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Campus robberies continue

Campus Police are investigating three robberies and one attempted robbery that have occurred within the last week.

Jerry Moore
Staff Reporter

N.C. State Campus Police are looking for information about two Monday night incidents — one robbery and one attempted robbery. This comes as officials continue to investigate two armed robberies that occurred Friday.

According to Sgt. Jon Barnwell, the first of Monday's incidents was an attempted strong-arm robbery. A black male approached and demanded a purse from a female student walking from her car in the Sullivan Drive parking lot at 7:30 p.m. She ran away from the suspect and

notified Campus Police.

Officials believe the suspect may be the same man wanted in connection with two incidents perpetrated on campus Friday at 2:45 a.m.

"Based on the victim's description, the suspect resembled the composite of the suspect we're looking for in connection with the two armed robberies from last week," Barnwell said.

The suspect is 5-foot-10 and weighs 180-200 pounds. He was last seen wearing baggy shorts and a loose, short-sleeve shirt.

He was armed with a silver semiautomatic handgun at the time of the Friday morning robberies. He was reportedly driving an early '90s model two-door Saturn.

The composite sketch of the suspect is available online at http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/public_safety/campus_safety/CrimeAlert.html.

The second of Monday's incidents was a strong-arm robbery, said Barnwell. Two black males approached a male student walking in front of Price Music Center on Cates Avenue and demanded money.

According to Barnwell, one suspect punched the victim and took his cell phone.

"A group of people came either out of the building or around the corner while this was going on," Barnwell said. "Apparently their presence emboldened the victim, who demanded his phone back."

The suspect with the phone threw it to the ground, and both suspects fled the scene.

Officials are trying to locate anyone who might have seen the incident or any suspicious persons in the vicinity. Cam-

pus Police encourage anyone with any information about any of these crimes to call the Investigative Division at 515-2498.

Barnwell confirmed that neither of Monday's incidents involved a weapon and that the suspects did not escape with any stolen property. Strong-arm robberies do not include the use or threat of a weapon.

He also said Campus Police are increasing patrols in the areas of these incidents, and the number of contracted officers from Pinkerton Security Services will increase from three to six.

"We need people to report things immediately," he said. "They tend to wait two or three hours, and that's wasting valuable time. People need to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings."

Five hunger for peace

Some Amnesty International members hope a week of fasting will make some think twice about going to war with Iraq.

Aniesha Felton
Staff Reporter

Five students from Amnesty International will fast for one week in protest of the impending war on Iraq.

Aaron Jacobson, a senior in Spanish and leader of the fast, wants to draw attention on the hastiness of the war.

"It seems as if the U.S. is utterly determined to wage war on Iraq," he said. "The very arguments the U.S. uses to advocate war should also demonstrate the weakness of those same arguments. They are scrambling for reasons, and the reasons and rationality of the U.S. are unfounded."

Jacobson, as well as four other students, decided to fast in conjunction with Shack-A-Thon, because the two issues are related.

"This is perfect timing," said Jacobson. "We want people to realize that the money for this unfounded war can go to affordable housing, education and health care."

"There is an imbalance of priorities for the state and federal governments," said Charlotte Yongue, a junior in social work. "Where our [U.S.] money goes is in direct relation to Shack-A-Thon."

Rosalie Haughton, a sophomore in physics, added that people do not see the relationship between cutting social programs and war.

"If people took a minute to think and truly realize the relationship, then there would be a lot of angry people," she said. "Wearing yellow shirts that read 'I Hunger for Peace,' these students hope

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Campus organizations build hope

This year's Shack-A-Thon grew to 16 shacks, making organizers hopeful about donations for Habitat for Humanity.

Aniesha Felton
Staff Reporter

A biker stopped to admire the village of shacks that had emerged in the Brickyard. Admiring the group, he remembered a time in his life when he had been poor and homeless. Now, with a home, he praised Habitat for Humanity's efforts to those standing around him.

The shacks that stopped the biker and many others this week were part of N.C. State's annual Shack-A-Thon. The event, which began in the mid-'90s, is Habitat for Humanity's biggest fundraiser.

"We're trying to raise money in the name of Habitat," said Melissa Holliday,

president of HFH and a senior in math education. "All the money goes to the Wake County HFH affiliate; we want to co-sponsor a house with them."

Sixteen shacks, including HFH, Phi Sigma Pi Beta Honors Fraternity, Intersvarsity, Caldwell Scholars, Wolf-Aides, the Baptist Student Union, Metcalf, Student Government, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry, BGLA, Amnesty International, Parks Scholars, IRC, Self-Knowledge Symposium, Biochemistry and Hope for the Homeless, responded to HFH's mass e-mail and decided they wanted to build a shack and help HFH with the fundraiser.

"It's a great cause. You have fun, gain exposure and raise money — what could be better than that," said Kristina Krupp, an inhabitant of the Phi Sigma Pi Beta shack and a junior in biological science.

While some organizations are doing



Vernon Hunt and members of the Inter-Residence Council hang out in front of their shack. This year's Shack-A-Thon featured 16 organizations. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

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ACS-SC gives back

N.C. State's American Chemical Society Student Chapter donates to fund services hurt by recent budget cuts.

Thushan Amarasiwardena
Staff Reporter

Exploding soap bubbles.

"The explosions would be great," explains Phil Brown, professor of chemistry, as he describes hydrogen-filled bubbles that automatically cause spectacular fireballs upon ignition.

This seems to be regular banter at the meetings of N.C. State's American Chemical Society — Student Chapter as the group prepares to conduct science shows at local museums for National Chemistry week later this month.

The science shows are part of a series of service projects that the ACS-SC organizes and participates in during the year to expose the community to the science of chemistry.

Last Monday, the group directed one of their service projects to its own community — NCSU.

Much like any other organization with-

in the university, Supplemental Instruction, which provides tutorial services for many first-year science and math classes, had to re-evaluate its ability to expand with the recent budget cuts.

It will feel even more pressure, notes Brown, the faculty advisor of ACS-SC, by the university's need to reduce the number of sections offered while increasing class sizes. Entry chemistry courses will most likely see a jump from average class sizes of 200 students to nearly 300, putting a strain on profes-

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A culinary divide

N.C. State's dining hall director says he focuses on southern cuisine when planning menus.

Lisa Payerle
Guest Reporter

If you live in the Deep South, chances are you ate lima beans or hoppin' john on New Year's Day for good luck. However, if you were raised as a Yankee, you ate

sauerkraut, pork and maybe pickled herring to ring in the New Year.

Even after decades of mingling the two regions, some of these foods rarely cross the Mason-Dixon Line. The differences in the foods are like night and day, hot and cold, and of course — North and South. These regional differences are apparent even in the most basic of settings — the college dining hall.

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Shelton plans continued involvement

Despite a spinal cord injury, Gen. Hugh Shelton remains committed to N.C. State.

News Staff Report

After suffering a spinal cord injury, Gen. Hugh Shelton made it clear in a recent News and Observer article that he still plans on being very involved in N.C. State.

The NCSU alum told the News and Observer in a phone interview, "My programs and plans are alive and well."

Shelton suffered a spinal cord injury on March 23 after falling from a ladder at his home in Fairfax, Va. Though he initially suffered paralysis in his arms and legs, he has been steadily improving since the fall.

Shelton, who finished a four-year term as Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman in September 2001, is the executive director of the Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton Initiative for Leadership Development at NCSU.

As part of the initiative, which is still being finalized and conceptualized, Shelton will be returning periodically to the university to help foster the leadership

program. He will help conduct open seminar sessions and executive meetings with other leaders.

After his injury, however, a three-day session with faculty and students scheduled for October had to be rescheduled for the spring.

Nevertheless, he still plans to attend several university events both outside and inside the state.

Those events include a leadership forum scheduled for Nov. 15. The inaugural event will bring together corporate, academic and ROTC leaders for a seminar in leadership development.

Horsin' around



Susan Langford, a freshman on the N.C. State equestrian team, rests with her horse, Tripp, at MacNair's Country Acres Stables. Staff photo by Rian Thomas

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this simply because it is fun, there are shack inhabitants who understand there is a deeper meaning to Shack-A-Thon.

"We're doing this because we might just house a homeless person or provide somebody with a better place to live," says Derrick Williams, a grad student in civil engineering and inhabitant of the Intervarsity shack. "There is a real problem with homelessness and bad housing conditions. Being a Christian ministry, and being a Christian myself, we should be in the forefront, helping others and leading by example."

Standard housing, which is what HFH provides for at least one family a year, is housing that is safe, has no physical inadequacies, such as leaky roofs, and has enough room so there won't be overcrowding. It takes approximately 6 months and \$50,000 to build these homes. Families must qualify for a house as well as put

in 500 hours of work and pay the house off interest-free in 20 years.

"We've been afforded the opportunity to never have faced this problem; we have the opportunity and privileges 4,300 people in Raleigh don't," said Holliday. "We [HFH] want to see that everybody has that chance as well; we want to do everything possible to combat substandard living and give people a step up."

Shack-A-Thon has come a long way since its humble beginnings in the mid-'90s.

NCSU students who were members of HFH decided they wanted to build a shed in front of Talley. The next year, they decided that they wanted to live there and raise money and awareness.

