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N.C. Senator reacts to marchers

♦ Sen. Hugh Webster gives his take on Wednesday's student protest of the possible UNC System state-appropriated budget cuts.

Andrew Buchert

Wednesday's March on the Capitol made an impression on at least one North Carolina legislator. weenesday's March of the Caphor Induce impression on at least one North Carolina legislator. Sen. Hugh Webster (R-21), who shouted to the protestors, "Go to Hell, State!" said that he made the comment to the protestors because of, in his opinion, the inappropriateness of the protestors' con-

"I think the student body needs to know that they

probably hurt the cause of education yesterday because their conduct was so bad," he said.

Webster said he was on the telephone with an N.C. State student who was interviewing him for an assignment when "the noise level brought the interview to a screening halt."

He said that he left his office to try to find the leader of the protest but was unsuccessful.

"The protestors] came through the legislative building, and this is a noisy building, "and Webster. The horde came through this building with tremendous noise."

dous noise."

The noise level intensified so much that it made working impossible, said Webster. He said that the protestors were clapping in a way that was "deliberately disruptive."

Webster said that his comment, "Go to hell,

State!" is a fight chant often heard at athletic events. He said that he made the comment after walking outside and observing the protestors surrounding a tent outside the legislative building.
"They were more like a bunch of crows making a lot of noise," he said.
When one of Webster's colleagues said that he wished he had "one of those hats that said "Go to hell, State!" is said, oh, you nean "Go to hell, State! as loud as I could say it," said Webster.
He said that he heard someone from the crowd of protestors ask him if he would make the comment again, and he approached the group where "insults and intimidations were being voiced from the herd."
"So I said, 'For anybody that wants to hear me say it again, Go to hell, State!" said Webster. "And I said it twice more for them."

UNC System Association of Student Governments President Andrew Payne said that the General Assembly members seemed to enjoy seeing the students' enthusiasm about the issue and received the message that education is important to

The rally made access slower — they couldn' get from point A to point B — but that was the only problem," said Payne.

"I personally was not wanting the university to get the cuts, but I don't feel very warm and fuzzy about what happened yesterday," he said. "Shame, State. Shame, shame, shame."

Students encouraged to attend provost candidate forums

♦ The five candidates for NCSU provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs are scheduled for visits to campus.

Andrew Buchert

Members of the Provost Search Committee have selected five candidates for the position of provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at N.C. State, said student representa-tive to the Provost Search Committee Seth tive to t Whitaker

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The candidates include James Oblinger, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NCSU. Oblinger was not available for comment Thursday afternoon.

The other four candidates are Stuart Cooper, vice president and chief academic officer of the Illinois Institute of Technology; Jamie Foake, dean of the College of Engineering at Michigan State University; Howard Johnson, dean of the Graduate School at Syracuse University; and Walter Wendler, vice chancellor for planning and system integration at Texas A&M University.

"The provost search will begin next week and will end May 18, which will be the interview with the last candidate," said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "Students are encouraged to attend the student forums, and a decision will be made soon after that."

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Each of the five candidates is scheduled for a two-day visit to the NCSU campus this month, during which time the candidates will meet with Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, various vice chancellors, the deans of each of NCSU's colleges and the staff of the provost's office.
The candidates will also meet with faculty, staff and students during two open forums that will take place during each of the candidates' visits.

will take place during each of the candidates' visits.
Whitaker said that Fox will choose the new provost from one of the five candidates, and her decision will most likely come soon after the last candidate has visited campus.
"The Chancellor's decision will probably come soon after the [candidates') visits," said whitaker. "We want to work fast, especially because it is now known on the candidates' home campuses that they have applied for the position, so they need a decision fast."
Whitaker said that the new provost could be in place by early June.

month]."

The Provost Search Committee was commissioned by Fox to advertise and consider applicants for the provost position and to narrow down the candidates to "a short list of three to five people," said Whitaker.

With the help of an Atlanta-based search firm specializing in educational searches, as well as national advertisements for the NCSU provision in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the committee received nominations for the position from candidates both on-campus and from across the nation.

The committee then picked 10 applicants for

The committee then picked 10 applicants for private interviews, and from those, five were chosen for the upcoming two-day visits to NCSU.

NCSU
"[The committee] held a lot of deliberations to choose these five candidates, and we thought a lot about what we are looking for in a provost," said Whitaker.
Whitaker said that one of the committee's goals was to provide the Chancellor with candidates with a broad range of backgrounds, including academic, ethnic and professional.
"We wanted a good cross section," he said. The committee selected the five provost can-

including academic, ethnic and professional. "We wanted a good cross section," he said. The committee selected the five provost candidates primarily on their abilities and histories in several areas, said Whitaker. He said that one of the things the committee looked for was a demonstrated ability in the candidates' academic disciplines and fields.

"The provost is the lead faculty member on campus," he said.

Whitaker said the committee also looked for candidates who have the ability to work with many different people, and who understand the unique mission of a land-grant institution.
"We wanted candidates who have ideas about how to balance teaching and research at a school like NCSU." he said. "We looked at such things as the candidates' teaching records, evaluations, managerial styles and how they handle conflict."

The committee also considered the nature and size of the candidates' home institutions, including their experience with the types of decisions the provost at NCSU faces.

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The days students can spend afternoons outdoors are slowly coming to a close as examevek approaches. Michael Barrett, a freshman in mechanical engineering, serves up the ball for a late afternoon volleyball game at Tucker Beach. New crop of diversity goals cultivated

♦ N.C. State colleges are ready to implement new programs to emphasiz the importance of diversity in academ

Spaine Stephens

The promise of change and improvement can be motivation to re-examine one's goals; so has been evident in the renewal of efforts to revive dialogue on diversity in N.C. State's separate colleges.

Earlier this semester, the College of Design, the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (PAMS), the College of Education

and the College of Engineering were awarded grants from the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs within the Office of the Provost to create or strengthen diversity initiatives. The colleges were awarded the grants based on proposals they submitted last semester, which contained fresh perspectives on what could be done to weave a more visible recognition of diversity issues into the colleges' missions.

The four colleges are now shaping their goals and getting ready to put their new diversity programs into

"One of the things that's so unique about N.C. State is that the individ-

Nacoste said the call was sent out for proposals to encourage the col-leges to examine any previous work toward diversity and come up with their own plan, as opposed to being forced to make changes in a rigid

format.

