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## English program changes

Students will notice changes in the courses that they need to fulfill in order to pass the freshman English quota.

John Willingham  
Staff Reporter

For the last few years, N.C. State has dealt with anomalies in the Freshman Writing Program. Recently, each class of incoming freshmen has had to deal with new requirements in the English department.

Students who entered the university in the 2002-2003 school year were faced with different requirements than those in years past. Previously, English 111 and 112 were required classes for freshmen; however, adjustments were made to cope with the budget crisis that the university has faced since 2000.

English 111Z was created because of the budget crisis.

Instead of two separate course requirements, 111Z was one intensive course that taught students how to write not just in literature classes, but across the disciplines as well.

English 111Z not only reduced class size, but it provided easier access to more classrooms. Passing 111Z earned three hours and fulfilled the university's Freshman Writing Requirement. The former requirement of 112 was waived for those who passed 111Z, and in the place of 112, three free elective hours were added for students.

Some students had the option of not taking 111Z if higher placement allowed. Instead of earning three hours, the students who placed out of 111Z were to earn six hours in English 113. Now that funding has come through, 111Z has been replaced with the original program.

The intended program, which includes English 100 and 101, will be similar to last year's 111Z class. Incoming freshman students must take both 100 and 101 to satisfy their Freshman Writing Requirement.

In some cases, students are able to place out of 100 and jump straight into 101 if their SAT Verbal scores are between 480-690, or if their ACT scores are between 20-32 on the English and Reading portions of the test. Some students could skip both if they can submit a writing portfolio worthy of exemption, which exhibits their proficiency in writing.

Just like 111Z, 100 and 101 will help students in writing in other depart-

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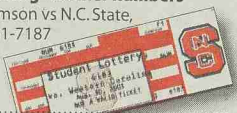


### Day in the Life

Kevin Hubbard a father, student, bail bondsman, jokester, past poet and football player probably deserves a class-time snooze. After all, how many college students lives include chasing drug dealers and raising a young child as part of daily life?

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## The Wright brothers did it right

Noah Adams, a speaker from NPR, talks about the first flight back in 1903.

Carie Windham  
Staff Reporter

Time travel. Living on the moon. Teleportation.

To an audience of N.C. State students on Tuesday, those things seemed almost "preposterous" in this day and age. But as speaker Noah Adams reminded them, so did flight in 1903.

"[The Wright Brothers] almost gave up," Adams said

as he spoke of the famed first aviator's first attempts at flight. "In fact, they thought that man would never fly. It's hard to remember now but at that time, they figured that flight was not going to be possible."

Adams, a senior correspondent for National Public Radio, took students from those early days in the Wright bicycle shop to the final days of the brothers' lives during the University Scholars Program's Forum Series on Tuesday in Witherspoon Student Center's Campus Cinema.

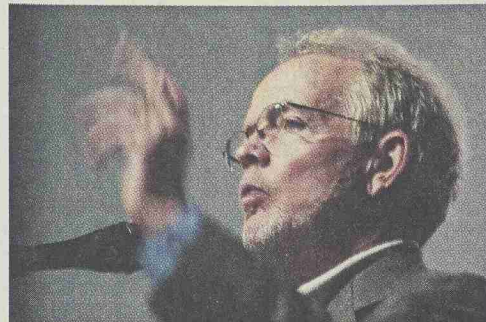
For Adams, the talk was the first stop in a national book

tour for his new book, "The Flyers: In Search of Wilbur & Orville Wright," which follows the quest of the Wright brother to be the first people to build and fly the world's first heavier-than-air craft.

For students, it was an opportunity to hear excerpts from the author, who spent years following the Wright Brothers' path, digging through diaries and letters and interviewing experts and other individuals on the trail.

"I was just impressed with

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Noah Adams speaks about the Wright Brothers for the University Scholars Program on Tuesday in Witherspoon Student Center.

## Rainy day hues



Students Ben Salmon and Ashley Tugman attempt to stay dry during the scattered rain on Tuesday.

## Entrepreneur shares her experiences



Barbara Mulkey, an NC State alumna, speaks as part of The Entrepreneurs' Lecture Series on Tuesday at the McKimmon Center.

Local entrepreneur and alumna speaks for Entrepreneurs' Lecture Series.

Kenneth Ball  
Staff Reporter

"I didn't start my business to get rich," Barbara Mulkey said of her 10 years as an entrepreneur.

Whatever her motivations may have been, 10 years ago, Mulkey, an N.C. State alumna and resident of Cary, founded what is now one of the fastest growing engineering consulting firms in the Southeast. Mulkey, president and CEO of Mulkey Engineers & Consultants, spoke at the McKimmon Center Tuesday afternoon. In her talk, "Barbara Mulkey: From Kitchen Table Leadership to Boardroom Success," she spoke on her experiences as an entrepreneur and an engineer.

Mulkey graduated from NCSU in 1977 with a degree in civil engineering, and received

her master's degree in the same field in 1984. After holding various positions in the public and private sector, Mulkey founded her firm in 1993.

Her firm is involved in numerous high profile engineering projects in the area, including the Progress Energy project in Raleigh, the I-77/Tyvola Interchange and the Fayetteville Street Renaissance. Mulkey Engineers & Consultants has also worked on the Arther Ravenel, Jr. Bridge in Charleston.

"I think it's really cool that she's in a male-dominated field," said Anna Cook, a master's student in civil engineering, who describes Mulkey as one of her role models.

As one of few women in the civil engineering field, Mulkey overcame many obstacles during her career. However, she said she was able to balance the personal and entrepreneurial parts of her life to overcome adversity and become a very successful busi-

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## Textile plant closings concern textile students

While textile mills are still a major source of jobs statewide, companies are starting to move their business overseas and the economy is taking a hit.

Andrea DeLeo  
Staff Reporter

The recent textile plant closings throughout North Carolina has spurred concern among the workers, government and even students. One of the biggest job losses in North Carolina was the textile Pillowtex Corporation. In July, it closed five Tar Heel plants,

putting around 5,500 people out of jobs. This blow appears to have raised public support for trade reforms that help manufacturers.

It is just one of many plants that have left workers jobless and frustrated with the economy. These job cuts are part of the largest layoff in U.S. textile history, according to the American Textile Manufacturers Institute. It is a major setback in the state's economy when the economy needs to be moving forward, not taking steps backward.

For a decade, textile mills have let go one out of every two jobs statewide. The majority of these losses occurred in the

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Textile students express concern regarding recent textile plant closings.

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his dedication to his subjects in writing the biography," Paul Denard, a freshman in engineering, said after the speech.

Danielle Speller, a freshman in physics, said she found the talk to be very interesting, though she said she is already interested in flying, especially hang gliding.

"A lot of what he had said reminded me of some of the stuff that I had seen on television over the years, but I had forgotten about it so it was nice to be reminded," she said.

Adams said his own discoveries during the process were what surprised him most as he wrote the book.

"I was just appalled and amazed at what I didn't know when I started," Adams told the students. "You sort of drift through life and you think: 'Well, a couple of bicycle mechanics got lucky and it had to happen. I was just astounded at their intelligence and their dedication and their talent and their courage.'"

He shared individual anecdotes and stories to prove his point.

Neither brother had a college degree or even finished high school, yet they developed a concept for airplane control using wing warping that is still used today.

"They always worried that they didn't have a college education," Adams said. He asked a researcher on his travels what would have

happened if they had gone to college, and the researcher replied, "The airplane would have been delayed by four years."

In addition to their intelligence, Adams said to even climb aboard the first flyer took unbelievable courage as many had died trying to prove similar feats.

Beyond the facts and chronology of the Wright brothers' lives, Adams also shared personal tidbits about their inner desires and longings.

"All they ever said they wanted was a million dollars," he said. "But more than that, they wanted the respect of their peers."

But Adams said that for a long time, they didn't get it. They had the respect of other pilots but never that of the intellectuals they craved. And for many years - he referred to them as the "lost years" - they waited for governments to buy into their model.

But they were happy, at times, he said.

"All happiness is a time of innocence. In the Wrights' careers and lives, you can see the happiness in the attainment of the goal in 1903, possibly 1905," Adams told the audience. "After that...there wasn't much happiness, in fact there was much anguish."

After the speech, Adams said that he thinks students could draw a great deal from the experiences of the two men.

