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Job shopping: hunting for the right bargain

♦ Graduating seniors find that jobs are not as plentiful as they might have thought.

Cara Froedge
Assistant News Editor

With a little over a month remaining before some seniors graduate, the future can be a scary thing to think about.

Many students have found that they would much rather stay in school. "I would rather extend my education and go to grad school," said communication major Mary Stewart McGinty, "than get out right now and in this economy."

McGinty plans on working in the sports marketing field but has had trouble in her job search due to a lack of positions.

"I want to do PR like ticket sales for NASCAR and the Panthers," she said.

What McGinty and many others have run into is a lack of jobs because of the current economy, resulting from a recession and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Not all hope for a job in December is lost, according to economics professor John Lapp.

"The job market is not as good," he

said. "There are fewer jobs, but that doesn't mean everyone will be waiting tables."

Parks, recreation and tourism major Cameron Jones said that he has had some trouble finding a job as well. Originally from Nassau, Bahamas, Jones' plans include moving back home in December and possibly working for a scuba diving company, a daily excursion company or even the Atlantis Resort and Casino.

"The biggest problem I have had," he said, "is getting in touch with the right people."

If that is Jones' only problem, then he is ahead. Lapp said the travel and tourism industry has been deeply affected, especially the airline industry.

However, jobs in other markets, such as technical and governmental fields, are plentiful.

"There are some pockets where the market is good," he said. "It's hard to make a blanket statement."

Derek Foy, a senior in textiles, found a job with Milliken early in the semester.

"The textile department has a great job-placement program," said Foy, who found his position through an on-campus interview.

Graduates of this department, said

Lapp, are fortunate because they are trained in high-tech programs.

In getting a job, said Lapp, experience and a high GPA will play a big role in determining who gets these job openings.

Most of all, though, students need to be flexible and realize that "they may not get what they want," said Lapp.

Ultimately, there is hope, he said. "We are just in an old, garden-variety recession," he said.

Spring graduates should have an easier time since these recessions usually last about six months to a year.

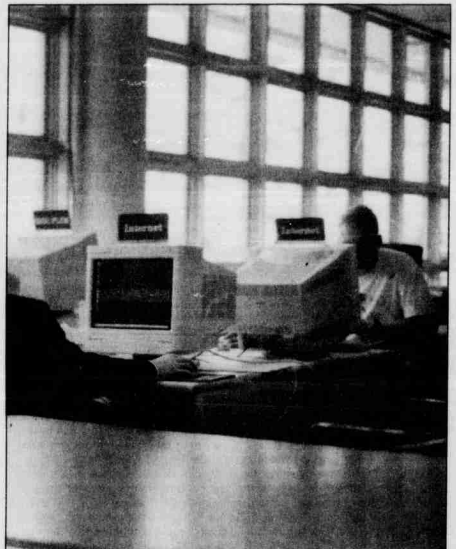
Carol Schroeder, associate director of the University Career Center, agreed with Lapp.

"There are jobs, but they are not the traditional ones that students are looking for; the federal government is seeking new graduates and their opportunities are outstanding."

In fact, the career center hosted a presentation from the federal director several weeks ago that offered information about getting jobs with the U.S. government.

"The point is, there are bright spots," she added, emphasizing opportunities in government, construction, biotechnology and energy industries.

Some suggestions she offered to students include networking, which she



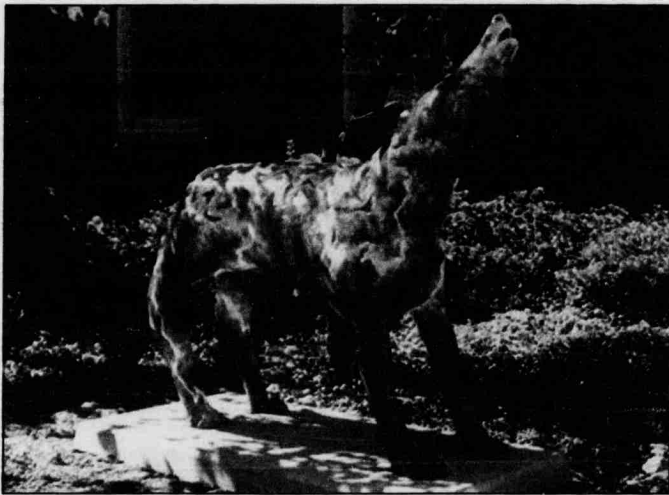
Students are encouraged to take advantage of the campus Career Center, including its computer system, for insight into the job market.

described as "the best source for finding a job."

However, she also said that when employers visit the university to meet

and interview students, their sign-up schedules are not full.

For more information, visit the career center at 2100 Pullen Hall.



The "Shining Spirit" wolf, part of Raleigh's Red Wolf Ramble exhibition, was stolen from the front of the Alumni Building. Chancellor Marye Anne Fox unveiled "Shining Spirit" at the Grand Unveiling of the statues.

'Shining' wolf statue stolen

♦ A fiberglass wolf, part of a city of Raleigh public art exhibition, is still missing, nine days after its disappearance.

Jimmy Ryals
Staff Reporter

A wolf sculpture gone missing from the Alumni Building's lawn Oct. 25 still has not been found, and Alumni Association officials fear it will not be returned in time for Homecoming.

Public Safety officers were called to the Alumni Building at approximately 1 p.m. last Thursday regarding the disappearance of the fiberglass wolf, named the "Shining Spirit" wolf and valued at \$2,000, according to Sgt. Jon Barnwell.

The wolf statue, sponsored by the Alumni Association, was part of the city of Raleigh Arts Commission's Red Wolf Ramble city-wide public art exhibit.

Barnwell said the wolf appeared to have been pried from its concrete base with something like a crowbar.

According to Jeannie Norris, communications director for the Alumni Association, association employees

worked until 8:30 p.m. Oct. 24 and none of them noticed anything suspicious.

Upon returning the next day, however, Alumni Association officials found only the 600-pound concrete slab that served as the wolf's pedestal. The wolf was attached to the concrete slab with a pair of heavy screws in two of the wolf's feet; the screws were secured with a bolt on the bottom of the slab.

