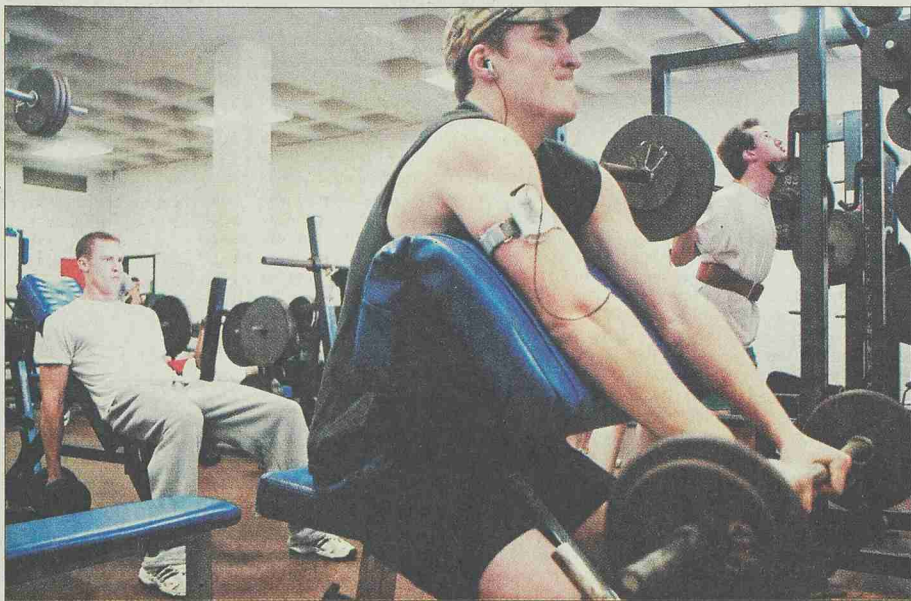


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Andrew Bailey, a sophomore in landscape horticulture and agricultural business, strains while doing a preacher curl in Carmichael Gymnasium on Thursday afternoon. Bailey said that the weight rooms are often not crowded early in the day, but in the afternoon and evening they quickly fill up.

JAMES FARLOW/TECHNICIAN

Carmichael Gym wants students' opinions

Carmichael Gym is handing out surveys to students about gym satisfaction, and holding an open forum for students to voice concerns.

Kate Renner
Staff Reporter

Starting Monday, every person who enters Carmichael Gym will be asked to fill out a semester satisfaction survey.

Carmichael has dedicated next week to gain student input about the facilities by passing out 1,000 surveys to gym users and by conducting an open forum for students to verbally express their concerns. The open forum is planned for 6 p.m. on Wednesday in Carmichael Gym, Room 104.

The forum is a time set aside by Carmichael administration where the floor will be open for students and gym members to address any of their

concerns.

"In the past, the turnout at the forums has been quite dismal, but we are hoping for a change this year since there is so much talk of an expansion," Carmichael Gym Director Dawn Sanner said.

The forum will give the students a chance to voice any praise or concern on subjects such as the redesigned Carmichael Web site, the cleanliness of the facilities and the availability of equipment.

The fall semester surveys will be available at two locations: the entrance near the tennis courts and the entrance at Cates Avenue. The goal of the surveys is to give Carmichael a chance to hear the perspectives of its users.

"Sometimes we use the surveys as a way to improve certain areas of the gym, and other times we use them as a chance to celebrate if the responses are positive," Sanner said. "It's a nice check and balance to see how Carmichael administra-

tion is doing."

The most typical response for the past spring survey was to increase availability for equipment.

Some current students agree, as Ross Hannah, a freshman in business management, said, "When I fill out the survey I am going to request more cardio equipment, but otherwise there are no changes that need to be made."

Some gym users feel that the facility satisfaction survey is more work than it is worth.

"The gym seems fine; a heck of a lot better than other facilities I've seen," Gypsy Forgay, a freshman in communications, said. "If someone has a problem with the gym, I think they should just tell a supervisor or a coach."

Most of the administration utilizes the feedback, and according to Sanner, they refer back to the responses often.

"You never know who's going to pick today to bring up a concern," Sanner said.

Print quota offers an IOU

WolfCopy implements an IOU system for students who need to use more print quota than they have purchased in cases of emergencies.

Aparna Ramabhadran
Staff Reporter

The Information Technology Division (ITD) has recently introduced a new IOU system for print quota, allowing students to print in computer labs, even if they don't have any money credited to their account for printing.

"You can buy print quota only between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and in emergen-

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ISLAM AWARENESS



PETE ELLIS/TECHNICIAN

Rich Duffield speaks with Naseem Paruk at the Muslim Students Association's Dawah Table on Thursday in Talley Student Center. The Dawah table is set up every Wednesday and Thursday from 1-3:00 PM as a "free come-and-go discussion" of the matters of the Islam Faith, according to Paruk.

PROFESSOR IN THE PACK

Fun guy brings fungi to life

Kenneth Ball Staff Reporter

"What is a Student?

A student is the most important person in any educational institution.

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A student is not just a statistic. He/she is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like us."

These words hang from C. Gerald Van Dyke's office door in Gardner Hall. Considering his popularity among students and the many teaching honors he has received, Van Dyke has certainly taken these words to heart.

"If you have not had Dr. Van Dyke's class, you are missing out. His passion for his students rubs off in his teaching and creates a fun atmosphere for learning. If you want to take interesting classes, these are the ones," Sarah Greene, a freshman in forestry, said.

Van Dyke graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in botany education in 1963. He received his master's degree in plant pathology from the University of Illinois in 1966 and

his Ph.D. in 1968.

Van Dyke has been a professor of botany at N.C. State since 1969.

Over the years, Van Dyke has developed a teaching method that has made his classes exceedingly popular among undergraduate students.