"The Wrights found what they wanted to do," he said. "They have that luxury but only after a long time. They were in their 30s. They sort of wandered around. I just

think it's instructive for students: first of all, not to let people have you decide what you want to do at 25, and not to worry so much about it. Not to agonize over it. Because opportunities come along."

The story of the brothers also has historical significance in 2003.

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the "first flight" at Kitty Hawk in the North Carolina Outer Banks. In North Carolina - from license plates to postage stamps and the current memorial - the Wright brothers' choice of location has been a focal point of local pride. A national commemoration will take place on Dec. 17.

But "bragging rights" for founding aviation have also been a "tug-of-war" between Ohio, where the Wrights were born, and North Carolina, where they flew.

Adams touched on the issue during his speech.

"On the Outer Banks they found the weather and the open land they needed," he said. "They returned with new flyers in 1901 and 1902 and the flying machine in 1903. It is difficult to think it could have happened anywhere else."

And that's where Adams said he'd be, if their suggested time travel proved to be just as "preposterous" as flight for the Wright Brothers.

"You know where I'd go?" he asked students. "I'd like to be there at 5 a.m. on Dec. 17 in 1903."

in today's competitive marketplace.

"I can't teach anyone to be an entrepreneur, but if I can help unlock that tendency and help them understand their own potential then I think I've done my job," Miller said.

"I think this is one of those things they have at State that you might not always find out about, but you hear about it and say 'Oh, I think I'll go to that,'" said Gabrielle Serang, who attended the lecture on Tuesday.

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ments.

Specifically, it prepares them for different types of specialized instruction. Director of the Freshman Writing Program, Nancy Penrose, Ph.D., wanted to provide students with a writing course that doesn't focus entirely on literature and English, but one that will "get a broad sense of writing across disciplines that prepares them with specialized instruction."

In particular, she wanted to know what kind of course would be the most beneficial to incoming writers.

"This led us to design a course that doesn't focus on just one

course, but will provide foundation for future writing in many areas," Penrose said.

Students in 100 and 101 will not just learn MLA guidelines, but guidelines used in other areas of study.

Penrose and other department heads believe that a student "will learn about different research methods, as well as learning to value different types of evidence."

The Freshman Writing Program website stated that "effective writing and speaking in academic and professional settings often demand proficiency in the use of information technologies and resources." The website explains further "students must have a basic understanding of how information is identified and defined

by experts, structured, organized and accessed, in both the print and digital environments."

Matthew Smith, a junior in natural resources, is a veteran of the days when English 111 and 112 were the requirement; he felt that he "didn't receive appropriate knowledge, applicable in every class or subject."

"I feel like I'm missing out on things that would've been useful in other fields of study," Smith said.

Christopher Horne, a freshman in aerospace engineering, was optimistic about the new requirement.

"From what I've learned, I think it's a great opportunity to master writing in all areas...although I haven't looked forward to meeting four times a week," he said.

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last three years. The closings have hit close to home in North Carolina. Textile mills are still the biggest employers in Burlington, Hickory and Gastonia. It is in these towns that the economy will begin to spiral downward. There will be shorter lines at movie theaters, fewer people eating out and less money for shopping. When one part of the economy is interrupted, everyone is affected.

"Foreign producers are not able to do a lot of the fancy things, but they can make the standard, run-of-the-mill stuff and sell it here at lower prices," Michael L. Walden, an professor in agriculture and resource economics at N.C. State, said.

Due to the foreign producers, people in the United States are out of jobs. Some workers who lost their jobs had to help make training videos and write manuals for the people who will replace them in countries such as Mexico.

Walden believes the state's unemployment rate will rise one-tenth of a percentage point as a result of the 5,500 job losses. It is

possible the rate could rise more if Pillowtex suppliers and retailers are forced out of business.

With the state's unemployment rate rising, students are becoming concerned. Many students' dream is to have a job upon graduation from college. But with the current unemployment situation, future

graduates wonder if they will be able to find a job.

In an effort to help students and ex-textile workers not worry, top executives from across the 13-county Research Triangle have created a task force focusing on making our region the most economically viable in the nation.

## LECTURE

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nesswoman.

Mulkey's talk was fifth in a series of lectures developed by the Office of Public Affairs and co-sponsored by the Engineering Entrepreneurs Program (EEP). Tom Miller, vice provost for distance education and learning technology applications and professor of electrical and computer engineering,

opened the program Tuesday afternoon. Miller, founder and director of the EEP, started the Entrepreneur's Lecture Series as a result of his close involvement with NCSU graduates who succeeded in the business world as well as in their studies.

"These students were in many ways succeeding in spite of their education," Miller said, regarding some of the alumni that were invited to speak in the past.

Miller recognizes the importance of entrepreneurial skill

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# Bail bonds and morning classes

## DAY IN THE LIFE

On a beautiful Tuesday afternoon, Kevin Hubbard - or "Hub" - waits for a ride outside of Avent Ferry Complex with cell phone and a satchel full of paperwork in hand. Before speaking a word when opening the car door, he throws his bag in the back and reclines the passenger-side seat as far as possible to make room for his intimidating frame.

Ashley Hink  
Staff Writer

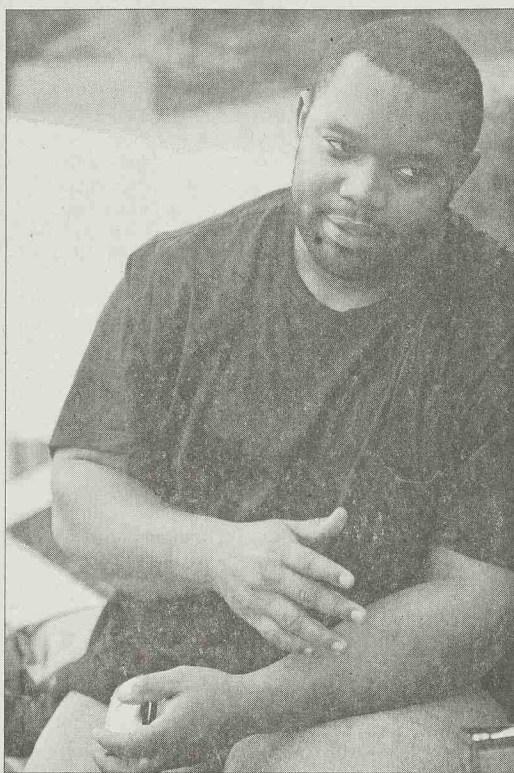
After a morning of sociology classes, the 26-year-old father and former N.C. State football player is meeting his business partner, James, at Perkins on Capitol Boulevard. Yet, rather than enjoying a casual conversation over a basket of rolls and sweet tea in the oh so comforting family restaurant, the two licensed bail bondsmen have nothing but no-frills business to attend to in the parking lot.

After giving a brief and serious synopsis of the world of bail bonds and the reasons for the meeting, Hub sums up his explanation by repeating "I gotta get my money" in a song-like, silly fashion. When arriving at the empty parking lot, James awaits with paperwork and looks like nothing short of a trendy street-wear ad in "Indigo Red" t-shirt and jeans, Diesel shoes, two cell phones clipped to his belt, a flashy watch and diamond earrings.

The partners trade papers used to get people out of jail and inform insurance companies, money and information regarding clients, payments and lawyers' information. Hub tells James that he has to "hook-up with a lawyer downtown. She's an Italian chick; she's cool, too."

With no time for small talk, James leaves the rather sketchy scene of the meeting and Hub explains the reasons for using client's nicknames after repeatedly referring to someone called "Pooh," most often known as the soft-spoken, lovable and honey-loving cartoon bear. When looking for clients that owe money, nicknames are used because "they don't want to speak to anyone that call them by their real name."

However, the process of tracking people down who owe money from bail bonds is sometimes



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Kevin "Hub" Hubbard takes a break from the hectic world of bail bonds.

more complicated than mentioning a few street names. Hub claims that he would "lie to a grandma" in order find people. Connections, tips, pay-offs and armed property searches are all part of a hard

week's work for the life of this bail bondsman; not to mention occasionally getting shot at and dealing with heroin addicts, drug dealers and a variety of other arrestees and convicted criminals.

No worries, though, for Hub is trying to finish a degree in sociology and wants to become a collegiate football coach. Needless to say, coaching is a much safer choice than his current line of work.