In 1998, Shack-A-Thon took off, landed in the Brickyard and became a nationwide event.

"It just gets better and better. Last year we had nine shacks and raised \$7,500," said Holliday. "This year, we expect more. The more money we can raise the more we can give."

Although Shack-A-Thon is a fundraiser and a means of raising awareness of substandard housing, there are groups who have a message to send of their own.

Amnesty International, a human-rights organization that promotes peace and alternatives to war, has linked their issues with the theme of Shack-A-Thon.

"We recognize that HFH is a great cause and that there is a serious crisis in affordable housing," said Aaron Jacobson, a senior in Spanish. "We also recognize that there is an interconnection of affordable housing and an amending war."

"We are willing to spend \$10 billion on a war, but not as willing to give people a decent place to live. That \$10 billion won't be spent on jobs, housing or real American needs; instead it will be used to make other people homeless," he said.

"Affordable housing is a disparity in America; it is an injustice," said Chirag Lakhani, a senior in math.

"Amnesty wants to combat any injustice, even if it is housing," Lakani said. "We also want to bring exposure to issues that we're [grappling] with such as globalization, the war on Iraq, women's issues, and any other issue that students need to be awakened to. HFH awakens people on substandard housing, Amnesty awakens people on human rights and pressing issues that violate these rights."

BGLA's speaker bureau chair, Bronson Hinson, a sophomore in political science, proclaims that out of all the service projects and organizations he is involved with, HFH has become very important to him.

"They're just a great group. Giving someone a home — how crucially important is that? We're out here because we want to show that gays and lesbians are on campus and that you can still make a difference and be 'out.'"

Hinson also adds that some students may feel that they do not have any money to donate, but that if all NCSU students con-

tribute just a little, then that could make a huge difference.

"A little by a lot of people can go a long way. I, and BGLA, am just honored to be a small part of a whole," said Hinson.

Carlos Carpio, a grad student in economics and inhabitant of the Self-Knowledge Symposium shack, is proud to help those who are in need, saying that SKS is not only about talking but also about doing.

"I realize that we are not going to solve the problem completely by participating in this; we just want to remind students that there are people who actually live like this. If they realize the significance of this event, then Shack-A-Thon will be very worthwhile to us," Carpio said.

Even though Shack-A-Thon is meant to raise money and awareness, HFH has planned various additional events for the week.

On Monday they held a meeting, on Tuesday they had Sports Day, on Wednesday they will have swing dancing, and on Thursday, they will have s'mores.

"We just want it to be an exciting week," said Holliday. "We want to let people know that HFH is rewarding as well as fun. It's what keeps us coming back."

From Vann Pearce of Caldwell Scholars just wanting to help give someone a home; to Olu Orelaja, a Wolf Aide inhabitant who can "carelessly give up at least four hours of his day to help someone not as fortunate as he"; to Aaron Jacobson, an Amnesty shack inhabitant who hopes to stricken himself towards worthy causes — they each have admitted to receiving some type of personal gain from this experience, but they also admitted that they are here for the same reason — to raise awareness.

"The very second a person wants to give money recognizes the importance of having a simple, decent place to live; the very second someone wants to volunteer, Shack-A-Thon, and all its undertakings, will have reached its primary goal," said Holliday.

ACS-SC

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sors' abilities to help their students and thus putting a greater burden on the tutors of SI.

Members of ACS-SC saw the uneasy situation that SI had been confronted with — feeling the pressure of budget cuts while seeing an increase in the demand of its services — and decided to help alleviate part of the problem.

By raising funds through lab notebook sales and forgoing their annual trips, such as last year's trip to San Diego where they presented project papers, the group set aside \$1200.

Monday, ACS-SC presented a check to Supplemental Instruction coordinator Deanna Callaghan to fund SI sessions for two physical chemistry courses.

Callaghan said that she was "extremely happy to have a student organization to support us in a hard year to expand [the SI] program."

Both Callaghan and Brown hope that if budget problems continue, the North Carolina Legislature will see that such programs as SI are vital in the education process if not only by the sign that students have taken the initiative to fund a service they believe is necessary.

Brown was also enthused by the notion that not only were the students looking for help from the tutorial services aided by the donation, but it also enables SI to retain student tutors, many of which, he notes, will make superb teachers some day.

Callaghan noted similar sentiments, saying that SI tutors build valuable experience that they can draw from later in life.

Supplemental Instruction has a few tutoring position openings and is hiring. For more information about SI visit http://www.ncsu.edu/tutorial_center/si.html.

FOOD

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Fried okra, yellow squash and pork barbecue are staples at Fountain Dining Hall at N.C. State. When planning the menu for Fountain, Director of Dining Scott Curtner tries to stay with "homestyle cooking" as much as possible to achieve satisfied customers. Curtner explains that some of the more Northern foods were not as well received by the students.

Curtner has tried serving foods that are not typically considered "homestyle cooking." Last year he made a grilled Rubeen sandwich: corned beef with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Thousand Island dressing. He says he thought he was going to be run out of town.

"Sauerkraut is NOT how you cook cabbage in the South!" critics complained. Curtner should have known better. Cabbage, as many suggested, is supposed to be slowly stewed with some bacon drippings and a little onion, salt and pepper.

Lisa Seko, a vet school student at NCSU, has an appreciation for cabbage cooked both ways.

This could be because she grew up in North Carolina but was raised by sauerkraut-loving Pennsylvanians. The smell of jambalaya, Creole and sweet potatoes never lingered in her family kitchen.

Seko was raised on bagels and lox, sauerkraut balls, New England clam chowder and deep-dish pizza. She never ate creamed corn or collard greens until she came to college — some of which she tried for the first time at Fountain Dining Hall.

Curtner boasts that at Fountain, you have the option of eating something that you have never tried before. If you don't like

it, he suggests trying something else; it is all-you-can-eat for one price.

Other dining hall planners across the country agree with Curtner; a dining hall is a great place to try new foods.

Jill Irvin, assistant director of dining at Ohio State, says, "Menu planning is part science and part art."

She takes pride in picking out menu items that the students enjoy. Her students occasionally eat cornbread, greens and baked beans, but Irvin says that some cafeteria-goers are timid to try the southern foods, since they never have before.

But at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, students might never have the option to try southern cuisine because they say that biscuits and gravy, butterbeans and Carolina barbecue have never touched the menu. Many of the students there say they do not know those foods, so for the most part, they don't eat them.

Colleen Hogan, a junior at Villanova, says that most of her peers are just more comfortable with familiar foods. Colleen was raised in North Carolina and was astounded to find that her Villanova friends had never heard of hush puppies. She found herself explaining to them that the golden-fried pieces of dough slathered in butter were actually good.

Clearly, hush puppies are never found in Villanova's dining hall. Several other foods that are missing in action at Villanova are some of Colleen's favorite southern delights: fried okra, fried chicken, biscuits and gravy.

In contrast to Villanova, University of Massachusetts in Amherst boasts a wide array of menu items from all over the country and beyond.

Ken Toong, director of dining, tries to include foods from all dif-

ferent regions in his daily menu. He says that the students crowd the seafood counter and cannot get enough of the sushi bar that opened up last semester.

"It is healthy and trendy," Toong says.

With 85 percent of UMass's population being from the North, it's easy to see why the typical New England dishes tend to fare better among the students. The students like clam chowder, crab cakes, roast turkey and Shepherd's pie.

Toong has tried serving different southern dishes, but they are not in high demand.

One southern flavor familiar to anyone who has ever dined in the South is sweet tea. If you order tea at UMass, be sure to bring your own sugar. Only unsweetened tea is offered.

Back at Fountain Dining Hall, sweet tea is a hot item. Curtner knows that the clientele is comfortable with the traditional sweet tea, chicken and dumplings, country-fried steak, black-eyed peas and gravy.

He has been known to branch off and serve fresh pumpkin bisque, Boston baked beans, New England cranberry glazed ham and others. This may be because Curtner was raised in Ohio and says he has "lived in both ends of the culinary tastes" when it comes to regional foods. He knows southern and northern foods and can appreciate them both.

Curtner is fortunate to have a love for foods from all around the country. Having a broad sense of flavor makes for interesting conversation and encourages ordering anything in any restaurant, because foods rarely seem foreign. From NCSU to UMass to Ohio State to Villanova, many students and dining hall directors agree that trying new flavors never gets bland.

HUNGER

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to be noticed.

"I want to grasp people's attention," said Marcq Brooks, a senior in paleontology. "I want this shirt to be a door for people to approach me and ask me what I mean. Dialogue is good and I want [dialogue]."

"We can't change people's minds, but we want people to notice that there's more than one person who feels this way," said

Yongue.

The fast is simple and traditional. The only things the five activists are allowing themselves are juice and water.

"Even though we're not eating, we have clean water. People in Iraq don't even have that," said Yongue.

"Anytime you do a fast, you want people to notice that there is an important issue at hand," said Haughton.

"I felt sick after ONE day; people in Iraq and people across the world go days without food and

water," said Dante Strobino, a sophomore in electrical engineering.

Strobino said that the more "hungry" countries tend to be more peaceful. He understands that this fasting will probably not make it to Congress, but there is solidarity in the message, and that is all that matters for him and others in the organization.