"We think this approach is unique because we did not take a top-down approach," said Nacoste, who developed the idea of the grants with former Provost Kermit Hall.

"We didn't impose on the colleges

Innovation highlights the fresh crop of plans that the colleges are eager to implement.

eager to implement.

PAMS was awarded a grant for Project Preserve, a drive to retain and graduate minority Ph.D.s. in Physics. The program would include faculty release time for tutoring, various seminars covering minorities in physics topics, MA 105 in the form of a ten-week sumer course, mentoring, monetary allocations for student conferences and textbooks and refined recruiting strategies at Historically Black

Colleges and Universities.

The College of Design proposal outlined more efforts for recruiting minority students by creating a five-activity plan. The college will enhance development of visibility of minority design contributions, send more faculty on school visits, bring more prospective students to visit design studies, provide scholarships to design camps and sharpen to a report on the grants to the NCSU community, the proposal of the College of Design "promises to transform curriculum by main-streaming diversity knowledge."

The College of Engineering will

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use its grant to carry out initiatives focusing on the retention of current students and strengthening of gender/ethnic diversity. Classroom issues highlightening diversity, such as collaborative learning, tutoring, and sensitivity workshops for faculty and assistants will be put in place. This proposal stressed faculty involvement as the key to minority retention.

"We're going to work through the summer and implement the changes in the fall on a pilot basis," and Tony, L. Mitchell, assistant dean of the College of Education has proposed to make diversity more visible in the curriculum by educating under-

graduate instructors and potential teachers on the issues at hand. A special course, Principles of Teaching Diverse Populations, would be required for teacher candidates for one credit. The College of Education also plans to heighten recruiting efforts and hire faculty to enhance exposure of the teacher candidates. Also included in the proposal was the organization of a College of Education Diversity. According to the report, "A strong message was delivered from higher administration that diversity is not just a value but one in which the university believes it is important enough to invest fiscally."

Nacoste said the success of the proposals stemmed from the colleges' room to examine themselves and mold new deast of fit their mission statements and other goals.
"We gave them freedom," he said, "and it paid off."

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"What kind of place are they coming to us from, and have they made these kinds of decisions before?" said Whitaker. "We were looking for candidates with the ability to earn the respect of the faculty, staff and students, and who show the ability to learn very quickly what NCSU is all about," he said.

According to information

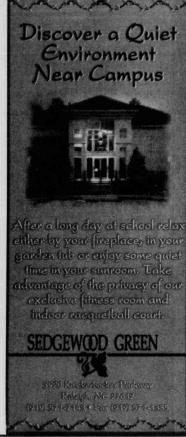
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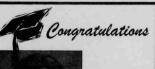
According to information released from the chancellor's office, open forums will be held with Cooper at 1 p.m. on May 10 in the Faculty Senate Chambers in D.H. Hill library and at 10:15 a.m. on May 11 in the African-American Cultural Center Multipurpose Room in Witherspoon Student Center.

Room in Witherape. Center. Open forums with Fouke will take place at 1:30 p.m. on May 16 and at 9 a.m. on May 17 in the African-American

Cultural Center Multipurpose Room, and the open forums with Johnson will take place at 4:15 p.m. on May 9 in the Faculty Senate Chambers and at 9 a.m. in the African-American Cultural Center Multipurpose Room.

Open forums with Oblinger will take place at 1:30 p.m. on May 8 in the Faculty Senate Chambers and at 9 a.m. on May 9 in the African-American Cultural Center Multipurpose Room. The open forums with Wendler William of the Market Multipurpose Room. The open forums with Wendler will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 15 in the Faculty Senate Chambers and at 9 a.m. on May 16 in the African American Cultural Center Multipurpose Room.
Former NCSU Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Kermit Hall left the university to take the position of president of Utah State University Last November.





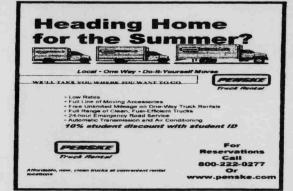
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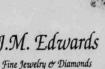


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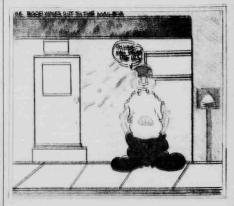


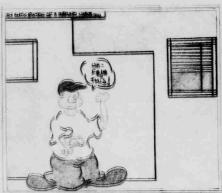


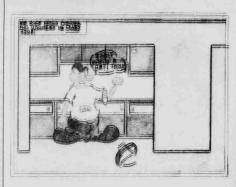




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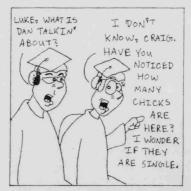












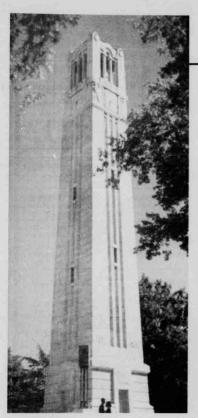




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Dead Week lives on

THE LAST WEEK OF CLASSES AT N.C. STATE CONTINUES TO BE A MISNOMER.

This week is the time for the crunch. Final papers are due. Final tests are being taken. Students are stressed. But wait a minute ...inst this Dead Week.

Once again, the faculty of N.C. State have given little respect to the idea behind Dead Week and the break hefore exams it is supposed to provide for students. Dead Week is filted more than an excuse to make final exams two weeks and two days. Instructors who observe the obsolete Dead Week policies are few and far between. If you are lucky enough to get one, your week of somber rest will likely to be disturbed by a professor in another class catching up for time lost during the semester.

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NCSU has two valid choices: one, begin strict enforcement of the Dead Week policies, punishing instructors who violate them, or two, climinate Dead Week all together. This second option might sound quite scary, but it would probably work out better than the hypocrisy NCSU has been living for years.

Just down Interstate 40 at UNC Chapel Hill, there is no "Dead Week." Is this cruel and unusual punishment?

Absolutely no. They end classes a few days early, and have two "Reading Days" during which no exams are given absolutely, positively no exams or papers to turn in. These days can be completely

this world...

Campus Forum

Some people's opinions are out of

devoted to studying for exams, or post-poning the cramming until just before the final. This policy lets the students decide, instead of attempting to lull the Student Body into a false sense of control where they think they will actually be given a lighter lead. lighter load.