After the frightening insight into Hub's job, he switches the topic of conversation to his two-year-old son, Johnson Dupree (or J.D.). While pulling into the parking

lot of his Avent Ferry dorm, he lovingly shares stories about his son, discusses daycare frustrations and shows a picture of the adorable boy as a baby. When entering his two-person dorm room, he apologizes for the mess and quickly sheds his black T-shirt to reveal a number of brands on his broad shoulders and arms. With an astonishing total of 22 all over his body, many being Greek letters, he says they are a "tradi-

tion" in his fraternity. Noticing cringes invoked by thoughts of pain from burning skin, he jokingly defends his marks of brotherhood and says, "Well, I think they're cute, too."

Hub shifts his gaze from the television to an open pack of chewing tobacco on his desk. He shamefully admits his slight addiction and sarcastically blames the habit on having to "grow up around a bunch of white coun-

try boys" in Monroe, N.C. Like a child unable to focus on a topic for more than a minute, he stops in mid conversation and puts on a CD

"You gotta tell me if you like this," he said. "He's from my hometown and I'm trying to understand how he has a record deal and my fraternity brother doesn't."

Showing sincere confusion and concern about the inconsistencies of rewarded musical talent in the world of rap music, he quietly listens to the lame lyrics and stale beats of the song and bursts out laughing.

"Man, I had to be honest with him. I told him that s--t was straight trash."

Reaching under his bed, he pulls out his "sentimental box" and reveals pictures of his family, bashfully shows a group picture of the high school cheerleading squad he cheered with when not playing football, and hands over action shots from his days of playing fullback for the NCSU football team, then under the unsuccessful rein of Mike O'Cain.

Hub then reluctantly pulls out a stack of papers and looks up with a silly grin.

"You didn't know I was a poet did you?" he said, nothing that "actually, they're pretty cheesy."

He reads one titled "Four Soldiers Fall," which was written in rhyme about his high school football team. He sifts through the rest and repeatedly declares, "That one right there is some B.S." when looking at each.

Shifting attention from the shoebox filled with documented memories, he turns up the volume on the television.

"Do you like TLC? Trading

Spaces is my show!" While filling me in with the details of the \$100,000 episode and distastefulness of select interior designers, he is interrupted by a cell phone tune of "In Da Club" by 50 Cent. When finishing the quick conversation, he snaps the phone shut and lists the collection of rap songs on his cell phone.

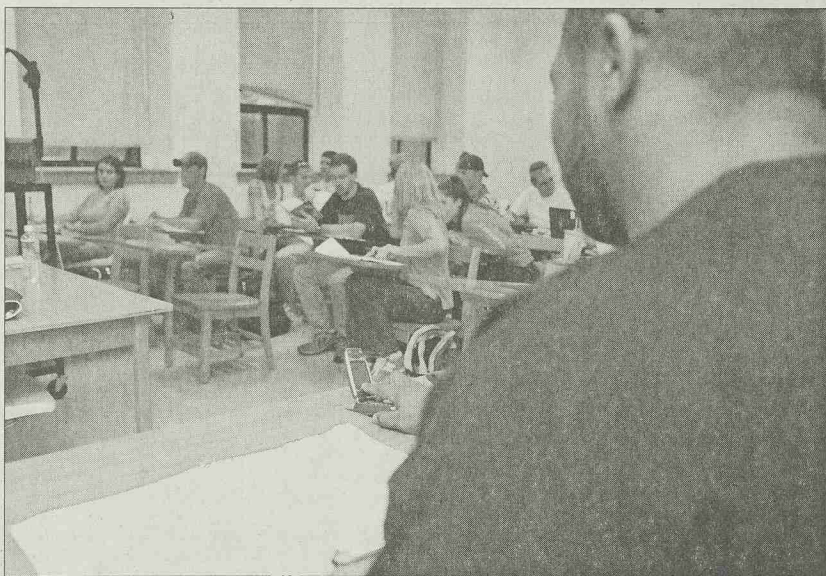
"But, I like all kinds of music. I like John Mayer, and oh, I really like Tom Petty, too. And man, I used to listen to Jimmy Buffet's 'Boats, Beaches, Bars, and Ballads' all the time on road trips. We'd put that junk on and just fly."

However, even after relentlessly confessing his well-rounded musical tastes, he throws on "The Way You Move" by Outkast and smiles. "That is some hot music right there. Now, if I can get that on my cell phone - man, it will be on!"

After a discussion about the Kobe Bryant accusations over leftover spaghetti, night class approaches and Hub heads to his last class of the day. When arriving to the classroom in Winston Hall for over an hour of sociology research methods, he sits down at his usual spot, where he cracks jokes and text-messages people during class. While the professor begins to speak, his head leans back against the wall and his eyes slowly close. When coming to he whispers, "I'm tired" from across the classroom and seconds later drifts back into a soft sleep.

The father, student, bail bondsman, joker, past poet and football player probably deserves a class-time snooze. After all, how many college students lives' include chasing down drug dealers and raising a young child as a part of daily life?

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An NCSU football player under Mike O'Cain, Hub is now finishing up his degree.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## IF IT'S BROKEN, FIX IT

**OUR OPINION:** THE STUDENT SENATE SHOULD SEND THE STUDENT CENTER OPERATIONS FEE REQUEST RESOLUTION BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR REDRAFTING AS IT IS POORLY WRITTEN AND THREATENS STATE EMPLOYEES.

Last week, the Tuition and Fees Committee of the Student Senate voted on student fee appropriations to bring to the full senate for a vote. Two of the appropriations they considered came from Talley Student Center: one was a \$10 increase for renovations and repairs to Thompson Theater and Talley Student Center; the other was a \$10 increase for Student Center operations. The Tuition and Fees Committee voted for the renovation increase and against the operation increase.

Tonight, there is a resolution that will come before the full senate stating that the student center should eliminate permanent personnel positions that are

directly funded by student fees instead of approving the fee increase.

There is sufficient reasoning for the senate to address this: Talley Student Center is asking for an increase without having taken into account all of the money it does have, through ticket sales or from the University Dining fees it collects for the eateries that operate in the building. This is a legitimate concern. However, many faculty positions in the arts departments at N.C. State, namely the music, theater and crafts departments, are fully funded by student fees. The theater department is funded by student fees and contributions from private donors; the same is true for the music department.

While there is an amendment to the resolution that protects employees in these departments, it clearly calls for the firing of other personnel in permanent positions in the administration of the Student Center.

This resolution is poorly written and in its present form, threatens the jobs

of state employees. This is an outrage created by the Tuition and Fees Committee and it is totally irresponsible for the Student Senate to even consider such a shoddy resolution before its full membership.

Student fees fund many of these programs and services provided in the Student Center. To cut, or even suggest cutting, these services and programs goes against the mission of Student Senate, which is to serve the students' best interest.

Students, who take advantage of what the student centers offer each day, should turn up in droves at the Senate meeting tonight to make sure their voices are heard.

The Student Center, the programs it offers and the staffs needed to run the programs directly benefit the students and are a worthwhile use of student fees. Rewrite the resolution, find alternative sources of money, then talk about firing people and cutting programs.

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## The power of the student voice

Student fee increases will affect all of us, but students have a say in how their dollars are used. Heather Cutchin reports on the tuition fee forum last Wednesday

How many times have you complained about anything? It may have been the rising tuition, the crappy Wolfline or clingy parents. How many times have you done something besides complain or pout in your room about these things?



**Heather Cutchin**  
Staff Columnist

Recently, the Tuition and Fees Committee of the Student Government had a great idea and held a fee forum. This allowed the groups

that were proposing fee increases to talk to students and for students to ask questions about where our money has and will be going. Being the relatively poor person that I am, and being extremely concerned about where my hard-earned dollars are going, I attended the forum.

Five different areas where asking for fee increases. The Tuition and Fees Committee had already voted on the increases they approved of, which did not include the Carmichael Gymnasium Expansion Fee and the Student Center Operations Fee.

The Carmichael Gymnasium Expansion Fee will cost students an extra \$45 a year starting next year, and an extra \$29 a year starting the year after. It includes adding a juice bar, among many other things, to the gym.

The Student Center Operations Fee is a \$10 increase that will go toward funding the various programs offered by the student centers as well as the personnel that run them. These programs include the shows put on by University Theatre and various entertainments in Witherspoon, such as musical and political guests. Also, these fees and the dance concerts fund the films shown in the Campus Cinema.

