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## Discrimination resolution moves forward

*The resolution calls for discrimination against sexual orientation to be included with the official discrimination clause.*

**Rob Rankin**
*Guest Reporter*

Gay students may soon have something at N.C. State that they've never had before: a non-discrimination statement that includes them right alongside other protected categories.

On Oct. 23, the Division of Implementation met with the administration to present Resolution 12 — a resolution that puts discrimination based on sexual orientation on par with discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.

According to Cliff Ray, director of the Division of Implementation, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox was supportive of the R12 proposal.

After Fox voiced her support, Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, instructed David Drooz of Legal Affairs to work with Ray on the creation of a new statement that will replace the current statement that uses two paragraphs, one for

each of the school's policies.

Robin Siska of the Bisexual Gay Lesbian and Allies organization on campus, who was also present at the meeting, was pleased with the outcome. She said the chancellor "was very enthusiastic" and supportive of the fact that no one should have to deal with discrimination. Siska said that it was important to note that R12 is not asking for a change in policy, only a change in the public statement of the policies.

Student Senate is addressing an overlooked prob-

lem; despite the chancellor's policy that states all documentation must include both paragraphs, the second paragraph is often left out.

The university Web site is one example. On the "About N.C. State" Web page, the statement on non-discrimination leaves out sexual orientation.

The senate declared that, "to maintain an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding, it is vital to have a clear and concise statement."

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## Students react to sniper shootings

*While the capture of the sniper suspects brought relief to many, it raised questions for others.*

**Carlton Newsome**
*Senior Staff Reporter*

The sniper shootings that left five people injured and 12 dead brought mixed reactions to the N.C. State community. Some were anxious as the incidents seemed to be moving south, others were fearful for friends in the targeted area and most were relieved when news broke that suspects had been arrested and the killings had stopped.

But now, in the wake of the sniper spree, many are beginning to wonder how the perpetrators should be punished, if convicted.

The suspects for the shootings are identified as 17-year-old John Lee Malvo and 41-year-old John Allen Muhammad. The two have been linked to murders across the nation, and some possible links are still being investigated.

The most recent sniper shootings, however, took place in Virginia and Maryland — North Carolina's northern neighbors.

This close proximity hit different students in different ways.

"I did not feel any anxiety, but if a shooting had occurred in North Carolina ... I would have felt a certain level of nervousness, just because I know that one of the murder victims was shot while he was pumping gas," said John Glover, a multidisciplinary studies major. "How can anyone defend themselves from that?"

Warren Buff, a junior in physics and philosophy, said, "I did not feel any nervousness for this happening so close to home. There is still more chance of getting run over by a car than getting shot by the sniper."

Still, many, like Michelle Kong, felt relief when the two suspects were apprehended.

"I hope that, before they are sentenced, the reason why they decided to commit these horrible acts will become clear. Although, I do not believe that any reason they give can justify murdering innocent people," said Kong, who is majoring in biochemistry.

When asked whether she believes that the suspects should be tried for the death penalty, she said, "... The 17-year-old should be given special consideration in figuring out whether he should be sentenced by capital punishment due to his level of maturity."

John Lee Malvo can only be tried as an adult in the state of Virginia. The other states in which the two allegedly committed murders require that a person be at least 18 years old in order to be tried as an adult.

If convicted, Muhammad could face the death penalty in every state that the murders took place.

Barbara Baum Levenbrook, an associate professor of philosophy who teaches courses in philosophy of law, explained that the criminal trials present a legal problem that will have to be resolved, specifically, the fact that Malvo can only be tried as an adult in Virginia.

"Do we try him in Virginia because he will be subject to capital punishment in th[at] state or should he face trial in one of the other states first?" she asked. "It will be interesting to see how this issue is resolved."

Glover felt that Malvo should not be tried as an adult.

Malvo should be given the same benefits that other minors face because of their immaturity to deal with problems," he said.

Buff acknowledged another point.

"I do not feel that the trial should take place in Virginia, only because that is the place where they can receive the harshest treatment," he said. "I believe that they should be tried in the state or district that can present the strongest case against them."

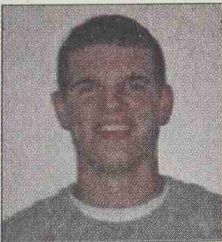
For now, according to CNN.com, all federal complaints against the suspects have been dropped and the suspects have been moved to state custody in Virginia. Furthermore, sources have indicated that Malvo may face trial in Fairfax County, Va., while Muhammad may face trial in Prince William County, Va.

## A walk in the park



Maia Chan, a second-year veterinary student at N.C. State, exercises with her dog "Tristan" near Lake Johnson. Staff photo by Rian Thomas

### STUDENT SENATE SPOTLIGHT



Jason Moody  
Political Science, Freshman

Jason Moody is a freshman in political science and a midshipman in the Naval ROTC. Moody would like to see the Student Senate be more involved with "dormitory reforms by working with what we have to make things better." Moody feels that "this would increase the overall morale and appearance of our university." To his constituents, he says, "As a senator, it is my job to serve you by working with [you] and not against you. If there is an issue

you want to discuss, please contact myself or any other Student Government official."

Student Senate meetings are always open to the public. Students can find out who their student senator is and how to contact them by visiting the Student Senate Web site at [students.ncsu.edu/senate/index.php](http://students.ncsu.edu/senate/index.php).

## Senate looks for overall improvement

*While Student Senate was assured that construction on campus will not affect tuition costs, traffic congestion will likely be a problem.*

**LaWanda Ray**
*Staff Reporter*

Wednesday's Student Senate meeting focused on passing legislation that would improve the way the senate functions. In addition, Student Senate caught up on current campus construction projects, news and other on-campus events.

Charles Leffler, associate vice chancellor of facilities; Bob Fraser, director of facilities planning and design; and Michael Harwood, a university architect, brought the vision of a new N.C. State to the Student Senate.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Leffler, Fraser and Harwood highlighted the numerous construction plans that are currently under way on campus or are to be started in the near future. These plans range from improvements at the Doak Baseball Field to the building progress of the new Executive Conference Center at Centennial Campus.

Aside from giving them a glimpse of things to come, the presenters also assured the Student Senate that none of the projects would affect tuition costs for students. It was reiterated that the construction projects will not be inconspicuous and that it is important to remember this when moving about campus.

Student Body President Mike Anthony announced that there would be a Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 21 and 22 at the Engineering Graduate Research Center. He stressed the importance for student attendance at this meeting.

Anthony also spoke about the new marketing plan that looks to display the importance of NCSU to the state of North Carolina.

The marketing plan, "N.C. State Achieves," is already being implemented on stickers and buttons.

It was brought before the senate, on behalf of

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## Democratic Party deeply split between left and center

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Steven Thomma  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Democrats lost more than power Tuesday. They lost their sense of direction. Tuesday's election exiled the country's oldest political party from power in the national government, aggravated a deep fault

line in its ranks and started what could be a long struggle over what direction to take now.

The first skirmish started immediately, with a fight between liberals and centrists over which faction should lead the party in the House of Representatives. That fight will be settled next Thursday when House Democrats choose liberal Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., or centrist Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, to replace Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., who is stepping down as minority leader after eight years of failing to lead his party back to ma-

majority control.

The Democrats' internal skirmish will continue well beyond the House, however, and is certain to be played out in a wide-open competition for the party's presidential nomination in 2004. And if the winning nominee then loses to President Bush, Democrats could spend the better part of the decade feuding over how to win again.

"Out of the rubble there can be a cathartic experience," said Chris Lehane, a Democratic strategist in California. "But you can very easily paint a scenario where fis-

ures exposed on Tuesday continue to get wider and wider, the party continues to focus on the battle of what it stands for and remains focused in a paralyzing way on tactics instead of refocusing on message."

The party is deeply split between the left and the center.

Tuesday's disappointments have renewed an old argument, one that has raged among Democrats since Jimmy Carter tried to move the party toward the center and drew a bitter primary challenge from liberal Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in 1980. Carter beat Kennedy but went on to lose the presidency to Ronald Reagan. Centrists battled liberals through the '80s for the party's soul. It wasn't until 1992 that Bill Clinton was able to unite liberals and centrists by winning back the White House. But Al Gore's halting campaign in 2000 renewed the split, and the party lost again.

On the left, advocates argued that the party has strayed too far from the liberal roots of government activism on behalf of the poor and working classes that defined it under Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930s and Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s. They think leading Democrats became too timid, too covetous of the political center and too fearful of being labeled big-government liberals. They argue that leaders such as Gephardt and Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the party's leader in the Senate, complained about Bush's tax cut but were afraid to propose repealing it in an effort to put more money into government programs.

"You can't beat something with nothing," said Amy Isaacs, the national director of the liberal group Americans for Democratic Ac-

tion. "We are in danger of coming out of this election learning all the wrong lessons. Running to the middle is the wrong lesson. Given a choice between a phony Republican and the real thing, voters will go for the real thing every time."

Refusing to propose freezing the Bush tax cut before the rest of it can take effect costs the party credibility on other economic issues, said Lehane. If Democrats are unwilling to talk about taxes, he said, they are unable to talk convincingly about spending new federal money on a program such as expanding Medicare to pay for prescription drugs. Frost said Thursday that parts of the tax cut going to the richest 1 percent of Americans "ought to be revisited."

