem — pales in comparison to spiritual ecstasy. Sex may flash mesh together, but even the tightest, most complicated naked embrace is utterly impotent in its attempt at recreating spiritual communion. Our bodies, our world and our abilities, are limited.

With sex, there can only be so many positions we can try, only so many orgasms we can squeeze into a night. This is precisely why sex gets old and boring and guilty of "dead bed" syndrome: the emotional component of sex cannot provide the very thing it seeks — namely, love.

Love is not measured in droplets of semen or decibels of climactic clamor. On the contrary, "this is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins ... God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:10-16).

Keep abreast of this discussion and milk it for all it's worth by emailing Richard at ncsu_writer@yahoo.com.



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Sometimes harsh, cold reality makes you realize you haven't been quite the faithfully spiritual person you seek to be. I found out last week that my brother-in-law has a brain tumor. This is a person with whom I've had a difficult relationship for the nearly six years I have known him. My in-laws and I have grown very close over the time we've spent together, but I have never been able to get past my difficulties with ... I won't bore you with the details, but suffice it to say he and I have very different ideas about responsibility. Raised in a tightly knit group, he has chosen distance and misinformation as weapons to hold those who love him at arm's length. As an outsider who entered the fray a relatively short time ago, I find it very difficult to keep quiet when I watch him ignorantly do harm to people who I have come to care about a great deal.

So what exactly is the problem here? It would seem my anger toward him is understandable, and I should accept the difficulty might always be there. I should pray he'll have both a change of heart and a speedy recovery, right? I'm sure one of you out there could direct me to some comforting Scripture. However, that advice makes one understandable but powerfully wrong assumption: that when I said that I sought to be spiritually faith-

ful, I meant as a Christian. After spending my childhood and young adult years never getting satisfactory answers to questions I posed to the church, I opted for the meditation hall instead and became Buddhist.

This situation is an excellent example of why I became Buddhist. As a Christian, I always had great difficulty understanding the concept of repentance and divine forgiveness. As I was made to understand it, provided you were willing to repent your sins and accept Jesus, all was forgiven and your soul washed clean. What kind of person you were previously made no difference. You were allowed to rape, murder, pillage and plunder with no fear of reprisal, provided at the end of your life you felt apologetic about it. No matter the atrocity, you'd be forgiven and welcomed into Heaven when you died — and not some sort of trainee-type Heaven where you didn't get wings and were forced to let Michael Bolton sing at you until you really understood the meaning of suffering, but the genuine thing (the Catholics almost got me with the purgatory concept, but incense makes me sneeze). I struggled for a long time with the idea that the guy who blows up an airliner has the same chance as I do of getting into the Big Dance provided he buys a ticket before the window closes. That is, until I found out about karma.

Deliberately simplified, karma is the big spiritual scoreboard. You say you torched an orphanage and just feel awful about it? That's nice, but you are still going to pay for it eventually. The course of your actions becomes extremely meaningful, as you can't have the option of the get-

out-of-Hell-free card. Each negative action, from large to small, counts towards your karmic total, which brings me back to my present dilemma: my feelings surrounding my brother-in-law. It has taken the delivery of bad news to make me realize how much my feelings and actions had stained my own karma. Yes, he has hurt people I care about. The way I have allowed myself to react to it has hurt them, too. My anger has solved nothing, and made a difficult situation that much worse.

I do realize most Christians are kind, faithful people who do good work and are horrified by the Jimmy Swaggarts of this world. There are many more reasons for my leaving the pew for the cushion than just not liking how the score is kept. However, as long as absolutism is granted without a price being paid, I'm afraid there will be those who will take advantage of it. From Christian Identity segregationists to right-to-life murderers, there are many sad stories of those who truly believed they would be forgiven using it as an excuse to wreak mayhem. While these are extreme examples, the small things we do on a day-to-day basis, like being rude to a bad waiter or cutting someone off in traffic, add up to an enormous level of bad karma that should require you to put in little sweat to work them off. After all, nothing worth having is either easy or free.

