

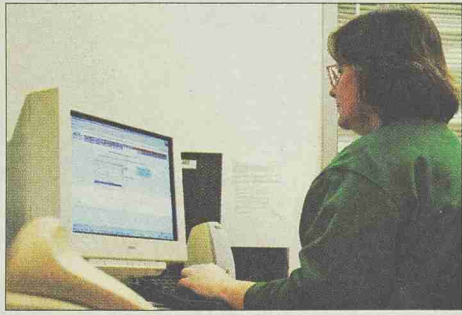
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Libraries join for Virtual Reference Service



Reference librarian Eleanor Smith demonstrates the Virtual Reference chat program.

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

N.C. State libraries, collaborating with Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill, has integrated a new system of reference where users can tap into a state-of-the-art chat technique and access various databases, electronic serials and reserves. This system is called the Virtual Reference Service. "This is something students can use to answer real questions," said Nancy Vaupel, a member of the NCSU Libraries staff. "It is definitely a fun and exciting service."

main ways to obtain help for research and locate specific reference information: the in-person reference desks, phone, e-mail and now, the virtual reference service. Virtual Reference Service is a system of co-browsing where the library can take you over the Web to find needed information or journals. Unlike the phone, which is more "in-person" education, the Virtual Reference Service guides students through the beginning and end of research projects.

The idea was conceived last spring, and initially was

At present, there are four **LIBRARY** see page 3



Bill Fletcher, a graduate of Harvard, explains the events leading up to the U.S. war with Iraq Monday night to a group of students in Witherspoon Student Center.

Speaker talks war and terrorism

Bill Fletcher visited the African-American Cultural Center and spoke about the Iraqi war and terrorism.

Ben Akroyd
Staff Reporter

Visiting lecturer Bill Fletcher, Jr. spoke to a group of about 70 students on Monday at the African-American Cultural Center in a presentation entitled "Visions for Tomorrow: War, Pan-Africanism, & Resistance."

the looking glass," Fletcher, an internationally known author and organizer, said in his opening statement. He focused his speech on the involvement of the United States in various modern wars, particularly Iraq - "why it happened, what we make of it, and its implications."

He went on to classify recent administrations into two distinct groups, the "first among equals" and the "cowboys."

Fletcher distinguished the "first among equals" crowd as those who seek to form partner-

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An unfinished race

N.C. State's Zack Medford will support one of his previous competitors in the City Council District D run-off elections on Nov. 4.

Anna Edens
Senior Staff Reporter

He didn't make it into the City Council run-offs, but Zack Medford is not going to stop campaigning for student rights.

"I'm not going to stop fighting for students," Medford said, who was recently elected as president of Students United for Responsible Governance Everywhere (SURGE), an N.C. State group which lobbies for students both on and off campus.

SURGE aims to further youth involvement in politics.

The student lobbyist group is now working to amend Raleigh's Nuisance Party Ordinance with local political leaders.

In a recent press release, SURGE claimed that the ordinance contains ambiguous language,

which they said is interpretative and allows inconsistencies in enforcement.

"I am meeting with the Mayor, Benson Kirkman, and the City Attorney this week to begin drafting a compromise for the Nuisance Party Ordinance," he said.

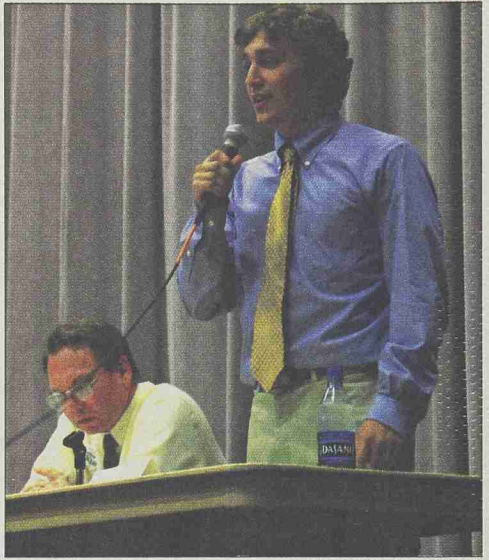
Medford said that he will endorse Councilman Benson Kirkman for City Council District D in the run-off elections on Nov. 4.

"I grow increasingly impressed with Councilman Kirkman's efforts to find a fair compromise. He is truly keeping good on his word to be a voice for the students on City Council. He has my vote," Medford said in a recent press release.

The run-off is between incumbent Benson Kirkman, who received 32.33 percent of the vote with 2,128 votes, and Thomas Crowder, who received 2,068 votes for 31.41 percent.

Medford finished in fourth place with 929 votes, behind Jack Alphin with 1,449.

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Zack Medford, speaking at a candidates forum earlier this month, did not win the Oct. 7 city council race, but has endorsed candidate Benson Kirkman (sitting).

LEAF OF CHANGE



Students had a glimpse of winter yesterday with driving rain and temperatures near 50 degrees.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR 150 YEARS

Fair draws diverse crowd

Rides, exhibits, good food and happy times bring people from all around to the State Fair.

Diane Cordova
Deputy News Editor

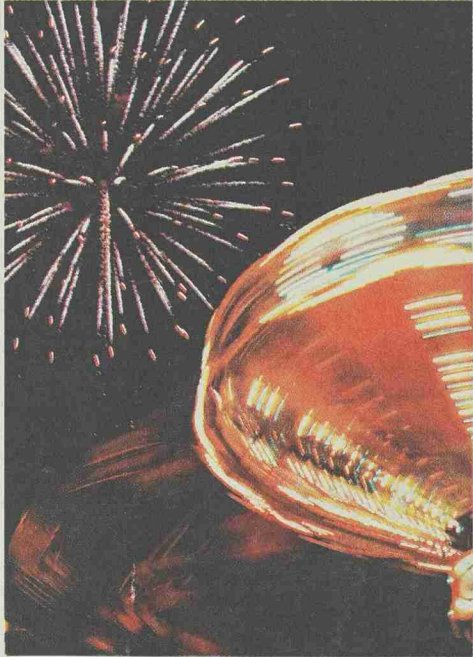
Not even the cold autumn temperatures and the occasional rain could dampen N.C. State Fair turnout.

This year the fairgrounds witnessed the "second highest attendance in State Fair history," Andrea Ashby, a State Fair spokesperson, said.

A crowd of 833,955 people flocked to the fairgrounds, according to Ashby.

In addition to the local community, the fair attracted out-of-state and international crowds as well. Ashby said people from Virginia and Wisconsin entered the livestock competitions, and groups from Australia and the BBC attended the fair.

She said this year's attendance substantially increased from last



833,955 people took in the sights and sounds of the fair this year.

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Career Center offers guidance

Carol Schroeder, director of the center, says the center provides many services that students are unaware of and aren't taking advantage of.