Centrists say reverting to old-style liberalism would doom the party to permanent minority status. They say the party must move beyond big-government programs and the old-style coalition politics of offering narrowly tailored benefits to many small slices of the population.

South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Richard Harpootlian said the national party focused on attracting votes from blacks, Asian-Americans, Hispanics and other interest groups, but neglected white men. South Carolina's Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges lost this year, he noted, when his share of the white vote dropped from 40 percent to 30 percent.

"We got our brains kicked out because we couldn't convince white people it was in their interest to vote Democratic," he said. "The sooner the Democratic Party gets over the 1970s idea of breaking people down by eth-

nicity and sexual orientation, the better off it's going to be."

Finally, the party needs to find a voice to counter the president's, either in a charismatic new leader or in a chorus of like-minded voices. But it won't find what it needs by exhuming the past. In the closing week of this year's campaign, when Bush was barnstorming the nation, the only Democratic face on national television every day belonged to an icon of traditional Democratic liberalism, Walter Mondale, the former vice president and 1984 presidential candidate.

Said Harpootlian: "We started going in the toilet after we started seeing Mondale's face on TV day and night."

If recent history is any guide, the party probably won't find its signature voice in Congress. It is more likely to come first from one of the new Democratic governors, such as those in Illinois, Michigan or Pennsylvania, and then later from the next presidential nominee. Democratic insiders hope the governors will produce a wave of innovative new approaches to problems, just as Republican governors did in the 1990s.

"The center of gravity is shifting to the statehouses. And ultimately, it will be the party's presidential candidate who will define an overarching vision," said David Axelrod, a Democratic strategist in Chicago. "That's where the juice is now."

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### SENATE

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graduating students with business minors, that the College of Management is limiting its 300- and 400-level courses to College of Management majors only. Although there is no knowledge of whether this is a semester or indefinite problem, Anthony, Student Senate President Josh Cox and the student senators are currently working with the administration to smooth out this complaint to better serve NCSU students.

Dawn Sanner, director of facilities and operations of Carmichael Gymnasium, proposed the idea to remove the basketball rims outside of the gym. Students are invited to fill out a

survey and voice their opinion on this issue on Monday and Tuesday from 6 a.m.-11 p.m. In addition, students are encouraged to comment on their satisfaction with the entire Carmichael Gymnasium facility on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. Students who have any questions are asked to contact Dawn Sanner at 513-1555.

The Wolfpack Student Initiative will begin fund raising next week in the Brickyard from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This is a student-run endowment fund for need-based scholarships for NCSU students.

Feb. 7-8 will mark the university's first Dance Marathon. The marathon is to raise money for UNC's Children's Hospital and will require participants to not necessarily dance but stay on their feet for 24 hours.

The event will be held in the Talley Student Center Ballroom from 7 p.m. Feb. 7 till 7 p.m. Feb. 8. The goal of the event is to raise \$50,000, and dancers must raise \$100 through fund raising. The organizers of the event are still looking for dancers. Register online at [www.ncsu.edu/stud\\_orgs/dance\\_marathon/](http://www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/dance_marathon/).

These students were approved to the following positions: Hunter Guice, assistant director of Government Relations and ASG delegate; Jamie Pendergrass, ASG delegate; Ted Gellar, parliamentarian; Cameron Wells, associate director for Nightwalk; and Munawar Diwan, senior senator for College of Management.

### RESOLUTION

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It's the perception that NCSU is unfriendly to gay and lesbian students that is problematic in the separate policy statements. Some believe that students do not receive a clear message that NCSU does not discriminate against people based on race, religion, sex, age, disability or sexual orientation.

Once a new, unified statement is drafted, Fox will create a new policy implementing the new statement. That statement will work to put an end to the inconsistencies that have disconcerted some students, faculty and staff at the university since the implementation of the original statement in 1999.

To help in the creation of a new statement, Ray's group formu-

lated several proposed revisions to the policy statement by soliciting information from the senate, from research on other universities and from Siska. These proposals were presented to Fox at the monthly Chancellor's Liaison meeting.

In a phone interview, Drooz said that his department is currently gathering more information to clarify the issues presented at the meeting. He was unsure of a timetable as to when a new statement would be drafted.

Ray said, "Our goal is to have a final concrete statement... established and eventually used consistently across NCSU documents and releases within the next two weeks."

Ray said his division was working hard to ensure the will of the student body was followed. His division, the Division of Imple-

mentation, is a new student government body that was created by Mike Anthony, student body president, to implement senate resolutions.

Previous to this, there was no overseeing, responsible link between the senate and the administration when it comes to implementing resolutions, according to Ray. Ray's responsibility is to present resolutions to the administration and to work with them until the resolution becomes policy. R12 was his first challenge.

Once R12 becomes policy, Ray and his division will begin working on the next resolution the senate presents them. It is work, he said, that he is proud to be doing for his school.

### CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police for Wednesday.

**6:08 a.m. Noise disturbance**  
A student complained of subjects being loud and singing outside of the student's window. The area was checked with negative results.

**7:58 a.m. Medical assistance**  
A staff member reported that a subject was feeling faint and dizzy in the area of the Vet School Pharmacy. Units responded, but the subject refused transport.

**8:44 a.m. Traffic stop**  
A subject was stopped on Yarbrough Drive at Stinson Drive and issued a warning for a stop sign violation.

**11 a.m. Special assignment**  
Officers directed attendees of the N.C. State Campus Law Enforcement Administration Association Conference to the Carter-Finley Field House.

**11:21 a.m. Larceny**  
A staff member reported that person(s) unknown had entered an office and removed a cell phone.

**1:40 p.m. Skateboarders**  
A staff member reported skateboarders at Engineering Graduate Research Center Deck. The area was checked with negative results.

**1:47 p.m. Traffic accident**  
A student reported that person(s) unknown caused damage to a state-owned vehicle.

**2 p.m. Special assignment**  
Officers reported for their special assignment at the Method Road Soccer Field.

**2:11 p.m. Traffic accident**  
A non-student reported that another non-student had backed a vehicle into the right front bumper of the non-student's vehicle.

**3:15 p.m. Safety program**  
An officer conducted a RAD class at Student Health Center for 14 people.

**3:21 p.m. Damage to property**  
A tree branch fell on the victim's car and broke the tail light and tore the tire cover.

**4:07 p.m. Traffic accident**  
A student reported being in an accident with another vehicle on Gorman Street.

**4:22 p.m. Damage to property**  
A student reported the student's laptop had been damaged by water.

**4:56 p.m. Assist other agency**  
Investigators assisted RDU Airport Police with an investigation regarding stolen laptop comput-

ers located in a car in Riddick Lot.

**6:32 p.m. Traffic accident**  
A non-student died when the non-student's vehicle veered off Western Boulevard and struck a tree east of the NCSU TV studios.

**8:42 p.m. Larceny**  
A student reported the student's book bag stolen from D.H. Hill Library.

**9:05 p.m. Traffic accident**  
Two non-students were involved in a minor traffic accident on Faucette Drive.

**11:34 p.m. Alcohol violation**  
Five students were issued campus appearance tickets for possession of alcohol while underage.

**2:10 a.m. Disturbance**  
A student reported subjects throwing beer bottles off the third floor of Wood Hall. Officers responded but were unable to locate the subjects.

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## Students should stay aware of world events, Powell says

As the Cold War ended in the early 1990s, many Americans, especially college students, lost interest in world events.

**Robert Lopez**

*Knights Ridder/Tribune News Service*

WASHINGTON — Staying out of other people's business may have been an attractive foreign policy option before Sept. 11, especially to young people, but when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center last year they were forced to care whether they wanted to or not, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday.

"We don't live in an island anymore," he said. "The United States may have two oceans, but it is not disconnected from any other place in the world. And our security rests on the overall security situation in the world."

As the Cold War ended in the early 1990s, many Americans, especially college students, lost interest in world events. Powell spoke about the apathy during an exclusive interview in his State Department office as the Bush administration was trying to draft a resolution on weapons inspectors in Iraq.

"I had seen in my first 17 years of life eight years of war," Powell said. "We read a lot in those days, followed current events. But again, that was in the old days when everyone was worried about getting drafted."

Student apathy, not only about foreign affairs but also about domestic issues, has been an issue almost since 18-year-olds were granted the right to vote in 1971.

A recent poll conducted by the Center for Democracy and Citizenship found that less than 21 percent of voters between the ages of 18 and 24 cast ballots in the 1998 elections. Less than 50 percent voted in the 2000 presidential elections.

Though such numbers persist, Powell believes that Sept. 11 and the recent debate on a possible war with Iraq have had a profound effect.

"Along comes Sept. 11 and they realize, 'My heavens, there is an

enemy," he said. "There is something out there. It isn't called communism, it isn't called fascism, it's called terrorism. For the first time since 1812, the United States was attacked on its own shores by a foreign enemy. This was sobering and it was visual. Everyone could see those towers fall and the Pentagon get hit and the plane crash in Pennsylvania, over and over and over."

"Suddenly we saw there was an enemy, who had a name, a face and was determined. How do you go after this enemy? Do you build a coalition? And for the past 14 months it has come back into our consciousness."