During the forum, each of the groups gave a presentation on why the fee they are proposing should be accepted. After the presentations, the floor was open for questions, and many students took advantage of that. I was very proud of my fellow University Theatre participants at this point. I counted at least

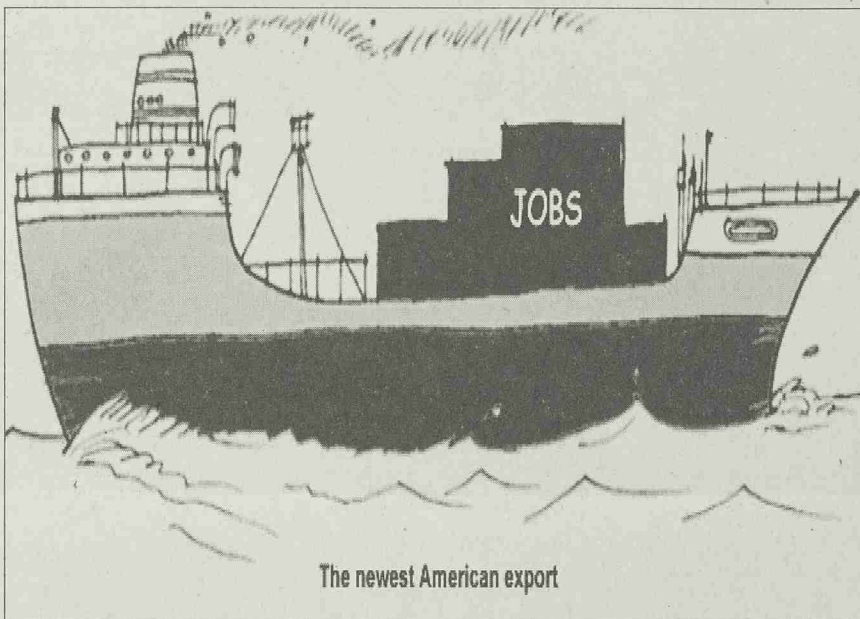
15 of them there, which was about a third of the turn out of students at the forum. They asked many questions, including where the money from previous increases had gone, and how would this money help. One student asked the question all of us were thinking: Will these people be back next year, asking for money again? The committees were not able to give a sure answer.

The best comment of the night was from senior Jackie Willse. "We can say all day 'Why for the past 30 years has this [the deterioration of the student centers] been happening,' or we can do something about it. Of all the things on this list, Thompson Theatre is in the most critical condition. It needs to be addressed before an expansion to the gym or athletics department does." She was rightfully applauded.

After the forum adjourned, the Tuition and Fees Committee held another meeting. Eight of the University Theatre students remained for this meeting, as well as the entire committee (including Evelyn Reiman, Alex Miller and Don Patty) that asked for the increase in fees. They did not stay just to be the first to know what the committee would say. They stayed to ensure their voice had been heard and their opinion taken into consideration. And it was. The committee asked questions of the students about the proposed increase in fees, and then changed their vote. What was once voted "no" unanimously was completely turned around and voted "yes" unanimously. However, the Carmichael Gymnasium Expansion proposal remained a "no" by the committee.

Congratulations to the University Theatre students that were determined to save the various programs offered by the student centers. Without your support, personnel would still be underpaid and the goods and services would not be of high quality. This one area receives no state support, so by increasing student fees just \$10 this area can continue to enrich the lives of students all over campus. To the many students that do not believe they can make a difference; just look at this example of a group really believing they can.

**Heather is happy to fight for any group with a good cause. E-mail her at [viewpoint@technicianstaff.com](mailto:viewpoint@technicianstaff.com) to let her know when and where.**



## They're all gonna laugh at U.S.

With a Texan in the White House and an action star as governor of California, it is hard not to laugh at the United States. Greg Volk explains why we are the butt of the world's jokes.

The laughs are over. Or, then again, are they just beginning? To the elation of comedy writers and



**Greg Volk**  
Staff Columnist

Republican pundits nationwide, the election of Arnold Schwarzenegger as governor of California brought our nation's total of bumbling idiots in high-ranking offices to a total of two. Sure, I laughed hysterically as the California election got crazier and crazier. A stripper, a former body builder, Gary Coleman, what more could you ask for, Willis? Now, I'm realizing, people could have asked for someone who could actually run something and, more importantly, be able to talk somewhat coherently about running that something. This summer, when Arnold first hinted at running, I laughed to myself and thought about how entertaining an election with him would be. Now I think differently. It's all fun and games until "Conan" is governor.

The situation was not all that dissimilar from the election of George W. Bush in 2000.

Initially, I supported Bush and did think, to borrow from Arnold's distinguished rhetoric, "it was time for change." Then, I heard Bush talk and, years later, I heard him bumble over excuses for the lack of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and I changed my mind.

I never supported Schwarzenegger, but I did sit idly by as an idiot got elected. Of course, being a resident of North Carolina, I can do nothing about the election in California. But I could have been one more person

saying, "Hey, hey! This guy's an idiot. Wake up!" Well, now I'm saying it about Arnold. And I'll say it about Bush. Regardless of what you think about Bill Clinton, he was an excellent politician. He could talk his way out of a whorehouse without paying (and probably did). With him, things sounded intelligent and good — even if they weren't.

**"Hollywood movies form the basis of many foreigners' opinions of America and Americans. They think we're horny barbarians."**

Politicians are little more than figureheads for the lobbies and special interests behind them; the difference is, good politicians excel at distracting our attention from this by bowing us with eloquent doublespeak and things like big words (used properly). With Bush, the only things that distract us are his inability to maintain proper subject-verb agreement and his resting smirk that makes him look like he just did a bunch of Whip-Its.

Bush is a horrible politician, and Schwarzenegger will be worse (though, fortunately, significantly less

influential). They are all too similar. Schwarzenegger's home nation is Austria, his home language German.

Bush's home is Texas, which often behaves as its own nation, and his home language a bastardization of Texan.

Bush supposedly did a lot of cocaine. Arnold supposedly did a lot of production assistants. What bothers me most about this breed of politician, if you can call them that, is their inability to speak intelligently about their mistakes.

Arnold's tactic was to claim he didn't remember what happened for about three decades of his life. Why the hell not? Was he doing coke all the time?

At one point in time Arnold claimed he admired Adolf Hitler for his rise to power from impoverished

obscurity (though I don't think he used those words). I admire Hitler — though only for his facial hair fashion sense — but I know better than to admit it publicly. Arnold didn't, and that, ladies and gentleman, is

the mark of an idiot. The rest of the world thinks we are a nation of idiots. You can't really argue with them though. English

Prime Minister Tony Blair was one of the few world politicians who liked Bush and the United States, and now look what happened. His party wants him to step down.

Hollywood movies form the basis of many foreigners' opinions of America and Americans. They think we're horny barbarians. Having Conan as governor of California doesn't help. You don't need "subliminal" advertisements to get that idea.

**What do you think? Are you Arnold or Dubya? E-mail Greg at [viewpoint@technicianstaff.com](mailto:viewpoint@technicianstaff.com).**



# Cutting my loses, and cutting a deal

Tim Coffield  
Staff Columnist

Hey there! Nice shirt! It really fits you! Guess what? I'm in a splendid mood! The sky - never has it been so blue! The birds - never have they been so melodious! Chancellor Fox - never has she looked more foxy! Yes, life certainly is good these days. You see, curious readers, I have conquered the cosmos, solved that great existential question that plagues us all:

Exactly how good do I have to be to get myself a spot in Heaven?

This issue has concerned me for as long as I can remember. I have vivid recollections of myself as a red-cheeked second grader, sweating beside the candy isle at Food Lion, internally debating the cosmic repercussions of pilfering a handful of candy corn. In the end, my sweet tooth always won out over such fears of eternal damnation, but not without a certain amount of Holy remorse.

To remedy this guilt, I took to following a personal System of biblical checks-and-balances, permitting myself to succumb to the siren-like temptations of free grocery store candy, so long as I promptly evened it out with redemptive good deeds - indeed, a uniquely Presbyterian approach.

In this case, I figured an afternoon of rubbing Mother's feet (as she was so off to request!) would redeem me in God's eyes for my earlier sin.