Installed Oct. 9 with a forklift, the wolf had an internal light projecting through holes in its multi-colored fiberglass skin. Chris B. Williams, a senior in industrial design, designed the wolf. The cavities in the wolf's skin represented scars, and the light escaping through them represented its soul and its impact on the environment. Williams cut a hole in the wolf's mouth to allow light to escape there, as though the wolf was howling.

The color scheme came later and was inspired by infrared photography, wherein color symbolizes heat.

Williams initially felt "a sense of violation" over the theft of the statue he designed. That feeling has been tempered by his "coming to grips with the fact that, no matter what you do or how you secure it, people are going to do what they want.

"There's only so much you can do to protect public art," Williams said.

The "Shining Spirit" wolf is not the first to have been stolen during the Red Wolf Ramble campaign. According to art commission Executive Director Linda Hall, there was one other stolen from the Bell Tower area Oct. 22.

That wolf was returned within hours, and a suspect has been arrested, but there's been no such luck for the "Shining Spirit" wolf thus far. Norris hopes for its return in time for Homecoming in two weeks.

"We just want him to be back when folks are returning to campus so people can see him along with other wolves," Norris said. "We'd really like to encourage whoever has him to return him. We're very proud of that wolf."

Should the stolen wolf return, Norris said it would be displayed in the bay window on the back of the Alumni Building.

After the exhibition ends, Norris said the wolf may be auctioned for "a good cause" or positioned on the terrace of a planned new Alumni Center.

Williams, for one, is confident that the wolf will return.

"I'm really expecting it to come back," he said.

Technology in the classroom leads to faster, easier learning

♦ An N.C. State zoology professor uses wireless computers and digital imaging to teach a course in experimental embryology

Dominique Donato
Senior Staff Reporter

As a Research I institution, N.C. State's focus has been on hands-on work, not just "book learning." B.J. Brizuela, an assistant professor in the zoology department, is offering students just that kind of opportunity — in the classroom.

Brizuela teaches experimental embryology, which meets for 2.5 hours of lecture and five hours of lab per week. The class concentrates on techniques using microscopes linked to computers through a camera so that students can take pictures of their experiments instead of drawing them, as embryologists have traditionally done.

"Classic embryology was always a lot of hands-on work, the only difference here is that instead of using this technology, we'd be making a lot of tools and doing it by hand," said Brizuela.

Not having to make those tools and drawing embryos by hands gives the students more time to observe, allowing Brizuela to teach the course in only six weeks.

The room in which the laboratory section is taught is also used by Betty Black, of the zoology department, and Nina Allen, of the botany department, for their courses.

"They built that room so that they could do imaging," Brizuela said.

The classroom is equipped with ten workstations that each have flat panel LCD displays, Apple G3s or G4s and wireless ports to receive images sent from the front of the room to the computer screens. This is especially useful

when there are 20 students in the classroom.

"Whether it's an interesting site on the Web, a video or a live dissection going on at the microscope at the front of the class — each of those you can project to the rest of the class," said Brizuela.

"We in the zoology department felt there was a need for more hands-on courses in our curriculum, especially upper level classes, so students got a chance to learn more hands-on technologies," said Brizuela.

Brizuela said that she was chosen to teach the course because she had brought a new model system into the lab — *Xenopus laevis*, the African clawed frog.

"I feel like using the frog has let us be able to see what scientists really do. We can go in the lab and do experiments, simple experiments, that undergrads can understand and follow," she said. "And then we can follow that up by looking at the literature and giving students an opportunity to see how what's going on in the laboratories translates to the literature."

On lecture days, Brizuela's class listens to her teach for an hour. The next hour is for discussion and presentation. Brizuela thinks it is important for students to understand how embryology is involved in current events, ethics and other major issues, especially given recent debates about stem cell research.

"The course is designed in a way that students can put into it what they want to get out of it, so that graduate students can get a lot out of the course as well," said Brizuela.

The interactive aspect of the classroom is a great plus, said Brizuela. "By being able to see it, touch it, and hear about it — it's a very stimulating environment."

Clarification: In Tuesday's Technician, Stephanie Snyder was quoted as saying, "As long as [heterosexual people] don't have to see us, hear us and interact with us, then it would be okay for us to exist and live, basically." Although the quote is correct, this is not Snyder's opinion, but one she hears voiced from other individuals.

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Continuing bombing the lesser of two evils

THE UNITED STATES' DECISION NOT TO HALT BOMBING FOR RAMADAN IS WISE BUT NOT WITHOUT DRAWBACKS.

As little as two days ago, American and British officials met to discuss the possibility of postponing the bombing of Afghanistan during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Yesterday, the White House handed down the official decision — that we are engaged in a war against an aggressive enemy that must be fought aggressively. This is true, and the bombing must not cease; however, we must consider the negative effects of such a decision.

The only valid reason to halt the bombings for Ramadan would be out of respect for surrounding Muslim countries like Pakistan, who have urged us to postpone temporarily the bombings. We must realize that this will possibly erode U.S. support from Muslim countries. In addition, this may plant the seeds for a Taliban-like resentment (although on a milder level) for the United States. The Taliban are attempting to enlist the support of moderate Muslims by calling this a "jihad" or holy war. Continuing the bombing through Ramadan will fuel this fire, but all people of the world, Muslim or not, will be able to see through this Taliban smoke screen. They are fighting *their* war and calling it holy. Postponing the bombings for Afghanistan would not only prolong

the war on terrorism, but it would also matter little to the Taliban, who have not made similar acknowledgments of Ramadan in their campaign against the Northern Alliance according to NewsMax.com. It is quickly becoming evident that, no matter how long this conflict lasts, it will be too long.

The quicker we strip bin Laden and the Taliban of their power, the quicker we can begin rebuilding Afghanistan to show the innocent civilians of Afghanistan that we mean them no harm but only seek retaliation against the oppressive Taliban.

Halting our attacks for Ramadan would put one more month on the end of this war, one more month for the Taliban and bin Laden to regroup, one more month for the civilian Afghans with no ties to terrorism or the Taliban to fester hatred for the United States. War is never a good. In this case, the continuation of this war through Ramadan is the lesser of two evils. The United States, however, should always remain cognizant of the negative effects our actions have globally. It is inevitable that we will not be able to win this war without offending or harming anyone besides the Taliban.