"I've always tried to use various models of things and I dress up in costumes and I try to act out different things in my teaching," Van Dyke said.

One look around Van Dyke's office confirms this, as he has an assortment of cardboard cutouts and odd costume apparel stacked on his shelves.

"I have a little antennae thing that I put on my head when I'm acting out a chlorophyll molecule. Up on top

of the [cabinet] up there are some cardboard pieces put together I use to demonstrate certain cells and how they react and act," Van Dyke said.

"Dr. Van Dyke is a man who can make learning fun. His enthusiasm keeps your attention during class and helps you remember things better," Lindsay Cooke, a senior in zoology, said.

Van Dyke teaches a number of orientation courses in the botany department. He also teaches two courses in which he has been instrumental in curriculum development, the Botany 200 and 222 courses.

"I teach the fungi course, or as I usually say, I teach a course in mushrooms and molds, and that's why I'm such a fun guy to be around,"

Van Dyke said jokingly.

Although it may seem otherwise, Van Dyke doesn't spend all his free time thinking up new and exciting ways to bring botany to his students. He enjoys reading, spending time with other people, exercising, and has just recently taken up golf.

When asked what kind of plant or fungus he would be if he could be any plant or fungus, Van Dyke responded with the wit that has made him popular with students.

"Maybe I'd be a hallucinogenic fungus since so many people like hallucinogenic fungi, they'd like me more," Van Dyke said.

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RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Professor of botany, Gerald Van Dyke, wears ties specific to the subjects he teaches. Here he wears a fungal tie, while he holds a flower tie and the tie he wears while covering photosynthesis, which he accompanies with a green outfit.

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Sports
Profiles senior soccer player Chris Gannon

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POLICE BLOTTER

crimes reported from campus police

11:45 AM Traffic Accident

A student ran off the road at Pullen Road and Western Blvd after losing control of his vehicle.

2:22 AM Patrol Directives

3 completed

8:04 AM Trespassing

A non-student who had been previously trespassed was seen inside the library and was arrested for second degree trespassing.

10:21 PM Check Persons

A student called to report that there were about 15 male subjects dressed the same way walking around in the parking lots of Frat Row and looking into vehicles. Officers met with a student. He had pledges from Tau Kappa Epsilon, and was taking them across the lot to their training on principles. No problems noted.

10:22 PM Traffic Checkpoint

Officers conducted a driver's license checkpoint on Morrill Drive at Warren Carroll Drive. Eight verbal warnings were issued for violations of expired registrations, expired inspection stickers, and failure to carry driver's license.

11:41 PM Suspicious Incident

A Lee Hall staff member called to report that she received some suspicious instant messages from another student. Residence Hall staff and an Officer met with the student to discuss the messages he sent. He said he was down about his school work and problems at home. He was referred to the Counseling Cen-

ter, but said he would rather talk with family members. A housing ad memo was documented and will be passed onto the RLC for further investigation. The Officer felt that the student would not harm himself.

12:30 PM Larceny

A student reported that his wallet and cell phone were stolen from the Bagwell Hall Lounge.

12:49 PM Larceny

A student found a subject in the DH Hill Library break room going through his book bag. He confronted the subject and he stated he was looking for money and left the area.

1:34 PM Medical Assist

A construction worker suffered an electrocution at the Wolf Village construction site. He was transported to Wake Med by EMS.

4:00 PM Damage to Property

A student stated that he had parked his vehicle in the West Lot, and when he returned the side of the car was scratched and the mirror damaged.

4:20 PM Fraud

A student reported that someone used his ID in the Bragaw C-Store to purchase \$47 worth of items.

5:51 PM Building Liaison

An Officer conducted a building liaison meeting in Metcalf Hall.

6:29 PM Assist Other Agency

An Officer assisted RPD with a stranded motorist on the Western Blvd ramp.

6:33 PM Traffic Accident

Two students were involved in a traffic accident on Morrill Drive. A DMV accident report was filed.

7:14 PM Liaison Meeting

An Officer went to the ES King Village Q Building for a liaison meeting. However, no one from ES King Village staff nor residents showed up for the meeting, which was scheduled for that evening.

7:19 PM Traffic Accident

A student was involved in a single car accident on Dan Allen Drive at Yarborough Drive. She ran over a curb and her air bags deployed. An accident report was filed.

8:02 PM Building Liaison

An Officer conducted a building liaison meeting in Syme Hall. Residents from Welch and Gold also attended. 16 people attended. The Officer covered crime updates and answered questions for the residents. Officer also set up a date for a Self Defense Awareness Program.

8:08 PM Larceny

A student reported that his wallet was taken from the second floor near the reserve desk at DH Hill Library.

8:54 PM Indecent Exposure

A student reported that a white male, 5'10" tall, 170 lbs., wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and light-colored blue jeans exposed himself to her in the Poe Hall area. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate the subject. The incident occurred about 15-20 minutes before Campus Police were notified.

Witherspoon

open all night

The 25th annual Ultimate All-Night Bash will take place tonight in Witherspoon.

News Staff Report

Witherspoon Student Center will open its doors from 9 p.m. to night until 3 a.m. Saturday for the 25th annual Ultimate All-Night Bash. This year's All-Night Bash, sponsored by the Union Activities Board, "will be different from past years, because there used to be a standard type of activity. But this year, we have tried to do some new things," Carol Nee, Leisure and Entertainment chair for UAB and a senior in communications, said. "The music this year is very different and nothing like I have seen since I've been here."

The featured bands include Frontpage, Jared, This Day An Age and The Rosebuds. In order to attract more students, door prizes will be distributed through random drawings during the night. Prizes range from DVD players and Nintendo Game Cubes to mp3 players, a hand-held TV, a Palm Pilot and other smaller items.