This pragmatic method of mine worked quite well for a time; that is, until I grew older and was forced to introduce IOUs to the System. I had no choice! My sins had grown numerous and habitual, overwhelming my attempts at good will much like the muffin shelf at the dining hall overwhelms my attempts at cardiac health.

To illustrate: one of my most intense pleasures has long been the filling of my free "water cup" at McDonald's with soda. The System dictated that a sin of this magnitude garnered a donation of some spare change to the Ronald McDonald Fund box. Yes, I liked to imagine the Lord smiling down upon me at such con-

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scientious efforts to maintain his consistent approval, petting the little chair to his left - the one he was keeping warm for me.

But soon, such meticulous spirituality fell victim to my inconsistent supply of pocket change; before long, my donations were replaced with a mental vow that they would soon follow. The problem here, of course, is that they rarely did. I soon became aware of a sensation of falling from cosmic graces, as it were.

I dreamt at night of hurtling downward, downward from the little house of gold and chocolate I'd anticipated in Heaven, hurtling further from God's favor, hurtling nearer eternal flames. In the meantime, I just couldn't change my earthly ways: the Ten Commandments crumbled before me like I was Godzilla and they were little

Tokyo office buildings, and we were all in a bad Japanese film together. Time after time, I yielded to earthly

temptations: I developed an idyllic devotion to Burt Reynolds and his facial hair; staunchly refused to honor the Sabbath, preferring to sleep through church because, well, church was so boring that if I went, I'd just sleep there, too. I obsessively coveted both my roommate's sister and mother. Also, I watched a lot of raunchy TV. In the meantime, the IOUs just kept stacking up, to the point that I was overwhelmed. I could almost hear Satan squealing with devilish delight from his fiery depths. Something had to change. So I took action.

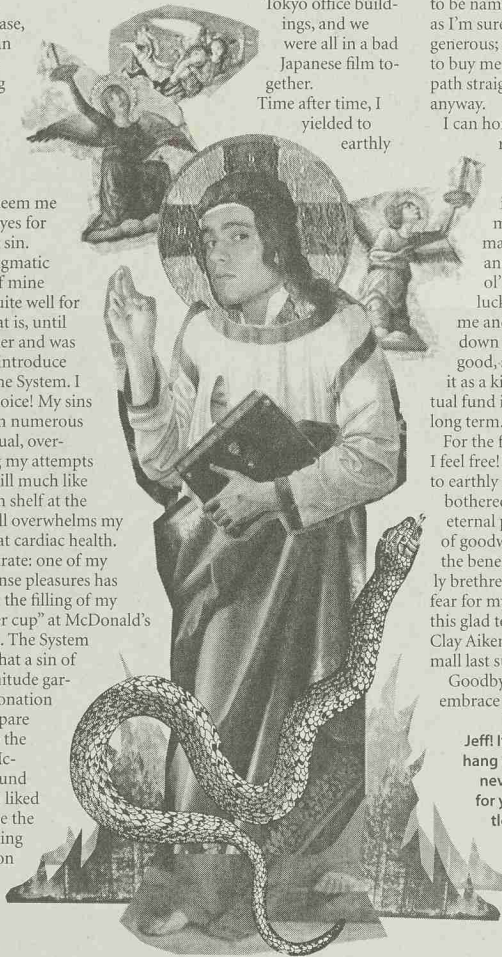
At precisely 4:17 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5, I sold my soul to the Devil. I figured hey, if you can't beat him, join him in Hell. In return, I received an infinite allowance of earthly sin, a new pre-torn Abercrombie baseball cap, the 1989 Playboy with Kathy Ireland and a player to be named later. The Devil, as I'm sure you can see, is quite generous; he really didn't need to buy me out. I was on a bullet path straight for his front porch anyway.

I can honestly say: I did the right thing. The way I figure it, there was no avoiding the fiery pits for me, no sir. So it just made sense to go ahead and make friends with ol' Satan. With a little luck, he'll take a liking to me and cut me a little slack down the road. It's just good, smart sense - think of it as a kind of long-term mutual fund investment. Very, very long term.

For the first time in my life, I feel free! I can act according to earthly consequences, unbothered by vague notions of eternal penalties! My actions of goodwill are performed for the benefit of my fellow earthly brethren, not selfishly out of fear for my hide! I haven't felt this glad to be alive since I saw Clay Aiken, *in person*, at the mall last summer.

Goodbye Heaven! Earth - I embrace you!

Jeff! If you're reading this, hang in there buddy! I will never halt in my quest for your rescue! Contact [tlcoffe@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:tlcoffe@unity.ncsu.edu) with information regarding the whereabouts of my dear rabbit-colleague.



A view of a street in Madrid, as seen by Technician's correspondent Katy Bishop.

## Spanish mullets and Colombian drug lords

Katy Bishop  
Correspondant from Spain

The day I left North Carolina, I thought for sure that I was leaving the mullet behind as well. Boy, was I wrong. You know what they say about mullets: business in front, party in the back. Well in that case, there sure are a lot of fiestas going on in the backs of guys' heads around here. And even more unsettling? Men in capris. It's unacceptable in my eyes, but obviously extremely popular among the men here.

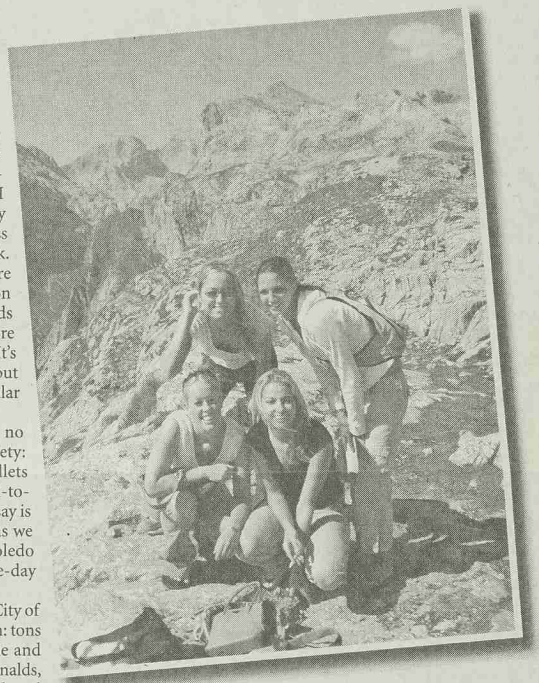
Back to mullets. I had no idea there was such a variety: rat tails, Slater-like mullets and even stylishly parted-to-the-side mullets. All I can say is that they only got worse as we ventured into Madrid, Toledo and Segovia for our five-day trip.

Madrid is the New York City of Spain. For us, it was heaven: tons of shopping, young people and our first glimpse at McDonalds, KFC and Subway in a month and a half. The city was absolutely insane with the night life; they really don't stop until 8 a.m. I had so much fun, even though I feared for my life every time I stepped out of my hotel because of the overwhelming number of pickpockets and sketchy people on the metro.

Friday night we went to this awesome club called La Capital. It was honestly the most fun I have had since being in Spain. First of all, it is a seven-story club that plays different music on every floor; the top two floors are set up like movie theatres with big screens and dimly lit couches. It looked like something straight out of MTV.

And the best part of it all? How about hundreds of beautiful Spanish boys. Sure, maybe they were all wearing tighter pants than I was, but I am learning to "appreciate the Spanish culture." It was there that my friends and I met Mario and Rudolfo, two Colombian boys studying in Madrid.

Mario goes on to tell my friend



Katy (top left) and friends pose in the mountains.

how he is "heir to the Colombian floral business, exporting flowers to all over Europe and Madrid." "Ha, right. Are we talking grams of roses? Kilos of carnations? When my friend said "Oh, so you're a drug dealer," Mario got overly offended and, needless to say, the subject was dropped.

The rest of the night went great, and we decided to call it early at 5:30 a.m. because we wanted to wake up on time for the 9 a.m. excursion to El Palacio Real in Madrid. This time we were serious; no more missing excursions. My track record was perfect so far.