Earth image from nasa.gov

Foreign language study essential

Robert Jaillal

STAFF COLUMNIST

Almost universally, when a general education requirement (GER) proves inconvenient or detrimental to the plans of college students, resentment toward the paternalistic GER system develops. Receiving special treatment apart from other GERs, like political science, psychology and history, the foreign language requirement faces the plattitudinous complaint that it serves absolutely no purpose after college.

Political science, history and psychology potentially provide some use in a post-college environment. For example, a study into Middle Eastern history and culture is obviously useful in current contexts. Learning a language we'll never use, from a country we'll never visit, whose citizens we'll never meet, does not seem as useful.

If the material benefit of foreign language study is nonexistent (for those who like and dislike the requirement), complaints about the requirement then have to be about the process of studying foreign language. It requires too much studying. It doesn't fit in one's schedule. It is too hard. Such complaints, though, stem from a lack of time management, curriculum planning and academic maturity. These complaints are common and uninteresting.

The university should not respond to arguments that ultimately say, "I do not want to take this class because I will not approach it with the maturity of a college student." The assumption here is that mature college students will plan to take a class and do what is needed to reach a desired grade.

For languages, the mature approach entails realizing the following: because the material is completely cumulative,

languages require regular studying (as opposed to cram sessions), enthusiasm about progress makes work less burdensome and pride must be abandoned. Expecting positive results to come from an improper approach is quite unrealistic. Whining about this truism is simply childish.

Remaining unresolved, however, is the materialist allegation that studying a foreign language has no long-lasting benefit. True exploration of that charge suggests otherwise.

In 1992, the College Board released statistics showing that increasing performance on the SAT correlated with increased participation in foreign language classes. Moreover, intensive study in a foreign language was shown to benefit SAT scores more than intensive study in any other subject.

The SATs are not particularly relevant to college students anymore, but the underlying implication of the College Board's statistics is. The process of studying another language hones mental ability. In a study by Educational Resources Information Center, Vernon Rostker noted that, "any new language forces us to think why ... we need to do what we do to express ourselves clearly."

In other words, foreign language study helps students to communicate more effectively in their own language. At the "least," foreign language study simply provides knowledge of the culture one studies. I have chosen to study Japanese because after 12 plus years of decidedly Euro-centric education, Asian cultures are the ones about which I know the least. In my case, becoming less ignorant is its own reward.

It's mundane, though, to counter materialist accusations of uselessness with material examples of usefulness.

The greater value of multilingualism lies in the statements those who achieve it make. Those who reject multilingualism, asserting that English is ultimately sufficient say, "we will not reach beyond what is comfortable because such actions bring no benefits." Those who accept multilingualism state the opposite: "openness to foreign ideas fosters desirable outcomes."

For a university that proudly embraces the liberal tradition (in a classical sense), the latter statement is the one N.C. State should adopt. The hallmark of Western thought, liberalism (again, in a classical sense), stands in contrast to conservative thought, which embraces tribalism, complacency and parochialism. For example, the Taliban may be comfortable with the qualities of conservative thought; Americans should not.

In high school, teachers with better tastes force many students to read books they do not want to read. Looking back, not reading seminal works of literature would have proved shameful. Similarly, not exposing students to foreign languages creates citizens who shamefully live small spheres of awareness. As the world globalizes, it is unacceptable for Americans to retain this technical-school mentality, and, as the would-be leaders of a globalized world, it is unacceptable for Americans to remain ignorant and indifferent to anything outside of our small borders.

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RULE OF THUMB

Halloween's innocence

The Statistical Assessment Service called Halloween candy tampering an urban legend this week, with only 76 incidents reported since 1958. In addition, the SAS announced that going outside without a hat in the winter will not automatically give you a cold nor will leaving your shoes untied make you trip.



In efforts to trim the budget, state officials decided that, as of Thursday, Medicaid no longer pays for circumcisions in North Carolina. About 17,000 boys have the operation each year at a cost of around \$200 at the hospital. Despite a public outcry, one bureaucrat remained indifferent, saying "Hey, it's no skin off my back."

Pumpkins reunite

A day after Halloween, Billy Corgan announced that he will reunite with former Smashing Pumpkins drummer Jimmy Chamberlain to form a new band. Corgan would not comment on how the new band's music will compare to that of the Pumpkins, but promised he would still be as pompous and conceited as ever.



Two UNC-G students have been charged with prostitution in their dorm rooms. The two, one male and one female, reportedly met people in Internet chat rooms and convinced them to meet them to pay for sex. Many broke college students choose to exchange bodily fluids for money, but it's usually in the form of plasma.

North Korea gets online

"North Korea, meet democracy and the 3rd millennium." The restrictive North Korean government is allowing some of their citizens in Pyongyang to participate in a trial email subscription with residents of a Chinese city. If this goes well, people in the future may even be allowed to "chat," as it is called.



So we all didn't want him to come back, but now get off his back. For whom else would a debut game with 19 points, 6 steals and 4 assists be a major flop? So he didn't make the game winner, when was the last time Washington was in the position to take a game winner?

Children's lit

"The Breadwinner" is being hailed as the first children's book about the war on Afghanistan and is said to be a great help to parents trying to explain the situation. As for the birds and the bees, impersonal, out-of-date videos viewed in the school gym with half of the fifth grade are still the best option.



In a city-wide scam, officials are saying that one in five beers sold in the Berlin area are actually fake, imitations instead of the real stuff, which is being stolen and replaced. So when you're friend comes back from Germany next week, don't listen to him brag about the beers he's had—he's full of crap ... and crappy beer.

New wind-chill scale

Canadian researchers announced that they have come up with a new, more accurate way to measure wind chill. The old way does not take into account the way the body reacts to the cold. The new way is simple, yet effective, with only three ratings of "cold," "really freakin' cold" and "I can't feel my ..."



Everybody chill. That offensive aroma Wednesday was not anthrax and had nothing to do with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It was coming to us courteous of smoke from wild-fires 100 miles east of us instead of burning rubber, spilled chemicals, or your grandmother microwaving a can of Vienna sausages.

Medicaid cuts



Sex ed



MJ's critics



German thieves



That smell wed.