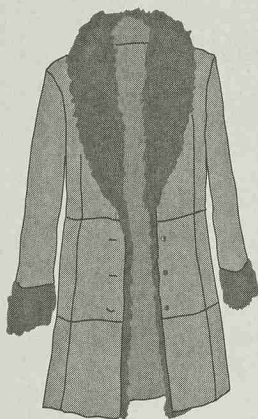
"I have enough food. I'm not hungry for food; I hunger for peace. Maybe if I get rid of the excess of food, I can concentrate on peace," Strobino said.

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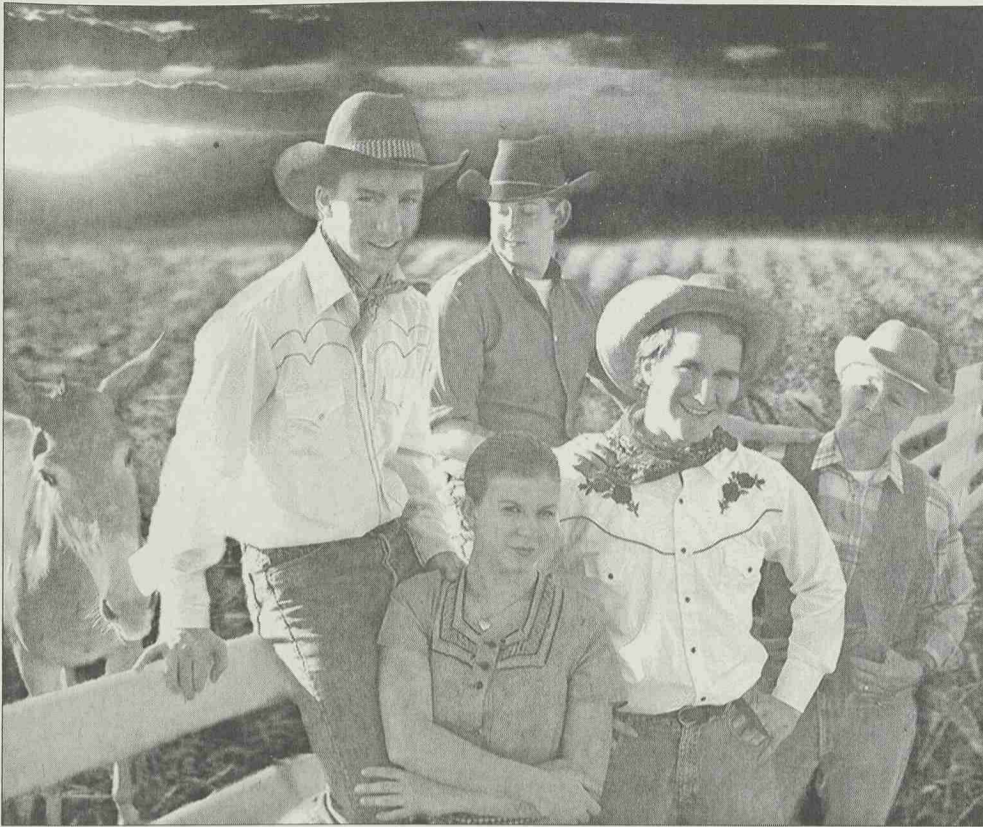
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Drought to hit campus tonight



University Theatre saddles up for a big weekend on the plains with "The Rainmaker." Photo illustration by Ron Foreman

Lori Miranda Osgood
Staff Writer

Starting tonight and running through this Sunday, University Theatre has an affordable, on-campus option for those seeking a romantic comedy with their production of N. Richard Nash's "The Rainmaker" (Not to be confused with John Grisham's legal drama of the same title).

The cast and crew of 13 anticipate a favorable response from theatergoers. The play has only been in production for six weeks, but Director Terri Janney concludes that it is the project of a lifetime. She performed in The Rainmaker in high school and started a production of it in college that fell through, and her chance to direct the play has been a dream come true.

Janney said that she not only wants "to create enjoyable theater productions, but also to develop supporters of the arts," feeling that everyone can walk away with some piece of this play.

"The cast has been quite wonderful to work with," she noted, "a great pleasure — becoming just like family."

"The Rainmaker" also stands as a culmination of veteran performers and theater newcomers. The actors and crew have worked hard to portray this period play in such a manner that is relevant

and applicable to audiences today. Themes of love, following one's dreams and above all, being true to one's self are found throughout the play.

The play is about a southwestern town in the 1930s trying to overcome a drought, but it's also intermingled with a love story. Cast members said that the characters were trying to overcome two types of droughts — one due to a lack of precipitation, and one due to a lack of love.

"This is a perfect play to go and see on a date," said Stage Manager Kate Isley, "It is romantic, but has enough action to entertain any man." The three-year member of University Theater also admits that the fight scenes were her favorite part of the play. "What is so amazing ... is that scenes just fell together with little or no choreography," Isley said.

Associate Stage Manager William Kiser has some personal ties to the play and the set — the livery and tack equipment that gives the set its southwestern flavor are from his grandfather's farm.

Jaelyn Crumpton said that she found it interesting to work with the costumes from that era, utilizing the cowboy hats and boots without the play coming off as a

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Jay Bennett and '02 Albums of the Year

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

When the sound coming out of the monitors Wednesday night at Kings didn't sound quite right to Chicago-based Centro-matic during soundcheck, a man with tattered jeans, wiry blond hair and thick-framed glasses stormed the stage. After his own inspection, he wrestled one of the stage's stacks to the ground, sliding it to the stage apron before propping the five-foot monster at an unnatural angle by way of a hapazard combination of plywood and beer bottles. The sound was better.

Just a few minutes later, the same man opened a toolbox overflowing with distortion pedals and guitar cords, throwing the contents on the floor. He fell to his hands and knees, feverishly sorting through the contents in search of a fix for the broken pedal onstage. After finding the miracle cure — a Duracell nine-volt — the man stuffed the box again and beat the lid until it eventually closed.

Then he smiled. That, in a nut-

shell, is Jay Bennett.

Bennett, the recently departed instrumental extraordinaire from Wilco, is as musical a person as the record industry can recall in its recent history. Music is his life, his obsession, his most rewarding love.

For the past few years, the term "multi-instrumentalist" has become, among journalists, nearly synonymous with Bennett and his exploratory, no-holds-barred approach to making records. Wilco's 1996 trademark "Being There" listed Bennett as a vocalist playing six instruments, while 1999's "Summer Teeth" gives him credit for work on 14 instruments.

His latest work with longtime friend Edward Burch on perhaps one of the year's best records, "The Palace at 4 a.m. (Part I)," lists Bennett manning a staggering 19 instruments. "The Palace" offers another testament to the excess of musical ideas marching through Bennett's head.

The 15-track album runs well over an hour, coursing through a lengthy set of dynamic, emotive melodies laced with complex

arrangements and Elvis Costello-meets-Daniel Lanois vocals. Blending the shaky hand of Crazy Horse with the trailblazing pulse of "Abbey Road," the unlikely pair of chain-smoking musicians loosely dubbed Bennett-Burch Overserved is a masterful statement of Bennett's ability and compulsion to create solid music.

Recently, however, that desire — along with Bennett's own ability to help conduct a band as diverse as Wilco through the recording of an album as dense as "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" — has been called into question.

Sam Jones' film, "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart," vividly documents the recording of the album and the turmoil-turned-music history surrounding its release, while also capturing the events leading up to Bennett's dismissal from the band. Jones' work apparently reaches for a balanced view of Jay that shows him to be a heavily contributing member of the band whose attitude struck a troublesome discord with the rest of the outfit.

In the end, however, Bennett

seems to come across as a ball of music surrounded only by an attitude that seeks to create strife. It seems as if his domineering studio method allows for only his sonic pathway, brewing a dangerous storm in the Jeff Tweedy-centered band.

Following what Bennett describes as a "70 percent firing, 30 percent quitting," Jones gives Bennett only a snowball's chance to defend himself, surrounding his own remarks by those of the remaining Tweedy-encamped members of Wilco.

Buried within the 92 minutes of footage of "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart," however, is evidence contradictory to that seemingly obvious attitude problem of Bennett.

Rarely is he seen in the film when he is not working with a guitar, sitting behind a keyboard or hovering over a soundboard. One scene of the film finds Bennett helping the band through a 3 a.m. rearrangement of "Poor Places." He takes suggestions and offers his own, with an agenda only to make the song as strong as possible.



Edward Burch, left, and Jay Bennett are some chain-smoking musical wonders. Photo courtesy www.bennett-burch.com

Bennett told Technician that the now-infamous fight scene, which finds Tweedy vomiting after an argument, used footage from earlier that day out of context. According to Bennett, the drama the film creates with his departure is Jones simply hoping to create a story that he didn't have — a

mere attempt to portray conflict with "minor, stupid things."

The true studio conflict seemed to spring from Tweedy.

"Jeff Tweedy doesn't care to understand someone else's point of view," Bennett said. Despite the

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The lighter side of swim lessons

Ben Kraudel
Staff Lifeguard

The closest thing to a steady job I've ever had is teaching small children to swim. I've been a certified lifeguard for four years now, and I've spent the last few summers teaching swim lessons at Boy Scout camp or the local YMCA.