Why are you not told about Dead Week uring Freshman Orientation? Because during Freshman Orientation? Because it's officially anofficial. That is, our uni-versity policies state that it will be observed, yet, when it comes to imple-mentation, the colleges seem to be mir-roring the "Don't ask, Don't tell" policy with their faculty. Deans remain ignorant, or at least act ignorant, of the blatant dis-regard for Dead Week policy that infil-trates their classes every semester. The idea behind Dead Week is a good one, but the enactment of it is poor a always will be poor. A better name would always will be poor. A better name would

one, but the enactment of it is poor and always will be poor. A better name would be "We'll-let-you-off-easy-if-we're-on-schedule-bru-we-probably-won't-be Week." Students have learned to see through the Dead Week propaganda. The least the university could do is to eease their lying and tell students outright that Dead Week is little more than a title for the last week of hell before the real funstars.



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Microsoft's bid to close Open Source



A dark specter is haunting the technology world—the specter of Open Source. All the powers of industry have entered into a holy alliance to exorcise this specter: the specter: the specter this specter: the specter this specter: the MPAA and RIAA. Dubya, and Microsoft. Where is there as company that would bet its future on Open Source? Where is the support for the free market economy? Such are the sentiments of Microsoft and its allies who oppose the growing Open Source movement. Microsoft, in a speech marking its broad new campaign against Open Source, warns that Open Source movement threatens the intellectual property of companies throughout the world. The speech also marks Microsoft's official recognition of its first real threat in a long time, and what will hopefully be the company's own undoing.

Business shark and Microsoft leader

Business shark and Microsoft leader Business shark and Microsoft leader Napoleon in his office as a reminder — a reminder that even the greatest leader can fall if he doesn't remain vigilant and aware of his enemies. As Microsoft makes its offensive on the Open Source movement, Gates' picture is proving to he mediess.

thates movement, Gates' picture is proving a movement, Gates' picture is proving as be useless.

Before the Open Source movement really gained popularity, no one ever believed there would be a time when Microsoft didn't dominate in anything it did. The empty arguments Microsoft delivered in its speech this week show the desperation of possibly the most powerful company in the world. The speech, primarily given to business stu-dents, more or less portrays the Open Source movement as something funda-mentally opposed to traditional business models and, by implication, the

free market economy.

Microsoft focuses its argument around intellectual property and adopts old arguments supporting intellectual property. According to Microsoft, since Open Source Software is distributed freely, there is no incenitive (profit) for companies to innovate. Microsoft also says the Open Source movement undercuts traditional companies and forces them out of business. Hence, Open Source trends negatively impact innovation in the technology industry. In its arguments, Microsoft is trying to position itself as a defender of capitalism, the free market and economic prosperity. Such positioning is at the same time laughable and frightening. To those who follow technology, Microsoft is railing against Open Source for one reason; it is losing, Microsoft dominates every market it has entered — operating systems, Internet browsers, productivity suites—every market except the server market. The Open Source UNIX operating systems, and the Open Source Apache server software dominate the server market. The fact, Microsoft has lost ground to Apache in the server market; this is an amazing feat, considering Apache is developed by a motley crew of programmers from around the world.

Microsoft's failure stems from the fact that the people who work with

of programmers from around the world.

Microsoft's failure stems from the fact that the people who work with servers are the most knowledgeable, geckiest and palest of the computer users. Microsoft marketing doesn't reach them because they know about the general inferiority and costliness of Microsoft products. The same isn't true for consumer markets where most users know very little about computers. Microsoft's attacks on Open Source are laughable because they are clearly rooted in the inability to woo users in the server market.

If marketing doesn't work on the geek backbone of the server market, then Microsoft's next step is to appeal to those who have more power than geeks—their bosses. It is probably not a coincidence that the speech was deliv-

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ered to business students.
Microsoft's strategy is to scare business leaders away from Open Source, hence, the attempts to show that Open Source opposes capitalism. Microsoft doesn't just slop at business leaders, though. Microsoft also wants legislative action against Open Source (with the corporation-servicing Bush administration, legislative action is not unthinkable). Microsoft's push to outlaw Open Source distinctly changes its appearance from one of a company crying, because it can't compete, to one of a company threatening fundamental rights.

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If Microsoft has its way, it will become virtually illegal to make free software and distribute it. In its speech, Microsoft says indirectly that it shouldn't have to compete with groups that don't have to worry about a bottom line. It is precisely this attitude that makes Microsoft the entity to fear—not Open Source. In order to protect its own corporate interests, Microsoft wants to subvert the freedom of thousands of programmers to make free software and the freedom of consumers to use it. Though Microsoft purports to support the free market, it really only wants to keep from having Open Source competitors (hig surprise, coming from a monopolist).

Microsoft's moves threaten individual freedom and competition, true tenets of the free market economy. For companies not willing to evolve with the times, a movement like the Open Source movement does appear as a dark speeter. No amount of fear mongering and pseudo-capitalistic posturing on Microsoft's part should limit the rights of individuals. Open Source isn't undermining Microsoft's shability to create innovative server software is doing that.

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(A M P Facts about arsenic misleading

I'm discuss arsenic n the water supply in response to Justin Greene's "The poisoned press" (May 1). It was under a GOP Congress that the 1996 EPA schedule was set. Greene reported that it was mostly the GOP that agreed to delay. The decision was made to implement the restrictions, and Bush has pretty much nixed it, leaving America's standard aft ret times the World Health Organization's standard. You wrote, "if arsenic is such a dangerous problem in our water, why wasn't it a bigger issue before Bush' Well, perhaps, it's because something was getting done about it? The better question may be, "if a lower arsenic standard is such an expensive proposition, why wasn't it an issue before Bush'" You say the GOP set the EPA to review the levels, and Clinton responded to the report by setting the end the the EPA to review the levels, and Clinton responded to the report by setting the was the standard. Why, instead of extending the deadline, didn't Congress just inx it? I can't defend the corporate news, when big media has done a generally waful job for years. But Greene certainly failed to bring much information to the debate. Using language like "can be very expensive," and the uncited passive voice "it was estimated" invites a good many questions. Under what circumstances "can" arsenic removal be expensive.

sive? Who "estimated" the costs to New Mexico? At least you cite one source: the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. So maybe you can explain why the costs would be so high to residents of one mobile home park? Perhaps it's because there are very few people in the park? The S230 per month per customer is quite deceptive: first, the small number of people using the system means considerable overhead that would otherwise be divided among a larger population. Second, the \$230 is per connection, not per capita (there are only ten connections) Third, the cost is actually \$2,725 per year, or less than \$7,57 per capita per month. The rest of the cost is in one-time expenses, totaling \$297,789. The report is only on the cost per customer, not the amount the customer would be chaule that the one example they effect. The total estimated cost is \$142 million to the state, or \$82 per capita, due in part to the fact that \$5% of Utah's sources are already in compliance with the \$50 standard. The Utah report discusses average cost per customer, but mexplicably tasks the EPA to limit cost to a percentage of the median income in the state. Critical thinking goes beyond repeating sources, especially government sources.