The bad in doing away with Good Friday

Holly Bezzant

STAFF COLUMNIST

N.C. State is a very diverse community. We have often taken pride in that fact and have tried to make the foreign students as comfortable as possible. But, as with all attempts at a common good, there is a bad that surfaces. Such an issue has been raised here at NCSU.

Students and faculty, and regular visitors to the country as a whole, who come from other countries and other religious beliefs usually come to the United States with a small amount of its history. They should know that the country is based on the Christian faith. The writers and signers of the Declaration of Independence were basing it on Christian morals and values. God is on the currency.

The latest issue that NCSU, more specifically the University Registration, Records and Calendar committee, is dealing with is Good Friday. They want to do away with it being an official University closing. Their reason is that it is a religious holiday, and, therefore, "should not be recognized by a 'diverse' university community." For those who do not believe in God, Good Friday is recognizing that God's son, Jesus Christ, was crucified on that Friday almost two millennia ago. It is one of the most significant events ever.

The problem is not so much the possibility of losing Good Friday as a day on which I wouldn't have to go to class, as it is that the day is a spiritual one, full of meaning to me and other faiths who believe in God. The largest religious practices [at NCSU] following Christianity are Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. All four religions believe in some form of the same God, and, therefore, would support a day like Good Friday for their own religion.

Doing away with Good Friday as an official university closing would be another step away from acknowledging that there is a God. A counter argument could be "what about other faiths and their holidays? We don't close for them!" My answer to that is not this because their religions are not the ones upon which the country was formed from, but are accepted because of the country's first goal—having no religious persecution.

Then I was made aware of the fact that there used to be an "Easter Monday" instead of Good Friday off at NCSU. In a survey conducted in regards to this issue, the committee asked if I would rather have Easter Monday or Good Friday, or if it didn't matter. How ignorant is it for the university to even consider bringing back Easter Monday if they're trying to do away with any sort of religious holiday, when Easter is the biggest spiritual part

of the three days? Monday isn't even a part of it? It would be reason to the faith to create an Easter Monday.

If the university does not want to look at keeping Good Friday as a religious event, then it should be viewed as historical. No one denies that Jesus was a real person. What is being denied is the faith in, and spiritual relationship with Him. That's where the hypocrisy comes into bearing. We have Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Thanksgiving Day off. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an integral part of the civil rights movement, and we wouldn't be as far along in our quest for equality if it wasn't for that. Guess what? He was led by his faith in God. Thanksgiving was made by pilgrims in honor of God. Who they believed kept them safe and provided them with food and other necessities.

If NCSU decides to abolish the Good Friday holiday, it must follow suit and get rid of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Thanksgiving break because they follow the very same religious views that the university is trying to secularize.

If there are more serious proposals of getting rid of Good Friday as a university official holiday, Holly wants to circle a petition and other rally activities in opposition of it. If interested, email her at paz_rata@yahoo.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

Student responds to panel on war

In the recent panel that bashed the war on Afghanistan and directly insulted our national leaders, Dr. Akram Khater was quoted as saying in reference to Afghan civilian casualties: "If it's one person, it's too many."

What about American civilian casualties? How many is too many? Is 5,000 enough? What about 10,000? How many people have to die before we're allowed to strike back at the people who threatened and continue to threaten Americans all over the globe?

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Green's argument incomplete

Once again Justin Greene has produced an inflammatory column on abortion to which I am compelled to respond. Fortunately Justin printed excerpts directly from the publications of Princeton ethicist Peter Singer, whose arguments we can evaluate on their own merit. From the few paragraphs printed it seems that Singer is arguing that the action of being born is not a morally significant event. In other words, birth does not somehow imbue an infant with moral qualities it did not have just before birth. Singer is seeking to determine what qualities an individual must possess in order to have a "strong claim to life." He concludes that neither late-term fetuses nor newborn infants possess such qualities. This is an active area of philosophical research, and there are plenty of arguments against Singer's views. Even if Singer is the "most influential ethicist alive," influence does not equate with persuasiveness. Indeed, Greene's past columns have often influenced me to clearly describe how our opinions are antithetical. While the implications of Singer's asser-

tions may be repellent, if Greene really wanted to embarrass the ethicist he'd have offered a compelling counter argument. If Greene's own ethics are worth holding, then maybe they'd rip Singer's argument to shreds. To use one of Justin's metaphors, we ought to sacrifice ideas on the "altar of academic freedom"... not people.

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Silencing pacifists is silencing freedom

In his Campus Forum letter, Darren O'Connor attacked the opinions of pacifists. Readers should be aware that such statements are the most direct threat to the spirit of this country. Mr. O'Connor states that peace protesters were the undoing of the Vietnam War because they encouraged communists in North Vietnam, and that the peace movement was a ploy by the secret American communists. He equates this situation with what is happening today, saying that protesters encourage terrorists. Both of these statements are without merit. I encourage Mr. O'Connor to spend five minutes reading "The Sword and the Shield, the Mitrokhin Archives," a collection of stolen KGB documents, which would reveal that communist propaganda was as great a sham as ever existed on this earth. These are the same people who believed race riots would easily undo the U.S., and took Dr. Martin Luther King to be a hero for the communists because he was stirring up unrest. Communist encouragement at that time could come from even the best of American institutions.

Protests today are not encouraging to Taliban sympathizers. If protests encouraged communists during Vietnam, it was because they believed commu-

nist agents were having an effect in the U.S. They would have been encouraged by their own subversion of American society, not because they thought they could get away with more. Certainly, no rational person could believe that the current peace protests are organized by militant undercover Islamic terrorists. They take their evidence of our society's flaws from Hollywood-produced images of corrupt values, not the fact that a vocal minority feels that we should seek non-violent solutions to our problems, no matter what the cost. I support the military action in Afghanistan, but I also support the rights and bravery of those people bold enough to speak out against it despite popular opinion being against them. Disagreement over the actions of our country is what makes us American. If militant left-wingers made decisions and nobody put up a fight, our precious guns would be taken from us and cars would be forced to be (gasp!) fuel efficient, rather than powerful. Similarly, militant right-wingers would have the government do everything short of making it a law that people go to a Christian church, and single parent families would be excused from taxes where such "loose morals" are more appreciated. Calling on people to silence their opinions on any matter at all is truly the most dangerous threat that our country has ever seen because it takes something greater than human life. It takes from us our free human and American spirit, which is a part of our national identity. If the frequent conservative calls to silence dissenting opinion, from the White House's criticism of Bill Maher to locals writing in to papers distressed that people exist who don't agree with them, then truly bin Laden has already won, for we are no longer a free country.