Jodi Swicegood
Staff Reporter

For students unsure about their future career path or confused about their options during college and after, the answer may lie in Pullen Hall.

N.C. State's Career Center, which offers free services to students, aims to assist students in decisions concerning their career path and with tasks that students find challenging such as selecting a major or career, conducting an effective job search, creating a resume and preparing for interviews.

Carol Schroeder, a former College of Management counselor is the director of the center. She says she loves NCSU's students almost as much as helping them.

"I love their work ethic, I love their attitudes about life, I like the fact that we have a huge variety of students that come here at all levels of preparation, all levels of aspirations," she said. "I love the idea of being able to help the students fulfill a future that perhaps they had not considered before."

Unknown to many students, the center offers a variety of tools and services to help plan or prepare for their futures.

Some resources available at the career center are counselors designated to work with students who are haven't yet declared a major. If a student is undecided Schroeder encourages exploration in the form of student society meetings and career fairs.

Other resources include online resources, which can all be accessed through the career center's Web site.

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Ashley Hink spends a day in the life of Robby Wilce.

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Rainy days are here again. Michael Johnson, electrical engineering graduate student, walks back from class in the Tuesday afternoon rain.

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Schroeder says: "Some of these resources are not well known to students and I would like to really be able to change that."

Changes are also taking place in the center itself.

Schroeder says that the career center's primary focus has always been undergraduate students, but with a broadening of the program's services, graduate students are taking advantage of the Career Center more than they have in the past.

"One of the things that students need to know about how this office works is we take the students where they are, we don't expect that you should be at a particular point in your career development."

"Opportunities to work with us are not limited to your major or GPA. We work with all students across campus but there are two career offices on campus; the career services of CALS and career service in textiles," Schroeder says.

And you don't have to be a few months from graduation to take advantage of their services, she explains.

For students just beginning their college career, Schroeder stresses time management, maintaining a good academic standing and taking advantages

Resources offered by the Career Center

Sigi Plus is a system of interactive guidance and information available on the University Career Center's Web site, which students can access from their own computer. After using this program, if students are still hesitant on it's information and what it means to their future, Carol Schroeder suggests that students seek the University Career Center as well as the Counseling Center for vocational guidance.

Career Key

Created by Dr. Larry Jones, a retiree from N.C. State, this program has been translated into at least 20 different languages and gives students a "quick idea of a potential direction."

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This program is also available on the University Career Center's Web site, which takes a student to good information from reliable, valid and up to date sources. "It gives students ideas about the different kinds of work environments and I like the idea of getting students into that kind of information because it really broadens their perspective," Schroeder said.

Fall 2003 Workshops and Career Events:

If interested in acquiring better interviewing strategies that will refine your first impression, a workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30 from 4-5:30 p.m. in Riddick 220.

To learn the strategies and resources available to locate an interesting and rewarding internship, a workshop will also be available on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 4-5 p.m. in Riddick 220.

A Study Abroad Conference, including a panel discussion, will be held on Nov.

of resources on campus

More importantly though, Schroeder says is the sophomore year. She believes it is a critical year for students because they are not necessarily thinking about careers, but should be since during the sophomore year students still have time to change their majors and finish a degree within an acceptable time period.

Students looking for a way to get out of this trend can look to

ePACK - an online service where students can electronically enter their resumes to be searched by employers.

Throughout the undergraduate experience, Schroeder encourages co-ops and internships during a student's first summer as well as volunteer work and study abroad.

"A lot of [success] has to do with how you prepare yourself in terms of all the different kinds

Upcoming career fairs

CALS Career Expo

Thursday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Talley Student Center

Law School Day

Monday, Nov. 3 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in Talley Student Center

PAMS Career Fair

Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Dabney Hall's Main Lobby

Ph.D. Career Fair

Thursday, Nov. 13 from 1-5 p.m. in the Friday Center (Chapel Hill)

CHASSnet

Thursday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Caldwell Lounge

Federal Government Job Fair

Wednesday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Feb. 12 in the Durham Armory

Engineering Career Fair

Thursday, Feb. 19 in the McKimmon Center

of experiences that you add onto your course work because what you do outside of the class is extremely important," she says. "If they want to work in certain fields, [students] need to know that more and more employers are limiting a large portion of their hiring to students who have co-opted or interned with them."

CORRECTION

Tuesday's Technician incorrectly reported that the Tuition Task Force voted 12-2 in favor of a \$300 a year tuition increase. The actual vote was 8-6 with Jamie Pendergrass, Tony Caravano, Amanda Devore, Chad Jordan, Tom Stafford and Harriette Griffin dissenting.

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year's crowd of 696,977 fair goers.

"I was very pleased with the attendance, the weather, that we had a safe fair and that people had a good time," Ashby said.

For most people, the fair remained the same from previous years and many called themselves veteran fair goers.

"I come every year and I like it a lot. I liked the fair better last year because of the rides. Everything else is pretty much the same," Kamal Rachapudri, an N.C. State alumnus in computer engineering, said.

The fair also served as a source of enjoyment for families.

Becky Ulrich, mother of Karis and Stephen, said it was the family's third year attending.

"I like to bring the kids for the pony rides and petting animals," Ulrich said.

Karis said she liked the Ferris wheel.

Dido Ntontolo brought his two children and their two cousins to the fair.

"I came for the children so they could play and enjoy their time," Ntontolo said. "I have come every year for about five or six years."

Ntontolo's children and their cousins said they enjoyed the games, rides and food.

For one NCSU student, the fair provided an opportunity for a cultural experience.

Although this was her second year in attendance, communications sophomore and Hong Kong native Monica Ng said, "I wanted to come to the fair again because I wanted to learn more about American culture. I like the fair's atmosphere [overall]."

According to Ng, she learned about American food culture in particular.

"I didn't know what a funnel cake was and turkey is not common in Hong Kong," she said.

Nathan Bowers, a junior in chemical engineering, attended the fair twice this year. Bowers said he came "to hang out with friends and it's interesting to see the different types of people and different booths."

He jokingly added, "I enjoy laughing at my friends when they lose games."

Brothers Joey and John Moe agreed on one thing - food.

"The food is always good," Joey and John said. "If you don't throw it up on the rides," joked John, a sophomore at Campbell University.

Participants working at the fair said they enjoyed the experience as well.

Charles "Spider" Norris, an employee running the Fire Ball ride, said, "I really enjoy working. We're all one big family, we make sure everyone has a good time and we hope to be able to come back next year."

Norris has worked with Strates Shows for seven years. Another participant acknowledged that working at the fair could be strenuous, but also provided a source of income.

"It's hard work. I work long hours, 10 a.m. to 12 midnight, and have worked every day [of the fair]," Misty Tart, a Benson, N.C. native, said.