Josh will be staying indoors during thunderstorms for a while just to be safe. Email him at jlyle@yahoo.com with your lightning-avoidance tips.

CAMPUS FORUM

SAT error

Just wanted to make you aware of an error in Technician's View ("Seeking Alternative Testing," Feb. 19) regarding the SAT. "SAT" used to stand for Scholastic Aptitude Test; that has been changed as of six to eight years ago. The term "SAT" now stands for Scholastic Assessment Tests (since there is now SAT I and SAT II). Thought you should know for future reference.

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Iraqi sanctions 'worst' decision

In regards to Larisa Yasinovskaya's "America bombs again" (Feb. 20), the author hit the nail on the head when she wrote

"the sanctions prevent everything from electrical equipment and building materials to bandages, baby food and cleaning products to be imported into Iraq. ... These sanctions do not hurt Saddam; he doesn't suffer at a shortage of these basic supplies; it's the innocent civilians and children who are the victims of 'our policy.'" Sanctions on Iraq are the worst thing that the world has done for the sake of the oppressed Iraqi people. Not only do they have to deal with an oppressive dictator, but also have to cope with a lack of basic amenities and equipment that just might save some lives. America, the so-called champion of human rights, is just making the Iraqi people weaker; and if they are weak, they can not overthrow Saddam. Saddam is comfortable in his palaces; he has enough food to keep him fed, and no amount of bombs will ever get rid of him. So why bomb civilians to protest the actions of their leader? Americans didn't get pun-

ished for Slick Will's sexcapades. They weren't labeled ignorant when Dubya didn't know the name of the leaders of India and Pakistan. So why should the Iraqi's die for Saddam's actions? I agree with Yasinovskaya. "If we could only see past our enormous ego and stop screaming 'We're the best and strongest ever!' We don't care about the facts; we do what we want, because we can!" Maybe we would be able to actually help people." True. True.

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BS over BSA

For many years now the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have been coming under fire for what many people claim is exclusionary and bigoted beliefs. The BSA

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Kay Yow's Pack goes for seven in a row.

WolfpackNotes

Carter-Finley Stadium site preparation begins

Workers began the process of preparing Carter-Finley Stadium for Phase I of renovations Tuesday with the demolition of the current stadium scoreboard. Additional site work is being completed in preparation for the Wolfpack Club's official groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, March 4.

The ceremony will take place in the south end zone of Carter-Finley at 12:15 p.m., prior to the 1:30 p.m. men's basketball game vs. Wake Forest.

Phase I will include replacing the grass bank by installing permanent and club seating in the south end zone, building a new video scoreboard behind the

field house in the north end zone and beginning the construction of the football operations center just outside the concourse in the south end zone.

The scoreboard and the south end zone seating are expected to be completed by the start of the 2001 season.

Golf finishes ninth at Mercedes-Benz

Senior David Sanchez fired a third-round score of 69 to finish in a tie for second place at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championships in Ponte Verda, Fla., on Tuesday.

As a team, the No. 12 Wolfpack finished in ninth-place overall after shooting an 873 for the two-day tournament.

Sanchez posted a career-best finish with his runner-up outing

at the Mercedes-Benz. His previous best showing was a third-place finish at the Tournament of Champions last fall.

Senior Chris Mundorf tied for 27th overall by firing a 218, after posting a third-round score of 76. Senior Mark Tullio fired a 222 to finish in a tie for 44th overall, capped by a 73 (+1) Tuesday. Sophomore Jason Moon and freshman Ross Wellington tied for 54th overall, each shooting a 228. Both players shot a 73 (+1) on Tuesday.

The Pack returns to action on Sunday at the Puerto Rico Shootout.

Brown wins EAGL Gymnast of the Week

N.C. State gymnast Kelli

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within reach of capturing the title.

Holloway will be defending his title in the 100-yard backstroke. Last year, Holloway's ACC-winning time (47.77) set a school record for the event. Holloway has continued setting records this year, as he set the pool record at the Willis Casey

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relatively well. Williams locks up opposing point guards with speed and athleticism.