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Zen and the art of being broke

Thomas
Bakane

I am so broke. For the past two weeks, I have rolled every penny I have for gas, called in every debt from everyone I know and sold or pawned everything that I really don't need. I don't need money for anything special, I'm not saving up for a new car or anything like that. I'm just trying to live somewhat comfortably, with at least a few bucks left over for entertainment. I figure that all I really need money for is gas, food and beer. That's it.

But why is it so hard to live without extra money? After the bills are covered and your fridge is full, you need almost no money that just to keep up a decent social life. A man cannot take a single step in this country without a pocket full of cash. An evening of quality time with friends requires at least \$20 for drinks, \$5 for the pool tables and sometimes even a cover charge to get into wherever we go. Whatever happened to just sitting at home and enjoying each other's company? Still, enjoying it over a few beers is always nice too.

And what is money anyway? It's a stupid little paper note that is "legal tender for all debts public and private." What debts do I have? All I know is that when I want a beer, I have to hand over the right piece of paper to the bartender, and he gives me some coins back. I don't care about inflation and stocks and interest rates. I don't even care about

the subliminal religious propaganda imprinted on every note that says "in God We Trust." To me, money is just a paper form of an excuse that I use to get the things I need.

So I, like most college students, am in financial limbo. I am too broke to afford trips to all-night drive-through fast food restaurants after the last call. At the same time, I do have enough cash to buy a loaf of bread and pack of cheese slices to make grilled cheeses for a week. I can't afford imported beer, but a six pack of the cheapest Milwaukee-reject beer fits the budget just fine after I clip enough coupons.

At any rate, being broke can also be viewed as something special. Aside from learning creative ways to score a few extra bucks every now and then, there is a certain spiritual aspect that comes with it. Having no money puts you at the closest point between heaven and hell as is possible. You are between the hell of over-consumption and idleness, and the heaven of totally rejecting material wealth. Or maybe it's the heaven of a feast and the hell of starvation. Either way, you can't quite

seem to qualify as either completely poor or completely rich.

This state of limbo is where you can find the happier points of being broke. By the traditional definition of ancient Buddhists and Zen fanatics, you are already halfway to enlightenment. There's no bother with pointless material possessions; you can't afford them. You don't have to make the choice of whether or not to buy that new leather jacket or even the new Built to Spill album. There's no need to keep up with the current fashions because you can't afford trendy clothes either.

So you're stuck between the freedom from consumption and actually being able to afford some of these things. The best thing to do is to make light of the situation and learn from it; there's a lot to be gained from having nothing. The rejection of wealth (either by choice or not) can teach you how to appreciate simpler things of life that are completely free.

Email Tommy at tabakane@hotmail.com if you want to discuss Eastern philosophy over a 16 cent Frosty.

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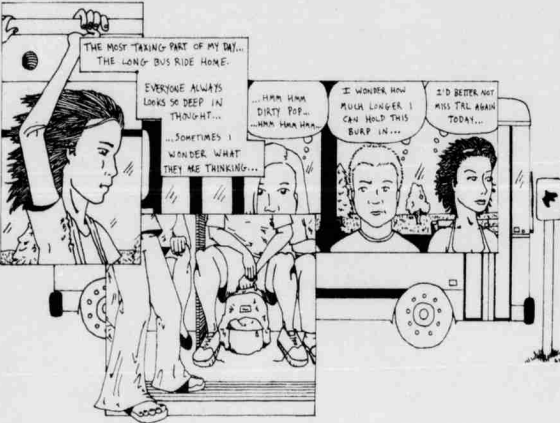
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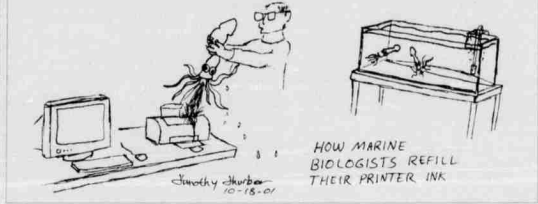
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But, alas, they are spotted and the horrible spirit the skeleton men have conjured seems hell-bent in destroying Maxine. The spectre aglow sends Maxine hurtling into a canyon wall. Hurt and defiant, she is not deterred.

With furious strength Maxine lifts the malicious shadow-daemon over her head and prepares to drive him into the stoney earth, as a spear into a watery stream.

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AROUND THE ACC

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Maryland	5-1	7-1
Florida State	4-1	5-2
North Carolina	4-2	5-4
Georgia Tech	3-2	6-2
Clemson	3-2	5-2
N.C. State	2-3	4-3
Virginia	2-4	3-5
Wake Forest	1-4	3-4
Duke	0-5	0-8

Thursday's results:

No. 23 Georgia Tech 28, No. 22 North Carolina 21

The Yellow Jackets put an end to the Tar Heels' five-game winning streak and hurt their chances to win the conference title. Joe Burns rushed for 198 yards and scored on a 51-yard scamper in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Saturday's games:

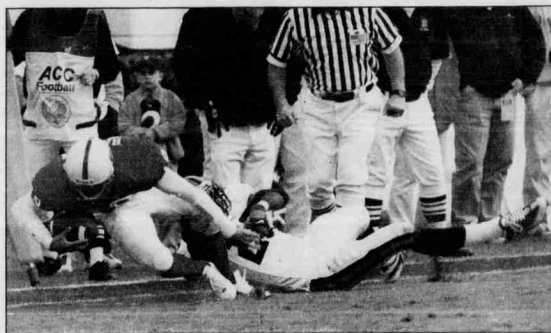
Wake Forest at Virginia, noon, JP
Two teams with slim bowl hopes face off in Charlottesville, Virginia needs a win to stay alive, and Wake Forest can get back to .500 with a victory. The Cavaliers will still be without tailback Antoine Womack. Key statistic: Wake brings the nation's ninth-ranked rushing offense into the game. UVa brings the nation's 105th-ranked rushing defense.