Instead of focusing on one geographic area, Powell said students should keep an eye on the world as a whole.

"You can't turn your back on the rest of the world," he said. "It's hard to separate out and say watch this or watch that. College students, regardless of where they're headed in life, have an obligation to keep themselves informed on all major issues. They should read broadly and read deeply. But they shouldn't become so concerned with one area that they don't see how it connects to other countries or other issues."

The secretary believes that students who have any doubt about the repercussions of taking an isolationist stance should see the implications of terrorism, whether they're in a Moscow theatre or a Bali nightclub.

"Suddenly those things are real," he said. "It makes people say if it happens there, it can happen here."

Though he is often seen as a moderate in the conservative Bush administration, Powell said the clash of ideas and beliefs is the path to building a consensus.

"Out of that clash of ideas and personalities and egos and people comes compromise," he said. "We had an election yesterday (Tuesday) with strongly held views from all parts of the country. Negative ads, positive ads, screaming, shouting, noise, the polls, when do they announce them. It goes on and it's suddenly an election. People speak and they're conveying

the American consensus."

Recent campus protests against a war in Iraq underscore the fear many students have that American foreign policy, and the war on terrorism in particular, are being used as little more than devices to flex the nation's military might. But America can't detach itself from the world, Powell said.

"It is in our interests to help nations of the world move toward a democratic path and put in place a solid economic system, so they can be our friends and not our adversaries," he said. "We have no designs on anyone's people. We have no designs on anyone's country. We don't want to steal resources. We don't want to occupy. People trust us to solve their problems. They all come to the U.S. to help solve their problems."

Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants, also cites a moral obligation in America's status as a nation of nations.

"What is the American majority these days?" he said. "In 20 or 30 years it might not be white males or white males and females. It's going to be people of color, and of color, I mean Asians and African Americans and Hispanic Americans. And what does the majority mean? It's beautiful. It's wonderful. There's no place on Earth like this. You can understand how what happens in the world effects us in every imaginable way. You can have Miami be a Hispanic city or find Laotian communities in the Midwest or go to Providence, R.I., and find more Cape Verdeans living there than in Cape Verde. And somehow we don't fight each other. We have our problems, but there is no place in the world like this."

## Virginia will be first to prosecute accused Washington-area snipers

Authorities in Georgia have linked Muhammad and Malvo to the slaying of an Atlanta liquor store clerk.

**Shannon McCaffrey**

*Knights Ridder Newspapers*

WASHINGTON — Sniper suspects John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo will be prosecuted first in Virginia, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Thursday. The decision ensures that both could get the death penalty if convicted.

The two are accused of a terrifying Washington-area shooting spree last month that left 10 dead and three wounded.

Thursday's announcement came as authorities in Georgia said they had linked Muhammad, 41, and Malvo, 17, to the slaying of an Atlanta liquor store clerk on Sept. 21. The pair already stand accused of another liquor store slaying later that day some 160 miles away in Montgomery, Ala. Authorities now say they believe the same .22-caliber handgun was used in both killings. In Atlanta, Million Woldemariam, a 41-year-old Ethiopian immigrant, was gunned down when he left the store to investigate a suspicious car outside.

Authorities say they also have linked Muhammad and Malvo to

a shooting in Baton Rouge, La., and to a slaying in Tacoma, Wash.

In all, the two are suspects in at least 19 shootings in which 14 people were killed and five wounded.

Ashcroft's decision to turn Muhammad and Malvo's case over to prosecutors in two counties in Virginia ends a turf battle over who should get first crack at the high-profile case. Montgomery County Maryland State's Attorney Douglas Gansler had said his office should prosecute first because six of the killings took place there, more than any other jurisdiction. But Maryland's historic reluctance to impose the death penalty worked against Gansler. The state has a moratorium on executions pending a review to see if racial bias is involved in the death penalty's application. Virginia, on the other hand, has carried out more executions than any other state but Texas. And in Virginia, a 17-year-old can face the death penalty. Maryland and the federal government do not permit capital punishment for juveniles.

Ashcroft said it was "imperative that the ultimate sanction be available for those who have committed these crimes." "We believe the first prosecutions should occur in those jurisdictions that provide the best law, the best facts

and the best range of available penalties," Ashcroft said.

Muhammad will be tried in Prince William County, southwest of Washington, where 53-year-old Dean Harold Meyers was killed as he gassed up his car in Manassas, Va. Malvo will face charges in Fairfax County, where Linda Franklin, a 43-year-old FBI analyst, was gunned down as she loaded packages into her car outside a Home Depot store in Falls Church, Va.

Fairfax County State's Attorney Robert Horan said Malvo, a Jamaican immigrant, would appear in juvenile court Friday, and authorities would attempt to notify his parents if they can be found. Horan said Malvo would first appear in juvenile court. If a grand jury indicts him — a development that could take several months — Malvo would become an adult in the eyes of the court, Horan said. Horan would not say whether his office would attempt to show that Malvo had pulled the trigger. Under the state's new anti-terrorism law, prosecutors would not have to prove that Malvo fired the fatal shot to seek the death penalty, Horan said.

Muhammad and Malvo both were transported from federal custody to Virginia detention facilities on Thursday afternoon.

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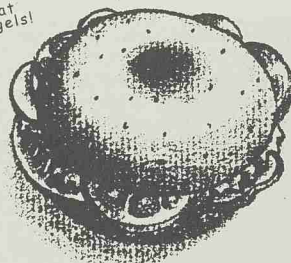
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## Product placement for police cars

State agencies across North Carolina are struggling to find creative ways to save money during this economic recession, but a Charlotte-based company has taken a new approach by bringing advertisements to police patrol cars.

Most people are accustomed to the sight of advertisements on the side of buses, but placing brightly colored ads on police cars is another case entirely. These ads will certainly not be visually appealing and may verge on being tacky, but unfortunately they may be a feasible fix for financially strapped communities.

Government Acquisitions, the company behind many of these advertising deals, operates through selling police cars to cities for just \$1, with the agreement that the company can place advertisements on the car and keep all of the revenue.

The plan would provide police cars at virtually no expense to local communities, and this could benefit citizens across the area. If police agencies do not have to spend resources on new vehicles, money could be diverted to increasing the size of the police force and providing better protection for local residents.

Many Raleigh leaders, however, are not as interested in the idea. City Manager Russell Allen said in a WRAL report, "Our message on our public service vehicles has to be very clear, concise: police, fire and public safety. I can't imagine cluttering it up with other advertisements."

While Allen's concerns are certainly valid, an ideal business arrangement for cities entering into a business contract

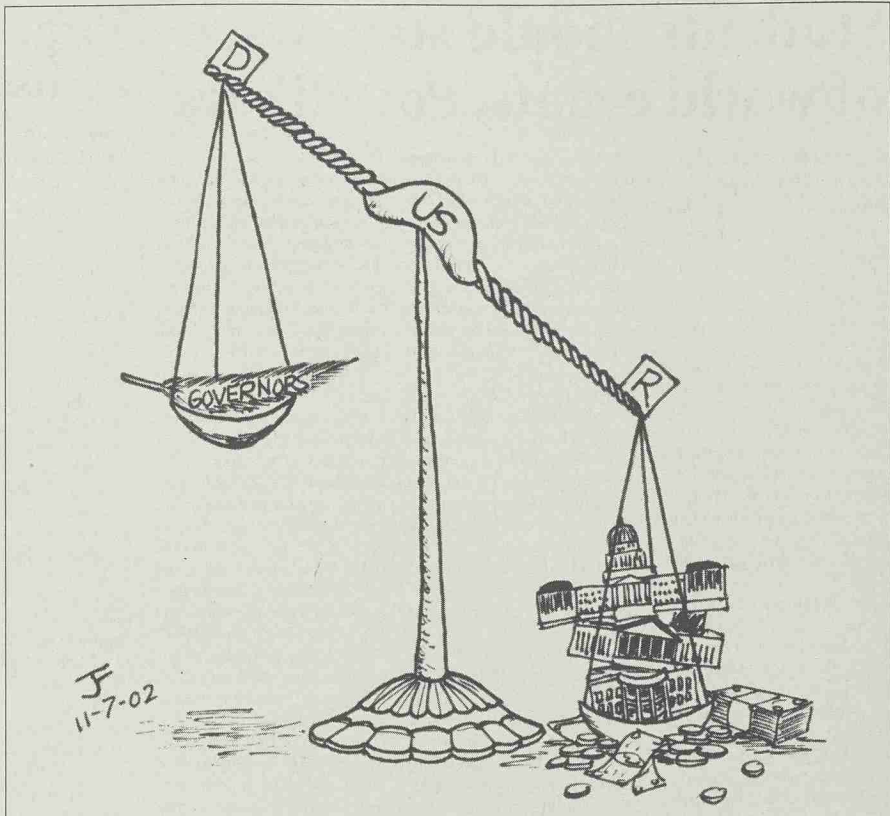
with Government Acquisitions would be for the city to ensure that the messages of police, fire and public safety are clearly noticeable before the advertisements. These advertisements should take up an entire side of a police car, because it is important for the public to first recognize the car for serving a specific purpose in the community. Police agencies should enter into a deal for these cars only if they have an agreement stating advertisements will not be sold if they distract from the true purpose of the car.

Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker disagrees. Meeker says even city buses with advertisements are an eyesore, and they will be phased out in upcoming years because the ads do not bring much revenue to the state.

Gwynn Swinson, secretary of the state Department of Administration — the organization that oversees state vehicle purchases — was also quoted, saying, "We need to study it, think about it very carefully, look at the pros and cons as well and then make an informed decision."

Other towns have already started doing business with Government Acquisitions; the company has signed 20 contracts nationwide and has over 200 interested departments.

Americans are bombarded with advertisements every day in several ways. In a perfect world, there would be no need for police agencies to seek special deals from outside corporations, but sadly, money is tight for many communities and advertisements may be one answer.



## Too many choices



Michele DeCamp  
Staff Columnist

OK, so I voted on Tuesday, and, well, it did not turn out the way I hoped it would. Regardless, I am going to move on now and figure out how to deal with the inevitable policy changes and/or additions that will occur as a result of our new government officials.

I am always interested in education policy changes because I am, someday, going to be a high school English teacher. So, during the never-ending Dole vs. Bowles commercial "debates," I was not surprised to learn that Elizabeth Dole supports private school vouchers.

While she did later suggest that it was no longer a part of her campaign focus, it seems like it may be an inevitable addition to North Carolina's school policies since many other states are starting programs similar to the one that she originally supported.

Private school vouchers allocate money to help individual students leave their poor-performing high schools for nearby private institutions. While the vouchers may not cover the complete cost of attending a private school, they greatly offset tuition costs so that poorer families

can give their children a chance to succeed in school.

The one major complaint with vouchers is that they pull money away from public schools, which can only hurt the failing schools from which the children are trying to escape. However, many people feel that students who are in under-achieving schools have the right to get a good education and that this is the quickest way to help students who are floundering in such schools.

I think that Ohio and Florida's voucher pilot programs are a good example of what our own state may be facing in a few years. The problem is that their results have created more questions than answers, so it is still very difficult to get a consensus on whether or not vouchers are the answer.

This past summer, I got to enjoy reading about how the Cleveland voucher pilot program was under attack for possibly mixing church and state, because many students receiving the vouchers were then attending Catholic schools, thereby funding religious curriculum. The Supreme Court decided in a 5-4 vote that the school voucher program was not establishing or promoting a particular religion. This decision has set a precedent for other states to establish similar programs without concern over what private schools will be available for voucher students.

However, Florida has shown a com-

pletely different angle of the voucher programs. Are students going to like attending private schools? Apparently, 170 of the 607 students who requested vouchers for private schools this past summer in Florida have appealed to return to the public school system. Students found that they did not enjoy adjusting to a new school, harder classes and a different student body.

Many school voucher supporters believe that this is just another example of how much choice this program gives students, but those that dislike school vouchers are using Florida's statistics as an example of how private schools are not necessarily the answer for students in failing schools.

I feel that private school vouchers may be a quick fix for students in under-achieving public schools, but I still think that it would be a waste of money to send students away from the problem rather than concentrating on how to fix our public school system. A couple of thousand dollars per student that would go to a private school could buy more textbooks or fund another teacher in a public school.

There is also the issue about who gets to take advantage of the voucher program. If a school is failing, then why should some students have to stay and others get to escape down the street to the "good" school?

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CAMPUS FORUM

### Bricks, bricks everywhere ...

Let's all grab a brick! I mean, c'mon. Have you guys looked around the campus lately? We have brick walkways, brick buildings, brick railings and even Brickyards. When will the insanity end? With all the bricks that there are around N.C. State I think that we should use them to do something out of this world.

The following are some of my suggestions.

1. Pet Bricks: Pet Rocks sold like hotcakes when they first came out. Everyone wanted to have their own rock with a smiley face drawn on it. They could name it, dress it, clothe it, and they didn't have to worry about leaving it alone for a few days like a normal pet. Why not do the same with bricks? The NCSU bookstore could gain some profit off of these suckers!

2. Slip 'n Slide: During a rainy day nothing is more annoying than having to walk on the bricks to get to class. Wait a second, did I say walk? I meant slip and fall. Those bricks are slicker than a floor full of butter. I say we create a gigantic Slip

'n Slide out of it, preferably leading from the Triad over to Harrelson for quick access to my classes.

3. Currency: Bricks could become the new currency of NCSU. The white bricks will, of course, be worth more than the red ones. I can imagine conversations about them now, "I'll give you a Coke for 3 bricks!" They sure would weigh down a wallet, though.

4. Bricks = Snow: A ton of bricks need to be dumped on the brickyard and painted white. That way we could all use our imagination and think that it's snow. Everyone loves using their imagination, right? We could make brick-angels and brick forts and of course have brick fights. Wait a second, not such a great idea.

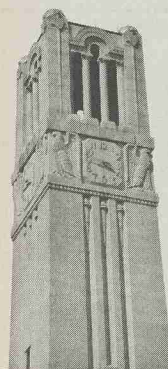
I'll leave you now with one question that may never be answered. Bricks, is there anything they can't do?

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effect: the importance of grandmothers.

That's right: that sweet, adorable old lady who loves you no matter what you do, the person who lives over the river and through the woods, the best chef in the world with her homemade chocolate-chip cookies and delicious apple pie, the matriarch of the family and the wisest woman who ever lived. Grandmothers are an important part of the family structure, and now since the typical family has changed in the past 40 years, grandmothers are now even more essential in the lives of grandchildren than before.

Studies reported in an article "The Importance of Grandma" in the New York Times Wednesday, social anthropologists, evolutionary biologists and demographers are finally proving what we have known all along: grandmothers are

very important in the lives of children.

At a recent international conference devoted to grandmothers, scientists agreed that grandmothers, while they cannot produce children anymore, have a significant effect on the family and, in some cultures, the influence of a grandmother is stronger than that of the father.

A study conducted by Dr. Ruth Mace and Dr. Rebecca Sear of the department of anthropology at University College in London found that in families in rural Cambodia, the presence of a grandmother actually cuts the chances of children dying at a young age in half. "The surprising result to us was that if the father was alive or dead didn't matter," Dr. Mace said in a telephone interview. "If the grandmother dies, you notice it; if the father does, you don't."

Another study, conducted by Dr. Donna Leonetti, an anthropologist at the University of Washington and her colleague Dr. Dilip C. Nath, focused on the families in India. They found that the presence of a grandmother in the familial home increased the fertility rates of the young women in the home.

These and other scientific studies add to the overwhelming evidence that grandmothers and grandparents in general are fundamental in the development of children. We all have fond memories about being with our grandmothers:

helping them bake all kinds of wonderful and delicious treats, listening to bedtime stories about when they were children and when our parents were children, learning about the various hobbies they have to keep themselves busy in retired life and yet, I don't think we really give enough credit to our grandparents for all they do for us in our lives.

I know that I don't call or visit my grandparents nearly as often as I should, but I am very lucky to have both sets of grandparents who have taken an active interest and role in my life, and I know I can say that my life would be significantly different without them. I can recall countless memories of times I have had with my grandparents and the various items, tangible and intangible, they have shared with me. And I still have a bond with them. I receive a letter from my paternal grandfather practically every week, informing me of his exploits and misadventures in the mountains of North Carolina.

My maternal grandfather, with the help of my cousin, built a computer and chats with me on AOL Instant Messenger. My paternal grandmother makes homemade grape juice from her Concord grapevines and teaches aerobics for seniors at her church. My maternal grandmother bakes the best pound cake ever and remembers to send a birthday card and money

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## High society



**Kevin McAbee**  
Staff Columnist

America's attitude toward marijuana is being brought to the forefront of a national discussion. A recent Time magazine cover article, voter initiatives for marijuana

legalization and a possible Canadian restriction of marijuana laws have America closing in on a crossroads.

Should we continue to criminalize a drug that many people believe is less dangerous than alcohol? Or should we legalize a drug that can be mentally addictive and many believe is a gateway to harsher substances?

According to Time, the majority of Americans have decided: they want pot to be illegal, but not really enforced. However, both pro- and anti-pot advocates are forcing the issue upon America, with the hopes of making Americans pick a side.

The fight over legalization was centralized in Nevada this election day, where Question 9 was placed before voters. Question 9 would have allowed citizens to possess up to three ounces of marijuana legally. However, the initiative was defeated this Tuesday by a 61 to 39 percent margin.

This vote is a disheartening event. Keeping pot illegal is a blatantly hypocritical stance for law-

makers. A careful analysis of the situation shows that marijuana is illegal solely because of its poor reputation. Pot is demonized and disparaged because of its association with the counter culture.

It is associated with cocaine and heroin rather than beer and cigarettes because of governmental bans. Respectable, hard working cowboys smoke Marlboros; true red-blooded Americans drink Budweiser; but only hippies and dropouts smoke pot. This is the stereotype that is portrayed by government propaganda.

Let us analyze the facts. According to Time, pot is less addictive (9% of users become addicted) than either alcohol (15%) or cigarettes (33%). The same article showed that participants in a controlled study who smoked pot almost daily for 10 years fared significantly worse on only 2 of 40 cognitive tests. This shows that even near constant smoking does not turn your brain into mush, like the "This Is Your Brain on Drugs" ad campaign from the 1980s would want us to believe.