"The All-Night Bash is always one of our big events," Nee said. "Historically it is in Talley Student Center and in the North Plaza area around the center. Witherspoon is naturally a smaller venue, so it's a lot more limited in how many people we

can fit inside. But as far as the magnitude of what we're doing, we're trying to make it just as big, if not bigger."

Other activities planned include airbrush tattoos, a "sports equalizer," gladiator jousting, antique photos and "music video mania." Food will also be served at the event, and if you didn't get your fill at the State Fair, you can still find deep fried Twinkies, funnel cakes, candy apples, caramel apples, corn dogs, nachos, corn on the cob, iced tea and lemonade.

Also present at the event will be a magician and dance teams, as well as a graffiti contest for students. Admission is free for students with a valid N.C. State ID and \$5 for faculty, staff and students from other colleges.

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"Dr. Van Dyke goes to outrageous lengths to keep students' attention and make learning extremely fun during class. I recommend that every N.C. State student take at least one class taught by him," Laura Schneider, a junior in food science said.

Van Dyke not only teaches with a great sense of humor, he also makes an effort to let students know he really cares about them. He is known among his students for taking pictures and handing out birthday cards to students in his classes.

"I try to have a lot of fun, I enjoy them and hopefully they enjoy me. One of my philosophies is that students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care," Van Dyke said.

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Ban on abortion procedure becomes law

Ron Hutcheson

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON--President Bush on Wednesday signed into law the first federal restriction on abortion in 30 years, winning cheers and applause from abortion opponents at a signing ceremony that underscored his commitment to the anti-abortion movement.

Less than an hour later, a federal judge in Nebraska partially blocked the law's implementation. Other legal challenges were under way in New York and California. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a similar Nebraska statute in 2000, and abortion rights activists expressed confidence that they would prevail in court again.

At issue is a procedure that opponents call "partial-birth abortion," a relatively rare technique that involves collapsing the skull of a fetus that is partially out of the womb. Supporters say the procedure, known as "intact dilation and extraction," is often the safest way to abort a badly deformed fetus in the late stages of a pregnancy.

No matter what happens on the legal front, the bill-signing

inflamed passions on both sides of the abortion issue in advance of next year's presidential election.

In a marked departure from traditional White House signing ceremonies, Bush signed the legislation before cheering supporters in a federal office building named after former President Ronald Reagan. He was surrounded by six white male lawmakers. While his audience whooped in approval, about 100 abortion-rights activists protested outside, chanting, "We will remember in November!"

Both sides portrayed Wednesday's signing as a milestone victory for the anti-abortion movement, which launched its campaign against the controversial abortion procedure in 1995. Former President Bill Clinton vetoed two earlier versions of the ban. The new law is the first federal limit on abortion since the Supreme Court made abortions legal in the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.

"Today, at last, the American people and our government have confronted the violence and come to the defense of the innocent child," Bush said. "The most basic duty of government is to defend the life of the inno-

cent. This right to life cannot be granted or denied by government because it does not come from government, it comes from the creator of life."

Bush, who said as recently as last week that the country wasn't ready for an outright ban on abortions, offered no such qualifiers in defending what he called "the rights of the unborn."

His promise to "vigorously defend" the new law in court was underscored by the presence of Attorney General John Ashcroft, a longtime abortion foe. Others in the invitation-only audience included Roman Catholic Cardinal Edward Egan of New York, House Republican leader Tom DeLay of Texas, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and dozens of grass-roots anti-abortion activists.

Opponents found symbolism in Bush signing the bill before six men who had shepherded it through Congress.

"It tells us again how much of a difference it makes who is sitting in the White House," said Kim Gandy, the president of the National Organization for Women.

Democratic presidential candidates, all of whom support abortion rights, issued statements denouncing the new law.

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cies this poses a problem," Daniel Henninger, systems programmer II at the ITD, said.

According to Henninger, ITD was getting complaints from students about running out of print quota during the weekends and having to wait until Monday to be able to print. They arrived at the IOU system when the initial idea of having a credit card system for the print quota did not take off.

The IOU system provides a certain relief in an emergency. The idea in itself is simple. If students do not have print quota, have a negative balance or simply do not have enough balance to print the required pages they need, then they can go to <http://print.ncsu.edu> and choose the IOU option. The system then gives them a credit for \$5 that they can use to print.

After two days, the credit is re-

voked and students will have to pay the amount due to WolfCopy before they purchase more print quota.

The bottom-line is you pay only for what you have used. Say, you have a negative balance of \$3. The system will allow you to print \$2 worth of pages. Out of this, if you use only 60 cents, the amount you pay is \$3.60.

"There is a certain amount of confusion among the students about the credit and how much they pay," Henninger said. "But they have to understand that IOU credit is only valid for two days and that they shall wind up paying only what they have used."

According to Henninger, this was an evaluation phase because WolfCopy wanted to be sure that this idea would work and not land them in debt.

Initially, the evaluation phase was planned for one year but WolfCopy has given them the go ahead to implement this IOU system. The red flags near the printers are the only indications

of this system.

"This system seems to be well received. Since Aug. 18 when the IOU option was first used, it has been accessed 997 times so far. Records also indicate that for the most part the students pay up their IOU dues before getting more print quota," Jessie Henninger, computing consultant for ITD, said.

Limited publicity about the IOU system has made awareness among the students minimal.

"I have seen the red flag but there is not much information to be found anywhere about it. I think they should send out mass e-mails to draw people's attention to this new system," Bhavesh Sampath, a graduate student in electrical engineering, said.

Nevertheless, the student community seems to welcome the idea.

"I haven't used it yet but I think it is a great idea and a real help in emergencies," Matthew Heeter, senior in graphic communication, said.