Tart worked at a booth selling deep fried candy bars. Alpha Gamma Rho, an NCSU fraternity, operated the booth and Tart's boyfriend is a member. She worked to make "extra cash."

"I like working around people," said Rose McCallum, who has worked at the fair for 20 years and managed the computer image booth. "People having fun and forget about their troubles - that's what the fair is about."

For most fair goers, the sights of bright neon lights and vibrant fireworks, the smell of deep fried candy bars, the shrieks and laughter heard from ride enthusiasts and the taste of sugary, fried funnel cakes evoked an overall sense of fun and good eats.

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ships with developed countries to dominate the rest of the world. He identified Bill Clinton and Colin Powell as a part of this group.

"Cowboys," according to Fletcher, are far more blatant in their aggression. They tend to believe that right now is the time for the United States to strike out and assure its unilateral dominance over the globe. He identified the Bush administration as an example of this group.

Fletcher saw the preparation and involvement in the war with Iraq as a "brilliant, Machiavellian, and cynic move" to achieve Republican victories in the 2002 elections, assure the continued dominance of the dollar as the key world currency and prevent oil supplies from falling into the hands of U.S. competitors.

"They chumped us," he said, speaking of alleged exaggerations made by the administration about the danger posed by Iraq. "They played us like a violin."

Fletcher gave arrogance on the part of the administration and the perception that "it's easier to go after a conventional target instead of terrorists" as further reasoning behind the invasion of Iraq.

According to Fletcher, the current administration's tendencies indicate that only countries with oil will receive any attention and then only military aid. Fletcher emphasized African nations' need for non-military aid, specifically for fighting HIV and aiding economic development.

The war on terror and invasion of Iraq translates into increased preconceived notions of the terrorist's racial make up at home, according to Fletcher. He retold comments he recently heard at an airport made by Caucasian travelers and said, "I hear people mumble 'I don't look like a terrorist.' What did Timothy

McVeigh look like?"

Fletcher encouraged his listeners to be alert to all forms of terrorism. He identified a bloody coup in Chile supposedly sponsored by the CIA as a form of terrorism that goes unaddressed in the United States.

Fletcher is a graduate of Harvard University, president of the TransAfrica Forum and co-founder of the Black-Radical Congress. He was the vice president for International Trade Union Development Programs for the AFL-CIO and has worked with several smaller unions individually. He also co-authored the pictorial booklet: *The Indispensable Ally: Black Workers and the Formation of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, 1934-41.*

Tuesday's lecture was co-organized by the Africana Studies Department and "Breaking the Chains."

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a question of how the three libraries could collaborate. The technology was implemented this summer as well.

Amy VanSoy, assistant department head for NCSU libraries, said that after the technology was introduced to NCSU, Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill agreed on various service standards and assessed them in terms of cost, technical problems, quality of service and users.

VanSoy was quick to note that the Virtual Reference Service is still in its teething stages and therefore major assessments cannot be drawn this early in its implementation.

In terms of fiscal planning VanSoy said that "The Virtual Reference Service has not had much

affect on the libraries budget. Besides paying temporary staff, there has not been any student services that has been compromised."

She also noted that this system does not affect the day-to-day function of the libraries, just the people offering the service. Increased traffic with the Virtual Reference Service doesn't really impact any other service points, she said.

With such technology in place, the question of flooding and popularity may become an issue of concern.

"We are anticipating a steady incline in the amount of users. Virtual Reference is a good place to invest more staff hours" VanSoy said.

The Virtual Reference service operates from Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to midnight; Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to midnight.

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Voters cast 613 ballots at the Witherspoon Student Center polling site, according to the Wake County Board of Elections.

When asked about the increased turnout at the Witherspoon Student Center polling site, Board of Elections Chair John Gilbert said, "My guess is that is because there was an NCSU student on the ballot."

However, this increase may or may not have an effect on November's run-off.

"The kind of turnout in the run-off depends on who the candidates are and it's particular to the race, so you couldn't compare

one to another," Gilbert said.

Cherie Poucher, Director of Elections at the Wake County Board of Elections, said the board does not make predictions or comparisons about elections.


"When it comes to anything with turnout, we like to just encourage everyone to go vote," Poucher said. "There are so many different things that would make a difference [in the election] so we prefer not to comment."

While some may think turnout for a run-off election would be less than the original, in the 2001 races, run-off turnout increased.

The October 2001 races brought 269 voters to Witherspoon Student Center, while 318 appeared for the November run-off.

[Diane Cordova contributed to this story.]

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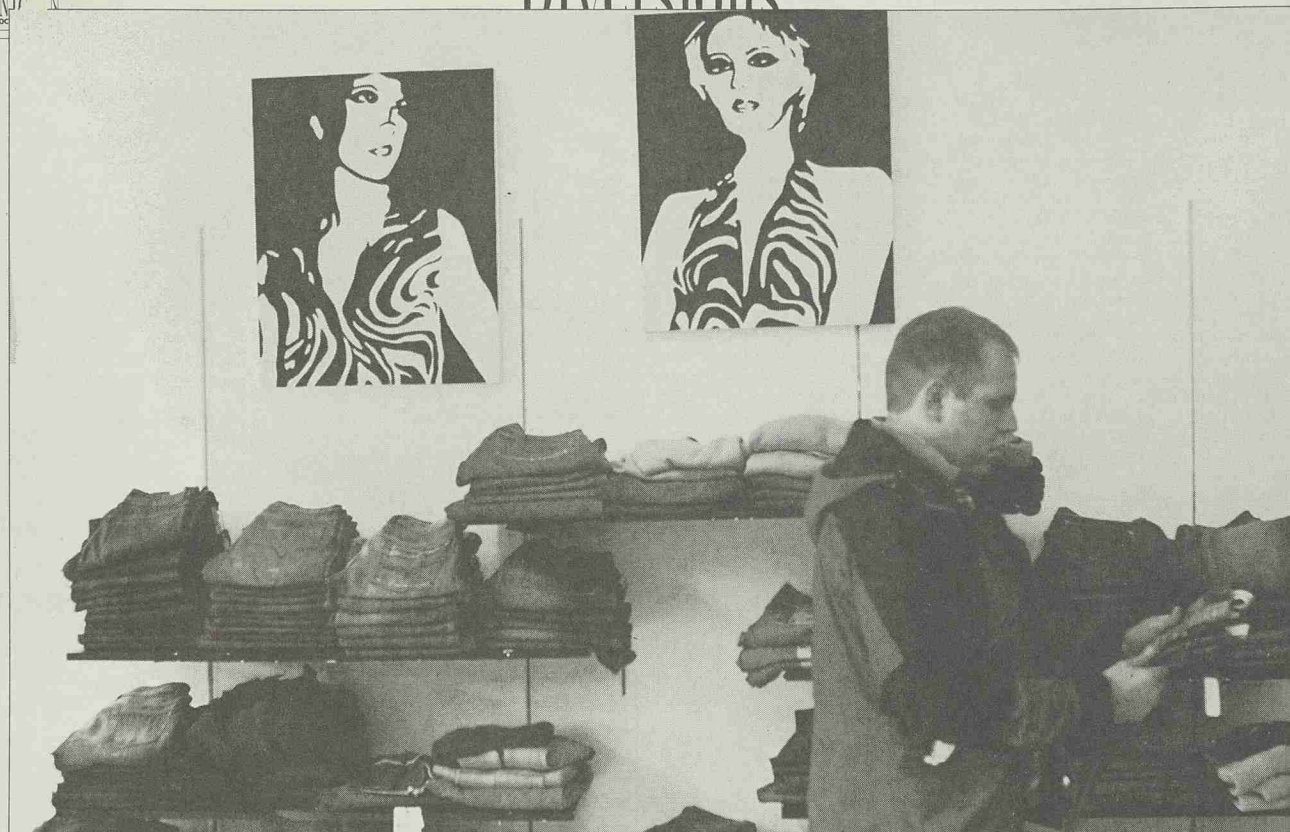
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SAVINGS SO BIG, IT'S SCARY!