All-Freshmen: Adam Stockman, Chris Hobbs, Chris Duhon, Marvin Lewis and Michael Joiner.

ACC Coach of the Year: Matt Doherty.

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matter who's ranked in this game, who's not," said Yow. "It's always a competitive game for the most part, and that is the way I think it will be Wednesday night, very competitive."

The Tar Heels will also look to senior Juana Brown and sophomore Coretta Brown to give them the lift they have been looking for. The Brown and Brown connection is a powerful offensive weapon for Hatchell. The two combine for 30.2 points, 9.2 boards and 10.4 assists a contest.

Brown has been named the East Atlantic Gymnastics League Co-Gymnast of the Week for her performance this past weekend in leading the Wolfpack to a double win over North Carolina and Air Force.

Brown, a junior from Spruce Creek, Pa., led the Wolfpack to the fourth-highest score in school history, a 196.15. She won three of the four events in the meet, taking first on vault (9.875), bars (9.95) and floor (9.95). She also placed third in the all-around with a score of 39.1.

For the season, Brown ranks second in the all-around (39.033) in the conference. She also appears in the top 20 in all four events: vault (fourth), bars (fifth), beam (11th), and floor (11th).

Aquatics Center this year in the 100-yard backstroke (49.68).

Holloway has one of the top-three times in the ACC in the 100 backstroke this year, but he will receive competition from North Carolina's Kert Johnson and Florida State's Greg Main-Bulle.

"The competition this year is incredible," said Teal. "We feel like [Solt] and [Holloway] can repeat, but it won't be easy."

Both Solt and Holloway, along with other Wolfpack swimmers, will be looking to post times fast enough to qualify them for the NCAA Championships in March. Last year, Solt and Holloway achieved All-American honors as a part of the 200-yard medley relay.

"We have four or five swimmers who could qualify," said Teal. "It's mainly

[Solt] and [Holloway], but [Haley] and others have also looked really good in the pool recently."

In the team competition, the ACC, which has had four teams ranked at some point this year, will have a strong field vying for the title.

The favorite will be the host school, Virginia (8-1, 5-0). The Cavaliers went through the regular season undefeated in ACC dual-meet competition. Leading the way for Virginia will be Luke Anderson,

who has

twice won Swimmer of the Week honors and competes in three short-distance freestyle races.

Where the Cavaliers tend to win meets is with their dominance in the endurance events. Dan Demarco, Ian Pritchard and Jason Grimes have been unbeatable in the 1000-yard and 1500-yard freestyle events this year.

North Carolina (6-2, 4-1) will likely be the biggest threat to dethrone Virginia. The individual medley races and the breaststroke events have been the best for the Tar Heels this year. Both Sean Quinn and Chris Helin have won Swimmer of the Week honors and will be counted on to pick up these events for UNC.

The middle of the Pack consists of Florida State (6-7, 2-0), Maryland (8-3, 2-2), Georgia Tech (11-3, 1-2) and Clemson (5-3, 2-2). Duke (5-4, 0-3) will compete with a squad that is much like the Pack's in its depth limitations.

"We feel good about our swimming right now," said Teal. "Our team is encouraged, based on how well the women did last week, and we are ready to go out there and do our best."

The meet will begin on Wednesday morning and conclude on Friday.



AROUND THE ACC

Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
North Carolina	11-1	21-3
Duke	10-2	23-3
Maryland	8-6	17-9
Virginia	7-6	18-6
Georgia Tech	7-6	15-9
Wake Forest	6-7	17-8
N.C. State	4-9	12-13
Clemson	2-10	11-14
Florida State	2-10	7-18

Wednesday's games:

Georgia Tech at No. 4 Duke, 7:00 p.m., ESPN

Tech needs to win just one of its final three games to guarantee itself a .500 record in conference. Considering that the Yellow Jackets' next two games after tonight's matchup with the Blue Devils are against Clemson and Florida State, that seems like a safe bet.