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Nickel receives face-lift

Alaina Sue Potrikus
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

WASHINGTON--The U.S. Mint on Thursday unveiled two new designs for the "tails" side of the 2004 coins to commemorate the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

It would be the first change to the 5-cent coin since 1938, when the Indian head, or buffalo, nickel gave way to the current version featuring Thomas Jefferson and his home, Monticello.

This spring, about 500 million shiny nickels celebrating the Louisiana Purchase will roll off production lines. Next fall, the mint will pay homage to explorers Capts. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with another special-edition nickel.

Jefferson's profile will continue to grace the face of the new coins, ringed by the phrases "In God We Trust" and "Liberty 2004."

"Coins have always been ways to mark important people and events in a nation's history," said U.S. Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore. They celebrate "important presidents and important events that shaped the nation we are today."

The spring 2004 design features two hands clasped in friendship -- one with a military uniform cuff, symbolizing the American government, and the other with a silver band adorned with beads and a stylized American eagle, representing Native Americans.

Above the hands are a tomahawk and peace pipe, crossed at mid-shaft, symbolizing peace. The words "Louisiana Purchase 1803" adorn the coin to mark the bicentennial of Jefferson's historic land purchase from France, which doubled the size of the United States.

The design is reminiscent of the Indian Peace Medal commissioned for the Lewis and Clark expedition. Explorers bestowed

the medals on Native American chiefs and leaders as they explored the Louisiana Territory.

The fall 2004 nickel will depict the boat that transported Lewis and Clark expedition members through the rivers of the Midwest in search of a passage to the

Pacific Ocean. Lewis and Clark stand at the bow of their keelboat under full sail. Their names are inscribed beneath their ship; above it are the words "E Pluribus Unum," Latin for "out of many, one."



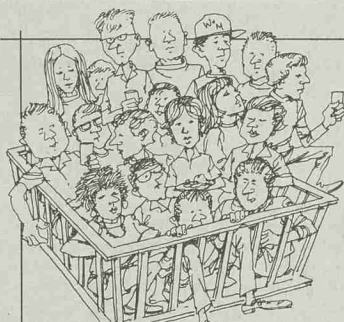
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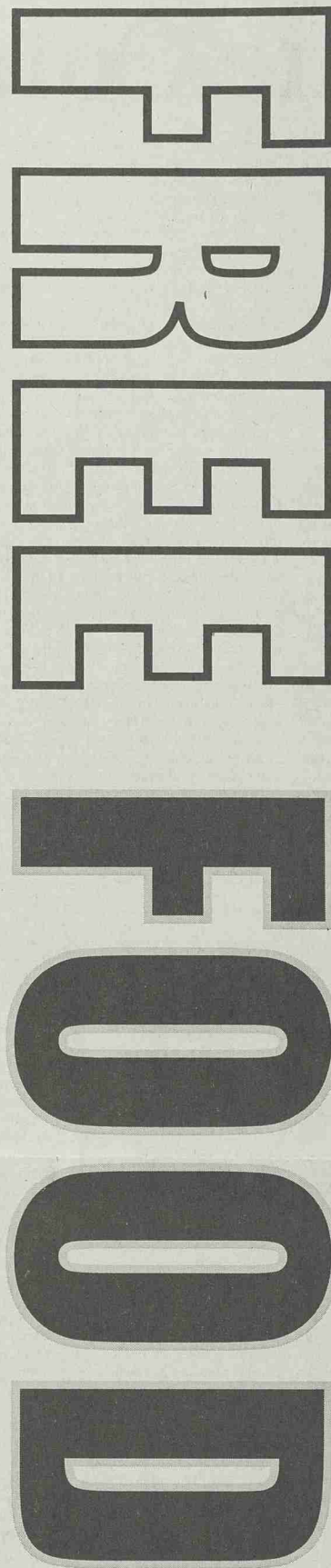
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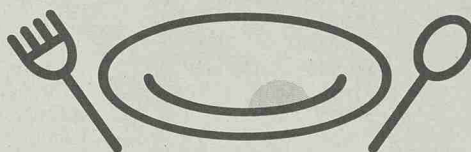


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Stone Cold Single

Liesl remembers past relationships and touches on the subject of "friends with benefits," to see if such a thing can really exist.

Late last night, Elle* called with a certain disgust floating about her voice, words only slightly slurred after a bottle of fine wine, "He broke up with me."



Liesl Clouse
Sex Columnist

Throughout her entire relationship, Elle had constantly emphasized to me just how extremely

fleeing this guy was to her. Whenever we had our "boy-friend" girl-talk, the overlying theme was that his impact on her life appeared to be not so much of an impact at all. She continually labeled him as "a cute guy, but unimpressive in bed and not going to last long, I'm sure." Most importantly, the phenomenon of his inability to "keep it up" was revolting and unfair to her sexual needs.

While her true love is too far away to mention, Elle trusts and believes in harmless dating around, simply to keep her

social and sex life active and appealing. I've always agreed with the idea that short-term, meaningless relationships established around sex are healthy to a girl's lifestyle (the girl who isn't necessarily seeking a deep, committed relationship at such a young age), but this theory once held me to also assume that these flings do not seize and control intense emotions. How could we allow these silly, one-month-or-less episodes that we label "benefits" to induce such grand and detrimental effects to our typically light-hearted auras? Why does something that we swear up and down is temporary and trivial - and only there for physical fulfillment - stain our once-dry cheeks? Does a relationship based purely on sex without letting any kind of emotions interfere truly exist?

Flashing back (way back) to middle school: an amazing guy broke through a few chains and came pretty close to claiming me as his "girlfriend." During the "getting-to-know-you phase," I discovered his undying passion for the World Wrestling Federation. That's right, WWF or bust. Although I desperately attempted to understand his fascination of over-sized men in spandex pretending to slam each other and win titles, I never fully appreciated the sport. However, our innocent play on the dating world included more

than a few occasions when Mom drove me to his house and returned after a few hours and up (we were always supervised, of course).