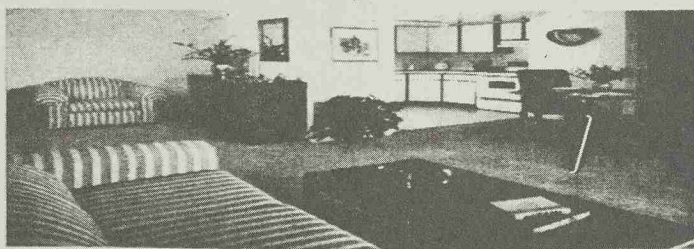
Too bad the four of us slept through all four of our cell phone alarms we had set and woke up at 10:30 a.m. We were freaking out that Peter (aka Group Grandpa) would be mad at us for not going, even though the trips are optional. So we turned to Meghan, award winning in lying and milk-

ing her parents for money, to help construct a master plan.

Since the group would be meeting for free lunch at 1:30 p.m., we decided to run by three random museums on the way there and pick up brochures so that when we got to the restaurant we could sit at the table next to Peter, display our brochures like a travel agency counter and talk loudly about the great museums we woke up early to visit. Peter would love us then; we thought we were so smart. Well, we weren't smart enough to stay off the back balcony of our hotel room as the group was walking back from the bus stop. They happened to all look up as my friend Jen was standing there in her pajamas, and witnessed her run back into the room shortly after. I think Peter collectively hates us. Then again, I like to remind myself that he teaches at ECU and probably cares more about where we're eating lunch than if some girls miss a trip to a palace.

The rest of Madrid was wonderful, except for the night when we got overly excited about finding a buffet, which turned out to be the sorriest excuse for all-you-can-eat I have ever seen in my life. Don't get me wrong, I love Spanish food now, but rough times like these make a girl realize how much she misses Golden Corral. Sometimes you never realize what you had until it's gone.

My advice for this week? Enjoy those American buffets, cherish that Bojangles' biscuit like it's your very last, and finally: mullets and capris are not acceptable for men in any country, so don't even think about it.



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# Ultimate rivals collide this weekend

The N.C. State men's Ultimate team will host the second annual Wolfpack Fall Invitational this weekend.

Ryan Reynolds  
Staff writer

There is something different as the men's Ultimate Frisbee team practices on a mild Monday night in October. The pace has picked up. Teammates are battling each other during drills and diving for Frisbees without regard for their body. Even the stretches and running seems rigorous. But only one word can describe the sentiments of the team—anticipation.

The anticipation is for the second annual Wolfpack Fall Invitational, which will take place at N.C. State this weekend.

"We're definitely going to be running harder this week to get ready, being that it's our own tournament," senior co-captain Ryan Smith said. "I would hope that it helps us perform the best we can. Everybody is hungry to get out and play some games."

The team was originally slated to play in the Monument Games in Richmond, Va. on Sept. 20-21, but the tournament was cancelled due to the approach of Hurricane Isabel.

Despite being the No. 1 seed in the tournament, the men's Ultimate team knows it will have to compete with intensity because of the tough competition it will face in the tournament.

"Probably our stiffest competition this week is going to be William & Mary," senior co-captain Gil Elhart said. "We had several classic battles with them last year. They are a nationally ranked team and have gone to nationals for the past two years."

One of the classic battles the Wolfpack had with William & Mary took place at nationals

last year when the Tribe defeated State 16-15 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Another team State isn't going to overlook in the tournament is long-time Ultimate rival North Carolina.

"It's been a good rivalry for a while now," Smith said. "We know a lot of guys on their team, and they know us, but when we're on the field we want to win."

This year's Ultimate team doesn't look much different from the team that only lost one game during the regular season last year and had a national ranking as high as No. 4. Only three players were lost to graduation over the summer and of the 44 members on the team, 25 joined this fall.

"I'd definitely say the future of N.C. State Ultimate looks bright," Elhart said. "We've got a lot of experience coming back. This year, next year and for many years to come."

One of the reasons for such optimism about the future of the program is the past Ultimate experience of the new players on the team.

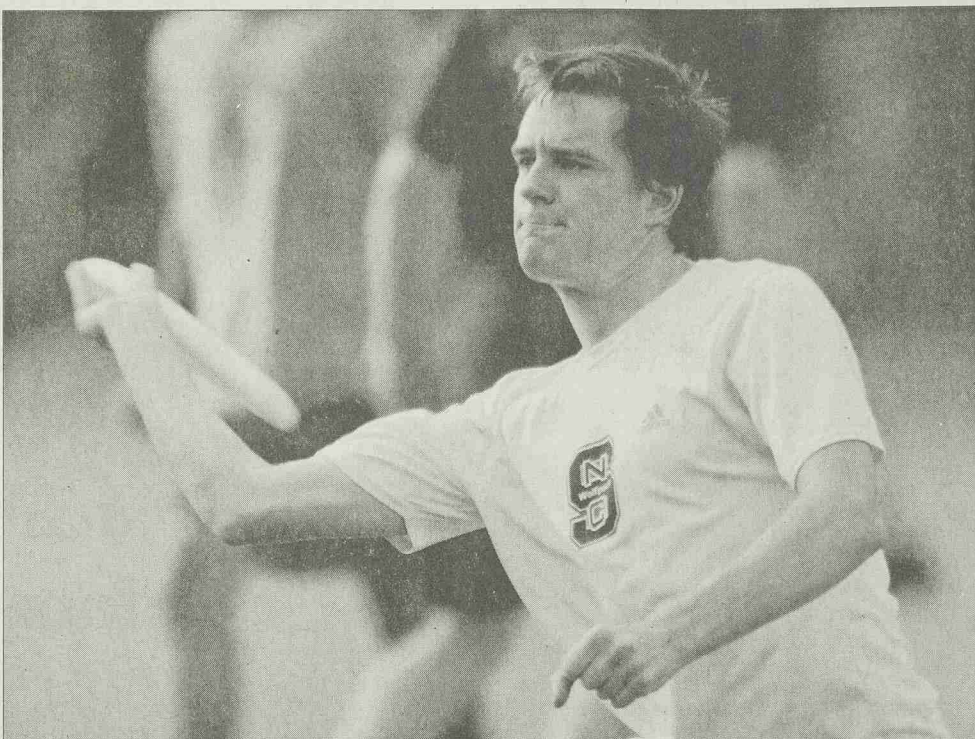
"A lot of new guys have come in with playing experience already," Smith said.

Freshman Meade Willis and sophomore James Murray are two of those new teammates.

Willis played on the club team in high school, but can see major differences between the two levels of Ultimate.

"It's a whole new level," he said. "The intensity, strategy, tactic and everything is just at a different level."

Murray, a transfer student from Brevard College, played on a club



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A determined Aaron Quirk tosses the disc during practice.

team in Asheville before he transferred to N.C. State. He looks to have an immediate impact on the team with his past Ultimate experience.

"There's a lot of strategy and field sense that just comes from experience," Murray said.

The 16-team tournament will begin on Saturday and games

will be played on the Miller intramural fields and Lee fields. The finals will be Sunday at Derr Track. The women's final will be at 12:30 p.m. and the men's final will begin at 2:30 p.m.

"To get the season started off right in the fall would be nice, we don't want to hand that trophy off to another team," Elhart said.

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Sunday Championship games at Deer Track at 12:30 p.m. (women's) and 2:30 p.m. (men's).

## Pirates pound Pack

East Carolina defeated the volleyball team 3-0 Tuesday night in Greenville.

### Sports staff report

Three East Carolina players tallied double-digits kills, as the Pirates cruised to a 3-0 victory over N.C. State Tuesday night at Williams Arena. The win moved ECU to 9-13 on the season, while the Wolfpack dropped to 6-14 overall.

ECU opened the match with seven straight points and led 10-1 before State rallied off a 9-3 run to make the score 13-10. The Pirates, however, would run out to a 19-12 lead, before the Pack

came back to tie the score at 22. State would then take the lead for the first time of the night off a kill by sophomore right side Amy Cochran, but ECU managed to come back, and with help of an 8-5 run, took game one by the score of 30-28.

In game two, both teams came out with strong offensive attacks, as State hit .310 as a team and ECU at .342. The Pack took a 5-3 lead that was short lived when the Pirates battled back to go ahead 11-8. The two teams would go back and forth, but in the end it was East Carolina that prevailed, 30-24.

Down 2-0 and heading into game three, the Pack looked to turn things around, but came up short. Pirate outside hitter Sarah

Vick helped lead ECU on an 11-3 run that gave the Pirates an 18-10 lead. The deficit would prove to be too much, as State would fall 30-17.