Troy State at No. 15 Maryland, 1 p.m.

Maryland looks to rebound after last week's three-touchdown loss to FSU. Troy State likely won't be an easy win, however. The first-year Division I-A team beat Mississippi State on the road (it looked like a big win then) and played solid first halves against No. 1 (AP and ESPN/USA Today) Miami and No. 1 (BCS) Nebraska.

No. 14 Florida State at Clemson, 3:30 p.m., ABC

It's Bowden Bowl III, as Tommy and his daddy square off. The FSU offense looked like its old self against Maryland last week, throwing 45 points on the board. The FSU defense looked like its old self against Maryland last week, scoring a touchdown that keyed FSU's first-half comeback. Now, will Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler look like his old self (114 total yards, one touchdown against UNC two weeks ago), or his old self (517 total yards, six touchdowns against N.C. State three weeks ago)?



Olin Hannum (19) carried the ball for 58 yards in last week's victory over Virginia. The Pack gained a season-high 413 yards of total offense against the Cavaliers.

DUKE

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opponent to fewer than 100 yards rushing for the first time this season, limiting UVa to just 66 yards on the ground. The Cavs gained 215 yards in total offense for the game, a season low for a Pack opponent.

The defining moment of the game came early in the third quarter when the Cavs threatened to end the shutout with first-and-goal at the State 2. UVa quarterback Matt Schaub threw an incomplete pass on first down. On the next three plays, the Cavs tried to run the ball, but freshman cornerback Marcus Hudson and freshman linebacker Freddie Aughtrey-Lindsay stuffed them each time.

With players like linebacker Dantomo Burnette and defensive end Shawn Price watching with injuries, Amato tried to get more of the younger defensive

players into last week's game. The solid play of the "Killer Bs," the nickname the defensive reserves have given themselves, should lead to even more time on the field.

"Now everybody's confidence is up, and now we can rely on the 'Killer Bs,'" senior linebacker Brian Jamison said. "That's always a plus for us. Now in the games to come, the coaches aren't going to be timid to put them in because they can trust them now."

Jamison, who switched from defensive end to linebacker in the off-season, split time between the two positions against the Cavs. The move was made to help alleviate some of the losses up front, but Jamison said it could become a recurring thing.

"They just thought it would help the team out, considering I was a pass rusher last year, and I still have it in my repertoire," Jamison said. "I thought it would help out the team, so I recommended it to Coach

Amato." On offense, the Pack also had a banner day against the Cavs, gaining a season-high 413 yards, including 196 on the ground. Robinson was at the forefront of State's running game Saturday, carrying 26 times for 105 yards, his first 100-yard rushing game of the season. Backup quarterback Olin Hannum also got to show off his rushing skills, gaining 58 yards on seven carries on the final drive of the game.

Saturday's impressive performance on the ground gave the Pack some offensive balance, which is something that has been lacking at times this year.

"We've been doing a lot of things trying to get the running game, which is important," Robinson said. "The running game balances out the whole game, and us being able to run the ball is going to open up everything else. We've got to continue to do that, and we will continue to do that."

OFFENSE

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yards against Maryland.

Douglas is also known as a pretty good receiver, pulling in 19 receptions for 185 yards on the season thus far, good enough for second place on the team. His average of 184.6 all-purpose yards a game is tops

among the ACC and fourth overall in the nation.

"He runs hard," said Amato. "He breaks tackles and gains yards on everybody."

When Bryant isn't handing the ball off to Douglas or throwing short dump-out passes to him, he'll look to his two tight end threats in Nick Brzezinski and Mike Hart.

Brzezinski leads the team in touchdowns this season, with

three on only nine catches, one of which came against Vandy. Meanwhile, Hart has begun to come on strong for the Devils. Against the Commodores, Hart caught four passes for 86 yards, including a 31-yard score, earning him the honor of ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week. Hart has 19 receptions for a total of 299 yards and two touchdowns going into Saturday's game.

SWIM

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third in the 500-yard freestyle. Yeager picked up a win in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:07.14.

"Rob Yeager's 200 breast was very good, a good time drop there," said Teal. "Peter Pesagno's 1,000 free was very solid."

The relay teams won both events. The 400-yard medley relay team consisted of Kevin Barkley, Suba Akman, Tim Hakey and anchor Andy Seitz. They finished ahead of the Pirates with a time of 3:27.07.

The 400-yard freestyle relay was Jack Deal, Cristian Rojas, Kevin Devine and Seitz. ECU took State down to the finish, but Seitz outpaced the competition and finished .05 seconds ahead for a final time of 3:09.64.

The Pack women (2-1) took the top three places in each of the diving events to lead State

to the overall 150-92 win over the Pirates (2-1). Erin Bainley won both with scores of 290.85 in the 3-meter and 302.33 in the 1-meter. Erin Lambie took second in the 3-meter, while Amber O'Reilly took the same position in the 1-meter.

"It's always nice to have that cushion, knowing that our diving's going to dominate," said Teal. "They did very, very well. We got big points out of that." The 200-yard freestyle had to be the most exciting women's event of the afternoon. ECU's Lara Fuller jumped out to an early lead, but as the laps wore on, State's Mandy Horn and Katie Sheridan kept getting stronger. They passed her at nearly the same time and went on to finish first and second, respectively. Horn won in 1:53.84, while Sheridan swam the event in 1:54.35.

"They pulled that one out and gave us a lot of momentum," said Teal. "It could have gone a different way. I was real proud of that swim for those two ladies."

Caroline Curran had a strong

performance, winning the 1,000-yard freestyle in 10:24.06. She also placed second in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.91.

Maybe the most impressive race came from senior Shana Bullock, who won the 200-yard butterfly in 2:04.59 at a critical point in the meet.

"Shana Bullock in the 200 fly, that was a time almost as fast as she swam at ACC last year and a big win," said Teal. "The 200 fly comes at a big point right after the diving break where the other team has an opportunity to gain momentum, and she squashed them right there."

Aside from his swimmers' performances, Teal was very pleased with the support showed by the student body.

"It's nice to have the Student Wolfpack Club out here and making some noise for us," said Teal. "We appreciated that."