Because his company provided constant entertainment and prolonged spells of laughter, the airing of Hollywood Hogan, Diamond Dallas Page and Stone Cold Steve Austin battling out the ring with chairs and purple, polyester masks only added rich, random humor to our short visits. The boisterous matches and tournaments never lasted more than a couple hours and I couldn't help but be exceedingly enthusiastic about each big event.

At the time, I didn't think much of the wrestling world. I simply took all aspects as superb diversions: the overtanned, bikini-clad women with fried blond hair and fake breasts whose most important job was to hold up the sign that signified which round they were on; the large, balding announcer who constantly permitted the mock warriors to yell loudly into the microphones; the fanatic crowd with posters and matching costumes; and, of course, the wrestlers themselves, living out such an admirable profession.

After what seemed like ages (about three weeks), the steadily growing liaison between my WWF fanatic and I unexpect-

edly fizzled. The televisions in my house never seemed to find the wrestling channels, and, because the infatuation was so short-lived, I assured myself that the ultimate "smack-downs" I had grown accustomed to would not be missed. Since then, I've never watched another wrestling match, but much to my surprise, any WWF paraphernalia I come across, or even the "El True Hollywood Story" of Hulk Hogan always stirs up some fond memory of a brief visit with my wrestling fan - jam-packed with hilarious amusement.

Although Elle and I insist that some relationships, the especially erotic ones in particular, can be categorized as insignificantly passing, it is perhaps undeniable that unintended sentiments and passion persistently tag along. Elle's transformation back to Stone Cold Single may have been slightly harsh, and she just might think about old "bad-in-bed" every now and then, but, all the same, temporary relationships, similar to a round in the WWF, should always be entertaining and fun! When the matches are over, the only thing to do is jump back in the ring with a cuter costume.

*Names have been changed to protect the young and fabulous.
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Rule of Thumb

Dean tries damage control

Howard Dean tried to slow a politically damaging comment about the confederate flag this week after saying that he wanted to be the candidate for the men with confederate flags on the back of their pick-up trucks. Hoping to spin the coverage of this gaff, Dean fired his speechwriter, Strom Thurmond.



Computer fanatics not addicts

Computer game fanatics should not be labeled addicts, although some players say they are hooked on a hobby that is affecting their social lives, scientists said Tuesday. To which the rest of the world responded, "Duh."



Wesley Clark modifies statements, again

Wesley Clark said that even while he was praising President Bush's "great team" two years ago, the administration was already failing. "It was an introductory comment to a speech in which I condemned the isolationist foreign policy and called for more bilateralism," said Clark, before adding, "And it was before I understood the flamboyance of the whippersnapper samoflange. Aah-ooga! Aah-ooga!"



NASA made long-lasting probe

NASA's Voyager 1, built to last just five years to probe Earth's planetary neighbors, has reached the solar system's final frontier and may have ended up in interstellar space after being in space for 26 years. Now that the space probe has lasted over five times longer than expected, NASA has decided to rename it "Corey Feldman's Career."



Microsoft puts up bounty

Microsoft, after being dogged with widespread criticism of security flaws in its software, put up a \$500,000 bounty to track down the authors of two computer bugs that choked the Internet earlier this year. When asked what he'll do if this doesn't work, Bill Gates replied, "Oh, I don't know - probably, you know - some sort of reality TV show, anything that doesn't involve making the software more secure."



Paris department store teaching seduction

A Paris department store is offering women free "lessons in seduction" this week as it opens what it calls the world's largest underwear store. What they fail to mention, ladies, is that if you're wearing underwear, that's just one more step between you and seduction.



German youth hijacks train

German transport authorities said they needed to tighten internal security after a teenager managed to gain control of a Berlin train full of passengers. When asked why he did it, the boy remarked, "I now have on my permanent record that I hijacked a train. What have you done lately?"



Virginia Tech owns super-computer

A supercomputer called "Big Mac" made from 1,100 off-the-shelf Apple Macs at Virginia Tech is now ranked third among the world's 500 fastest supercomputers. N.C. State is currently trying to build its own supercomputer from 50,000 yard-sale bought Commodore 64s which they plan to name "The Triple-Thick Shake."



Music piracy prevention working

More than a million households deleted all of their digital music files they had saved on their PCs in August, a sign that the record industry's anti-piracy tactics are working, says research company NPD Group. They failed to mention that while doing the phone surveys on which this data is based, the most common answer to the question, "Have you deleted pirated digital music off of your computer?" was "Um, oh yeah! Of course!"



Third Matrix movie opens

"The Matrix Revolutions" debuted in theaters on Wednesday to sold-out theaters in a global opening that had fans lining up for blocks to be first to see the film. After such a great opening, the makers of the film are considering more sequels, including the sea-based "Finding Neo" or the kids' movie "Morpheus and Me."



"Love Actually"

★★★★
Starring: Liam Neeson, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth
Director: Richard Curtis

Sitting down for two hours and some change to see several anecdotes about love in England may not be everyone's cup of tea. However, if you believe you would enjoy the film's attempts at a grandiose, and admirable, representation of all types of heterosexual romances, "Love Actually" might just be

worth your time.

The film is set in the greater London area, with occasional stock transitional shots of the Thames River (and such) separating the film's many parallel plotlines. Ultimately, the equal attention to the subplots becomes understood as a gathering occurs on Christmas Eve. This convergence is after a lengthy buildup, similar to what was seen in "Magnolia," revealing all of the character's surprisingly interwoven relationships. Images of embraces in

London's Heathrow Airport coincide with a Hugh Grant voiceover in the opening sequence exclaiming that "love actually is all around" - the overlying theme of the film, as well as the original title. We are presented with a pre-pubescent misunderstood infatuation, a newly married interracial couple, a high profile courting, middle-age infidelity and love that transcends language barriers. And that's just a sampling.