Graduate Research Assistant NCSU

NCSU education unfruitful

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Unfruitful

I'm graduating English education here at N.C. State and must say that I leave here somewhat frustrated. As I have taken endless classes on the practices of teaching and how to meet the methods of education are here in our own university. When it comes to students learning, the goal should not be about how much material can be covered in one semester, but about whether or not students take anything with them in life from their classes here. I'm focusing English literature classes since those are the ones of which I have taken the most. I have been disappointed with the lack of material I can remember after these classes are over. The instruction and assessment methods suffocate the students' ability to learn. Students should not be required not extracted the students' ability to learn. Students should not be required and deep analysis. Then, when it comes time to test their own personal knowledge of the material, they are asked to spit back hundreds of details that were newer discussed, or write a paper based on the two uninteresting topics that were the instructor's idea, not theirs.

Opinion



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Tips for successful relationships



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one to love. In short, I wanted a rena-tionship.

The glory days ended the night I broke up with head-cheerleader Misty Peterson because I feared she only wanted me for my body. Since then I have found myself in many relation-ships, searching for the "right person During that time I have learned what it takes to be in a successful relationship. One thing that a relationship takes is

communication. Without communication you can expect a lot of awkward silences. Communication is more than just that mindless prattle that makes women think you are witty; communication is about understanding each other's want.

Let me give you an illustration. While watching the Errol Flynn version of "Robin Hood" on AMC, my then girl-friend made a comment about how she thought moats around castles were romantic. You know — the man has to cross the moat, kill the guards and scale the walls to rescue his beloved.

Anyway, I picked up on the subtle the walls to rescue his beloved.

Anyway, I picked up on the subtle cue, and that weekend while she went sking with friends I dug a moat around her condominium. When she returned she was furious. I was dumped, then sued. And had a very large property damage bill to settle. The problem: miscommunication. I had misinterpreted her comment about the moat. What she really was trying to cue me in on was her desire to dump me and run

away to Jamaica with my best friend Douglas, which she did two weeks later.

Another important aspect in any relationship is common interests. You must be able to share a common interest with your esteemed one. I once based an entire relationship on a shared enthusiasm for Faberge eggs. The Faberge egg is a symbol of riches; she liked that about me. But she broke it off when she discovered that I was not actually an independently rich stockbroker like she thought I was, which was very shallow of her. I maintain that it really depends on what one means by "independently" and "itin?" Again, miscommunication.

Even the slightest differences in interest or taste can lead to boredom or contempt. For example, I think Diana Ross was best during her Supremes days, while an ex-griffrend of mine (for this very reason) likes post-Supremes Diana.

One key to relationships I cannot

stress enough is punctuality. Most couples overlook punctuality as a key to a working relationship; however, it is vital. I once was so late that I did not even meet the woman I was seeing until halfway through the third date. And there have been several long-term relationships: I have missed completely due to tardness. Recently, I have had more trouble than usual with my relationships, especially with women leaving me. All the women give different reasons why they leave. Some say it is because I am too immature. And still others say it is because of my addiction to eating paint.

Sometimes it ends because of minor accidents. This was the case when I cooked dinner for Stephanie (whom I was really starting to like) for our third date. The dinner was nice (there was a brief period where I cried over my plate when I recalled how as a child my parents would not buy me a second pony), and we had a good time. But after that

night she never spoke to me again. I think it may have been because the squirrel I prepared was a little underscooked. Some people are just picky.

Of course, it's not always the woman who leaves me, I sometimes leave the woman. Recently, I dated a young woman for eight months when she quit returning my calls and ran off with two wide receivers from the Raleigh area football team. It was then that I decided we should break.

What all my experiences with relia-

ed we should break.
What all my experiences with rela-tionships have taught me was well worth the long months of suffering and the nights spent curled up in the laun-dry hamper crying and murmuring some woman's name. What they taught me is the cardinal rule for having a suc-cessful relationship: avoid all unpleas-ance.

FROM THE FOX



Q: After reading about the budget cut in Technician and The News and Observer, I was a bit surprised to see that the proposed cuts will affect the College of Education. As a future educator, it concerns me that we are already low in numbers. Is it really necessary to makes cuts in the Education program when there is already such a tremendous shortage of teachers? In Technician, I read that the College of Education would "lose at least four teaching positions ... decrease in the college's ability to support student teachers through distance learning would occur." Is this really the best you can do? After all, without teachers, neither you now me would be where we were are today.

Melissa Gilbert Junior Education

A: I also am concerned about the effects a possible 7 percent budget cut would have on not only the College of Education but all colleges at N. C. State University. You are correct in pointing out that a cut of this magnitude would mean a loss of faculty positions, and therefore, have an adverse affect on the quality of a student's education. For example, it could produce an increase in class size or a reduction in the availability of certain classes. We understand your concerns that it would be most unfortunate if a cut of this magnitude occurs for the reasons you have clearly identified concerning North Carolina's future teachers, and also for the effect it will have on all North Carolina's students. You can be assured that I am working with the University of North Carolina Office of the President to clearly state to members of the General Assembly how the proposed budget cut would negatively impact our University, and to present the case for the importance of stable investment of our universities. A: I also am concerned about the

Q: I live in E.S. King Village, and had some questions regarding student accounts. Why do I receive bills that include tuition and rent? Tuition is paid at the University Cashier's Office and rent is paid at the King Village office. How do I pay this bill? In the past I have paid the whole bill at the Cashier's Office (not wanting to leave a bill half paid) just to receive a bill a month later that states I did not pay rent for that month. Why are tuition and rent included in the same account? If they are in the same account, why do I have to go to several different places to pay for each individual piece of a bill instead of paying in one central location? If I write a check for rent does it go toward tuition, thus making me late on rent? Why does it take 6 weeks to eash my checks for rent? Several checks I have written were not cashed for a good 6 weeks, which in turn spawned a whole new batch of bills for "unmade" payments. Why do I get bills for xlips and \$567, both of which had no mention as to what the bill was for. Do you expect me to pay a bill that does not clearly indicate what it is for? Why does every student have a "story" about his or her student account? If the student body is dissatisfied with the way their accounts are handled, Will you make the necessary changes?