Cochran led the way offensively for the Pack, finishing the match with a team-best 10 kills off a .429 attack percentage that tied her career best. Junior middle blocker Maya Mapp tallied seven kills to go with seven total blocks, and senior setter Crystal Shannon dished out 29 assists.

The Pack will return home to Reynolds Coliseum to play host to Wake Forest and Duke this weekend. State takes on the Demon Deacons at 7 p.m. on Friday night, followed by the Blue Devils at 7 p.m. on Saturday night.

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**Ice Hockey Club**  
 Oct. 9 - Lost to Indiana University (Pa.) 6-5 (OT).  
 Oct. 10 - Tied IUP 5-5

**Men's Rugby**  
 Rucktoberfest - Boone: Oct. 9-10  
 5-0 record - First Place: Defeated Central Florida 12-7, defeated App. State 'B' Team 25-0, defeated Winthrop by forfeit, defeated UNCW 27-7, and defeated Central Florida 13-10 (OT).

**Baseball**  
 Tourney Oct. 9-10  
 2-1 record: Defeated Georgia 8-7, defeated Clemson 13-3 and lost to UNC 18-2

**Upcoming events**

**Badminton Club**  
 Tournament at Carmichael Gym (Courts 9 and 10), on Friday from 5-8:30 p.m. and Sunday 1-3:30 p.m.

**Men's Rugby**  
 N.C. State vs. Clemson  
 Saturday at Noon at Kings Village Fields

**Ballroom Dance Workshop**  
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working, I have all the confidence that he's going to fulfill those aspirations."

Patience has been equally as important for Pursley, considering that all of his hard work and training for months ahead of time can only benefit him at the end of the year.

Pursley's schedule, as is the team's, is rigorous, as he rises very early four mornings a week to swim and lift weights. The time spent on swimming hardly leaves any free moments for other commitments. It is a sacrifice this year's team is willing to make.

"We had a very young team last year with no seniors," Pursley said. "The experience this year really shows, everybody knows what's going on, and I think that will really pay off in the dual meets, region, and hopefully in the NCAA's."

The swim team competed with 10 freshmen last year, which are now 10 sophomores with college experience and thriving off the

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individual medley with a time of 4:21.

"She is one of our top buttfiers, she is one of our top breaststrokers, she could compete with our freestylers, and at times she has competed with our backstrokers," head coach Brooks Teal said. "Combine being an excellent overall athlete and a great competitor, being very skilled at all four strokes and a lot of determination and heart. That's what it takes to be the school record holder in the 400 individual medley."

Her natural athleticism and ability is overshadowed only by her hard work and commitment both inside and outside the pool.

"Her work ethic, her commitment, her maturity, the way she combines being a student as well as an athlete, I think [her teammates] see that in her," Teal said.

"She makes good decisions. They admire the way she competes." These characteristics have not gone unnoticed by the rest of the women's swimming team and the admiration that Teal mentioned was manifested when Burbella was elected as one of the team's two captains this year.

"I've never heard her complain about anything; she always has a positive attitude about practice no matter how hard it is," teammate Rachel Bumgardner said. "It's good that we can count on someone in and out of the water to lead the team."

For her part, Burbella says that her work ethic has always been strong, but she's even more conscious of it this year as a captain.

"It's something that I've always had. It was instilled in me by my club coach and my parents," Burbella said. "This year, especially, I watch what I say and I make sure that I'm setting a good example for everyone because that's really the most important thing."

While the dedication and commitment have obviously already paid off with one school record, Burbella still sees room to grow.

"I hope to improve upon my record in the 400-meter individual medley and hopefully might even take down some more records," Burbella said.

Teal has even higher expectations for his senior captain.

"I think she realizes it's her senior year, she's had a great career, but she's doing all the things to cap off her first three years here, and I think she's going to really go out in style," Teal said. "With the way she's been training, I think the sky is the limit, so I fully expect to see her medaling at the ACC Championships and making it to NCAA Championships."

After this year Burbella says she will go to Spain next fall and then graduate after in the spring of 2005. But for now, she's focused on breaking records and leading by example with her work ethic and commitment to her team and its success.

**Swimming and Diving**  
 2002 record:  
 men: 7-4 (3-4 ACC)  
 women: 6-7 (2-5)

**Key stat** An astounding 98 percent of the men's scoring came from underclassmen last year. Women's diver Molly Culberson finished in first place 13 times last year ago.

**Notable returnees**  
 Sophomore Steven Cowling surprised the ACC by finishing second in the backstroke at the league's championships. Captain Justin Smith leads a bevy of talent in the junior class. On the women's side, key point-scorers Karen Burbella and Jessica Koenig all return along with Culberson.

**First home meet** Saturday against Maryland at 11 a.m. in Willis Casey Natatorium.

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Playing on the boys' team in high school contributed a lot to her successes over the last three years.

"It was a great experience because it pushed me to be quick and it made my style of play a lot more aggressive," she said. "It helped me when I was coming to school because I had experience with that kind of physical play. Playing with the boys was great; I never experienced anything terrible with the guys. They were always so nice."

That experience led to Underwood starting games for the Pack every year she has been here, which has helped a great deal in her leadership abilities.

"It helped because I saw how leaders should be as a freshman, and then having such strong leaders last year as a junior with so

many seniors on the team helped a lot, too," Underwood said. "I really bought into their teaching. They led a lot by example.

"Playing in a lot of games to get that experience on the field is great because it carries over off the field and it helps as far as leadership having all these other seniors because they're such great players and people. I can't say enough about this team."

Having Underwood on the team has been great for everyone because of what she brings, according to DeLorenze.

"The best part is that she's incredibly funny," DeLorenze said. "She makes practice a lot of fun. She's also an extremely hard worker. She always raises the level of play each time she steps on the field. She's a great person and I've thoroughly enjoyed being her teammate."

Her work ethic and dedication help everyone else on the team get ready for the tough competition

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Football vs. Clemson, 10/16, 7:45  
Men's soccer vs. North Carolina, 10/19, 3:30  
Women's soccer vs. Duke, 10/15, 7  
Cross country at Pre-nats, 10/18  
Swimming vs. Maryland, 10/18, 11 a.m.

## Scores

No games scheduled

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### A lot on the line for Tommy

The Tommy Bowden Boo Birds perched their Death Valley nest extra early this season.

The first game wasn't yet in the books before they began their collective catcalls from all corners of Memorial Stadium during Clemson's season-opening shutout loss to Georgia.



**Matt Middleton**  
Sports Editor

Later in the week callers to local talk radio voiced their displeasure of the present state of Tiger nation and saw this as a tell-tale sign of a woe-

ful season to come. One caller even demanded the immediate buyout of Bowden's contract.

This reaction was certainly not alarming for those that follow the program. Following a 55-15 loss in the Tangerine Bowl, many pessimistic Tiger fans saw this as the season in which Bowden would dig his own grave.

But since that embarrassing loss to open the season, Bowden has lost exactly one game.

With an overtime win over pre-season BCS darling Virginia included in that span, his team's record now stands at 4-2. Not too shabby for a team the media picked to finish in fifth place.

But how quickly are the always fickle Clemson fans going to forget this recent string of success if tomorrow's game proves to be a repeat of last season's 38-6 pasting at the hands of N.C. State?

That would be nothing new to Bowden, who's enjoyed roller coasters more than your average 11-year-old since taking over the program in 1999.

Start the season 8-0, lose three of your next four. Rise to No. 13 in the rankings during the season, play in the dreaded Humanitarian Bowl. Defeat hated rival South Carolina to cap the regular season, lose by 40 points in the Tangerine Bowl to a not-that-good Texas Tech team.

Even Nostradamus would have a tough time predicting this team.

That's why this current mini-rising of Bowden's hasn't exactly translated into a stable future.

Should the Tigers fall tomorrow, a 6-6 record would be extremely realistic, and that would not be a favorable 6-6 like Bowden's first season, considering two of this year's wins have come against Furman and Middle Tennessee State.

But by that same token, if Clemson comes into Raleigh and wins for the second straight time, suddenly, 9-3 wouldn't be out of the question, which is why Bowden, whether he wants to admit it or not, desperately needs a victory in Raleigh.

But regardless of the outcome, Clemson fans don't need to enter every year with such jaded expectations for their team and coach.

Yes, the team lost 30-0 to Georgia, but look what the Bulldogs are doing to everyone else on their schedule.