Casting Hugh Grant and Billy Bob Thornton as the prime minister and the president, respectively, is far from believable. Grant, as always, plays a young, naive "pretty boy" - much too young to have come up through the ranks of parliament in London. Thornton, on the other hand, is a cutthroat good-ol'-boy - a surprisingly sinister take on the president. But no need to get caught up in the political technicalities as they are not central to the overall film.

"Love Actually" does begin to shine with a brief performance by Liam Neeson as Daniel, a widower raising his stepson,

Sam (Thomas Sangster). Director Richard Curtis uses the normal routine of pairing emotional close-ups with cutesy "little kid" comments, but Neeson still finds room to play a genuine, compassionate father.

The other performance not to miss is Bill Nighy's character, the hilarious washed up singer Billy Mack. A perpetually drunk Billy Mack is used wonderfully to break up the long string of relationship problems with ridiculous television and radio interviews, as well as live concerts.

With many romantic comedy scripts under his belt, "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Notting Hill" and "Bridget Jones' Diary" to name a few, Curtis' directorial debut is not without credentials. "Love Actually" isn't entirely original, nor does it have the cleanest pacing throughout, but it succeeds at what it sets out to do: show that love is the strongest human emotion.

- Andrew Nicholas

"The Holy Land"

★★★★
Starring: Orin Rehani, Tchelet Semel, Saul Stein
Director: Richard Curtis

While masquerading as a love story, "The Holy Land" is actually a deep political statement. I went into the film without an understanding of the significance of the continual religious bloodshed in Israel and left

without gaining much new insight. This is because the film does not provide answers, but instead conjures up more questions.

Following stock footage of the Israeli/Arab fighting and shoddy title sequence, the film opens with a young rabbinical student, Mendy (Orin Rehani), exhibiting worldly lust via an Israeli pornographic magazine. His life then totally changes

after he takes up his advisor's bizarre suggestion for ridding himself of worldly lust by visiting a prostitute in another city. During his quest, Mendy travels from his hometown of Bnei Brak to Tel Aviv and then Jerusalem.

Wandering into a Tel Aviv strip club, "The Love Boat," he finds a Russian prostitute named Sasha (Tchelet Semel) who inadvertently introduces

him to Mike (Saul Stein) - the most significant man in her life and an ex-photojournalist turned bartender.

Mendy decides to live with and work for Mike, who represents a new, worldly father for him. Things are only complicated further when he finds that the city's militant civilians are toting assault rifles everywhere, including the bar.

"The Holy Land" is a film in

which the last 20 seconds have a powerful effect on the entire preceding narrative. And this is the reason why the ending cannot be given away.

The music of the film is, at times, a stronger representation of Israel than the visual imagery. Director Eitan Gorlin uses music well as the soundtrack and the score maintain richness throughout. By creating seamless transitions and filling in

gaps, the sufficiently integrated music dictates a smooth narrative pacing.

You do not have to be interested in Israeli politics to enjoy the film, however you may benefit more with a little bit of knowledge on the subject matter. "The Holy Land" refuses to be bogged down entirely with politics, as its hour and a half running time feels just about right. - Andrew Nicholas

Calendar of Events

Friday

"King Hedley II" will be performed at Thompson Theatre at 8 p.m.

Campus Cinema will be hosting Historias de Futbol/Soccer Stories, a Latin American Film Festival at 7 p.m.

"Elf" will be opening at local cinemas along with "Love Actually," "My Life Without Me," "Pieces of April," "Prey for Rock and Roll" and "Luther."

Girls Who Rock Showcase featuring Tuuli, The Lovelies, Little Miss Messy, Jag Star and Shalini at The Brewery. Lincoln Theater will be

hosting Donna the Buffalo and Jim Lauderdale. Cat's Cradle has Weekend Excursion,



Spencer Acuff and Adelayda.

The Apple Juice Orchestra, International Orange and Mark Wells will be at King's Barcade.

Cigar Store Indians at The Pour House.

RiRa will have Part Time Heroes.

Hooverville will be at Six String

Cafe.

Chris Rock will be at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

Saturday

Sam Bush will be performing as Stewart Theatre at 8 p.m.

"King Hedley II" will be performed at Thompson Theatre at 8 p.m.

"Bad Boys II" will be shown at the Campus Cinema at 7 and 9:45 p.m.

Drill 187, Shiver, Porno-

mint and Piece By Piece is at the Brewery.

The Mike Corrado Band will be opening for The Derek Trucks Band at Lincoln Theatre.

Cat's Cradle has Guided By Voices with The Oranges Band opening.

Shadow of a Great Name, Science of Yabre and Continent are performing at King's Barcade.

Bio Ritmo will be at The Pour House.

Berkeley Cafe is hosting Far-Less, School for Heroes and Stuckshot.

Ted Dreis is opening for Seth Horan and Rodney Branigan at Six String Cafe.

Doc Watson will be at the Sheraton Imperial Motel.

Sunday

"King Hedley II" will be performed at Thompson Theatre at 3 p.m.

"Bad Boys II" will be shown at the Campus Cinema at 7 p.m.

Yeah Yeah Yeahs with The Tall Boys and Entrance will be at Cat's Cradle.

Deva Jana is going to be at The Pour House.



Andrew Carter
Deputy Sports
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SWIMMING

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boards.

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for earning first place four times
during one week and breaking
two school records.

On the 1-meter board he fin-
ished with a record-setting 357.38
points, breaking his own record
of 344.55, set just the week before
against Maryland. On the 3-m-
eter board he finished with 363.45
points, breaking Todd Smith's re-
cord of 343.05, set in 1995.