The contrasts between these two work-

places are impressive. Mainly, it's the difference between who I'm reporting to. At Scout camp, there are no parents watching me teach their kids how to swim. Also, for the main part, the kids want to be there and are going to get something out of their lessons, even if it's just a merit badge. At the YMCA, the parents are always watching, as they are the ones who brought their child and

forced them into the pool. The kids don't want to be there (for the most part), they hate the water and they look around as if they expect to be attacked by some sort of freshwater fish that thrives in chlorine at any moment.

Parents' presence is a huge inhibitor of progress to most things involving children. The children are either always trying to show off some new impressive trick they've learned to their parents, such as treading water and puffing out their cheeks, or their parents are standing on the side of the pool screaming at them. I can't count the number of times I've watched some father go red in the face, screaming at his son about how to swim and wondered, "What are they paying me for? Oh, right ... to teach your kid to swim."

Once, I actually saw a parent do the opposite, however, and it was much worse — a man refused to speak to his child because his son was frightened of the water. What better to do when battling one complex than to create another one. Great work, Dad!

Conversely, when working at a Boy Scout camp, things take a turn, for there are no parents. There is only a deep, murky lake into which you can throw adolescents and see how they manage

when a fish — or a turtle — really does bite them.

The majority of the boys does well; they forget about the fish, the turtles ... they even try to ignore the horselies that are taking bites of their flesh and carrying off the smaller children. They swim like they want to be Tom Sawyer, getting out of the lake being undoubtedly dirtier than they were when they came to camp and loving it. I have never met a child at camp who was frightened of the water, nor did they feel the need to puff up and do silly little tricks to impress their friends. They prefer to do stupid tricks to impress their friends ... and I believe this to be an improvement.

The biggest difference, really, between the two centers for aquatic learning is who is teaching these lessons. At the Scout camp, you'll see a bunch of guys who look strangely like me, or at least, they're tall, strong-looking boys in their late teens or early 20s. If at some point, one of the Scoutmasters took a turn for the worse and went belly up in the lake, there would be no problem saving him.

At the Y, however, it is always eight girls ranging from 15-17 and myself. It's very strange to have them all walk up to you when a large middle-aged man walks into the room and hear them say, "If he

goes under, you'll have to go get him."

"Of course," I say. "What other choice would there be? I'll be sure to handle him by myself. Thanks, guys." I spend the next hour staring at him, praying that he doesn't go under and that my shift will be over soon.

I was originally certified to be a lifeguard through the Scouts. I had to be able to swim laps in some perverse amount of time, perform a rowing rescue, know how to throw a life preserver, be able to escape and re-approach an active victim and, I think, they also asked me to create a perpetual motion machine.

When I re-certified, I did so through the Red Cross. I watched a video. I remember sitting in front of a television for three hours and thinking that something had gone askew. I may have taken a written test as well, but it's hard to remember. It seems as though the Red Cross is a far more academic organization, and the Scouts more sadistic.

I have dozens of stories of individual kids taking swim lessons, but I don't have the room for them here. It's a good thing, too ... because if I did, I'd probably tell the one about the kid who got eaten by the monster that waits for kids in the gutters of the pool at the YMCA.



TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Students must work with Campus Police

With reoccurring robberies, Campus Police need to spend more time on foot patrol than in their cars.

In three days here at N.C. State University, there have been four robberies reported. Many jump to the conclusion that budget cuts have really hit rock bottom when they are costing the students their safety, but it should be made clear that Student Patrol was cut by 75 percent because it wasn't being used, not because of the budget crisis. Reality is that many students have chosen not to use the escort service in the past. Campus Police are willing to bring back Student Patrol if the demand becomes high enough.

Students are also being asked to be extra cautious and be smart about moving around a campus of NCSU's size. Officers ask students to not travel alone and to use the Campus Escort Service by calling 515-3000. Students can also help the crime rate by reporting suspicious activities they encounter.

Overall though, the campus does have its weak spots. We ask that Campus Police get out of their cars and on their feet. Foot patrol is a necessity in places that are not accessible by car, as in the alley by Price Music Center. Monday night at 10:43 p.m., it was reported that two subjects approached a student, assaulted the student and took the student's cell phone. This incident took place in front of Price Music Center. Dan Allen's Centennial Campus pay lot and Morrill Drive north of the Upper Wood lot were the other spots of incidences.

The most active spot for crime though, seems to be the Sullivan gravel parking lot. At 2:05 p.m. on Monday a CD player was stolen, and at 7:46 p.m. a student was approached by a subject who demanded their purse. The desolate location, where mostly resident students park, is a dimly lit area with little foot

traffic — a perfect place for criminal activity. It is essential that the Campus Police have an officer in the area at all times near and after dark, and that foot patrol is used to scare off potential criminal activity.

The blue lights have served as help to many students all over campus; however, it may become an even larger issue if the lights are malfunctioning or out of order. Reports have been made that the blue light near Sullivan has been out of order for some time. What good are the lights if they are not functioning properly?

There is no doubt that students must live up to the Wolfpack mascot, watching out for and protecting each other, but that does not take away from the responsibility that Campus Police has. Even though crime is extremely low on a campus of NCSU's magnitude, there is no reason for robberies and break-ins to keep occurring in the same places. Sullivan's gravel lot must be surveyed more often and the force of the Campus Police must be felt by the surrounding areas and the barren parking lots at night. There are too many places for criminals to hide, behind and between cars, heavily wooded areas (like Wood residence hall) and in other dark places.

All in all we believe that foot patrol should be activated so that more of the campus could be covered thoroughly. Also, students should band together to report suspicious behavior, dimly lit areas and malfunctioning door locks or blue lights. It is an effort that must be collaborated between students and Campus Police. As a student body, NCSU cannot stand for such crimes to go on without some sort of awareness and reaction. Work with the Campus Police, not against them, help to be their "eyes and ears" and write to, e-mail or call with questions, concerns and opinions. Use the sources you have instead of complaining about the ones that are no longer offered.

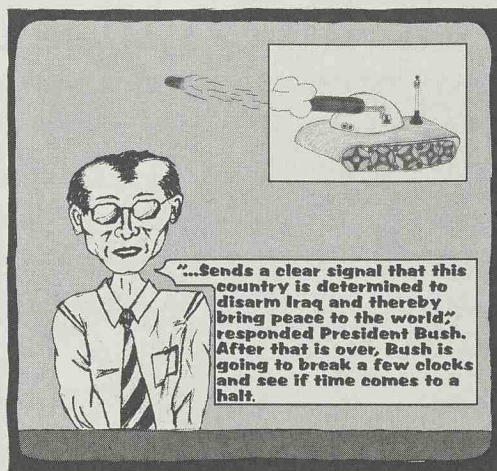
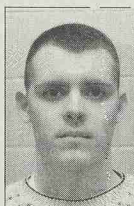


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Vote for freedom this year



Darren O'Connor
Staff Columnist

This week I thought I'd do a quick voter guide of sorts. The following is just my opinions on the candidates who will be the most effective and upstanding supporters of freedom, limited government and personal responsibility. I will briefly cover

the North Carolina House and Senate races in our area and the U.S. House races, as well.

While there is no Republican candidate for the North Carolina House in N.C. State's district (District 38), Casey Gardner is the Libertarian candidate and would be the best choice for the cause of freedom, limited government and economic growth. Gardner believes strongly in these principles and will fight the tax-and-spend liberal Democrats as our representative in the state House.

Many students who live off campus, however, can vote for Darryl Black if they are in District 35 (north and west of campus). Black is an N.C. State graduate and an engineer — not the typical politician. A former Democrat, he became a Republican when the Democratic Party continued its support of President Clinton after he perjured himself under oath. During his time as a Democratic activist, he found that most Democrats were not concerned with morality and integrity of public offices. He also supports (as do many southern Democrats) less government, more individual freedom, a fair tax structure and free enterprise. He decided there was no longer any point in following the herd, and he switched parties. He will make an excellent Republican legislator and will bring a breath of fresh air to the General Assembly.

Another N.C. State alum, Venita Peyton, is a strong conservative Republican running for N.C. House in District 33 (east and southeast Raleigh) where many of you may live. She is a member of the growing force of conservative blacks unafraid to join the party that truly represents their values (rather than promising tax-funded handouts and programs in an effort to keep their votes, as the Democrats do). She will fight for more and better highway construction rather than expensive and ill-conceived rail lines. She supports local control of schools, a reduction or end to socialist busing schemes and a complete restructuring of that bureaucratic monster known as the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. She also believes that local governments must stop thinking only in the short term regarding what they can get from businesses in the form of development fees, and more about how to keep businesses for the long term, thus helping the economy.

Another nearby district is the 37th. Paul Stam is the Republican running for this seat, and he would surely have my vote if I lived there. Stam is an incredibly smart and successful lawyer of the utmost moral fiber and integrity. He has taught law at various universities and defended peaceful pro-life protesters when their First Amendment rights have been challenged. He favors limited government, low taxes and school choice — he's the best candidate for those of you in the 37th House district.