No. 24 Wake Forest at Clemson, 7:00 p.m.

Oddly enough, Wake enters this game following a loss, while Clemson is still soaring after knocking then-top-ranked North Carolina off its perch. The Demon Deacons need a win to keep pace in the tightly bunched ACC.

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Wednesday Sports



SCHEDULE

M. basketball vs. FSU, 2:25, 4:00
 W. basketball vs. UNC, 2:21, 7:00
 Wrestling vs. Duke, 2:22, 7:30
 Gymnastics @ Nebraska, 2:24
 Baseball vs. Rutgers, 2:23, 3:00



N.C. State shot 36.5 percent vs. Maryland.

Terrapins pulverize Pack

◆ It was all Maryland and more Tuesday night as the Terps handed State a 29-point drubbing, the Pack's worst loss of the season.

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Juan Dixon was 11-of-12 from the field and matched his season-high with 30 points Tuesday night as No. 20 Maryland continued its homecourt domination of N.C. State with a 95-66 victory.

Maryland continued its homecourt domination of N.C. State with a 95-66 victory. Steve Blake scored a season-high 15 points and had nine assists for Maryland (17-9, 8-6), which took sole possession of third place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Byron Mouton and Lonny Baxter each had 12 points for the Terrapins,

who clinched at least a .500 record in the ACC for the eighth straight season.

Anthony Grundy had 15 points for State (12-13, 4-9), which is guaranteed its 10th straight losing record in the league. Kenny Inge had 11 points for the Wolfpack, who have lost 12 straight at Cole Field House.

Eleven players scored for Maryland, which shot 58 percent from the field.

Dixon put on a shooting display during an 18-5 second-half run that turned the game into a rout. The junior guard made three 3-pointers and an acrobatic layup that resulted in a three-point play as the Terrapins took a 76-45 lead with 9:30 remaining.

Maryland made its first eight shots in taking an 18-6 lead in the opening 6 1/2 minutes. Dixon made two fast-break layups and hit a 3-pointer during an 11-2 run that put the Terps in

control.

State struggled from the outset, missing 10 of its first 14 shots and committing five turnovers in the opening eight minutes. The Wolfpack shot 31 percent (9-of-29) from the field in the first half.

Maryland used a 19-6 run to take a 45-23 lead with 2:22 remaining then State scored seven of the last nine points to trail 47-30 at halftime.

The last time State won at Maryland was Jan. 29, 1989, when the Pack thumped the Terps 90-67 in Jim Valvano's next-to-last season as head coach.

State's next game is slated for Sunday when the Pack will host Florida State at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Game time is set for 4 p.m.

State is under .500 for the first time since it was 1-2 to start the season.

Basketball thoughts

So Lee Fowler will undoubtedly retain Herb Sendek as head men's basketball coach next season. Great. What do students think about that?

"It was a good move, I believe," C h a d F l o w e r s, president of the Student Wolfpack Club said. "He has been recruiting well, and he has the program on the upswing. Each year he's been around, he's improved the team."



Rob Godfrey

Obviously, there's room for improvement in terms of wins and losses for the Wolfpack, but since Sendek never pigeonholes success to such tangible goals, here's an area in which he can work and raise more support for his team: his relationship with students.

A News & Observer letter to the editor last Sunday suggested that Sendek has kept members of the Wolfpack family at arm's length in his five years.

Tuesday in the Brickyard, students agreed. When asked about a Sendek-student relationship, they quipped, "What relationship?"

Tynesha Lewis is playing her way onto the first team All-Atlantic Coast Conference basketball team. Her triple-double vs. Florida State and six straight Pack wins since she took over the point guard position have highlighted the second half of the season.

This week, Lewis is the ACC Player of the Week. Her season goes like this: 13.9 points, 5.7 rebounds and one steal per game.