Assuncao produced another
record-setting performance
in Wednesday night's meet at
UNC-Wilmington. In the Wolf-
pack win, the freshman set two
UNCW pool records in the 1- and
3-meter boards, earning scores of
353.33 and 359.25, respectively.

After earning first place on the
1- and 3-meter boards last week

against ECU, Assuncao was still
not satisfied with his perfor-
mance, and said he thought he
could do a little better. Assuncao
has always possessed such a com-
petitive edge.

"I've been competitive ever
since I was a little kid, I think
those are the type of things that
you are just born with," he said.
"There's always a bit of fear there
that you have to break through in
order to keep it."

This competitiveness carried
him through high school, where
he excelled in academics and
athletics. Although a native to
Brazil, Assuncao attended Dr.
Phillip's High School in Orlando,
Fla., where he made a name for
himself as a diver.

A runner-up two years in a row
at the Florida High School State
Championships, he was regarded
as one of Florida's top divers, and
competed nationally for Team
Orlando Diving. All this, while
maintaining his status as an
honor roll student.

Even as a freshman in college,

Assuncao maintains a studious
mind, realizing there is more to
college than competing in his
sport. He is pursuing a bachelor's
degree in international business
and wants to become a Navy
Seal.

"I don't look at only diving, I
like to think of myself as a well-
rounded person," Assuncao said.
"Academically, [by the time I'm a
senior], I wish to be ready to fin-
ish my major with good grades."

Assuncao is only a freshman
and has a long road ahead of him,
full of chances to excel at diving,
break more of his own records
and set new records.

"Diving makes me grow as a
person and makes me understand
that if I work towards something,
there's nothing I can't accom-
plish," he said.

For the next group of freshmen
that join the team, Assuncao and
his teammates will share in their
team unity, and continue to draw
black diamonds on chests - some-
thing that Assuncao also refuses to
explain.

in spite of the team's struggles.
State's last ACC win came on
September 21, 2001, against
Maryland.

"Some people might look at it
and think, 'Well, how could you
have fun not having a winning
record,'" Frede said. "But the
wins don't really matter if you
have great team chemistry and
great coaches, and you just fight
hard every single day. I had fun at
State, regardless of our record."

VOLLEYBALL

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until we're down two games, so
that will be our focus," she said.

The match will be the final
one at Reynolds Coliseum this
season, and the last home match
for seniors Caroline Frede, Cryst-
al Shannon and Heather Wilson.
For these three players, the past
few years have been enjoyable,

Solutions

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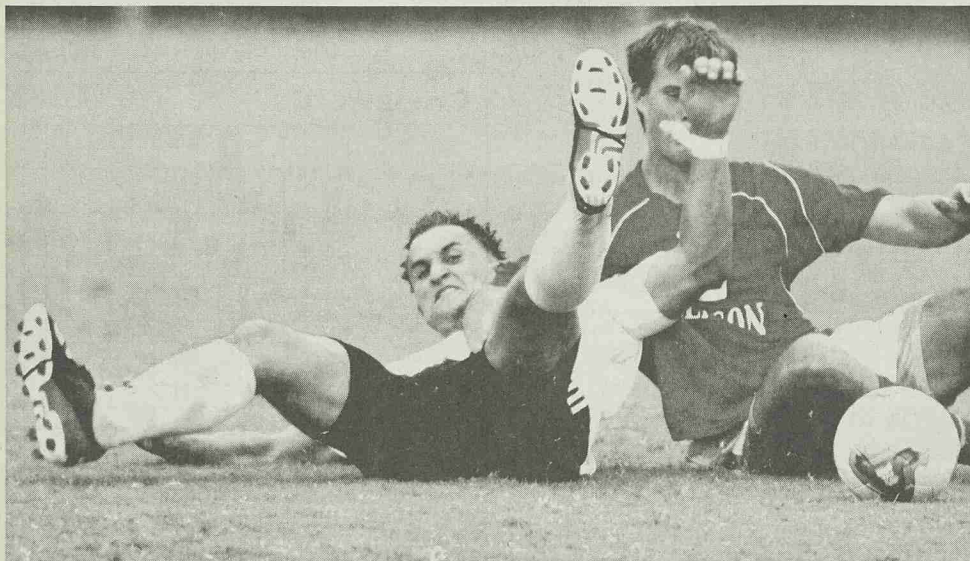
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Football at Florida State, 11/15, 3:30
Men's basketball vs. Global Sports, 11/11, 7:30
Men's soccer vs. UNCW, 11/8, 1
Volleyball vs. Virginia, 11/7, 7
Cross Country at Regionals, 11/15
Swimming vs. Virginia Tech, 11/8, noon

Scores

Maryland 3, Volleyball 0

TECHNICIAN



Chris Gannon, with hairstyle still intact, gets nasty against a Clemson player in a match earlier this season.

TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Dirty work

CHRIS GANNON DOES WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MESS WITH THE FOCUS OF HIS OPPOSITION.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

During the N.C. State men's soccer team's last home game against UNC-Greensboro, Chris Gannon had what he might call a normal game.

Midway through the second half, a Spartan defender shoved Gannon after officials called a foul downfield. After taking a step back, the senior midfielder just smiled as the referee ran over to the scene blowing his whistle in an effort to keep peace. Gannon's cocky smile revealed that he had no reason to retaliate though — it was a fight he had already won.

"He does the things that nobody sees, and it gets under people's skin," teammate John Queeley said. "He takes them out of their game."

Moments later as the two players were walking down the field, Gannon continued to talk to the UNC-G player that had just tried to start the fight. Putting his hands to his eyes and mimicking a baby crying, the New York native refuses to let the player forget he is out there.