John Tilley

John Tilley Senior Senior Computer Science

A: I assure you that our accounting and billing cycles have been identified for improvement. As it stands now, the billing process is not as straightforward as we would like, especially as it relates to E.S. King Village. Charges for rent are initiated by ESKV and are applied by the system to the student's account monthly. As a student, you payrent at the ESKV office, which provides management records of rent payments for the units. The office at ESKV then deposits the check at the Cashier's Office and you may be a supplied to units affect at the Cashier's Office are sufficient as a result, subsequent statements will show that the student still owes rent. A change to our accounting procedures is being developed that will eliminate this problem, and should make the billing/payment process much more understandable. We plan to implement this improvement by the fall semester. A: I assure you that our accounting

To your next point, there is no reason your check should take longer than a few days to clear your bank (depending on where your bank is located). Any checks received by the Cashier's Office are required by university policy to be deposited the next day. If you have specific examples to the contrary, please phone Bruce Forinash, director of the Cashier's Office so that corrective action may be taken. There are no bills for "arbitrary amounts." It is possible that the way the payments are applied to charges on a student's account may cause the balance to seem arbitrary because the original charge may have been partially credited by a payment, and the remaining amount does not match the full original charge. Improving the clarity of our bills is a major objective of our proposed revisions. If you have a specific question, please confer with Mr. Forinash. He will explain what comprises the amounts you see on your statement. It is true that some students have experienced difficulty in the handling of their accounts. The Cashier's Office has been through a difficult conversion of the student accounts system. We are concerned about the student experience with the Cashier's Office has been through a difficult conversion of the student accounts system. We are concerned about the student experience with the Cashier's Office has been through a difficult conversion of the student accounts indignatives include expanding information available through the Student Account languiry, an upgraded Cashier's Office Web page to make it more useful and improvement of the process for distributing financial aid refund checks. A planned relocation to Harris Hall is scheduled for late this fall. A location next to Financial Aid and Registration and Records should improve service to students. If you have some ideas on what you would like to see done differently, please give Mr. Forinash your input, and let me know of any improvements you may suggest. Thank you for your patience.

Mary ane Fox Chancellor

pinion

FORUM

Whatever happened to the pyramid of learning and the discovery that students learn at the highest level when they are able to apply their own insight to the material in creative projects and assessments. Research has shown that students learn more when they are able to have a hand in what they are doing. I'm not looking for the easy way out, or even a break in the amount of work students should do. I just want to be able to gain meaningful knowledge from this experience called "education" and not walk away with a cloudy memory that simply reads "overload." College is supposed to be a place of discovery and new ideas. Having just completed my student leaching experience in a local high school. I have some insight into how students learn. Students need hands-on experience ... at all levels, even at the university. I have seen, in my students, that when they are given the opportunity to have hands-on or interactive experience with literature, it not only comes alive to them, but it stays with them for a much longer period of time.

not only comes alive to them, but it stays with them for a much longer peri-od of time.

So why is it that classes here are full of material but have little emphasis on learning? Maybe there should be a requirement that, every so often, pro-fessors themselves should go "back to school" and learn how to more ade-quately teach and equip their learners. After all, education changes with every seneration.

Leslie Leggett Senior English Education

Budget woes getting old fast

Every time we have a state revenue shortfall, the first reaction is always the same: a promise of no additional taxes. "We will cut the fat." they say. Then, our legislators go after state employees and take away the pay raise that was already four years behind or

they reduce health benefits. You do not call that taxation? Right after that they direct the "fat trimming" to schools. We keep hearing at election time that both sides of the aisle that education is a top priority but I guess the funding of education is not. With North Carolina schools usually ranking 48 out of 50, it is going to take more than words and empty promises. Why are taxes such a sacred cow that nobody wants to milk? We just had some great economic years with big businesses popping up all over the state and racking in good profits. Yet most of them pay little or no tax to our state coffers. What about getting those businesses be a little more "fiscally responsible" by carrying their part, of the tax load. Every day, the Triangle sees the construction of more and more extravagant homes and the buying of expensive vehicles. I do not deny the right for people to be rich, but what is wrong with their returning a little more to a system that, quite obviously, has been very good to them. We could take a little off the top with a luxury tax on really luxurious items (cars over \$25,000 or homes over a quarter million) to make sure the hottom of the heap does not fall into abject poverty or crass ignorance. Most of those businesses profit more than anybody else from the fine crops of North Carolina graduates coming to work for them and from the research carried out in our schools. And if that does not do in Lam ready to pay my share of additional taxes to make sure education really is thorty in the complex of the state and other fine LVDC universities, are you future. Don't ignore us or sell us short!

Thank you from ASG

I am writing to the N.C. State com-munity on behalf of the University of North Carolina system, Thank you for participation in the "March on the Capitol." We sent a load message to the members of the General Assembly-

education should be N.C.'s top priority. The fight is not over. Please continue to contact your representatives (www.ncleg.pet) and let them know your stance on the potential budget cuts. \$125 million would cripple the University System and we must fight for access to quality higher education. Thank you to all 2,500 marchers and all those who helped with organizing.

Andrew Payne
President
UNC Association of Student
Governments

Student protests a joke

I felt as if someone had pulled one over on me as walked away from the Capitol Wednesday afternioon. Don't get me wrong: I was as pumped up as anyone about the massive student showing for the "March on the Capitol" Wednesday morning. I went hoarse from chanting and screaming and was on the front line as students stormed into the legislative building. After the majority left, I decided to go talk to my friend's ex-Spanish teacher (who's also a State Senator Charles Carter). Speaking to Senator Carter completely changed my "fight the power" attitude to one of humilation. Some years ago. Congress told the National Parks to cut its budget much like the UNC System was recently asked to. In response, to influence Congress to ease up on the budget cuts, the National Parks System proposed that the deficit would be eliminated by cutting back the visiting hours of the Washington Monument. Imagine the public outrage upon hearing that one of the nation's most treasured symbols would be shut down due to a deficit in Congress. This kind of political maripulation has since been referred to as the "Washington Monument Strategy," In our youthful vigor, we were easily stirred up into an angry mob and unleashed onto the General Assembly. Leading us were President Molly Broad and Chancellor Mary Anne Fox. According to Senator Carter, who is a member of the Appropriations Committee and vice-

chair of the Appropriations on Education Committee, the UNC Board of Governors was told it had to cut \$125 million from its budget. They responded by proclaiming a 7% across the board budget cut for all 16 universities. In N. C. State's case this meant the proposed firing of almost 350 faculty and staff members, leading to larger class sizes and less class sections. What better to make us angry than to suggest that something that students already complain about will get worse? Upon receiving the UNC's proposal, Senator Carter said that the committee laughed and threw them out, mentioning that there are more effective ways to make cuts that will have far less affect on the classroom setting. His committee is presently working on its own proposal for cutting the \$125 million dollars out of the University's budget. I think my emotions were toyed with and used by President Broad and Chancellor Fox, Perhaps our march could have been much shorter had we taken a right down the driveway of 1903 Hillsborough Street.