The Republican running for state Senate in District 16 (campus and surrounding areas) is Paul Coble, our former mayor. Coble is a great guy and dedicated to the conservative principles of lower taxes and less government. He was a great mayor and would certainly be the best person to represent the N.C. State area in the North Carolina Senate. If you live elsewhere around Wake County, you may have the option to vote for Repub-

licans Carol Bennett, John Carrington, or Richard Stevens, all of whom are dedicated, upstanding conservatives.

At the federal level, on-campus students have a defender of liberty and economic growth in Carolyn Grant, who is the Republican candidate for the U.S. House for the new District 13 (sorry, Utah). Grant wants to help reduce the tax and regulation barriers the liberals have placed on small businesses. She is strongly opposed to that silly totalitarian desire for gun control. She will fight the Democrats' attacks on the Bush tax cut and work to repeal the 'death tax.' She also wants patients to be able to choose their doctors, and she calls for higher standards and parental involvement in education.

Most off-campus students in the area will have a choice (depending on where you live) of either Joseph Ellen or Tuan Nguyen, the GOP candidates for the second and fourth U.S. House districts, respectively. Ellen supports a fair tax system (sales tax or flat tax), the right to bear arms, strong national defense, school choice (including a voucher program to help get kids out of failing schools), property rights, treatment of veterans and many other core conservative values. Nguyen is a Vietnamese-born American who has learned from experience that hard work and determination really do pay off in America. His key planks are opposition to the latest campaign finance reform farce, lower taxes across the board, local control of schools and roads and free and open trade (he's seen how our protectionist trade policies hurt both America and other nations).

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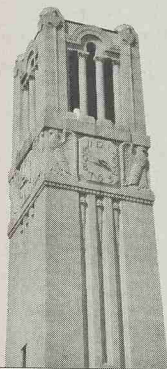
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particular sequence of exercises each morning you will stay awake through all of your classes (this has not worked for me yet). Maybe you believe in aliens, and if you shine your flashlight into the sky every Thursday night at 11:17 p.m. they will beam down to you a keg of beer. (Hey, just because you believe in it does not mean it has to be a scientifically proven fact. It is a belief.) Personally, I believe that if I wear a certain necklace to class on the day of a test, I will do better on the test. It is something I have done since middle school (the same necklace), and so far, it has not failed me too badly. I may not ace the test, but I have not bombed one.

One of the wonderful things about N.C. State is the diversity of culture presented to each and every student, and all they have to do to experience it is walk

through the Brickyard or ride the Wolfline. If you are an open type of person then you will greatly appreciate this aspect because it offers an amazing variety of beliefs, ideas, traditions and habits of other people. I almost wonder why people read about or take classes about foreign countries. One could get all of that information and much more just by sitting with one of our foreign students and talking to them. I have talked with several, and these people are very interesting and enjoy talking about their homeland. Some have pictures they can show you of beautiful landscapes and wonderful people.

The sad part is many students do not take advantage of this opportunity to expand their horizons. They close themselves in and pretend like they are the only people worth being here. They believe that their ideas are correct and there is no need for improvement. These people could not be more wrong.

The fact is there is plenty of room for improvement and plenty of things to learn from everyone. I am not saying that you should believe everyone else's ideas, but take from all what you believe to be true and make that your belief. The experience to do so is one of the great things about America, the freedom to believe in what you would like to, which is why our ancestors came here — to escape religious persecution. No one here is going to burn you at the stake if you

think you are a witch. You will not get stoned for believing you can fly. (You may get laughed at, but at least you will not be murdered.) If you shine your flashlight at the sky, the police will not arrest you for trying to contact aliens. (However, they might arrest you for being drunk.)

Even though we have "freedom of religion" in America, we do not have complete freedom to practice our beliefs. Some beliefs should not be practiced, such as human or animal sacrifice or racist demonstrations. But others that do not harm anyone should be free from prejudice. In my English class it was stated, "What is the use of having a belief if you cannot practice it? By killing the practice of a belief, you are, in essence, killing the belief itself." I cannot change the fact that the practice of beliefs is restricted, but I can encourage everyone to practice their beliefs and hold onto them. What a person believes in helps to make the person an individual, which is, at least to me, a very important thing.

Heather is now shining her flashlight for the aliens, but they aren't sending down anything at all. Maybe they can't see her because of all the lights in Raleigh. E-mail her at hcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu if you have any suggestions for other ways of contacting them.

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I can be your hero, baby



Tim Coffield
Staff Columnist

My father is currently in Fayetteville on a statewide tour with his John Mayer cover band. This proud group of men wittily call themselves Being John Mayer and Father is the lead singer and guitarist. Except he cannot play the guitar, nor can he

elbowed blazers, pleated slacks and crisp, white linen shirts with wrinkly, striped oxfords and corduroys. He slouches. The other night he was singing "Love Song For No One" to Mother and I. Then my aunt came in and he switched to "Back To You." Thankfully, he soon stopped because they had to go back to her house to fix her squeaky bed. Third time this week I went to Father's "studio" (the old dining room) to reflect. I looked at the Mayer posters and memorabilia on the walls. Father has a comb he claims was actually used by Mr. Mayer but discarded in the dressing room and a shirt the grub by Mayer purportedly wore in concert. Are these behaviors healthy? Can they be written off as mere projections of dreams never achieved? Mayer is certainly Father's idol. Most everyone has had a hero at some time or another, but where do we draw the line between respect and obsession?

John Mayer has transcended the status of the object of Father's admiration to the object of Father's fixation. The slimy singer has become more than a hero to Father. Do not brush this off as another grotesque facet of the family. This is a national phenomenon. Most of us are wholly unsuccessful with our own lives so we reserve a certain amount of esteem for those who achieve our fallen dreams. They become our heroes, and sometimes they become our obsessions.

I used to think that it was a good thing to have a hero, but I have learned that there is a fine line between healthy admiration and sickening fascination. My

first hero was Robert Reed, the quintessential American dad from the Brady Bunch TV series of days gone by. This was kind of a projection of my mother's obsession with him, as I was young. I would often travel with her to California and wait outside his front door, grunting to be let in. After the restraining order, we were not allowed within 10 miles of Robert. Of course then we found out he was gay and infected with a nasty virus. After that our television-induced quixotic notions of the man kind of unraveled.

Such hero-mania is by no means exclusive to my family. The popular MTV shows "The Making Of" and "Wannabees" are frightening evidence of our national fixation with good voices and rhythmic hips. As I look into the faces of four girls, each dressed up to look like the heroic Gwen Stefani, their beady little mascara-coated eyes pleading to be christened "Most Stefani-Like," I become certain that idols are unhealthy. These shows are not entertaining, nor are they inspiring. They are scary. It is one thing to admire someone; it is another thing entirely to want to be them. I choose to idolize only myself. Now if only someone could take the guitar out of father's hands and wipe that hollow-eyed far away look off his face ...

On the other hand, the Tim Coffield Fan Club meets every Monday night. They eat gummy worms and dress up like Tim. For information contact tlcoffie@unity.ncsu.edu.

sing. This may help explain their poor ticket sales. He gave me front row tickets to his recent concert at the Fuquay-Varina American Legion post for my birthday, but those I declined. To hear my father sing "Your Body is a Wonderland" makes for a terribly awkward situation. It was hard enough seeing him crank out such words over the microphone at the family reunion this year. It was harder watching Mother's sister melt into tears at the lyrics, but that is a subject I will not touch. There is only so much I can take.

Soon after the greasy Mayer debuted his "Room for Squares" album, Father's behaviors quickly took a turn toward the bizarre. He showed up at dinner one night with a brand-new, yet stylishly unkempt wig atop his shiny pate. His attempts at making his lips pouty and his eyes brooding were unmistakable. I said nothing out of respect for the man. Father replaced his collection of leather-

Dating lingo leads to stress

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(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — I am often surprised by the enigma of the modern world of dating. I'm not talking about classifying relationships themselves. Usually, relationships fall into one of several categories, including: "They're so cute they make me want to vomit;" "He's an ass and I deserve better" or "What relationship?"

My queries lie within this vocabulary of the dating soiree.

Did you ever notice how many words we use to describe romantic or relational situations that are completely ambiguous? Especially in college, where people come from different geographical areas and walks of life, we are bombarded with an assortment of phrases that are neither sensible nor accurate.

Take "we hooked up," for example. What does that really mean? To Student A, it might mean he kissed her good night. To Student B, it might mean they copulated so many times she lost count.

Similarly, consider "dating," or even "seeing one another." You first have to choose whether you want the exclusive or non-exclusive version of each. And if you opt for the exclusive approach, would you be willing to call that person your girlfriend or boyfriend?

Then, there's even confusion around the severity of the title of "significant

other." Are you thinking long-term significant other, as in "I can see my future in your eyes," or just for a little while, as in "you're the flavor of the month?"

What we really need to do is have someone research the topic and publish a general vocabulary rule guidebook for today's daters. We spend millions of dollars on various research studies each year. Think of how many more millions we spend on phone bills for phone fights and make ups, on wasted minutes of worrying about, analyzing or second guessing our partners or ourselves.

We are our own cause: the Modern Dating Congregation. We desperately need a Sacred Dating Document to guide our way. Then there would be no guessing. A simple list will tell us what and with whom something qualifies as "seeing each other." I think we all need a Webster's for our love lives.