Furthermore, no one can overdose on marijuana, unless the smoker lights up over 900 joints in one sitting. One can easily get alcohol poisoning and die from drinking a fifth of liquor too quickly, yet this is a readily available amount.

So we can see that pot is far less of an overdose danger than alcohol, is 25% less addicting than

cigarettes and will not turn you into a vegetable. So by what merits is pot illegal? Pot is illegal because the government does not believe we can use it responsibly. The government believes that by banning a substance, they can solve the all the problems that can result from that substance. This is an obviously flawed system. Why not simply make smoking underage, driving while high, and stealing to support your habit illegal? The answer is because the government is scared of change and the possible bad PR from this change.

Pot opponents have a new advertisement in which a joint is traced back to a cartel that has killed a little girl's family. This is a better argument for the legalization of pot than the continued outlawing of it. When prohibition was enacted, mob violence was the norm. Everyone had to get their beer illegally, and men like Al Capone were kings. Similarly, if you eliminate the ban on pot, you eliminate the cartels.

If we simply made marijuana legal, imagine the profits that could be reaped by America's farmers and tax system. Those who would balk at having their children's schools funded by drug money are idealistic. The money is already being spent, so why should cartels and other countries receive it solely because our government doesn't want us smoking what we already are? The final point that many like to

use for legalization is that pot is a gateway drug. People who get high will want to keep getting better and better highs, and therefore move on to more dangerous drugs. This is ridiculous. Those who smoke responsibly will not move onto more dangerous drugs, and those who are not responsible will. It is not a matter of whether or not pot is legal.

If nothing else, why not compromise and continue to make pot illegal, but only fine those that possess small amounts? By making it a fined offense, you lose overly harsh consequences of pot possession while keeping it illegal and not sanctioned by the government.

This debate is too complicated to be completely addressed in my meager column. This is a debate that should rely on common sense. The only reason pot is illegal is because it has been illegal. Yes, there are drawbacks to its widespread usage. However, smoking pot is a harmless activity that infringes on no one else's rights and therefore should be legal and taxed. Let's tell our government that we are responsible enough to use this substance without them banning us from it.

*Kevin wants everyone who agrees with him to analyze the libertarian philosophy. They are the only party that understands the situation. E-mail ktmcaabee@unity.ncsu.edu to find out more.*

### RULE OF THUMB



#### Voter turnout slightly increased

Roughly 39 percent of registered American voters showed up at the polls Tuesday night, a slightly higher ratio than the 37.6 percent that voted in 1998's midterm election. Analysts pegged the increase on pre-election rumors that voters would be given cookies. "Americans do love their cookies," said one commentator.

#### Two in N.Y. have plague

Doctors at New York City's Beth Israel hospital announced Wednesday night that two travelers from New Mexico had tested positive for the bubonic plague. The man and woman were being kept in isolation, while the townsfolk marked the door of their hotel room with a red slash.



#### L.A. secession measures fail

Separate efforts by the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood to secede from Los Angeles both failed in Tuesday night's elections. Voters were especially unkind to the Hollywood measure, since they worried that removing the entertainment mecca from its larger urban support network would decrease the output of high-quality films.

#### To pitch and protect?

The Charlotte-based company Government Acquisitions is pitching a cost-cutting measure to North Carolina cities: ads on police cars. The company says it has about 20 municipalities signed up so far. "We were going to try to commercialize the mayors and council members, but the developers beat us to it," said a company partner this week.



#### UNC board seeks raise

The governing board of North Carolina's public university system is planning on proposing a 6-percent pay increase for professors in its budget for the upcoming year, a move that some say is necessary to recruit and retain quality professors. "I figure, 6 percent a year, that's a happy meal or two," said UNC president Moly Broad. "They deserve a break today."

#### National Airlines goes broke

Las Vegas-based National Airlines suspended operations this week after nearly two years in bankruptcy court. The move left many stranded in McCarran International Airport with useless tickets, no refunds and no way home. "I'm stranded in Vegas," said one angry passenger. "It's like a crappy '80s movie, only more expensive."



#### Yale ends binding admissions

Yale University officials announced this week that they would no longer require applicants accepted under the early decision program to attend the school. The higher education community applauded the move, which stands in stark contrast to Princeton's decision last week to require parents to declare their children Princeton-bound at birth.

#### More crime in schools

The number of criminal offenses committed in North Carolina schools rose 27 percent last year, but state education officials warn that the measurement is comparing apples to oranges. Schools began counting three new types of crime last year that have added heavily to the total: alcohol possession, bomb threats and tooth decay.



#### Ryder guilty of shoplifting

A Los Angeles jury convicted actress Winona Ryder of shoplifting earlier this week, responding to prosecutor Ann Rundle's assertions that "the law doesn't say, 'Only poor people steal.'" Ryder took umbrage at that statement, standing up and shouting, "But I'm a movie star!" before being silenced by the judge.

#### Japanese announce whale hunt

Japanese fisheries officials announced this week that the country would be sending a fleet of five ships into Antarctic waters with plans to kill about 400 minke whales, considered one of the world's most endangered animals by the United Nations. "You see, we are removing the animals from danger by putting them on our plates," said one Japanese whaler. "They're safe there."



### DECAMP

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I also think that the 5-4 vote on the part of the Supreme Court suggests that there is a lot of concern over whether these types of programs are not impinging upon the separation of church and state. I know that the majority rules, but it scares me that the nine people who set the precedents for major decisions and laws in our country cannot agree over the most important constitutional questions in our country.

Like so many issues in our

country, private school vouchers have support from one party and dislike from the other. I am willing to see how it could go with a pilot program, but if many students find that public school, with all its faults, is still a better fit, then I hope our state government would be willing to admit it was wrong and pour the money back into the public school system.

*Michele is going to be recovering this weekend from a nasty oven accident that resulted in a large burn on her thumb. Feel free to send your condolences for her stupidity to mlhagama@unity.ncsu.edu.*

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to all her grandchildren, 5 grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter.

As much as they enrich our lives, grandparents are the best link to our past: personal history, family history and national history. I can remember countless times when I have spent an afternoon listening to Granny talk about the Great Depression and how it affected her family's tobacco farm. Our grandparents are a part of the Greatest Generation, a generation that saved our country and the world and made it possible for our parents and us to survive, live and thrive in a world relatively free of tyranny. Unfortunately, nature is taking its toll and the ranks of the Greatest Generation are shrinking. Now more than ever we should

cherish and savor the time we have with our grandparents and learn as much as we can from them and apply it to our lives and our futures.

Yes, our grandparents are old and eccentric. They sleep a lot, wear dentures and drive slowly with their left-turn blinker on. But, then again, so will we when we get to be their age. And when our grandchildren come to visit us, what kind of impact will we make on their lives? Will it be just as much an impact as our grandparents had on us? Like most things, only time will tell.

*Ben called his Grammy and Grandma last week, just to say hey. E-mail him your favorite memories with our grandparents to bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu. Read the New York Times article at <http://www.nytimes.com/2002/11/05/health/aging/05GRAN.html>.*

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## Diversity: Lower standards are not the best solution

Staff Editorial  
*The Seahawk*  
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(U-WIRE)  
WILMINGTON, N.C. — Nobody can argue the fact

that a greater minority presence is needed on the campus of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. To have a mission statement that embraces diversity but a campus that reflects only an eight percent student minority is contradictory. The powers that be should be applauded for the formation of an 18-member committee that will develop specific strategies for improving diversity among students, faculty and staff. However, before the UNC-W community gives their pat on the back to this committee, one warning must also be given:

Don't just give enrollment away! To simply give a minority student admission to what is supposedly a "top-10 school in the South" according to U.S. News & World Report, based on their race alone, would be a slap in the face to students and faculty of ALL races.

Minorities are not dumb. Many just have not been afforded the opportunities to excel like those of a higher-class status. The focus of this committee should not be only to recruit minority students and faculty but to find ways to get into the high schools and prepare minority students before they begin applying to college.

How is true diversity ever going to be reached on this campus if we have white professors and

students wondering which athletic team a black student is on? It's sad, but those are the sentiments of many minority students.

How are white students going to ever learn about diversity if they never hear the thoughts and ideas of a minority in their own classrooms? It's even sadder that most students will receive a degree from UNC-W without ever having a black professor. Contrary to some beliefs, the real world is not 92 percent white.

Hopefully, there will be a day on this campus where everyone can look each other in the eye and know that we are all here because we earned it and not because we just wanted to increase a statistic.