Carisse Moody continues to warrant first team consideration as the leading scorer of the ACC's third-place team. Though she was quiet in the Duke game, she is scoring 15 points and putting down seven rebounds in ACC games.

Meanwhile, Anthony Grundy and Damien Wilkins are the men's basketball All-ACC hopefuls, long shots though they may be.

Grundy was consistent until his run-in with the police. Wilkins hasn't been consistent in two seasons.

Grundy scores 13.5 points and grabs 4.1 rebounds. Wilkins scores 14.2 points and hauls in 6.3 rebounds.

On a related note, the All-ACC voting deadline is Mar. 2, and Technician does have a vote. But since my part of that single vote counts little, I'll take this opportunity to tell you my first team All-ACC, my All-ACC defensive team, my All-Freshman team and my ACC Coach of the Year.

First team: Shane Battier, Joe Forte, Alvin Jones, Will Solomon, Jason Williams.

Battier, Forte and Williams are undisputed locks. Solomon earned a spot in leading his team over North Carolina when Clemson hadn't beaten a No. 1 team since 1980. Jones is averaging a double-double (14 points, 10 rebounds) for NCAA Tournament-bound Georgia Tech.

All-Defensive: Battier, Jones, Williams, Juan Dixon, Brendan Haywood.

Battier will collect his third straight Henry Ba Award as the National Defensive Player of the Year in March. Dixon, a junior guard, is first in the conference in steals (all games) and a consistent defensive rebounder. Haywood and Jones block shots, rebound and run the court

State rolls into rematch

◆ The N.C. State women's basketball hopes to push its winning streak to seven against the Tar Heels.

Justin Sellers
 Staff Writer

After a home win against Temple, giving head coach Kay Yow her 600th career win, the N.C. State women's basketball team took its record and game down Tobacco Road to take on rival North Carolina.

But unlike its reaction after its previous game, the Wolfpack wasn't celebrating after losing 83-77 in a physical game that took overtime to decide. Since then, the No. 17 Pack (17-8, 8-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) has been on a roll, winning six consecutive conference games.

State's most recent victory came over the weekend when it hosted the No. 4 Duke Blue Devils. A mediocre performance in the first half saw the Pack down by six at halftime.

The second half, however, was totally different. Behind the play of senior Tynesha Lewis and freshman Adeola Olanrewaju, State climbed to a commanding lead over Duke. Lewis, who has led the Wolfpack to a 6-0 record since being switched to the point guard position, had 17 of her 19 points in the second half. Olanrewaju stepped up and added 16 points and 10 rebounds, allowing her to obtain her first career double-double.

"I'm really pleased with the way our team is playing and

competing at the present time," said Yow. "They've been very focused during this second round of conference play. I think we finally have developed a much better chemistry on the offensive end of the court."

With their standout performances during last week's play, Lewis and Olanrewaju were named ACC Player and Rookie of the Week, respectively. During State's two games against Georgia Tech and Duke, Lewis averaged 16.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists, while Olanrewaju's six points and five rebounds in only 17 minutes against the Yellow Jackets added to her solid performance against the Devils.

"They [State] are playing very, very well," said UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell. "Tynesha at point guard has really made a difference for them, and they are playing really good defense. They are just playing well together and defensively, I think they are playing really well. I'm just hoping that we'll shoot the ball a little better. I think the inside game will be important against N.C. State."