Robby Wilce checks out the stacks of Diesel jeans at Wardrobe in Camron Village.

In search of "the fleece"

story by **Ashley Hink** photos by **Tim Lytvinenko**

"Oh my gosh, did that guy just say, 'crack' I think he did." Robby anxiously shifts himself to pull up his low-riding Seven jeans and glances at the faces behind him to see if their eyes were focused on his rear-end.

"Yeah, the light was shining right on it, they definitely saw my butt crack," he says. "Oh well, it's straight. It always hangs out." He then turns his attention back to Josh Rouse, an alternative country artist performing at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro.

Robby Wilce, a 21-year-old from Cary and only child to a career Army officer and a former school administrator, is a perplexed product of years of cotillion classes and a lifestyle of refinement, manners and style. The "pseudo junior trying effortlessly to get into CHASS" could legally drink before getting his license, attended three different colleges and held more part-time jobs than a person could count on both hands.

Terrified of responsibility and adulthood, Robby clings to a life filled with fun and void of seriousness as long as possible. With an amazing talent for writing and a knack for style, he hopes to become a high school English teacher, own an "inside the beltline" designer clothing store or go into public relations. Until then, he will continue to pause conversations to announce oncoming farts, go without underwear, put off papers as long as possible, persuade friends to purchase \$150 designer jeans, throw excessive cocktail parties and be known as "the funny guy" to his overwhelming collection of friends.

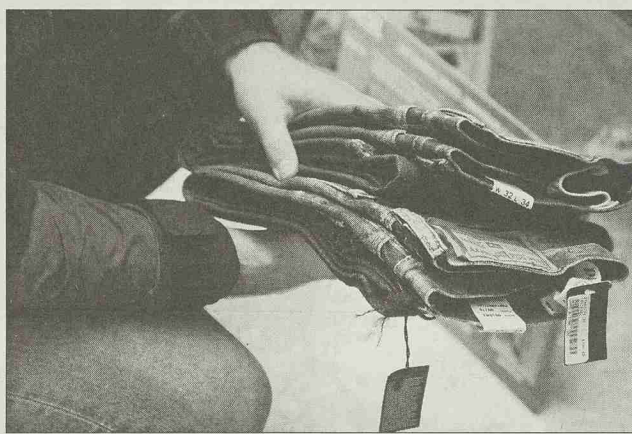
Two days after the "crack" incident at Cat's Cradle, Robby relaxes in his stylish apartment watching "Bowling for Columbine" with friend, Austin Davis. He sits in a contemporary chair from Ikea with a belt hanging from his waist. Diesel jeans unbuttoned and belly slightly peeping out from his T-shirt reading "Vermont" in light blue.

"Man, we just ate so much food," he proclaims. "I'm so full."

Not having class last Friday morning and sleeping until noon, Robby attempts to provoke jealousy when asking about a tough test taken that morning. When learning of a hopeful 'A' after previously scoring a 'B' on the first, he says, "Ooh, of course. You are such a dork. And my gosh, a 'B' before? You're cool now." With taunting sarcasm, he finishes the assault by saying, "Well, you've officially joined the world of slackers and hard-core partiers."

He laughs while rapidly rocking his chair and continually flicking his fingers - just a few of a variety of nervous ticks. Robby soon jumps up, proudly hands over the new Dolce and Gabbana catalog and walks out of the room, returning as he rubs his face with cream.

"I have to shave," he says before jerking his shirt off and returning to the bathroom, where he curses for the next five



Robby Wilce tries on a North Face fleece in Great Outdoor Provision Company.

minutes while searching for a razor.

After putting on his North Face jacket and Ray-Ban sunglasses, he heads to REI in search of a new jacket, the perfect fleece - North Face only.

"Now, this isn't going to be a quick trip," he notes. "I have serious decisions to make about this coat."

Before any oncoming season of the year, Robby carefully plans his clothing theme. Last summer was "summer of the vintage T." Since it is now "winter of the fleece," Robby intends to track down the best looking and, consequently, most expensive fleece coats in the greater Raleigh area. On the way, he plays a mix of Widespread Panic, The Streets and Fischerspooner.

"The Streets are really good, but you can't listen to them for long because you'll have an aneurism."

When arriving at REI, Robby quickly rushes to the coat section and begins his serious search. He first makes his rounds in the menswear section before committing to any particular coat. He has the process down to an art: he pulls out the

careful selections, asks at least two workers to help find his size, and begins to try them on.

The first selection is a puffy North Face coat in gray and black. He models in front of the mirror and takes a view from every angle possible. With disgust and concern, he says, "I look like a big, big thing in this jacket. Whoa, did I gain weight today?"

He doesn't notice, but an older man standing near quietly chuckles as Robby frantically changes coats after his surprising mirror image. As another customer walks by, Robby jerks his head around and eyes the coat he is wearing.

"Hey, go ask him where he got his jacket. I'm serious!"

Not having luck finding the "perfect fleece," he walks over to the wall of tough looking hiking boots. He picks up at least five pairs and examines them for color variety and brand.

"So, do you think that if I got a higher cut pair of shoes my jeans would fall over them better rather than getting bunched up at the ankle?" Coming from anyone

else, such a question would be absurd, but this guy knows more designer names than any sorority girl could hope to, and is the most fashion-conscious male I've ever met.

Disappointed from not finding a coat, he lights a cigarette, blasts Guster and shouts along to the words. He punches at the CD player buttons and says, "Ooh, I need to find the fun one. I'm going to have fun with it." After finding the "fun" song, he returns to his cigarette and drives to my apartment, where he has been commissioned to approve an outfit for a first date.