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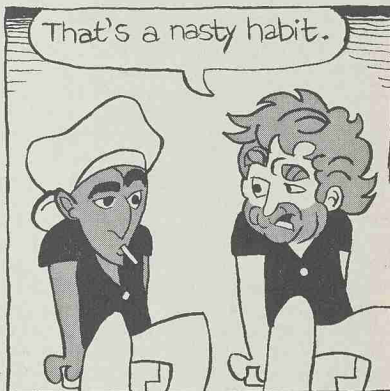
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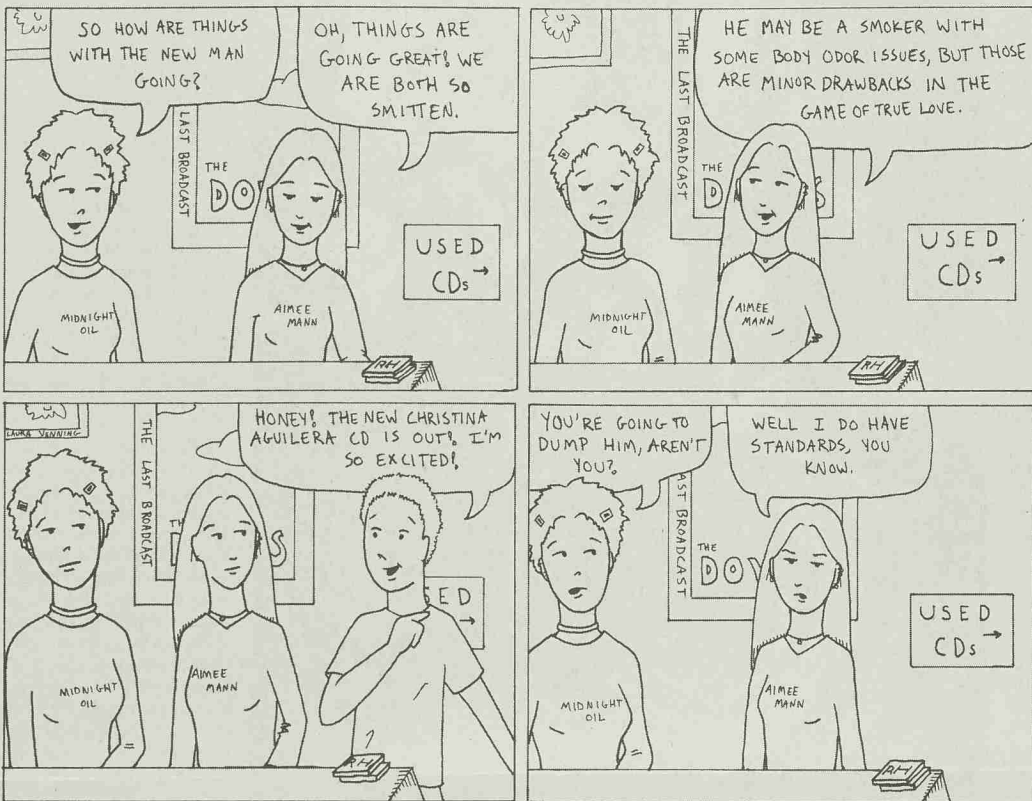
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I continued to carry wounded the second day were in this position. One fellow who had an artery severed in his leg by a piece of shrapnel. I bandaged with a tourniquet just above the wound, and rushed him back to the dressing station. Saw that he had immediate attention, as the tourniquet had to be loosened quite often. Another fellow had his whole heel shot off. Another had his head severed from his body as clean as if had been done with a knife.  
—Clarence Richmond, war diary, 1918

In order to execute her preliminary plan for reconstruction of the ruined city of Achillia, Chalkhydry sent Zathael and Matajuro to the outskirts of the city to seek out any survivors of the cataclysm that may have been living anywhere in the hills surrounding the great metropolis.

The feline Matajuro packed himself and Zathael some supplies for the surveying trip. He was used to such excursions and knew he had to pack light. Any food and water other than the first day's rations would have to be found on the trip. Matajuro packed a few other amenities and his sword, and the pair set off to the Five Points of Achillia. Zathael picked up Matajuro and put him on his back and took to the sky.

The Five Points of Achillia were less points than they were surrounding lands that encompassed the greater metropolis area of the now-defunct megalopolis. The Five Points of Achillia included Operose, Kyphosis, Ritornello, Anchorite and Myrmidon. They had started out as city-states and counties in the olden days, far before Zathael was born, though as the city of Achillia became more industrious and sprawling, border disputes and laws began to conflict between the Five Points. The various governments' argumentations started out small but eventually escalated into an all out war between the Five Points and the city of Achillia. Most of the land that included the Five Points was brought under control of Achillia after the great city conquered its neighboring lands through sly treatise and brute domination, yet the damage had been done in parts of the districts Zathael thought the saddest part of all was that the war was rendered moot after a doomsday comet lay Achillia and its inhabitants to waste...but he chose not to think about that comet for the moment, as that thought process always led him to parts of his brain he'd rather not visit.

On the first day of their journey, Zathael and Matajuro visited Myrmidon. Myrmidon had been Achillia's greatest rival. Once a thriving city on its own, the two had become terrific trading partners but had soured after they began to see each other more as rivals rather than cooperates. The governments also began inacting laws concerning trade with the other Five Points, as Achillia began enacting tolls and barring trade that had to pass through the roads of Achillia. The shipping industry preferred that the straightest route from one province to the other be used, and Achillia took advantage of being in the center of the Five Points' trade routes, much to the anger

of Myrmidon, whose citizens felt they were being taxed heavier for usage of these trade routes because, "Achillia was trying to gain supreme economic power." The two began to tax and tariff one another, and as a knee-jerk reaction, the two began arming themselves and merchant ships began to look less like commercial vessels and more like warcrafts. One day a coffee shipment going from Myrmidon to Kyphosis refused to pay the Achillian tolls. The Achillian Army showed up the next day. The Myrmidon shippers still refused to pay the taxes, citing unfair treatment by the Achillian trade authorities based on documentation that other provinces in the Five Points were being charged less by the ton. The Myrmidons were ordered once again to pay the tolls, and the Achillian army began to advance on the merchants. The shippers became frightened, and someone fired a shot. No one knew exactly who fired first, though Zathael (being Achillian himself) was always led to believe that it was to be the captain of the Myrmidon ship. A complete volley followed seconds after the first shot, and when the smoke cleared, three Achillian soldiers and twenty Myrmidon shippers lay dead. Both sides spun the story to fit their various needs and propaganda. The Achillians held it to be the product of materialistic and violent Myrmidon morals. The Myrmidons saw it to be the result of oppressive and autocratic tendencies of the Achillian government.

In the long run of the war, the Myrmidons put up the most fight of all of the Five Points. This was primarily due to their technology, which was slightly ahead of the Achillians, but mostly due to the fact that Achillia and Myrmidon had been developing their societies along similar lines, and in the end it was the sheer size of the Achillian Army (and rather reluctantly Zathael himself with his super feats of sabotage) that brought Myrmidon under the heel of Achillian jurisdiction.

And so, the two travellers, Zathael and Matajuro, who were weary from their day's journey, decided to camp in the ruins of Myrmidon's legislative district and explore the city the next day when the light was better, and they were more refreshed. The stars came out, and as Zathael slumbered, he began to dream of what it was like in the old days, before the wars between the Five Points and Achillia, before the mass industrialization, and of course, before the comet impact that had made everything most moot.

Zathael dreamed he stood in a golden field with the wind blowing through the wheat, creating waves and ripples through the ripened grain harvest. He passed his hand over the soft crop and walked through it down toward a river where the wheat turned to grasses and cattails. As he stepped closer to the bubbling clear river, a flock of mallards flushed out from under him and took to the sky. He chased after them, running alongside the bank parallel to the



"Zathael remembered nights ripe with fire when small aircraft dropped him past enemy lines and he would spend until early morning engaging Myrmidon tank brigades by himself." Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

ducks' flight in the air. It felt so good to run; it made him seem so energetic. But he felt his feet leave the ground because, though running made breathe, flying made him feel so alive!

Zathael soared with the mallards, looping around their quacking "V" formation. He laughed as they looked at him, guessing they hardly knew what to make of this airborne human who flew as they did. He pushed himself and easily outclocked their pace and darted through the blue sky.

A silver gleam caught Zathael's eye. He zoomed towards its point of origin, across the row of leafy trees that sounded like a rushing ocean. The closer he came to the silver gleam the more he could make it out to be a commercial airship, en route to some faraway land. He heard the roar of its engines and flew by the passenger compartments and waved at the people inside, who looked out the windows and portholes at him as

he whizzed by. He circled around the mighty zeppelin and zipped into the clouds in the beautiful blue sky.

The next day, Zathael and Matajuro combed the streets of Myrmidon, searching for any survivors that may have lived through the comet's impact of its neighboring metropolis. The pair found nothing. Nothing but empty cars and toppled over buildings. It was pretty much a smaller version of Achillia, desolate and quiet, except when the wind would pick up every now and then and blow some of the dust around. Matajuro made notes for their leader, Chalkhydry, of what little plant life had endured the impact. Except for some patches of grass and a tree or two, Myrmidon was quite barren and mostly existed as a garden of stone and twisted, rusty iron. The two packed up their belongings and left the city. Zathael hiked Matajuro on his back and they took to the sky.

The second of the Five Points was a place called Anchorite. Anchorite had been populated mostly by farmers and minute processing plants. The place was a wasteland now. It was isolated and sparse, littered with the remnants of tanks and destroyed machines.

In the early days of the war, Anchorite's little government fractionated. Half sided with Myrmidon and the other half paired itself with Achillia. It turned out that neither alliance was beneficial to the Anchorites, as their province was essentially a buffer zone between the two warring cities. The agrarian society was trampled under the treads of tanks and the fields, once seasoned with crops was blown apart into trenches and mud. The small populations of Anchorite were decimated, as one cannot live in a land that becomes a highway of bombs.