Even better, why don't we banish all restrictive relationship speech and just go by our instincts? Share and share alike, be content to just chill with one another and not attach weighty titles to relationships at all.

(Girls, can you imagine the agony of having to wait to analyze everything that came out of a guy's mouth because there were no rules? And guys, can you imagine how much trouble you'd get in for using the wrong word when you don't even realize it?)

I am personally all about honesty, either

from friends sharing their love-lost stories or in my own relationships. If you had sex last night, do not tell me you "did the deed," and do not attempt to communicate through an even more revolting code language of synonyms for intercourse. We are not 13 anymore.

Likewise, even if it's as simple as a girl liking a guy or vice versa, just go ahead and be honest. Perhaps you are just looking for someone to hold you while you sleep, do not be afraid to make that known and do not fear to do so without promising things you cannot keep, all in an attempt to live up to the demands of a phonetic expression.

Try not to name it and label it, just go with the flow. I have a friend who is absolutely turned off by titles. It's kind of funny to think about, but really, if you stop assigning ranks and names, just maybe we'll avoid all of those "games" we college students hate but can't stop playing.

But then again, who knows? Maybe this vocabulary simply serves as a checking agent to keep us on our toes, to keep things interesting. I do not know what I would do if I thought I understood my relationship all the time. So unfortunately, we are forced to embrace the ambiguity of modern romance and muddle through as best we can. Good luck out there, I am going to go try to hook up with some friends.

CAMPUS FORUM

Speeding tickets more important than patrolling campus

Apparently to the N.C. State Campus Police, handing out speeding tickets like pieces of toilet paper is more important than patrolling the campus grounds. There is something terribly wrong with the system when I see two people getting speeding tickets last night (9-29-02) but my girlfriend's car gets broken into in the middle of the night. To make the situation worse, this is NOT a first-time experience; her car has been broken into three times since she has been here at NCSU (she is currently a junior). The first time, a portable CD player and some other miscellaneous items were stolen from her front seat in the Upper Wood parking lot. The second time (Saturday night/Sunday morning close to Christmas break 2001-2002) her front passenger-side window was broken and her in-dash CD player was ripped out, causing electronic malfunctions in her car, and her camera was stolen. All in all, the break-in cost her approximately \$1000 of which insurance didn't cover. When Campus Police arrived on the scene the officer directly discouraged the gathering of fingerprints, which could potentially lead to the arrest of the culprit. Finally the third time (9-29-02), she was lucky to have taken the faceplate off of her CD player and not have any valuables in her car, so nothing was stolen.

Last year alone I received two speeding tickets from NCSU Public Safety (Campus Police now) one 41mph in a 25-mph zone and another 36mph in a 20-mph zone (occurring at 1:00 a.m.). I am not here to dispute the validity of my speeding tickets but rather the priorities of NCSU Campus Police. It seems to me that if the Campus Police are so readily available to pull over speeders (at 1:00 a.m.), they should have all their bases covered in other areas (specifically theft and the general safety of the students). I was pulled over by an officer waiting in the grass between two trees on Dan Allen Drive. Could he perhaps be more useful making sure that no students were being harmed out in the S lot or in Wood parking lot?

Our Campus Police offers the safety of the "Blue Lights", however they seem to be able to look over the blue light in the S lot behind Sullivan and Lee residence halls. This light is currently out of order and has been since the beginning of the school year. In such a remote lot as this, which is poorly lit to begin with, I should assume that safety there should be tightest, however it appears that the Campus Police don't agree with me on this one. A testament to my complaint is the recent armed robberies on campus. Had Campus Police been patrolling targeted areas by criminals, perhaps this wouldn't have happened.

Possible solutions: maybe use some closed-circuit cameras. They have them in computer labs, is NCSU only concerned in protecting their own interests or are they concerned about students too? Remember NCSU's motto is "Students First!"

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Response to FLOC column

In the Sept. 26, 2002, article "FLOC looks to students for change," the question is asked, "Why do we need to boycott Mt. Olive Pickles?" The Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) paints an inaccurate portrait of Mt. Olive and its suppliers in answering that question.

The reality is Mt. Olive has a long history of supporting fair treatment of farm workers. Our practices over time, continuing to the present, bear this out. We believe farm workers should live and work in safe and sanitary conditions, and we share concerns for farm workers who do not.

We also believe farm workers, and the farmers they work for, have the right to determine for themselves whether a labor union is in their best interests. And that is the key issue of this whole debate.

Mt. Olive is a boycott target not because of its business practices, but because it refuses to force independent North Carolina farmers and their employees into union contracts with FLOC. This boycott is a union organizing campaign that seeks to circumvent the two parties directly involved: farmers and farm workers.

Mt. Olive has clearly demonstrated its willingness to honor union decisions on the farm. Its Ohio cucumber supplier signed a contract with FLOC several years ago, and Mt. Olive continues to have a good relationship with this supplier.

The N.C. State Student Senate weighed both sides of the boycott issue in 2000, and it soundly rejected the notion of a boycott endorsement. We participated in that discussion, and we welcome new opportunities to discuss the facts with students and others on campus who are interested in this issue.

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Alumnus disapproves of Technician alleged sub-cultural agendas

As an alumnus of State, I was rather surprised to see the biased slant shown in the Oct. 1 edition of Technician. When I was attending State in the late '70s, we would have thought that this issue was a copy of our sister school's publication, The Daily Tar Heel. What I found most disconcerting was how Technician is being used to promote rather blatant sub-cultural agendas, such as gay orientation among the student body and the advocacy of abortion pills being made readily available. My question to the current students of N.C. State is: Are these stances really reflective of your beliefs? I tend to think that this is not the case. If it's not, let them know. Don't be used as a pawn in some sub-cultural group's game. To these groups, silence from the majority implies acceptance. You are the future, this is a grave responsibility, be heard.

Brian J. Phillips
Class of 1982

The agony of ecstasy

Staff Editorial
Daily Targum
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(U-Wire) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The street drug 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine or MDMA, commonly known as ecstasy, continues to be enormously popular among youth, while debate over its nature remains unresolved.

Research conducted on monkeys has suggested the drug may be toxic to brain cells that help regulate mood. In addition, it has been attributed to loss of memory.

Critics, however, question the methodology of the study and even argue that ecstasy may be useful for therapeutic purposes. This discord among capable scientists on a serious drug clearly indicates the grayness of the matter. There are undiscovered truths about the drug that have yet to be found. Meanwhile, the simple fact of science must serve as a sound guidance.

If ecstasy truly has medicinal benefits, authorities must unmistakably differentiate between the street drug and its medicinal counterpart. Present-day street

ecstasy is a mixture of MDMA and an assortment of potentially harmful chemicals. Perhaps this is the undoing of the critics' stance since there have been cases of death caused by the drug, albeit very rare. However, therapeutic ecstasy would, without question, be scrutinized thoroughly by the Food and Drug Administration. Hence, there is little reason to deny the possibility of it being used to bring a profound sense of peace and relief to many suffering and traumatized patients. If approved by the FDA, its name should be changed so as not to encourage its negligent use.

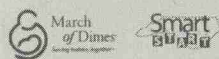
With all that said, those who compare the use of ecstasy to a game of Russian roulette are not without a strong base. After all, research has not fully shed light on it, and cases of death are hardly unfounded. Meanwhile, a path to good science must be carefully trudging. Much like human cloning, therapeutic ecstasy raises an enormous and frightening question society must answer. Ultimately, we must place our faith in science and open our hearts to its marvelous truths.

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"Coach Amato can take intensity to a whole new level, and he likes to see his players play with a whole lot of intensity, which is thing I really like."

Amato has brought the winning creed from Tallahassee to Raleigh, and both places have drastically changed with his matriculation. Florida State went an unheard-of 8-4 a year ago and has already dropped a game to unranked Louisville after talking nonstop about making this a season of revenge.

Under Amato, State has turned out consecutive bowl appearances and seven-win seasons to ac-

company new state-of-the-art facilities — all causing expectations to take off before a hungry fan base. Thus far, everything is going as planned, which means the team is right where it wants to be, right?

"No. We're not going to be where we want to be until the end of the season and we can see how we've accomplished all of our goals," said Burnette. "Basically we want the national championship, and we're not going to set our goals any lower."

Such is the case for a program that has really come full circle since it last started 6-0.

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The lack of success of Jordan's teams (no Final Fours) after James Worthy left for the NBA is the only thing keeping him this low.

5. Phil Ford, North Carolina
Anti-North Carolina fans love to tell the story of Tar Heel broadcaster Woody Durham supposedly saying of Hall-of-Famer Magic Johnson, "He's a nice player, but he's no Phil Ford." Woody bias in its finest form, say the Carolina pundits

But was he really wrong? Ford and Dean Smith revolutionized college basketball with Smith's famous "Four Corners" offense that

showcased Ford's unmatched ability to penetrate a defense after luring the opponent to sleep with delaying tactics. Ford was a three-time first-team All-ACC player, and ended the career of Thompson in the 1975 ACC tournament, where he was the first freshman to win the Everett Case Award for the tournament's most valuable player.