While showering, Robby patiently sits on the couch and watches an episode of "Sex and the City" on DVD. When viewing the coral-colored lace top, torn Levi's jeans and high-heeled brown boots I have on, his face shows obvious disappointment.

"You look like a cowgirl," he says. "You're going to Chapel Hill, they won't understand that." Not moved by his pleas to change into a sexy black blouse and painful black pumps, I decide to remain in the "cowboy" attire. Robby disapprovingly but playfully says, "All I'm saying is that you need to look hot. I would know, I'm a guy! But, if you're going to wear that, I sure hope he's planning on taking you to Lonestar for dinner."

With one more shopping stop to make before he heads to work as a waiter at Southend Brewery, he rides over to Camron Village where, in some stores, he is known by name. He first goes to Wardrobe where, upon entry, an older blonde saleslady greets him in a twangy southern accent.

"Hi there Robby! How can I help you today?" He looks through stacks of Diesel jeans and then decides to hit up The Great Outdoor Provision Co. for one last attempt to find "the perfect fleece." Repeating the same carefully planned method of searching and trying on coats, he again walks out empty-handed. With a few minutes to kill before work, he grabs his pack of Camel lights and orders a smoothie from a nearby cafe.

"I didn't get my usual chai milkshake because it is too flummy," he says. "You know, like a loogie?"

That night at work where he "acts cheesy as hell to customers," Robby only earns \$12 in tips, thanks to the State Fair taking away business. It's just as well, as Robby spends the night hiding in the kitchen avoiding work as much as possible - sneaking in a televised soccer game, reflecting on the various fleece coats tried on throughout the day, taking huge bites of cheesecake from the kitchen and fantasizing about sorority girls, no doubt, toting Louis Vuitton bags and wearing Christian Dior sunglasses.

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

LET THEM REGISTER

OUR OPINION: TO ALLOW AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT STUDENTS TO REGISTER FOR REQUIRED BUSINESS CLASSES, THE COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT SHOULD PUT ARE ON THE RESTRICTED MAJORS LIST.

The purpose of a university is to teach and enlighten through the study of the sciences and humanities. Academic departments are set up in their respected fields of study to further study and advance knowledge.

Sometimes academic fields overlap and departments work together in the best interests of the students. But in times of economic trouble, academic departments are forced to look after their own students since class sections are being cut and new faculty are not being hired. This is the case with the College of Management and the Agriculture and Resource Management department in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Agribusiness management majors in

the ARE department are required to take one of three courses offered by the College of Management in order to graduate: BUS 330: Human Resource Management, BUS 335: Organizational Behavior and EC 431: Labor Economics. But when ARE students go to register, they cannot register for these classes because they are restricted to majors only in the College of Management.

They can only get into the classes in January when they petition the College of Management to let them into the courses. When contacted, the ARE department said the College of Management opened up seats in BUS 335 and EC 431 for registration, but BUS 330 is still restricted. This brings up a larger issue directly tied to money: because of budget shortfalls, academic departments must look to their own in order to get them to graduate. Students in a department that need courses in other departments are left with very few options, which could delay their graduation.

Many are worried that might be the case.

There is no easy solution. As a temporary fix to this problem, CALS had an agriculture extension agent teach a section of the labor course, but he plans on retiring. A more permanent solution would be to put ARE on the restricted majors list and for CALS to pick up some of the cost for having extra sections for their students. With about 100 people in the major geared directly to managing farms and nurseries, which are businesses, this would be a better solution than to make ARE students petition after the sections are full and jeopardize their graduation date.

Every academic department is feeling the pinch during this down time. It is a sad situation when a university cannot even provide its students with enough classes and its departments are forced to close themselves off from each other, when, ideally, they should be open to the free exchange of academia.

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The senate is just a name

As if you haven't heard it enough times, student fees this, student fees that, Tony shoots down Senate, follow the yellow brick road. Well, I don't want to talk about student fees. I want to talk about the people deciding on them.

So first off, kudos to Tony Caravano and fattening Snicker's bars to the Senate. We, as students, should feel lucky that Tony has our back the way he does. During his speech, I saw

firsthand how he has done an excellent job being the medium between the administration, the Senate and the students as a whole. He spoke with authority, rationale and confidence on the reasoning for his decision. While he was giving his speech, I swear a ghost of J.K.F. appeared next to him.

The Senate on the other hand couldn't find its way out of a wet paper bag. I found them to be a very disorganized and disrespectful group of individuals that were often going around their elbow to get to their ear. Half the meeting was wasted on formalities and irrelevancies that existed only to give the people talking about them an adrenaline rush of power. The other half was used for clarifying or repeating what other Senators had already said. The image of a cat and a string hanging from a ceiling fan was often vivid in my mind.

Before they all get hostile with me, some individuals are there for the correct reasons, and fulfilling their role well. But those were few and far

between. They are becoming even sparser because I'm willing to bet that these are the ones who are resigning at a rate that would make even a stockbroker faint. I'd resign too if I had to go through that mayhem every meeting. I know that they accepted three resignations the night I was there, and it's my understanding that two or three times that many have resigned over the last three weeks.

I found it very hard to hear what was being said, mostly due to the constant hum of side conversations from inside and outside the meeting, as well as the sergeant-at-arms constantly yelling "PRIVELEGE!" In addition, I noticed several accounts where a senator would use a tenth of their time to speak and yield the rest of it to someone they already agreed to do so with.

Corruption. Chaos. Incompetence. Confusion. It seems to be the setting of a good John Grisham novel.

So while the side deals outside were being made to get advantage during the debates, I listened to the Fees Committee complain about how they didn't want to review the resolutions again, for time and sanity's sake. I got confused for a minute because I was under the impression that was their job. But hey, what was I going to do? Stand up and lecture that the students were their reason for sitting in their seats? That they are not a governing body?

That seemed to be the largest misconception among the senators. They don't know the difference between govern and represent, and Coke and Pepsi for that matter. It seemed to me that most of them were there to feel important and typically ended up taking it WAY too far. Most of the

ones that did the largest chunk of the speaking seemed ready to show off their knowledge of impractical ideas and "facts" that would make Rush Limbaugh shudder. The debates and comments looked like a seesaw with Mini-Me and Drew Carey.

In disbelief, I started reading the senate agenda again, and became confused. I guess the personal agendas had their own stacks.

As if that wasn't enough, I heard several statements that disrespected the administrators ultimately deciding on the issue. Call me crazy, but I would think one would prefer to be on the same side as those that could welcome you with open arms or turn you away like Mother Theresa to sex.

And this was where Tony shined. He stood firm for the administrators, and then represented the students.