Zathael had fought many a battle in this land for the Achillians. He remembered nights ripe with fire when small aircraft dropped him past enemy lines and he would spend until early morning engaging Myrmidon tank brigades by himself. He tried never to kill people in his missions, mostly to completely ruin whatever technologies and machinery the Myrmidons had. But sometimes he had a hard time remembering what would happen during those dark skirmishes. Sometimes the only thing he would recollect would be a hodge-podge of bending metal, explosions, and searchlights in the smoky sky that dashed to and forth trying to track him as he leapt from tank to tank, ripping the turrets from the frames. He tried to forget that at times he would feel something

soft tear and squish with the tanks, but he always told himself that it was only the abundance of mud in the murky battlefields.

Zathael and Matajuro flew straight over Anchorite, deciding that the province was far too uninhabitable for anyone to possibly survive in such a harsh environment of mud and ghostly death. Matajuro made sure to document that he saw no life forms in the area, not even a passing bird or insect.

After a day and a half's worth of journey, the two travelers arrived at dusk to Ritornello. Ritornello was by far the most lush place they had visited since leaving Achillia. No signs of war or even the comet's arrival could be noted. The province, though flat, was rich with tall grasses and verdant forests. Just before sunset, Matajuro even had the good fortune of catching a pheasant for their dinner. This was much of relief to Matajuro, as the feline hadn't eaten since they had consumed their rations in Myrmidon, almost two days prior. The two enjoyed a bountiful meal of pheasant, pecans and apples and had a wonderful night's rest, sleeping in a grassy field near the edge of a deciduous woodland.

The pair packed up their camp and decided to walk for a little while instead of fly, since walking gained a better observance of the ground life, and besides; Ritornello was such a nice place to be. They walked through the grassy field, surveying the province. They found no trace of people, but did discover that natural wildlife thrived and lived in the habitat. Zathael thought that this was probably just as important as finding people, as it showed that at least some of the lands around the metropolis had bounced back and recovered from the wars between the Five Points and Achillia, not to mention the doomsday comet that finished the job that the wars started.

Zathael and Matajuro walked for the better part of the day and came to the end of the field, which met a huge body of rushing water. The water was clear and filled with fish. Matajuro hopped in and caught one, rationing it in a container that he had brought with him, just for such an occasion. Zathael stood on the bank and scanned the water. He knew it to be not a lake, but an enormous river that separated Ritornello from their next destination, Kyphosis, which he desired venturing to. He took off his clothes and jumped in the bank of the river, where the water wasn't rolling so heavily. He washed his clothes on the rocks and dried them, using his inherent ability to cause heat and electricity to come from his hands. Zathael shouted to Matajuro to prepare once again for flight. Though this was a river, it was going to take them a little while to fly over it because it was very, very wide.

In the second hour of flight across the river, Zathael had noticed that it had begun to drizzle and felt Matajuro hold on to his back a little tighter. The drizzle picked up steadily, becoming a constant downpour. Finally flashes of lightning began to flicker and the sound of thunder commenced. Zathael strained his eyes and he thought he could make out the bank of the Kyphosis side of the river. The storm intensified and Zathael pressed on, trying to make it to the other side before visibility totally went out on him.

KRAK! A white flash and a numbing pain hit Zathael like a train of bricks. He felt Matajuro go limp and slide off his back. Zathael reached out his hand and through the blinding dark and rain felt himself grab the feline's fuzzy arm. He pulled Matajuro into his chest as he found himself hurtling downwards in a world of pain, grimacing at the thought of hitting that deep, cold, black water.

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## Soccer falls in first round of ACC championship

The Wolfpack was defeated by the Tigers by a score of 5-2 Thursday afternoon.

Sports Staff Report

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The N.C. State women's soccer team lost to Clemson 5-2 Thursday in the first round of the ACC championship, hosted by Florida State.

The match started out in favor of Clemson, as the ACC Player of the Year, Deliah Arrington, netted two goals in the first half. The first goal came in the 16th minute off a header from the middle of the penalty box. She was set up

by teammate Paige Ledford from the far right side of the pitch.

Then, in the 45th minute, Arrington tallied her second goal of the afternoon after winning the one-on-one against Wolfpack goalkeeper, senior Gretchen Lear. The Pack had just two shots on goal, as they were outshot 11-2 in the first portion. Lear finished with two saves.

State got off to a better start in the second half, scoring its first goal in the 47th minute to lessen the gap at 2-1. Senior Jordan Allison took a pass from senior Jenny Pearce and placed it in the goal after Clemson's netminder fell to

one side.

With momentum on its side, the Wolfpack sparked an offensive surge to produce seven more shots, including three shots on goal. Sophomore Annika Schmidt led the way for the Pack as she collected two shots, both on goal. Freshman Lindsey DeLorenzo also tallied two shots.

None, however, found the back of the net.

The Tigers regained control of the game by scoring the next three goals, the first of which coming off a penalty kick by Rachel Gallegos in the 50th minute. The penalty was awarded after an in-

the-box foul by State. Clemson scored again in the 61st and 71st minute.

Despite losing, the Pack did tally the final goal. Schmidt made good on a free kick at the top of the box to end all scoring for the match in the 81st minute. Lauren Heos, the Clemson goalkeeper, finished the match with one save, while allowing two goals. Lear recorded three saves on eight attempts.

State will await the selection show for a possible NCAA bid. The announcement on tournament bids will be made on Monday at 4:30 p.m. on ESPNnews.

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no doubt about that," said Byrne. "I don't even focus on it and I don't even pay attention to it because I know what the future of the program is going to be. I know that the players are working hard and doing the things that they need to be doing."

"I know it's going to turn

around. I think there's a bright future with what these players can do on the floor. We need to keep that attitude strong on the floor in practice and in matches, but we're going to get there. Everybody on the team knows that. Everybody in the conference knows that. That's where our focus is. We're motivated by what we can do in the future."

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Florida State would likely need to lose at least two more games since it is ranked ahead of the Terps in the polls and won the head-to-head matchup. Maryland would also have to win the rest of its ACC games.

If Maryland beats State this weekend, Maryland will have the inside track on the Gator Bowl. If State wins, Maryland is likely Peach Bowl bound, provided it doesn't slip up against Clemson, Virginia or Wake Forest.

**Virginia** After the top three teams, the rest of the conference's bowl prospects are mottled due to the Cavaliers. With its 13-game schedule, Virginia must win seven games to become bowl eligible. As of now, the Cavs are 6-3 and in fourth in the conference, but Virginia closes with Penn State, Maryland, State and Virginia Tech. The Cavs will not be favored in any of those games.

If Virginia sneaks out a win, however, it will likely head to either the Tangerine Bowl or the new Continental Tire Bowl.

**Georgia Tech** With its upset of the Pack last week, Georgia Tech virtually guaranteed itself a bowl appearance. With three losses in conference play, however, Georgia Tech would need to win out and get some help to sneak into

the Gator or Peach bowls — which is highly unlikely.

Right now, the Yellow Jackets appear headed toward a Tangerine Bowl berth. If Virginia can become bowl eligible, however, Georgia Tech might slip to the Continental Tire Bowl. It is unlikely Tech would slip to the No. 6 spot, the Seattle Bowl, since the Yellow Jackets made that trip last year.

**Clemson and Wake Forest** Each of these teams needs to win one game to become bowl eligible, and each has one remaining game in which it will be favored. Clemson takes on North Carolina this weekend, and Wake Forest faces Navy next week.

If Virginia wins a game and both of these teams become eligible for a bowl, Clemson will likely go to the Seattle Bowl as it has a larger fan base and can sell more tickets. Wake could fill a vacant bowl slot if the situation presents itself.

If Virginia loses out and these teams both become bowl eligible, Clemson will likely go to the Continental Tire Bowl, and Wake will go to the Seattle Bowl.

*Just because Steve picks Maryland to win, doesn't mean he wants Maryland to win. That probably won't stop you from contacting him at sbthomps@unity.ncsu.edu or 515-2411.*

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land's offense is converting 89.7 percent of the time for scores in the red zone. Only Georgia Tech has a better percentage in the ACC. Maryland junior quarterback Scott McBrien runs a balanced offensive attack that averages 199 passing yards per game and 194 rushing yards per game, thanks to an offensive line that only lost its center and tight end from last year's squad.

"It's the same football team as far as where the grunting and groaning goes," said Amato. "Those are the same grunts up there."

The experience of the line helps to explain why, even without junior tailback Bruce Perry, last year's ACC Offensive Player of the Year, the Terps have had success running the football this season. Perry averaged 5.7 yards per carry last season, and Downs has more than adequately filled in this season during Perry's absence due to injury. Downs, a Philadelphia native, is averaging 6.5 yards per carry and only needs 183 yards

to surpass 1,000 yards for the season.

"They're committed to pounding the football and playing defense," said Amato. "As good as Perry was, maybe if somebody else was there, he might have even been better. And that's not to slight Perry because he's a great running back."

Freshman Shawne Merriman led the Terps' defense last week with eight tackles and three sacks to earn ACC Rookie of the Week honors, but E.J. Henderson is still the leader of the Terps' defense. The 2001 ACC Player of the Year leads the Terps in tackles with 97, good enough for fourth best in the ACC.