Steve Carpenter Sophomore Electrical Engineering

Further Greek response

Nathan Lintmer ("Pretty fly for a frat guy," April 26) extended his rather clichéd opinion of modern day Greek life. He should have taken more time to research the topic before hand Lintner expounds futilely on the cons of Greek Life and fraternity life in general by mocking the fashion-sense of Fraternity members as well as their intellects. This is a poor attempt to stir up controversy. However paltry one's views may be, the facts are indisputable: Of North America's 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by fraternity men and sorority women. In addition, 7 of 10 people listed in "Who's Who' are Greek while 85 of Fortune 500 executives belong to a fraternity or sorority. In the Supreme Court, 40 of 47 Justices since 1910 have been fraternity men. Even 76 % of all

Congressmen and Senators belong to a fraternity or sorority. Every U.S. President and Vice-President, except two in each office, born since the first social fraternity was founded in 1825, and 3 Prime Ministers have been members of a fraternity. Statistices show that fraternity and sorority members have a higher rate of graduation from college than do their non-member counterparts. In addition to these facts, fraternities here at N.C. State currently offer more leadership positions on average than any other organization on campus, Lintner was attacking an NCSU tradition that dates back to 1895. While this may have been "mostly a joke." to some it is only demeaning. Still more Greek members include Neil Armstrong, Robert Frost and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. It's absolutely incredulous for anyone to attempt to degrade such an esteemed and integral part of the University system for a few cheap laughs. I am a proud member of the Pf. Kappa Alpha International Greek Fraternity, as well as a member of the Praternity, as well as a member of the ending freek Life in their future. Going Greek has been a very meaningful and worthwhile experience for many people.

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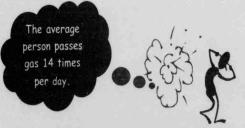
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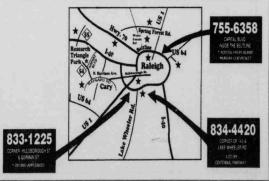
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and conditioning. That tradition just carried on. Part of it's just those group of guys.

"Also, Brian Dobyns coaches us, so State has a person heading them who knows what he's doing; he's been in Ultimate since it started."

Brian Dobyns is the brother of Kenny Dobyns, revered as the Michael Jordan of Ultimate Frisbee.

Frishee.

And Jinx is lucky to have Dobyns considering the fierce competition the state offers from North Carolina, UNC-Wilmington, East Carolina and Duke, In fact, North Carolina is one of the premier states for Ultimate. In the last decade, eight national champions have come from either North Carolina or California.

This year's team lost to UNC

Sports

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Sendex.

The women's team found itself in a position similar to the men after the first half of the ACC season. Head coach Kay Yow's squad finished the first part of the conference schedule 2-6 and was forced to play the entire year without two of its starters. Kaayla Chottes and Terah James.

Terah James.

While the men's team never recovered from its midseason swoon, the women put together one of the most impressive comebacks in ACC history. The Pack went on to win seven in a row, all over ACC opponents, to finish as the third seed for the ACC Tournament. State made its way to the finals before running into a stingy Duke team, which won the title 57-45.

State's seedond-half surge

which won the title 57-45. State's sedond-half surge helped it earn a 80. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament, meaning that the Pack could host its first two games. The team won both games before finally seeling its season come to an end with a 72-58 loss to Connecticut in the Sweet 16.

The catalyst for much of that

TIGERS

27-25 or 25-27, does that mean you had a better year? This is a team that planned on going to Regionals and hopefully play-ing for the national champi-onship, and things just haven't gone our way."

gone our way."

Although last weekend's series loss to Duke virtually assured the Pack that it would have to win the ACC Tournament to go to Regionals, State's regular season is not entirely over. The team is currently playing for position in the conference, and it is looking to regain the confidence that comes with winning.

fidence that comes with winning.

"We've made some poor
decisions at critical points in
games, and maybe some things
happened that were out of our
control," said Avent. "From
that I think you lose some confidence, and that can't happen,
because I think we're playing
well and hard. We've just got
to keep doing that."

The main reason State wants
to avoid the play-in game is
the potential second-round
showdown with Florida State,
which has only lost three
games in ACC play this year.
Although State was responsible for one of those losses, the
Seminoles are still a team to be
feared and avoided by ACC
opponents.

To beat the Tigers, State will look to its offense to manufacture runs against the stingy

run was senior Tynesha Lewis, whose move from shooting guard to point guard coincided with the team's resurgence.

In her first game at the point on Jan. 30 against Florida State, Lewis did something that no man or woman had ever done at State — record a triple-double. Lewis '10 points, 12 assi.'s and 12 rebounds led the Pack to an 55-66 victory, On Senior Night in Reynolds Coliseum on Feb. 21, Lewis, who wasv taken by the Houston Comets as the 31st overall selection in this year's WNBA draft, repeated the feat world in the senior of the senior of the court.

The gymnastics team had to carry her off the court.

The gymnastics team had to overcome its share of problems, as well, State entered the season with possibly its most talented team ever but lost three key gymnatss before the first meet of the year was 15 minutes old. Yet head coach Mark Stevenson and his team still wound up at NCAA Regionals like they always do.

always do.