His vetoes allow the students to provide and receive more information on a decision that could change the comma placement on your next tuition bill. It allows the senators to become adequately informed in a more appropriate manner, hopefully making a wiser decision. The administrators were ready to cut the senate out of the fee resolution process altogether, and I personally don't blame them. But (and I'm sure Tony had a hand in this) they decided to give them the second chance to represent us and speak for us.

Which I don't trust them to do, because I can't throw very far. The senate should not tell us what to do, but rather vice versa. So as of this moment, there is no substance to that group, it is just a name.

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Jason Eder
 Staff Columnist

Protect your neck (and ID)

As college students, we don't have much money, and rarely have cash, which leaves us to rely heavily on credit cards and check cards. We complete many transactions online, and our social security is virtually our identity on campus. We are perfect candidates for identity fraud.

According to a USA Today article on identity fraud, cases are skyrocketing, but few are being reported to police. Credit card companies prefer not to involve police because the number of cases they report makes them look bad.

Instead of trying to fix the system, it's cheaper to buy off the victims. Besides, it's not exactly like erroneous and extravagant use of a credit card is a red flag for college students.

The things an identity thief needs in order to commit fraud - a social security number, date of birth, full name, address - are plastered all over campus and online. Remember that free Cingular stress reliever you got for free when you filled out that application? A social security number would normally be one of the more difficult pieces of information to obtain, but not on a college campus.



Greg Volk
 Staff Columnist

When I first came to N.C. State, I barely knew I had a social security number. I had written it a couple of times on job applications but didn't have it memorized. Now I feel like 345-78-0023 is more important than "Gregory Michael Volk."

In large lecture classes, we often have to label our tests with our "identification number," aka our social security number. If people are willing to risk getting nailed for cheating, and we know they are, then they are a mere lean and peep away from getting their thieving hands on our precious identities. NCSU Associate General Counsel David Drooz said that technically a student can choose not to allow his social security number to be used for identification in situations like this but that doing so would just create more paperwork for everyone involved.

At Carmichael Gymnasium, what do we do to check out sweats, balls and other various pieces of athletic equipment? Write down our social security number on a scrap of paper and hand it to the person in the locker room - all the while in plain view of anyone who wants to see it. Dawn Sanner, director of facilities and operations for Carmichael Gymnasium, says this will change when the whole university system changes next year.

When we arrive at NCSU, we are issued a unity ID and a password. The initial password is always, you guessed it, our social security number. Accord-

ing to Vice-Provost of Information Technology James Averitt, NCSU is moving away from this practice. By this summer, Averitt said, the university will have a new system that maps your initial password and your new student identification number to your social security number without revealing it. This is true with any type of personal information. One of my professors became the victim of credit fraud when a dumpster diver got his personal information out of the garbage at a doctor's office. It wasn't his fault. The office had not shredded the documents they should have shredded.

A close friend of mine recently noticed something interesting about his bank statement. Evidently, he spent \$243.69 with his check card at a gas station in Wilmington. He didn't remember being in Wilmington, much less spending a couple hundred dollars at a BP. He still had his card. Put your social security number together with your credit card, and some illegal immigrant could be buying himself a fake ticket to citizenship with your credit card.

All we can do is attempt to protect ourselves. If thieves are determined and talented enough, they'll get to us, but we shouldn't go down without a fight. To use your credit or check card, as in my friend's case, all thieves need is the account number and expiration date - not the card.

We are perfect candidates for identity fraud.

Using a little common sense can go a long way though. Merchants, both online and traditional, should never ask for your telephone number or address to complete a transaction, or even to enter you into a contest to win lots and lots of money.

Review all your statements to look for suspicious charges - not the kind you might not remember because you were at a bar a little too long, but the kind that say you made hefty purchases in a town a couple hours away. Keep your receipts and statements in a safe place.

Most receipts these days don't include the card number, just the last four or so numbers, but always check just to make sure. When you do throw away receipts or statements, shred them first. You can even get the kids involved by making it a fun game.

How the university uses our social security number is out of our control, and that's scary. However, we can still protect ourselves by being smart. Someone getting our credit card number can cause us a headache and cost us some bucks. Someone getting our social security number, the key to our financial identity, can give us chronic migraines. Only you are entitled to your personal information. Guard it the best you can.

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No animals harmed in this experiment

"Oh look at the pretty little duck!" A parent of four little monsters exclaims when her darling little boy picks up a poult (baby turkey) by its wings. "No ma'am, that's not a turkey; this is a duckling." I explain, while trying to release the death grip the child has on the poult. The person next to her is eyeing me suspiciously and says "These all look really cold. Why do you people



Heather Cutchin
 Staff Columnist

keep them out here all day?" I groan inwardly, tell her how we switch the babies out every quarter hour or half hour as needed. Her look is incredulous and she walks away, surely to tell PETA that there are horrible people at the chick booth in the State Fair. It is now 9:10 a.m., and I have only been here for about half an hour.

with just about any animal. There is also a milking booth that anyone, kids and adults alike, can learn how to milk a cow. The best part is that all of this is in the middle of Raleigh, where many little kids still think hamburger comes from the grocery store.

That is the main reason I enjoy working the chick booth so much. Teaching children and adults about these animals is a very rewarding experience. The best part is seeing the delight on an elderly person's face when they pick up a chick and then tell me about how they used to raise them when they were little. A close second to that is seeing the kids light up when they hold a duckling for the first time.

Teaching children that milk comes from cows, and then teaching them how to milk a cow is wonderful. Getting to pet the variety of animals over in the petting zoo is an experience most kids talk about weeks before and after their visit to the fair.

It does get frustrating when people criticize us for what we do. We at the chick booth carefully watch all of the chicks, ducklings and poult for any signs of weariness, and we faithfully trade out "old" babies for "new" babies every quarter or half hour, depending on the number of people

coming through and the temperature. The cows at the milking booth need to be milked; it is part of their daily life. If they are not, they become swollen and painful. Milking them is actually a way of helping them. The cattle and other animals that are "show animals" are probably better taken care of than the people that show them are. Throughout the week, the kids or adults that show these animals are with them constantly. The time leading up to the fair is one of extensive preparation. All animals are washed, brushed and fed on a regular schedule. Many people will stay at the fair with their animals even at night, sleeping on a sleeping bag and forgoing the comforts of a hotel room.

If you have negative views of the things that go on at the fair, I hope this in some way changes them. We do not want our animals hurt any more than you want animals hurt. If we hurt them, then there would not be any animals left! We take pride in our animals and in teaching others about them. Too many children out there do not understand that chicken nuggets are not made at McDonald's. We want them to know the truth.