When the Heels obtained a lead and Smith held up four fingers calling for the offense, teams knew they were in trouble. One-on-one, Ford could score on anyone in the country — and he did. The success of the "Four Corners" led to the advent of the shot clock in the college game.

Best of the rest: Wake Forest's

Tim Duncan and Len Chappell; North Carolina's Lennie Rosenbluth, Larry Miller and Charlie Scott and Maryland's Len Bias.

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Event Results

Men's Soccer

Virginia Tech Club Classic: Sept. 27-29
Pool play (3-0 record): Defeated Virginia Tech 3-0, Defeated Charlotte 3-0, Defeated James Madison 3-0. Semifinals: Lost to William & Mary 2-0

Water Polo

Collegiate Water Polo Association Qualifying at Virginia: Sept. 28-29
3-1 record: Lost to Georgetown 11-7, Defeated Richmond 18-9, Defeated East Carolina 21-10, Defeated Virginia Tech 19-11

Triathlon

Sept. 28 - Aaron Kiefer placed 10th (4:37) in the Duke Liver Center Half Ironman

Cross Country/Track

Sept. 28 - Jamie Alford placed fourth (19:08) in Raleigh's Run for Life

Baseball

Sept. 28 - Defeated Georgia Tech 9-2 and 8-5 in doubleheader action at Optimist Park in Raleigh

Women's Rugby

Sept. 28 - Defeated Charlotte 15-12

Women's Soccer

Virginia Tech Club Classic: Sept. 27-29
Pool play (1-2 record): Lost 1-0 (forfeit) to Virginia; Defeated Appalachian State 3-0; Lost 1-0 to Miami (OH) Scoring: Amy Bary, Lori Krasner, Blair South

Ice Hockey

Sept. 27 - Lost to Duke (pre-season scrimmage) 4-3 at RecZone
Scoring: Brandon Gregor (2 goals), Josh Matteo (3 assists) and Nick DelGiudice (1 goal) this season.

Men's Rugby

Sept. 28 - Lost to North Carolina 10-0; Lost to East Carolina 12-7; Defeated Longwood College 21-0 at Lower Method Road field in Raleigh

Home Events

Tennis

N.C. State (Men & Women) vs. Wake Forest Saturday at 1 p.m. on Carmichael Gym tennis courts

Men's Lacrosse

N.C. State vs. Great Atlantic Lacrosse Club Sunday at 1 p.m. at Lower Miller Field

Ice Hockey

N.C. State vs. Carolina Friday at 10 p.m. at the RecZone (754-0441)

WOLFPACK NOTES

Reid garners ACC Specialist of the Week award

N.C. State cornerback Lamont Reid has been named the ACC's Specialist of the Week after scoring a pair of touchdowns in the Wolfpack's 56-24 victory over Massachusetts on Saturday.

The sophomore's first score came on a 97-yard kickoff return with 1:50 remaining in the second quarter. The return marked the second time this season Reid had gone the distance on a kickoff, which ties a conference record held by six others.

Reid struck again in the fourth quarter when he scooped up Manny Lawson's blocked punt and raced 15 yards to the end zone. The 185-pound sophomore has now scored four touchdowns in the kicking game this season. "The kicking game can turn the game

around a lot," Reid said. "Whether it's the offense, the defense or the kicking game, as long as we're scoring points and winning games, that's all that matters."

Barnes named ACC Co-Player of the Week

N.C. State senior Adrienne Barnes, a Clemmons native, scored two goals and notched an assist last week to lead the Wolfpack over High Point and tie No. 7-ranked Wake Forest. State is 5-3-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the conference this season.

Barnes tallied a goal and an assist in State's 5-0 win over visiting High Point on Tuesday. Barnes scored the lone goal against Wake Forest in a 1-1 tie Sunday. The Demon Deacons were undefeated, having won nine straight matches before the match Sunday.

Barnes was a second-team All-ACC selection

last season. She also led the team in 2001 in goals (6) and points (13). This season, Barnes has tallied four goals and three assists for a total of 11 points.

Clemson sophomore Paige Ledford was also named Co-Player of the Week.

Game time set for North Carolina football game

N.C. State's ACC football game against North Carolina on Oct. 12 will begin at noon. The ACC/Jefferson Pilot Television Network will televise the contest, which will take place in Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill.

State, No. 14 in this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, will have a bye this Saturday before resuming its season against the rival Tar Heels. The Wolfpack is off to a 6-0 start for only the seventh time in school history.

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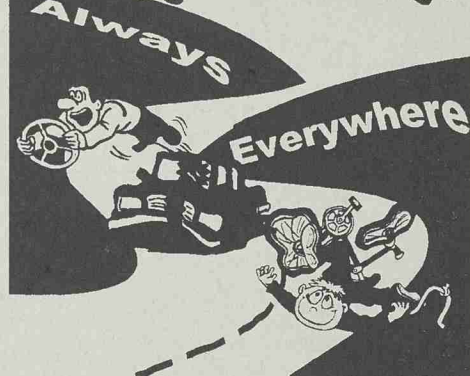
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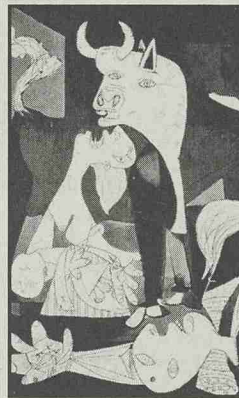
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Wednesday Sports

Schedule
 Football @ North Carolina, 10/12, 1
 M. Soccer vs. Radford, 10/2, 4
 W. Soccer @ Maryland, 10/4
 Volleyball @ Clemson, 10/6

Scores
 Georgia Tech 3, Volleyball 0



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BASKETBALL

Best of the best



Matt Middleton

Last Thursday, the ACC culminated its releases of its set of 50th Anniversary teams with the highly anticipated Top 50 ACC basketball players of all time. The list included four former N.C. State greats (David Thompson,

Tommy Burleson, Ronnie Shavlik and Wolfpack all-time leading scorer Rodney Monroe), and several others (Kenny Carr, Chris Corchiani, Lou Pucillo) just missed being awarded the prestigious honor.

While choosing the top 50 players in the history of the storied league is no easy task, the state's two biggest newspapers, The Raleigh News and Observer and The Charlotte Observer, fomented the debate even further by ranking their very own list of the 50 best all-time ACC stars.

Of course that means Technician will have to harp in on the subject, so here's one man's abbreviated version:

1. David Thompson, N.C. State There really is no argument here. Thompson, also voted No. 1 by both aforementioned publications, did things on the basketball court people had never seen before.

Growing up in the tiny North Carolina town of Boiling Springs, Thompson honed his game on the dirt in his yard, which he would illuminate at night with the lights of his father's car.

N.C. State won his services from virtually every in-state school, and Thompson collected a slew of awards in leading the Pack to its first national title in 1974.

He virtually invented the above-the-rim playing style that Michael Jordan, Dominique Wilkins and Kobe Bryant became famous off of.

A film documenting Thompson's career is due to come out in March.

2. Sampson, Virginia

The amount of awards Sampson garnered over his four-year career as a Cavalier make him a prime choice for the best player in league history, save Thompson. Sampson was a three-time National Player of the Year (only Lew Alcindor can match that) and, along with Thompson, is one of just two players to be named ACC Player of the Year three times.

People knock Sampson for his lack of postseason success, but he did lead the Cavs to one of the two Final Four appearances in school history.

3. Christian Laettner, Duke He may not have been the flashiest of players. His game may not have been awe-inspiring, but his success on college basketball's grandest stage goes unmatched in league history.

Laettner is the only player in basketball history to start in four Final Fours. He led his team to two national championships and hit several game-winning jumpers on the kind of plays that make March Madness so special.

His performance against Kentucky (10-for-10 from the field, 10-for-10 from the foul line) that ended with perhaps the most famous shot in ACC history — the turn-around jumper off a Grant Hill pass — is one of the greatest individual displays of talent the league has ever seen.

Laettner was twice a first-team All-ACC selection and was National Player of the Year in 1992.

4. Michael Jordan, North Carolina.

As ridiculous as it may sound, Michael Jordan's career as a Tar Heel is often underrated because of his immense NBA success.

Long before he became the greatest player in the world, Jordan enjoyed a successful career at Chapel Hill that earned him National Player of the Year in 1984 and a national title in 1982, in which he famously hit the game-winning shot from the elbow against Georgetown.

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Volleyball stung by No. 23 Tech

The N.C. State volleyball team dropped its second consecutive ACC match Tuesday.

Sports Staff Report

ATLANTA — With the solid performances by Lauren Sauer and Lynnette Moster, No. 23 Georgia Tech went on to defeat N.C. State (2-17, 0-2 ACC) in volleyball action Tuesday night by the scores of 30-19, 30-18 and 30-18.

Sauer finished with a match-high .944 attack percentage, as well as 17 kills, while Moster added 15 kills and five digs. The Wolfpack was again led by sophomore middle blocker Maya Mapp, who tallied

10 kills on the night. Setter Lindi Sheppard dished out 23 assists, while also recording five digs and a service ace.