The winter months also brought State its second ACC title of the year. The wrestling team went to Chapel Hill and ended UNC's four-year title reign. Three State wrestlers—George Cintron, Pierre Pryor and Zach Breitenbach — cap-

and Zach Breitenbach — cap-Clemson rotation. On the sea-son, Clemson pitchers are holding opposing batters to a 259 batting average, the best mark in the ACC. Clemson also has a staff ERA of 4.13, almost a full run better than the Wolfpack (5.12). State will likely go without pitching starter Dan D'Amato, who is among the ACC leaders in strikeouts. D'Amato pitched Wednesday night vs. East Carolina.

Carolina.

"We have six or seven guys who are throwing well right now," said Avent. "We'll like to you own to have to go with D'Amato because he usually doesn't pitch well on three days of rest, so we'll have to give some thought to who we'll pitch."

Whoever ends up pitching for State will likely need the Pack defense to commit fewer mis-takes. The team is eighth in the conference in fielding, while Clemson is first. With the combination of Clemson's pitching and defense, State knows it cannot give away runs and expect to win.

Once again, State will look to junior Brian Wright to catalyze the offense. Wright is the Pack's leading hitter and is among the ACC leaders in doubles, RBIs and total bases.

doubles, RBIs and total bases.
"We're trying to win every
game," said Avent. "Winning
breeds confidence and through
that confidence you tend to
make better decisions. We just
approach every game to play
hard and everything. Nothing's
a tune up. We're just trying to
play."



The men's basketball team limped to a 13-16 finish, its worst under Herb Sendek

championships for the victori-ous Pack. State also claimed a national title this year from a somewhat unheralded source. The cheer-leading team traveled to Orlando, Fla, last month and upset perennial favorite Louisville to claim its fourth national championship. The

Pack cheerleaders now own half of the school's eight national

Pack encerements of the school's eight national titles.

Some teams still have something left to play for as the school year winds down.

The men's golf team, currently ranked seventh nationally, will compete in NCAA Regionals following exams. A few members of the track teams will jour-

to compete against the best in the country. And with four games left in the regular season, the baseball team is trying to avoid its first losing season since 1966.

since 1966.

The 2000-01 year wasn't always the best for State athletics, but it was anything but bor-

ney to Eugene, Ore., in late May

Carolina or California.

This year's team lost to UNC and consequently did not make Nationals. But State's team won the National Championship in 1999. After rebuilding due to the loss of eight players last year, Jinx advanced to Regionals, losing to archival UNC by only two points. After the UNC loss, however, the team managed to defeat Georgia in a "back door" game to secure the No. 2 spot in the Atlantic Coast region, giving Jinx its fourth trip to College Nationals in the past five years.

OK. So, great for them. But

OK. So, great for them. But it's not as if Ultimate is all that different from any club sport, right? There is one major dif-

"We don't cut people," asserted Young.

Practices are always opens to newcomers. Jinx meets at 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on the lower intramural fields or, in case of rain, Puller Park field or Fraternity Court.

"It's a fraternity, a family," he continued. "Once you get in, you're friends forever with you're fr these guys

these guys."

When Jinx goes to Boulder,
Colo., or New Orleans, the
experience is part away game
but also part road trip. At State,
teanmates become roommates
and suitemates.

Because it's young and chang-ing and independent, "Ultimate is more of a community than other sports," declared Trimble.

other sports." declared Trimble.
Yes, there are swollen ankles
and a lack of athletic acceptance, but that doesn't matter to
players of a sport whose only
weather condition for canceling
agame has been lightning.
Rain or shine — or even snow
Ultimate is you get close bonds
with teammates, the experience
of real wins and losses, but also
fun, parties," summed Reilly.

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Fans may be wary of a sport
with the arrogance to call itself
"ultimate" — after all, who
would dare call themselves a
master of Superior Basketball?
— but, at least for the men of
State, the title seems deserved.

Patrick Hard is a nominee this year for the Calahan Award, the Heisman Trophy of Ultimate. And one gets the sense that Hard isn't so much a shining



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Award winners

The Intramural-Recreational Sports department held its annual awards ceremony Thursday. Jason Cheek was recognized with the department's highest honor, receiving the John F. Miller Award. Meanwhile, Richard Miller captured the Paul H. Derr Award.

Paul H. Derr Award.

Justin Ford was named the
Men's Official of the Year,
while Keri Boyette took the

Women's Official of the Year award. Richard Palmieri was anamed the department's Most Improved Official.
Kimberly Kelly won the award as the Outstanding Fitness Leader of the year.
The martial arts club topped the list of club awards, taking Club of the Year honors. Nathan Redman, of the watersking and wakeboarding club, was the Club Officer of the Year And the outing club took the Club Community Service Award.
In the fraternity division, Pi Kappa Alpha walked away with the President's Cup, which is awarded to the division's overall champion, and the Most Improved Fraiternity award. Pi Delta Theta took the Sportsman's Cup as the best small fraternity at State Cameron Wells, of Sigma Phi Epsilon, was named the Atheite Director of the Year, and Will

Hildebrand, also of Sigma Ph Epsilon, took Athlete of the Year.

Year.

Syme claimed the Residence
Cup as the overall champion in
the men's residence division.
Wood was voted the Most
Improved Residence for the
2000-01 year. Jamil Johnson, of
the Year in this division, while
teammate Michael Norris
nabbed Athlete of the Year.

nabbed Athlete of the Year
Zeta Tau Alpha won the
Residence/Sorority Cup as the
top women's residence/sorority
team of the year. Laura
Easterwood and Jenny
McGahey, the athletics directors
of Zeta Tau Alpha, were recognized as Co-Athletics Directors
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Athlete of the Year for the division. Alexander was selected
the Most Improved
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Baseball set to tangle with Tigers

♦ N.C. State will host Clemson at Doak Field for a doubleheader on Saturday and another game on Sunday.

Steve Thompson

The N.C. State baseball team ventures into this weekend's series with Clemson looking for a few wins and some muchneeded confidence.

The Pack (25-25, 8-13 Atlantic Coast Conference) has

lost seven out of its last nine games and is in danger of falling into the ACC Tournament what:

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BASEBALL VS. CLEMSON WHEN:

game. The team currently stands in seventh place, one game ahead of North THIS of North Carolina. "I think it's a huge series," said WEEKEND WHERE: DOAK FIELD

Wolfpack head coach Elliot Avent. "I think we had won like 12 out of 17 at one point in time; we were playing real well and getting some results. "In this society, everyone goes on results. I think our effort's been great the last six weeks. I think our intensity's been good. We've just found some ways to lose ballgames, and that comes because we haven't had the results we wanted lately."