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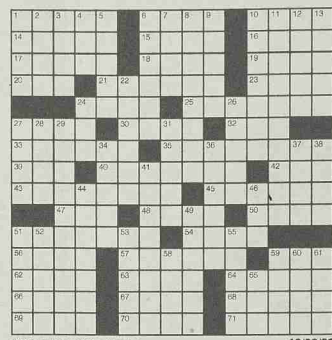
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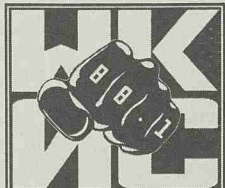
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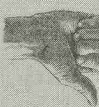


Florida State's offense

The Seminoles gains 505 yards of total offense against Wake Forest. Chris Rix threw for 339 yards and eight different players rushed for a combined 138 yards on the ground.

Maryland's offense

The Terrapins managed to gain only an anemic 253 yards of total offense while throwing two interceptions, and fumbling five times in an ugly loss to Georgia Tech.



Darian Durant

North Carolina's quarterback found a new way to lose, as he threw three interceptions and fumbled the game away on the goal line as time expired.

Heels turn back Pack

State manages to steal one game from Heels, still falls.

Sports Staff Report

North Carolina improved its record to 17-8 and 8-3 in the ACC after defeating N.C. State 3-1 in Carmichael Auditorium Tuesday night. The Tar Heels won 30-21, 30-27, 29-31 and 30-13. Sophomore outside hitter Dani Nyenhuis had 17 kills and 18 digs to lead UNC to the victory.

State (7-19, 0-11) was led by freshman Julia Reis, as she had

14 kills and 21 digs. Maya Mapp contributed 11 kills and Caroline Frede had 18 digs. The match was delayed in the fourth game due to an injury suffered by Reis. The extent of the injury is not yet known.

Junior defensive specialist Jayme Mitchell also sparked UNC to victory as she had three key service aces to go along with tying her career high in digs with eight.

State will look to pick up its first ACC win on the road against Florida State this Saturday.

lot of desire out there."

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams travel to Chapel Hill on Friday to compete in the Tar Heel Mile Meet.

SWIMMING

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ter boards.
"Honestly, I think I could have done a little better, but overall, it was a fairly consistent performance," said Assuncao.

The Pack recorded a 1-2-3 finish in the 1000 freestyle, with junior Peter Pessagno and sophomores Seth Hoffman and Billy Booth earning the points. Pessagno also placed first in the 500 freestyle.

Sophomore Scott Detloff earned the Pack first-place points in the 50 freestyle and the 200 butterfly, while sophomore John Hudson, junior Rob Yeager, senior Jorge Gutierrez and Detloff finished the meet with a win in the 400 freestyle relay.

"The men were expecting a challenge and they were ready to go," said Teal. "They really performed as a team and showed a

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Stat of the week

290

North Carolina rushed for 290 yards against Clemson and three touchdowns, but still lost 36-28.

Quote of the week

"There's the kicking game - one of these days we'll get an onside kick."

-Chuck Amato on N.C. State's special teams troubles as they lost yet another onside kick to Duke on Saturday.

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Thursday, Oct. 23
Georgia Tech 7, Maryland 3
Saturday, Oct. 25
N.C. State 28, Duke 21
Florida State 48, Wake Forest 24
Clemson 36, UNC 28
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Saturday's Games

North Carolina @ Maryland, 1
Virginia @ N.C. State, 3:30
Duke @ Tennessee, 4
Florida State @ Notre Dame, 2:30
Clemson @ Wake Forest, 3:30

Wednesday Sports

Schedule

Football vs. Virginia, 11/1, 3:30
Men's basketball Red/White game, 11/1, 1
Men's soccer at Radford, 11/1
Women's soccer at Wake Forest, 11/1
Volleyball at Florida State, 11/1
Cross country at ACC Championships, 11/1
Swimming at Tar Heel Mile, 10/31

Scores

Women's soccer 6, Howard 1
Men's swimming 149, East Carolina 75
Women's swimming 173, ECU 70
North Carolina 3, Volleyball 1

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Tobacco Road revitalization

It's 110 miles of Interstate-40 between Winston-Salem and Raleigh on a surface that winds and turns, bypassing such forgotten towns as Gibsonville, Graham and Mebane.

The span that stretches just over the 100 miles provides a tangible representation of the imaginary Tobacco Road, the name given to the basketball hotbed that is Wake Forest, North Carolina, Duke and N.C.



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Sports Editor

State.

Usually, one of the four stops on the Road serves as a breath of fresh air for a visiting ACC school - sort of a rest stop, so to speak, in which a win is all but certain.

At least, that's the way it used to be.

In the last season of traditional league round-robin play, which will vanish when Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College join the ACC, opposing teams will be thanking their lucky stars for a win at any of the four venues.

For starters, the last five ACC championship trophies are tucked away in Durham under the watchful eye of Mike Krzyzewski - and that doesn't figure to change this year.

The Devils return four starters from a Sweet 16 team that was supposed to spend the year rebuilding, not winning the league championship.

Add sensational freshman Luol Deng into the mix and *viola*, you have the nation's clear-cut No. 2 team behind Connecticut - and the overwhelming favorite to win the league. As in the recent past, wins this year in Cameron Indoor Stadium will come at the ultimate premium.

Nearly 75 miles to the west are the (shhh) ACC regular-season champions of a year ago, Wake Forest. As if anyone remembers, the Deacons did win the league's crown last season but flamed out in the postseason by losing in the second round in both the ACC and NCAA tournaments.

Still the Wake players could care less whether or not anyone remembers their league championship run, during which they went undefeated at home.

"It's just more motivation for us when people don't respect what we've accomplished," lanky forward Jamaal Levy said.

It's always quite odd for the soft spot on Tobacco Road to lie in Chapel Hill, but that's exactly what has happened the last two seasons, one of which fielded the worst team in school history.

Despite that notion, forward Jawad Williams thinks this team could be the best team in...NCAA history?

Uhh, sure thing Mr. Williams. Still, under head coach Roy Williams, the Heels should at a minimum start a new string of Sweet 16 runs beginning this year, as well as go back to successfully defending its home floor.

Then there's N.C. State. The Road's punching back for the entire decade of the '90s, State has dropped just four home games to non-North Carolina schools at home in the past two seasons.

If State can hold its own on the boards - and by that I mean don't get out-rebounded by more than 10 each game - a 20-win season is a certain reality.

What is a reality right now is the conglomerate of talent these four teams have accumulated.

At ACC media day Sunday, all five players on my preseason All-ACC ballot - Julius Hodge, Raymond Felton, J.J. Redick, Daniel Ewing and Rashad McCants - were from the Big Four.

If we were voting on the second-team, I probably would have done the exact same thing in picking five from a group of Duke's Sheldon Williams, North Carolina's Sean May, State's Marcus Melvin and Illian Evtimov, and Wake's Vyatas Danelius, Justin Gray and Taron Downey.

Together that group will lead their teams toward a year of great promise along Tobacco Road - down a road many don't want to travel.