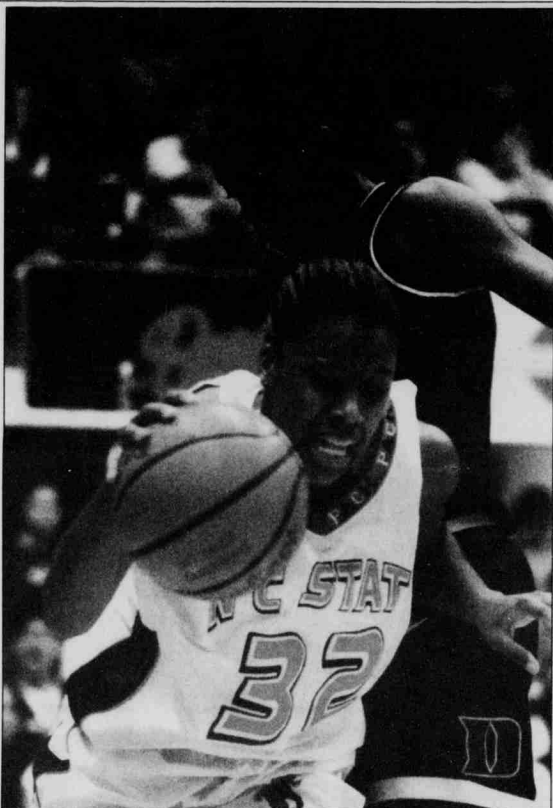
Carisse Moody, Ivy Gardner and Amy Simpson have also made an impact for the Pack lately.

Moody leads the team in scoring, averaging 14.5 points along with seven rebounds a game. Her presence in the paint has paid off for State down the stretch.

Gardner, who has come on strong in the second half of conference play, teams up with Simpson to score a combined 15 points and 5.3 boards a contest.

The Wolfpack now gets its opportunity to return the favor to a North Carolina team that is hanging around .500 in the conference and looking to get over that hump before the ACC Tournament.

The Tar Heels (14-11, 7-7) weren't as lucky over the week-



Ivy Gardner and N.C. State face North Carolina in a rematch of their Jan. 14 overtime battle.

end. UNC suffered its first loss at home to Florida State since 1993. The Seminoles, who led throughout most of the game, held on to fight off a Tar Heel comeback that sent the game into

overtime, ultimately winning 80-78.

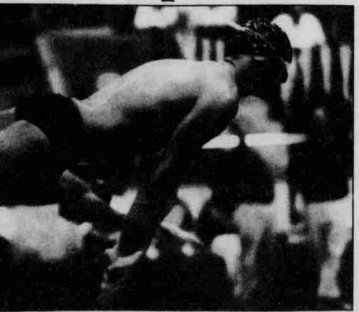
Although it didn't get the victory, UNC's received an excellent performance on Senior Day from forward LaQuanda Barksdale.

Barksdale finished with her 16th double-double of the season, scoring 30 points and grabbing 15 boards.

"Traditionally, it doesn't really

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Depth concerns Pack men at ACCs



The men's ACC Championships begin today at Virginia.

◆ The men's swimming team heads to the ACC Championship meet Wednesday focused on individual goals.

Steve Thompson
 Staff Writer

The close of this transition year is around the corner for the N.C. State men's swimming and diving team.

The Pack (3-8, 0-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) will compete for the last time at this week's ACC Championships, which will be held at the Aquatics and Fitness Center in Charlottesville, Va.

Collectively, State will have a tough time accruing many team honors, as the team does not

have the personnel available to compete with the upper-tier programs.

Coaching turmoil at the end of last year created a mass exodus of many of the swimmers who were vital to the Wolfpack's third-place finish at the 2000 ACCs. New head coach Brooks Teal has been forced to complete this year with depth problems that will likely plague the Pack until Teal can rebuild the team through recruiting.

"We feel we can finish as high as fourth, but you can never control how your competition swims," said Teal. "It's possible we swim as well as we can and finish in about sixth place, so we are more concerned with achieving personal bests."

The Wolfpack does have many swimmers who are capable of

succeeding individually.

Seniors Greg Solt and Braden Holloway will both be defending ACC titles from a year ago, and junior Tim Haley should be a factor as well. Freshman diver Pat Roberts has also had a solid season replacing two-time ACC 1-meter diving champion Andy Johnson.

Last year, Solt won the 50-yard freestyle (20:02 seconds) and was a member of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay.

This year, Solt is again among the ACC leaders in the 50 free, but it will not be easy for him to repeat. North Carolina's Kevin Erndl has posted the fastest time of the year (20:06), and there are a host of other swimmers

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