Junior tackle Chris Colmer respects Henderson's ability but believes the Pack can contain the Nagurski Award candidate.

"He's a real good player," said Colmer. "He made a lot of plays against us last year. We just need to block him. If we can get a hat on him and a hat on everyone we're supposed to, [then] I believe we can be successful."

And what about the Terps' spe-

cial teams?

"They're awfully, awfully dangerous," said Amato.

Sophomore kicker Nick Novak leads the ACC in field goal accuracy. The Lou Groza Award finalist has booted 14 of 17 field goals this season and converted on all 40 PATs. The Terps are dangerous on the other side of the kicking game as well. Sophomore Steve Sutter's 77-yard punt return for a touchdown against North Carolina, his fourth of the season, tied a NCAA record for punt return touchdowns in a season.

The Terps have won the last two games versus the Pack in heart-breaking fashion for State.

"I wouldn't say there's anything in particular with Maryland, like there's a jinx," said senior defensive end George Anderson. "I guess [that] in the last two years, they've made more plays than we've made."

The bigger of those plays came in the last three minutes of action last season at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Protecting a three-point lead, the Pack nearly gave up a game-

breaking 65-yard touchdown reception, but Lamont Reid seemingly flashed out of nowhere to strip the ball from Maryland receiver Rich Parson just before he reached the goal line. Levar Fisher recovered the fumble in the end zone for a touchback and State took over on downs with 2:51 remaining. State went three-and-out, only managing to kill 32 seconds from the clock, and Maryland went on to win the game 23-19.

After the game, Amato took the blame for the loss, saying that he played "not to lose." Amato told his players that he did them a disservice by playing a conventional style of football near the end of the game, something he never intended to do when he took the head-coaching job at State. With that in mind, Amato made this claim Monday:

"I don't care what it takes," said Amato. "I'll do anything, anywhere, anytime to give us a chance to win."

Amato and the Pack will get their chance to prove it, Saturday at noon.

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# Friday Sports

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 Football @ Maryland, 11/9, noon  
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 Volleyball @ Wake Forest, 11/8

**Scores**  
 Clemson 5, W. soccer 2



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## Bowl situations



Steve Thompson

Throughout the entire season, people have marked down N.C. State's Nov. 23 showdown with Florida State as the game of the year. While that game could prove to be as big as advertised, this week's game at

Maryland could be just as important, if not more important, for the Pack.

State is not going to the Fiesta Bowl. Last week's 24-17 loss to Georgia Tech settled that issue. But that's about the only thing settled at this point. The Pack can still go to a BCS game, but State could also wind up in the Gator, the Peach or even the Tangerine Bowl based on its remaining three games.

Saturday's game at Maryland will certainly narrow down those options. A win by State virtually eliminates a chance at dropping to the Peach and Tangerine, but a loss to the Terrapins likely relegates the Pack to one of those two bowls.

Here's how the ACC bowl situation is shaping up for teams that could be bowl eligible.

**Florida State** At 5-0 in the ACC and as the only remaining team unbeaten in conference play, Florida State is in the driver's seat for a return to a BCS bowl. Florida State has a matchup this weekend with a dangerous Georgia Tech team, before closing out its ACC schedule against a pathetic North Carolina squad and then the Pack.

A loss by the 'Noles in any of those games knocks State or Maryland back into the BCS picture. If FSU doesn't go to the BCS, however, it certainly will go to the Gator Bowl.

**N.C. State** If the Pack wins out, it is likely headed to a BCS bowl. Three wins would leave State 7-1 in the ACC and, at least, tied with FSU for the league title. Since State would have beaten the Seminoles, the Pack would be chosen as the ACC's BCS representative unless Florida State somehow manages to be an average of five spots ahead of State in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches' polls. This is unlikely, considering State would be 12-1 and FSU would have at least four losses.

If State splits the Maryland and Florida State games (regardless of the Virginia game), the Pack would be chosen for the Gator Bowl. If State loses to Maryland and FSU beats Virginia, State would go to the Peach Bowl. If State loses all three of its games, the Peach is still a possibility but the Tangerine becomes a possibility as well.

**Maryland** For Maryland to go to a BCS game, it would need a lot of help.

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## Pack ready for Maryland



Sean Burton (87) has been a vital contributor to the running game from the tight end position. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

**No. 14 N.C. State is eager to return to action and halt Maryland's six-game winning streak.**

Jon Page  
 Staff Writer

Georgia Tech ruined N.C. State's Homecoming and hopes for an undefeated season by downing the Wolfpack 24-17, but like Tech, State can play the role of spoiler when it visits Byrd Stadium tomorrow to face the No. 25 Maryland Terrapins in its 65th

Homecoming game. State (9-1, 4-1) hopes to bounce back against one of the ACC's hottest teams. After a slow start that included losses at Notre Dame and against Florida State, Maryland (7-2, 3-1) extended a six-game winning streak last week by stomping on North Carolina 59-7. The Terps amassed a season-best 588 total yards, led by senior running back Chris Downs, who rushed for 157 yards on 19 carries for four touchdowns.

Head coach Chuck Amato believes that a game vs. a test-

ed opponent is exactly what the Pack needs after a tough loss to convince its biggest skeptics.

"If we want to make you people believers in us, we couldn't ask for anything better," said Amato. "If we were going to play somebody who was 1-AAA or 1-AAAA, you'd make a big thing about it, and if we beat them, it wouldn't be good enough anyway."

The game will pit two of the nation's best units against one another. Junior quarterback Philip Rivers slipped to third in the nation in passing effi-

ciency this week with a 155.23 mark, and the competition doesn't get any easier this week. The Maryland defense ranks eighth in the nation in scoring, allowing only 14.4 points per game, but State still ranks seventh in scoring offense with 38.5 points per game.

State senior linebacker Dantonio Burnette, who tops the Pack with 91 tackles and eight sacks, leads a defense that allows only 307 yards per game, best in the ACC. But Mary-

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## Wolfpack's search for ACC victory continues

Wake Forest and Duke are the last road-trip stops for the Wolfpack.

Jay Kohler  
 Senior Staff Writer

With only four games remaining in the season, N.C. State is in danger of finishing the ACC volleyball schedule without a conference win.

This weekend, the Pack will try to pick up that first conference win of the season in its final road trip. State (3-26, 0-11 ACC) will first travel to Winston-Salem to take on Wake Forest (12-14, 5-7), before heading to Durham to take on the Blue Devils (21-6, 9-3), who are tied with Georgia Tech for second place in the league.

"Duke has beaten some good teams," said head coach Mary Byrne. "We're not looking at it that way. Every time we step onto the court, we want to win the match. We expect to win the match. If we don't take that attitude, then it doesn't make much sense to do this."

Two Pack players are currently listed among the top-10 ACC volleyball players in different categories. Sophomore Maya Mapp is 10th in hitting percentage with a .295 rating. Lindi Sheppard is seventh in assists with 9.01 per game.

Wake Forest's Ashlee Phillips is third in the league with a .344 attack percentage. She's also sixth with 11.67 assists per game. Valerie Rydberg is fourth in the league with service aces with 0.43 per game. Rydberg is averaging 2.88 digs per game, good enough for 10th in the league.

Duke has several players in each individual category. Overall, Duke is among the top-three teams in blocks, service aces and digs. Jill Sonne of Duke leads the league in service aces with 0.56 per game.

To say that the Wolfpack has struggled this season in ACC games would be an understatement. The team and its coach, however, haven't given up on the season. Instead, they have continued going into their games with the same frame of mind.

"We expect [to win] every time," said Byrne. "It's just that some things haven't gone quite the way that we hoped. We're a very athletic team and with that athleticism, as we gain experience, we're going to be better down the road. We just need to focus on each and every game."

State's ACC losing streak is now at 25 games, dating back to last season. The closest the Pack has come against any ACC team this year were a pair of 3-1 losses.

"We certainly don't enjoy losing, there's

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## Fear the Turtle



The Terrapins have one of the ACC's top defenses, even when they aren't grabbing face masks. KRT photo by Craig Litten

Maryland has been the forgotten team in the ACC this year, but the Terrapins are still dangerous.

Taylor Francis  
 Staff Writer

Last year behind the legs of running back Bruce Perry, the arm of quarterback Shaun Hill, the tenacity of linebacker E.J. Henderson and the brain of first-year head coach Ralph Friedgen, the Maryland Terrapins shocked the college football world by finishing with a top-10 national ranking, a berth in a BCS bowl and a conference championship.

After such a season, surely Maryland would star in the limelight this year, right?

The Terps did get some preseason press, cracking the top 25 of both national polls. After Maryland opened its season in the Kickoff Classic with a 22-0 loss to Notre Dame on national television, however, the Terps were pushed to the back of everyone's minds, where they have lurked ever since.

As N.C. State opened the season 9-0 and rose in the BCS rankings and Florida State struggled against non-conference opponents, all the atten-

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Monday's trivia question: Before Saturday's win over N.C. State, when was the last time an unranked Georgia Tech team defeated a top-10 opponent?

Answer: On Oct. 28, 2000, Georgia Tech beat No. 4 Clemson 31-28.

Check back on Monday for a chance to be next week's guest picker.

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