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Mandela Schumacher-Hodge plays the ball as the rest of the NCSU women's soccer team looks on in their rain gear during a 6-1 win over Howard University.

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Pack drowns Bison

Six different plays scored for State in the lopsided win.

Stephen Federowicz
Staff Writer

The day the Wolfpack women's soccer team played its final home game of the season at Method Road Stadium certainly was not a pretty, autumn afternoon. It was cold and the rain was coming down at a steady rate. Nevertheless, the Wolfpack knew it had to take care of business against non-conference opponent Howard

with the ACC tournament looming in the near future.

Taking care of business was what they were all about on Tuesday. Right from the start the Pack seemed determined to persevere through the adverse weather conditions, tallying five first-half goals to win the match 6-1.

"I felt that both teams dealt well with the weather," State coach Laura Kerrigan said. "I am particularly proud of the way our team handled things out there."

Six different players scored for State. The first goal came at the 6:52 mark when midfielder Lindsay DeLorenzo sent a shot

off the hands of Howard goalkeeper Angel Ughiovhe and into the back net.

The Pack struck again less than six minutes later with an Erin Griswold breakaway goal.

The team went on to add three more goals and outshoot the Bison 12-1 as the soggy and wet first half ended.

At the start of the second half, the rain began to fall even harder.

The only State goal of the second frame came less than five minutes into the half when Griswold sent a high, arching cross over the middle to Lindsey Underwood, who finished

with a nice header.

"Erin gave me a great pass," Underwood said. "All I had to do was get a head on it."

This game saw nearly every player on the Pack's roster get in on the action. The starters had a chance to rest and dry off in a sideline tent, while the rest of the team logged second-half minutes.

"It was obviously very wet out there, but we played the ball quickly and dealt with it well," Underwood said.

The only Howard goal of the game came late in the second half, when a Dayna West shot pinged off the crossbar and into the goal, just out of

reach of State keeper Megan Connors.

Hungry for another ACC victory, State will play its final regular-season game Saturday against Wake Forest in Winston-Salem.

The conference tournament is set to begin the following Thursday at SAS Stadium in Cary.

"We are definitely not looking past our game against Wake," Kerrigan said. "It is probably our most important game of the season because it will determine who we will have to play in the first round of the tournament."

Women get revenge; men roll

The swimming and diving teams celebrated a momentous defeat over East Carolina Tuesday.

Deandra Duggans
Staff Writer

N.C. State's swimming and diving meet against East Carolina Tuesday at the Casey Aquatics Center proved to be an opportunity for the women to seek revenge from their heart-breaking one-point loss in last year's meet.

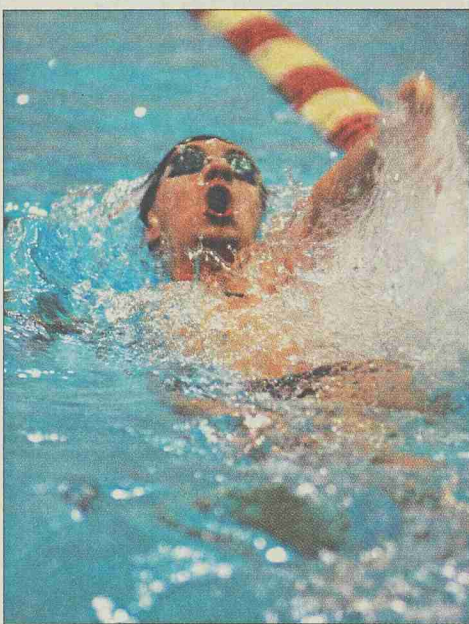
The women not only won the meet this time around, but did it in a big way. By the first break, the Wolfpack lead the Pirates (2-1) 85-21, and by the end of the ninth event, State (1-2, 0-2 ACC) had already clinched the victory at 127-42. The final margin would be 173-70.

The men's team also followed suit, pummeling the Pirates 149-75 to complete the early evening sweep.

"We knew this was a big meet because last year we lost by only one point," said Kerry Whitson, who placed first in the 200- and 50-yard freestyle. "I'm more happy with the team's performance, every practice is 100 percent effort and it has really paid off."

The women's first event was the 400 medley relay, in which freshman Rebecca Perry, sophomore Jessica Koenig, sophomore Lola Woodworth and freshman Melissa Jamerino brought home first-place points. The women would go on to place first in the next eight events.

"This is something the women



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Robert Terrell gives his 400 meter medley relay team a lead in the backstroke portion of the race, to a team first place finish.

have been focusing on from the beginning of the year...to get ready for this meet and they were in a very big way," said coach Brooks Teal.

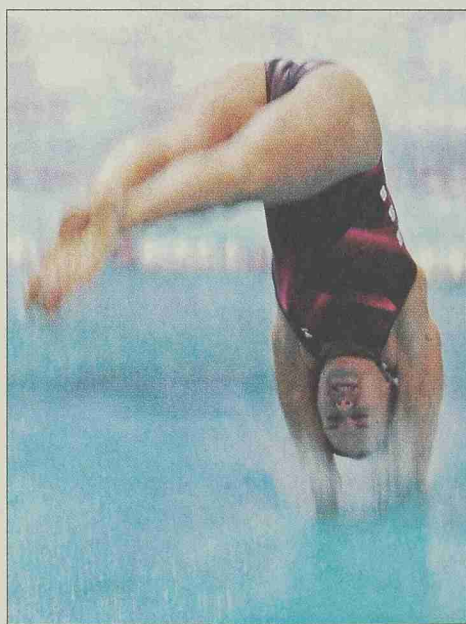
The Pirates ended State's run of wins first with first-place points in the last two events, the 200 breaststroke and the 400 free relay, in which State came in strong at second, third and fourth.

Perry and Koenig also had big nights, placing first in three events and together in the 400

medley relay. Sophomore Molly Culberson was triumphant in the diving events, placing first on the 3-meter and 1-meter boards.

"I felt pretty good [about my performance], there are a couple of dives that still need work, but I'm pretty happy with it," said Culberson. "In practice we have been working on detail and our bad habits, so it's in the works."

Coach Teal was equally happy with the women's overall performance and attributed the win to



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Ashley Lambertson kicks her legs around as she finishes off a dive.

the women's heart.

"The women showed what they are capable of when they get their hearts and emotions into it and it should be a big confidence booster for them," said coach Teal.

The men (3-1, 1-1 ACC) also celebrated with a victory over the visiting Pirates (2-1). The men placed first in 10 of their 11 events, finishing in second place in the 200 individual medley. The rest of the meet proved to be smooth sailing as

State recorded its third win of the season.

"We are performing great and very consistently together, and we are also being very supportive of each other, which is a big plus," said freshman Vitor Assuncao.

After being named the ACC's swimming and diving Performer of the Week Monday, Assuncao recorded two more first-place wins on the 1-meter and 3-meter

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