Additionally, a road loss to Maryland certainly isn't anything to lose sleep over.

What's been forgotten by Clemson fans is these are not the 1980s, Danny Ford is not Clemson's coach, and a season with eight or nine wins would be an unbelievable accomplishment for this particular Tiger team.

Clemson, once a perennial ACC power, hasn't had a piece of the league title since 1991. Since that time, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia Tech and, of course, Florida State have all shared or won league titles.

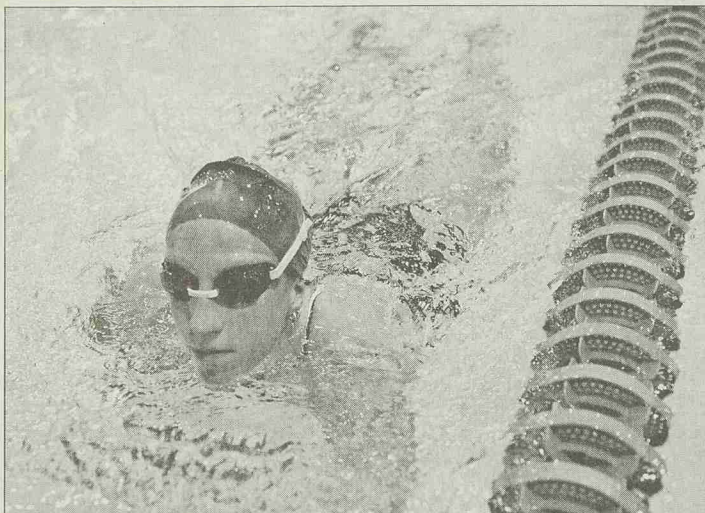
Once again the Seminoles seemed poised to cruise to another league title this year, and the Tigers are the mild surprise of the league.

Whether or not they continue to consistently surprise will determine if the Boo Birds will hibernate or reincarnate — and whether or not Bowden keeps his Clemson home.

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# Making Waves

## An all-around talent



Karen Burbella finishes a lap during Tuesday's practice. She holds the school record in the 400-meter individual medley.

**Versatile swimmer**  
Karen Burbella's work ethic sets an example that the rest of N.C. State's women's swimming team must try to match.

**Taylor Francis**  
Staff Writer

Ask Karen Burbella to tell you an interesting fact about herself and she flashes a big smile, mentioning the time she first started swimming at the age of 11, when she was also a baton twirler.

"I used to twirl baton and I really liked that," Burbella said. "I thought it was fun."

While baton twirling may have been a fun pastime for Burbella, it is swim-

ming that has brought her from Trenton, N.J., to North Carolina's capital city. Burbella chose N.C. State over Maryland and Rutgers because it allowed her to experience life away from home and held other advantages.

"The main thing that drew me to this school was the traditions here and the bond that the team has," Burbella said. "The team is very close and it was exactly what I was looking for."

Since coming to State, Burbella has made a name for herself as one of the premier swimmers on the Wolfpack women's swimming team, which opens its season at home Saturday against Maryland. She can compete in nearly any event and holds the school record in the 400-meter

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## Pursley makes a splash

*Focused on high goals, the transfer swimmer has provided leadership and talent for the men's swimming team.*

**Ian Jester**  
Staff writer

For many N.C. State students, receiving a letter of acceptance to a college is a goal thought about as early as middle school. Parents, counselors and teachers everywhere preach to their students the importance of setting goals for the future.

This value can be seen in any fixture of the community, such as in Colorado Springs, Colo., where a high school swimmer named Brian Pursley stood up next to his desk and

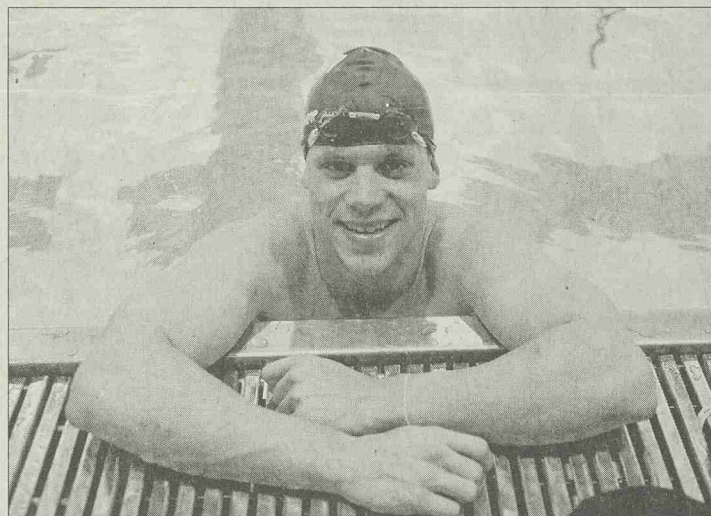
spoke to the teacher and his classmates about one of his future ambitions.

"My goal is to play a sport in college," Pursley said.

Not only has Pursley achieved this goal, he has surpassed it. A transfer from the Colorado School of Mines, Brian won the 2001 NCAA Division II national championships in the 100-meter breast and finished third in the 200-meter breast. He was named captain by men's swimming coach Brooks Teal for the 2003 campaign, after Teal noticed Pursley's tremendous work ethic and leadership during the preceding season.

"Brian has what it takes to be an ACC champion, he has what it takes to be a factor at the NCAA's for us," Teal said. "The way he's

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Brian Pursley relaxes after Tuesday's practice. The transfer from Division II Colorado School of the Mines has what it takes to be an ACC champion, according to head coach Brooks Teal.

## Unfazed Underwood enjoys her role

*Senior forward Lindsey Underwood has made her mark on the women's soccer program throughout her four-year career.*

**Brian Grossman**  
Staff Writer

As she runs off the field to her car for a doctor's appointment, senior forward Lindsey Underwood removes her sunglasses to reveal a black eye with stitches under it, courtesy of a kick in the face suffered in last Friday's match against North Carolina.

She explains that this interview might not be quite as good as others because she's a little dazed and confused.

But, as her teammates can attest, she doesn't let it get her

down. "She is a really funny person," sophomore midfielder Lindsey DeLorenze said. "She comes off as intimidating to other people sometimes, but she always makes me laugh."

Coach Laura Kerrigan agrees. She says her outlook and demeanor are a great benefit to the team.

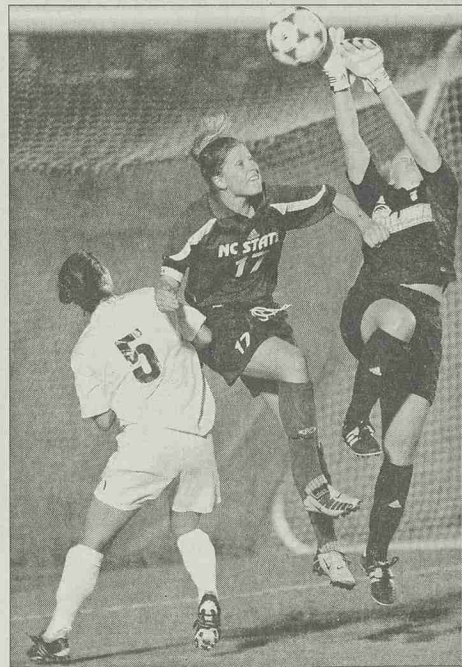
"On the field, everyone knows a lot about her stats and what a dominating player she is, but I think off the field she brings a great personality to the table," Kerrigan said. "She always makes the team laugh and gets them in a good mood. She's just a fun person to be around. That's a great quality for life, not just for a team. She certainly has added a lot to our team over the last few years."

Underwood, who will lead

her team into a match against Duke tonight at SAS Stadium, has taken that great attitude and accomplished some special things in her soccer career.

She started on a boys' soccer team during her freshman and sophomore years in high school. At State she tied for the team lead in goals during her freshman year and led the team outright her junior year in that same category. She also scored the game-winning goal against No. 1 North Carolina last season.

"It's hard to beat that," Underwood said. "That was the best feeling that I've had in athletics. But at that time, I knew that there was a lot of time left to play and, since Carolina is such a good team, they could easily come back to tie it. So I didn't feel anything until after the game."



Lindsey Underwood fights for a header earlier in the season against Tulane. The Wolfpack takes on Duke tonight.