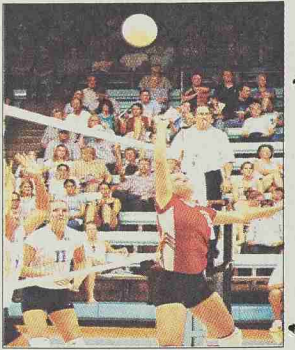
The Yellow Jackets (17-2, 3-0) struck first in game one, going on to take a 5-1 lead. State, however, would battle back to pull within two points at 11-9. But that would be the closest the Pack would get, as Tech went on a 14-6 run to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

Game two started out a little different, with State jumping out to an early lead due to kills by Mapp and Sheppard. The Yellow Jackets would tie the game and eventually steal the lead on three service aces by Keight Vincent, making the score 6-5. The two teams would continue to nip at each other's heels until Tech

pulled away thanks to a 7-4 run at the end to go up 2-0.

In the final game of the match, the Pack managed to hang with the Jackets briefly before Tech took a commanding lead off of five unanswered points. State would look to turn things around with two kills by sophomore Sarah Ensminger, but the effort would prove to be too late, as the Jackets again made another run — this time notching 10 points to the Pack's two. Time would eventually run out on State, as Tech rolled to its third conference win of the season.

The Pack returns to action this weekend with a road match Sunday at Clemson. Match time is set for 2 p.m.



N.C. State traveled to Georgia Tech Tuesday and found the same result as last Friday in Chapel Hill — a three-game loss. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

Pack not content at 6-0

N.C. State may be off to its best start since 1991, but the team is hungry for much more.

Matt Middleton
 Assistant Sports Editor

Eleven years ago, the N.C. State football program was the model of consistency in the pre-Florida State ACC era. Under stoic head coach Dick Sheridan, the Wolfpack was on its way to winning at least eight games in a season for the third time under his guidance. For a school that has never won 10 games in a season, producing that type of record puts you somewhere between Lou Holtz and Jim Valvano among successful State coaches.

The summer after leading the Pack to a school-record nine wins, however, Sheridan unexpectedly resigned, and the reins of the program were handed to assistant Mike O' Cain.

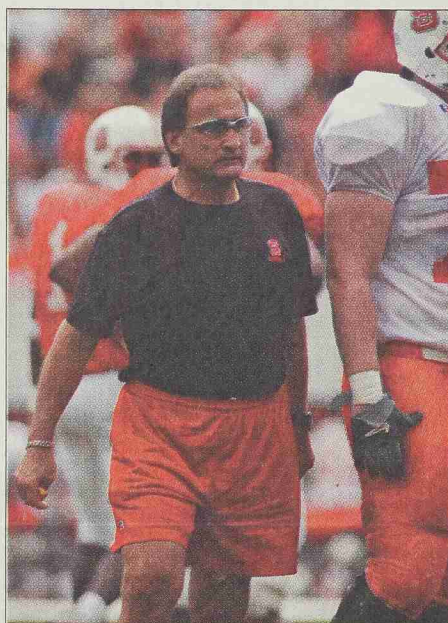
O' Cain's journey that led State through a rocky period in the mid-'90s has been well chronicled. His teams had a knack for both huge upsets and untimely let-downs. But the one thing that ultimately did him in was his winless (0-7) record against hated North Carolina.

So the search started for a new head coach in locations that demanded success. Lincoln, Neb., Gainesville, Fla., Austin, Texas, and Tallahassee, Fla., are all places where less than 10 wins a year gets you a one-way ticket out of town. It was from Tallahassee where the Pack landed its man, and with Chuck Amato came higher goals and a greater expectancy to win.

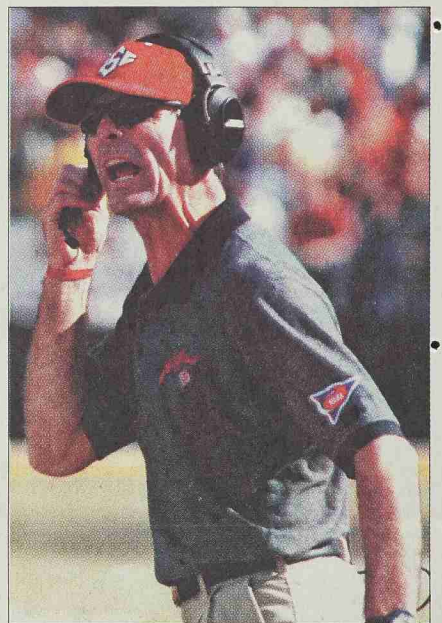
So with all that in mind, it is easy to see why this year's team is far from complacent or satisfied with a perfect 6-0 start — its best since 1991.

Nowhere was that more evident than after State's most recent win, a 32-point victory over Massachusetts, where its crisp first-quarter play turned sloppy as the game further progressed.

"We've got to get some things corrected, we really do," said Amato after the game. "We've got to do a better job of coaching intensity — of getting these young men prepared. I sound like a per-



Chuck Amato's teams are 8-8 in two years of ACC play — the same record Mike O' Cain's teams posted in the two seasons preceding his 1999 firing. Amato does appear to be on the verge of bigger things, as evidenced by this year's 6-0 start. File photos



son that's 0-6 instead of 6-0, but I'm happy that we're one of only seven football teams in the history of N.C. State University to start a season 6-0."

And what more could the team want? Certainly the schedule has been Bill Snyder-esque with two games against Division I-AA opponents, but the team has looked vulnerable in merely one game.

"We know that maybe our opponents haven't been as tough as the past couple games, but we're 6-0 and that's all that matters," said quarterback Philip Rivers after throwing four touchdown passes against the Minutemen. "We've got a tough seven game stretch ahead of us, and we've got to keep people healthy. It's going to be a tough stretch."

To weather the remaining stretch of games that includes the top six opponents in the league plus Duke, the Pack

must continue to build on what has made the team so successful and dominant in the six-game span in which the average margin of victory was over 25 points per game.

First and foremost is the emergence of the running game behind freshman T.A. McLendon. It's been a long time since State had a truly reliable running game — its last 1,000-yard rusher was Tremayne Stephens all the way back in 1997. Much like Stephens, McLendon did not enter his freshman year as the starter yet has clearly established himself as the top rusher with back-to-back 100-yard games and 10 rushing touchdowns.

"We've been running the ball better this year than in the past two years," said Amato. "When you hand the ball off to a guy with the power and acceleration

that T.A. can give you, it makes for an improved running game."

The true freshman suffered a minor setback last week when he broke a bone in his right wrist, but the nation's second-leading touchdown scorer should be back in time for the Oct. 12 showdown against North Carolina.

More important than the newfound running game is the attitude of the team. O' Cain's biggest downfall other than futility against the Tar Heels was perhaps his lack of intensity — something that Amato reaps.

"Coach Amato is a real intense coach [and] that's one of the main differences between him and Coach O' Cain," said senior linebacker Dantonio Burnette, who played one year under O' Cain.

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Roller hockey club skates to championship

The Wolfpack's 2-0-2 record is enough to capture the crown in the inaugural tournament.

Chris Hensley
 Guest Writer

The N.C. State roller hockey club team played its first four games of the season this past weekend at the Carolina Sportsplex in the season's first Atlantic Club Roller Hockey Association (ACRHA) tournament. The round-robin tournament featured five teams: East Carolina, North Carolina, South Carolina, Duke and N.C. State.

The Wolfpack received stellar goaltending from Justin Sanders and Tony Fugere to go along with timely goal scoring to end with two wins and two ties. State received championship honors as the only undefeated team.

The team began the weekend Saturday night against Duke. Both teams had strong goaltending and excellent defense that refused to allow a first-period goal.

Jake Genna's shorthanded goal in the second period propelled State into a lead that the team never relinquished. Alan Rowe, Alex Pingel, Steven Snyder and Kevin Himberger added goals to clinch State's 5-1 win against

the Blue Devils. The Pack then faced South Carolina in what proved to be the most physical game of the weekend. The Gamecocks captured an early lead by scoring two unanswered goals on power plays.

State then rebounded by notching two goals of its own in the third period. The game ended in a 2-2 tie despite a lopsided shot differential stat that favored State 25-13. Scott Gaydos scored both goals for the Pack.

On Sunday, State faced their longtime rival East Carolina. The Pirates were undefeated entering the game, having defeated UNC and Duke the previous

night by seven and eight goal margins, respectively.

State tallied the first goal early in the first period. ECU was quick to respond with two goals of its own. With the game tied at 3-3 entering the third period, the Pack managed to score two goals in the final five minutes to take a 5-3 lead.

East Carolina scored late to come within one goal, but the Pirates were unable to notch the game-tying goal with the Wolfpack winning 5-4. The victory was State's first against ECU since the Pack's regional championship win in 2001. Scoring for State were Pingel (2), Rowe, Mark Woodwell and Scott Gay-

dos. In the final game of the weekend, State faced UNC. After a scoreless first period, both teams came out with fierce determination in the second period. The Wolfpack scored first on Steven Snyder's goal.

UNC tied the game in the third period, putting the pressure back on the State offense. Snyder answered again late in the third period to put the Pack up 2-1. The Tar Heels scored with 14 seconds remaining in the game to produce State's second tie of the weekend. The tie, however, clinched the championship for the Pack.

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