State heads down to South Carolina to take on the Gamecocks, where Seitz and Curran transferred from, this Saturday at 10 a.m.

[these game situations] Saturday, said Senek. "I had a chance to look at their roster the other day for just a minute. They look like a really good team. They have a who's who from the college ranks over the last couple of years, which is exactly what we need."

These exhibition games allow the freshman players a chance to get acclimated to game situa-

tions without having to worry about wins and losses. This year's team has five true freshmen along with Bell, who was injured last year.

In addition to Hodge, State also will look for a lot of minutes from Josh Powell, Ilian Evtimov, Levi Watkins and Jordan Collins.


The exhibition game begins at 7:30 p.m. at the ESA.

EA


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year, the EA Sports All-Stars feature former Virginia Cavalier Curtis Staples and former State recruit Schea Cotton, among others.


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Stuart Cooper	69-27	Darryl Willie	64-32	Jeremy Ashton	64-32				

Game	Score	Game	Score	Game	Score	Game	Score	Game	Score
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North Carolina at Georgia Tech	UNC	Ga. Tech	UNC	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech
Florida State at Clemson	FSU	FSU	FSU	Clemson	Clemson	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU
Troy State at Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
Wake Forest at Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Wake
Stanford at Washington	Stanford	Wash.	Wash.	Wash.	Wash.	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
UCLA at Washington State	UCLA	UCLA	Wash. St.	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Illinois at Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Illinois	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Illinois
Rice at Fresno State	Fresno	Fresno	Fresno	Fresno	Fresno	Fresno	Fresno	Fresno	Fresno
LSU at Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	LSU	Alabama	Alabama	LSU	LSU
Tennessee at Notre Dame	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
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SOCCER

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offside flag, however, and the official nullified the UNC foul. Lear, playing for the first time in six matches after sustaining a broken finger in practice, soon began to face a barrage of UNC shots.

"Gretchen got her first practice in yesterday, and we weren't sure how she was going to do," said State coach Laura Kerrigan. "I think Gretchen played a great game."

The Pack defense stepped up to keep the score knotted 1-1, but the Heels finally broke through at 29-41 when Danielle Borgman made a long run down the right flank and sent a cross to Kluegel, who scored to give the home team a lead it would not relinquish.

Borgman generated another UNC goal in similar fashion as she made a strong run and sent a pass to the middle of the field. Elizabeth Ball collected the ball and scored to put the Heels up 3-1 at the 37-21 mark.

"I think Borgman is an excellent player," said Kerrigan. "They lose something when they move her out of the back, and they gain something when they move her up front. She makes a difference in the game wherever you put her."

Kluegel nearly widened the UNC advantage with just more than a minute remaining in the first frame, but her free kick ricocheted off the left post. By

halftime, the Heels had outshot State 14-3 and taken control of the match.

Looking for a way to jump-start the offense in the second half, Kerrigan inserted reserve Jordan Allison and freshman Annika Schmidt into the lineup, and the latter part of that duo pulled the Pack to within two goals at 4-2.

Schmidt took a deflected shot attempt from Kelly Blagie and launched a shot just over the outstretched arm of UNC keeper Jenni Branam that caromed off the left post and into the back of the net.

The talented freshman from Germany had missed a large part of the season after starting several early season games for the Pack.

"Annika coming of the bench and scoring a goal after being injured for the better part of the season, that's awesome," said Kerrigan. "It gave our team a big lift."

The Schmidt goal came after the Heels had opened the half with a Maggie Tomecka goal assisted by Kluegel, her second of the night.

The match remained scoreless for the duration of the evening. The Pack managed to stay within two goals when Bendahan saved a goal off a UNC corner kick that had slipped by Lear.

"Going out there in the second half, we went out there to win the game — not just win the second half," said Kerrigan. "To get a goal in the second half and play even up with them, that's a good step in the right direction."

By scoring twice, State became the first ACC team and only the second team overall to net more than a single goal against the Heels this year.

"We were right there with the No. 1 team in the country," Underwood said. "We scored first, and then we played with them the whole game."

State and UNC will meet again in the first round of the ACC Tournament on Thursday in Winston-Salem. Before the

Pack gets another shot at the Heels, however, it will face non-conference opponent Minnesota. The final home match of State's season kicks off at noon Sunday at Method Road Stadium.

"Right now, we're thinking about Minnesota," said Kerrigan. "Until Sunday night, we'll be thinking about Minnesota."



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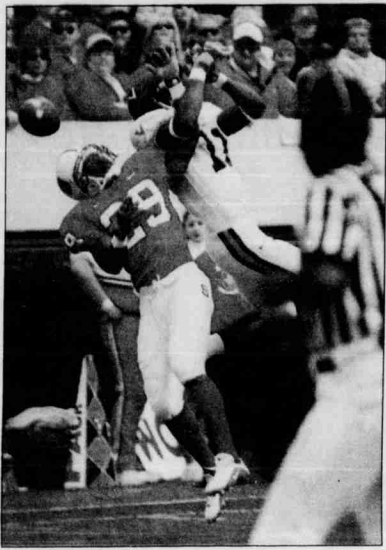
Friday
Sports



SCHEDULE

Football @ Duke, 11/3, 1:00
 M. Basketball vs. EA Stars, 11/3, 7:30
 W. Soccer vs. Minnesota, 11/4, noon
 M. Soccer vs. Georgia St., 11/4, 2:00
 Cross Country @ Districts, 11/10

FOOTBALL FRIDAY
 N.C. STATE VS. DUKE



Brian Williams and the Pack defense will try to duplicate last week's performance against Duke.

Pack focused on winless Duke

◆ N.C. State has spent the week working on fundamentals in preparation for Duke.

Jeremy Ashton
 Sports Editor

Going strictly by statistics, N.C. State's matchup with Duke on Saturday at Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham should be a mismatch.

The Wolfpack (4-3, 2-3 ACC) shut out Virginia 24-0 in its last outing and has played close games against three of the top teams in the conference: North Carolina, Clemson and Georgia Tech. On the other end of the spectrum, the Blue Devils (0-8, 0-5) last won a game on Nov. 13, 1999, beating Wake Forest 48-35 at Wallace Wade. Duke hasn't won a game since, dropping 20 in a row, the nation's longest losing streak.