The lack of results has left

The lack of results has left State in a perilous situation.

State currently has a .500 winning percentage and is in danger of having its first losing season since 1966, when the Pack went 11-12-2.

The task at hand will not be easy for State, as the No. 12 Tigers come to Raleigh on a hot streak, having won 10 of their last 14 games. Clemson currently is tied for second in the ACC with Wake Forest.

"I don't think two games either way decide an entire season," said Avent. "If we are

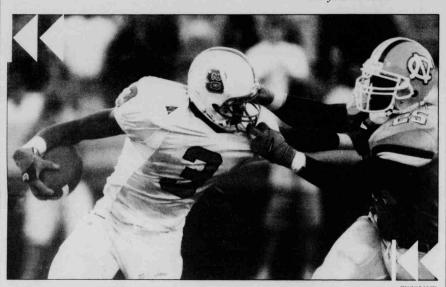
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The baseball team needs wins against No. 12 Clemson if it has any hope of avoiding its first losing season since 1966

Never a dull moment

Hthe year in review



Robinson made plenty of headlines for the N.C. State football team, which finished 8-4 and ended a seven-year losing streak vs. UNC.

The N.C. State athletics department made plenty of news over the past athletic year.

Jeremy Ashton

One major program experienced a boom in popularity among the Wolfpack faithful, while another

found itself under intense scrutiny. Two more conference titles and a national title were added to the trophy cases on campus. And some familiar names moved on, while new stars emerged.

emerged.
The year began with a change at the very top of the State athletics department. Following the departure of Athletics Director Les Robinson for The Citadel, Lee Fowler was hired in September to take his place. Since his arrival, Fowler, who will chair the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

flurry of activity, including the start of renovations on Carter-Finley Stadium and a pair of off-the-court incidents involving the basketball

The football team also began the year with a new man in charge in head coach Chuck Amato. The result was a rebirth of sorts for the Pack.

State opened the year with a 38-31 win in double overtime over Arkansas State, setting the tone for a season filled with heart-stopping victories. The Pack won seven games during the regular season, including a 38-20 win at North Carolina to end a seven-game losing streak to the Tar Heels.

Wide receiver Koren Robinson,

38-20 win at North Carolina to end as even-game losing streak to the Tar Heels. Wide receiver Koren Robinson, who was recently taken by the Seattle Scahawks as the ninth overall selection in the NFL draft, was named to the All-ACC first team twice and became a national star Quarterback Philip Rivers gave the Pack its third consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year award after shattering school passing records. And linebacker Levar Fisher led the ACC in tackles and was named the conference's Defensive Player of the Year.

The Pack received a bid to the Micronpc.com Bowl in Miami in recognition of its 7-4 record in the regular season. As it turned out, State saved the biggest dramatics for the end, crasing a 24-point deficit to defeat Minnesota 38-30.

The football program wasn't the only one that experienced a rebirth during the fall. Under the guidance of head coach Laura Kerrigan, who played in the 1988 national title game as a member of the Pack, State's women's soccer team drew some attention in the always-stacked ACC Kerrigan's crew finished the year 10-3 overall and just missed out on the NCAA Tournament. With a promis-

ing recruiting class coming in, the team believes that the best is yet to

team believes that the best is yet to come.

The men's and women's cross country teams continued their domination of the ACC. The women won their 15th conference title, while the men took second. Both teams placed 11th at Nationals in Ames, Iowa, making at typical year for the program.

On the heels of the football team's success, many expected that this would be the year that the men's bas-ketball team would finally return to the NCAA Tournament. The Pack returned every starter except for Justin Gainey from a team that finished the previous year in the NIT consolation game with 20 wins. But instead of a return to glory, the team faltered.

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The Pack opened conference play at Virginia with an 8-3 record. State shot 61.2 percent from the floor and led most of the game, only to lose 88-81.

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The loss in Charlottesville, Va., established a pattern for the Pack. On numerous occasions, State pushed Top-25 teams to the breaking point but couldn't quite finish the job.

During one stretch that began in late January, State played five consecutive games against teams ranked in the top 15 nationally. The Pack had opportunities to win four of those but walked away with just one victory.

As the defeats and off-the-court problems mounted, head coach Herb Sendek's job security was called into question. With the pressure mounting, Fowler publicly spoke in support of Sendek, saying that he will return for his sith season.

State finished the year with a 7-6 loss to Duke in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament and a 13-16 record, its first losing season under

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The Ultimate experience

♦ The only thing more intense than the Ultimate Frisbee club's athletics is its camaraderie.

Richard Morgan

Editor's Note: Technician's look at I.C. State's club sports teams con-ludes with the Ultimate Frisbee team.

Ultimate Frisbee may be an infant sport, having only started in 1967 — and even then as the brainchild of a high school newspaper in New Jersey of all places. Still, nobody could argue that the 25 men of N.C. State who make up the Ultimate Frisbee club, known as Jinx, are anything less than consummate athletes.

Practicing for three or four hours at a time, three times a week, the nationally renowned members of Jinx don't rely on luck at all.

"It's about dedication, athleticism," explained Adam Young. "You have to be fast, in good shape, able to bring together soccer and track and basketball and football."

The sport, in which teammates call their own penalties and where conferences play continuously until a champion emerges, is still establishing its identity, still growing into adulthood. At present, no university anywhere has an Ultimate team on the varsity level.

But, in many ways, that lack of predetermined structure is what gives the sport its character.

"The school isn't in control," contin-

But, in many ways, that lack of predetermined structure is what gives the
sport its character.

"The school isn't in control," continued Young. "They can't say we have to
go here because we made a deal or we
can't go to this tournament."

"And it's pretty exciting to see how it
develops," added Will Trimble. "There
are always new rules, and it's interesting to see where it's going."

As an example of such changes,
Ultimate recently started incorporating
refereeing observers.

So, good for them. They like
Ultimate Frishee. That's understandable. What's hard to understand, however, is how State is able to have a
national championship team when
most of the student body thinks
"Ultimate Frishee" means throwing the
disc really, really hard across Tucker
Beach.
"There were a lot of good athletes.
"There were a lot of good athletes."

Beach.
"There were a lot of good athletes
who played my freshman year," Josh
Reilly explained when asked to explain
the anomalous achievement of State's
team. "It takes a lot of athletic ability

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The N.C. State Ultimate Frisbee team won the 1999 national title



Tynesha Lewis got the first two triple-doubles in school history this year.