Despite their lackluster recent history, the Devils have hung with the Pack. The last three meetings between the two teams have been decided by a total of 14 points, including last year's game that the Pack won in the closing seconds thanks to a one-shotted Philip Rivers. As State head coach Chuck Amato has been fond of saying recently, that's why "statistics are for losers."

"We're never overconfident because we know any team can lose on any given Saturday," senior tailback Ray Robinson said. "Duke's a team that's hungry for a win, we're hungry for another bowl. We know on any Saturday they can come out with their A game, and that's what we've got to expect."

The Pack understands the history of the series and has not been taking the Devils lightly in practice this week. Robinson said the Pack has been running practices similar to those in spring ball, so the players can work on fundamentals and the little things that often decide the outcome of games.

"I tell my players every week, I don't care who we play, I don't want us to get beat by N.C. State," Amato said. "If the opponent beats us, so be it, but don't let us beat us. That's held true this year with untimely penalties and turnovers."

"If a team just comes out there and physically beats us, I'll accept that, but that hasn't happened this year yet," Robinson added.

State didn't appear have as many problems with those things last week as it recorded its first shutout of an ACC team since 1990. The Pack defense held an

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Duke offense presents problems

◆ D. Bryant, Chris Douglas and the rest of the Duke offense are capable of putting up big numbers.

Justin Sellers
 Staff Writer

Despite Duke's dismal 0-8 record in football this season and its 20-loss streak over the past two years, Duke has several key players who could make N.C. State's chances of winning in Durham just as difficult as last year's come-from-behind 35-31 victory by the Wolfpack. "I'm not even going to mention it," said N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato about Duke's record. "Someday, they are going to stop losing. I wish [Duke head coach Carl Franks] all the best the following week and the following two weeks."

The Devils are led by quarterback D. Bryant, who has proven that he can be dangerous in and out of the pocket for Duke. Last weekend, he threw for the second-highest passing total of his career as he passed for 295 yards on 19-of-36 for two touchdowns. Interestingly enough, Bryant's best performance of his career came last season against State, when he went 23-of-36 for 310 yards and three scores.

Their quarterback last year, at one point, completed 16 out of 16 passes," said Amato. "That's hard to do against air. He ought to feel very confident going against the Wolfpack. They moved the ball just like everyone else did last year on us. Carl Franks has learned from one of the best, if not the best, offensive minds in America."



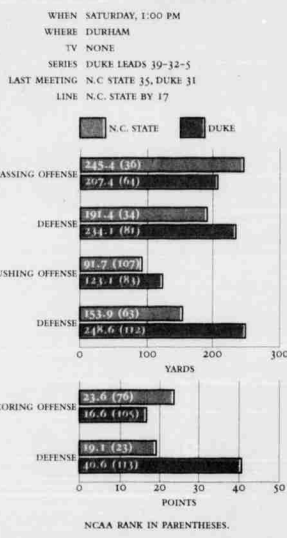
Junior tailback Cotra Jackson (25) and N.C. State will face a Duke team that has dropped 20 consecutive games, the nation's longest losing streak.

"They moved the ball on everybody. They moved it on Georgia Tech and they moved it on Florida State. They moved it up and down the field for 500-plus yards against Vanderbilt, who has played some good Southeastern Conference teams."

The Devils also feature the growing talent of sophomore tailback Chris Douglas, who is coming off a career-high game against Vanderbilt. In that game, Douglas rushed the ball 29 times to pick up a total of 169 yards, marking the best game for a Duke running back since 1994, when Robert Baldwin rushed for a school-record 238

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Returning players Archie Miller (left) and Clifford Crawford will need to provide leadership to a team loaded with freshmen.

Heels' comeback sinks Pack

◆ The N.C. State women's soccer team scored twice but eventually succumbed to No. 1 North Carolina.

Matt Middleton and Jerry Moore
 Staff Writers

CHAPEL HILL — N.C. State struck first but couldn't contain North Carolina's offensive charge the rest of the night, falling 4-2 in women's soccer action Thursday at Fetzer Field.

The Wolfpack (7-9, 0-7 ACC) shocked the top-ranked Tar Heels (15-0, 7-0) early with a goal 1:02 into the match. UNC goalkeeper Kristin DePlatchett couldn't save an errant pass from

rolling over the end line, and State's Lauren Bendahan lined up for the ensuing corner kick.

Bendahan's crossing pass fell to Erin Bushey, who flicked the ball to Lindsey Underwood in front of the net. Underwood rocketed a shot into the goal for her first tally of the season.

"It was a total relief to get that one," said Underwood, who scored six times in 2000. "Getting the first goal really gave us the momentum."

The Pack held the lead for eight minutes, but the Heels got on the board when Anne Remy received a picture-perfect pass from Jena Kluegel and put it under State keeper Gretchen Lear. State got one solid chance to take back the lead when Adrienne Barnes made a run and was taken down by DePlatchett. The linesman raised the

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Swimming breaks out broom vs. ECU

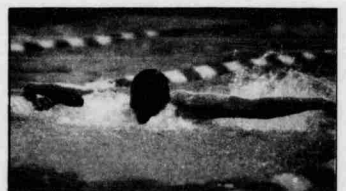
◆ The N.C. State men's and women's swimming and diving teams knocked off the Pirates Thursday afternoon.

Billy Freeman
 Staff Writer

The N.C. State swimming and diving teams held off a pair of determined East Carolina squads to earn a clean sweep Thursday afternoon at the Willis Casey Aquatics Center.

"We expected a big challenge, and they gave it to us, but we really stepped up," head coach Brooks Teal said. "This is a big step for the team I thought ... This was a real team victory."

The State men (3-0) notched a 139-94 win over the previously unbeaten Pirates (2-1). Jared Bench led the Pack, easily winning both diving events, the 3-meter and the 1-meter, with scores of 328.23 and 326.7, respectively. Pat Roberts finished second in both and Steve House wound up third in the 3-meter to complete a



The swimming and diving teams continued their early runs of success Thursday against ECU.

Patrick sweep on that event. Freshmen Peter Pesagno and Rob Yeager each had victories for State. Pesagno won by nearly a half a lap in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:39.48. He also placed

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