"He's real rugged, and he doesn't take anything from anybody," Queeley said. "He enjoys doing the dirty work and you need a player like that." In a turnaround year for the soccer team, Gannon has become something of an unsung hero. Playing mostly as a defensive midfielder, his tough and sometimes dirty playing style results in opposing players that focus on getting revenge and not on the game.

For Gannon, the dirty work can be

anything that distracts the opposition.

"I'll maybe just throw an elbow after a play, tell them they're no good — that I'm better than they are," Gannon said in his distinct New York accent.

Gannon's contribution to the team does not stop with his unique ability to anger the opposition, though. Named team captain at the beginning of the season, Gannon's hard work in both matches and practices has served as a model for the young players.

Coach George Tarantini is always quick to point to Gannon after a game for his intensity level and consistent play, and "Gannon" is one of the few players' names you don't hear come out of Tarantini's mouth when he is barking directions from the sidelines mid-match.

The only thing that doesn't fit his tough, intense look after a game is his hair. Through headers, collisions and slide tackles, Gannon's hair stays perfectly styled — the exact same way it looked when he started the game.

"It never gets messed up," Gannon said. "I just use a little gel from back home in New York."

The style-conscious Gannon is also one of the hardest practice players on the team, where he normally keeps his hair hidden behind a bandanna. He constantly pushes his own teammates during scrimmages in practice, forcing them to play as hard as they would in a game situation.

"He likes to bring the intensity in practice — he's not trying to kill anybody but he will defiantly step the tempo up," Queeley said.

Gannon has embraced the role of team leader since being named captain. He looked across the field and saw a group of talented young players at the beginning of the season, and realized that if he could push them a little harder they could win.

The strategy appeared to work as State has already won eight games, the most wins for the program since 1997.

"I just want the rest of these guys on the team to realize what they have," Gannon said. "They got all the talent in the world."

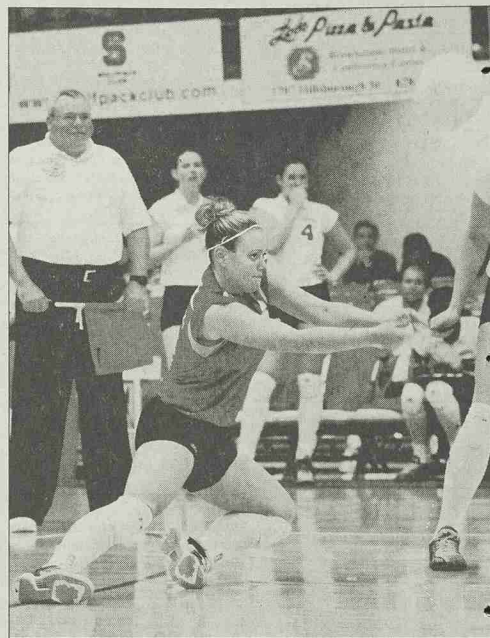
The Wolfpack's toughest player adapted his gritty style from his older brother, growing up playing against him around his home on Long Island. Gannon's brother constantly pushed him on both the soccer and baseball fields — ingraining a tenacity that has yet to disappear.

When State played Carolina to a 1-1 tie earlier in the year, Gannon's brother attended. When Gannon scored the first goal of the game to give State a 1-0 lead, he instinctively ran to the far corner where his brother was leaning against the fence to celebrate with him.

Later, Gannon commented that it was probably the last time his brother would see him play at State. A proud look showed in Gannon's face at the thought of being able to impress his brother while playing against State's archrival.

Turns out even tough guys have a soft spot.

Terps sweep Wolfpack



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The Wolfpack found itself down early in Thursday night's defeat.

Wolfpack volleyball team loses fifth straight match, has last opportunity to break through in the ACC tonight.

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The towels seemed to come out after every point during women's volleyball match Thursday night, wiping away Wolfpack players' sweat as they dived for Maryland players' spikes.

The sweat did not equal points though, as the Terrapins (23-5, 12-2) beat N.C. State in three straight games at Reynolds Coliseum, dropping the Pack's record to 7-22, and 0-14 in the ACC. Coming off an upset of the then-No. 4 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, Maryland's attack overwhelmed State, allowing it few scoring opportunities.

"They're very offensive," said head coach Mary Byrne. "Their transition game was very quick, they have very strong offensive attackers."

The first game seemed indicative of how the match would go, as the Terps quickly reeled off five straight points, and won the game 30-13. The Pack made the second and third games much

more interesting though, losing the second 30-18, and the third 30-25.

"We were real sluggish in games one and two," Byrne said. "But we just came out in the third game and played together."

Sophomore outside hitter Adeola Kosoko was moved to the middle for the third game, and made a strong impact, registering three kills as the Pack attempted to claw back into the match.

"I just did what I had to do. That was it, the job was to get kills and get blocks when I play that position," Kosoko said.

Kosoko finished the match with five kills, leading the team along with sophomore outside hitter Kyla Ragan.

State played its second straight match without leading scorer Julia Reis, who is out for the season with a torn ACL. The Pack was also missing junior middle blocker Maya Mapp, who was suspended.

The turnaround is quick for State. The team plays its next home match tonight against Virginia at 7 o'clock.

"We just need to be so much more aggressive in the beginning of the match, rather than waiting

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Freshman diver makes waves

Freshman diver Vitor Assuncao makes a name for himself early in the season and shares in the team's unifying nature.

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Aesop once said, "In union there is strength." The men's swimming and diving team has perfected the mantra.

The group attributes its success to the strong amity and solidarity of the team. The concept of harmony, encouragement and support is instilled in each individual's mind and is shown every time the Wolfpack step into the Casey Aquatics Center.

The men's team has its own symbol of unity — a black diamond drawn on each team member's chest. No one outside of the team really understands the underlying meaning behind the diamond, and

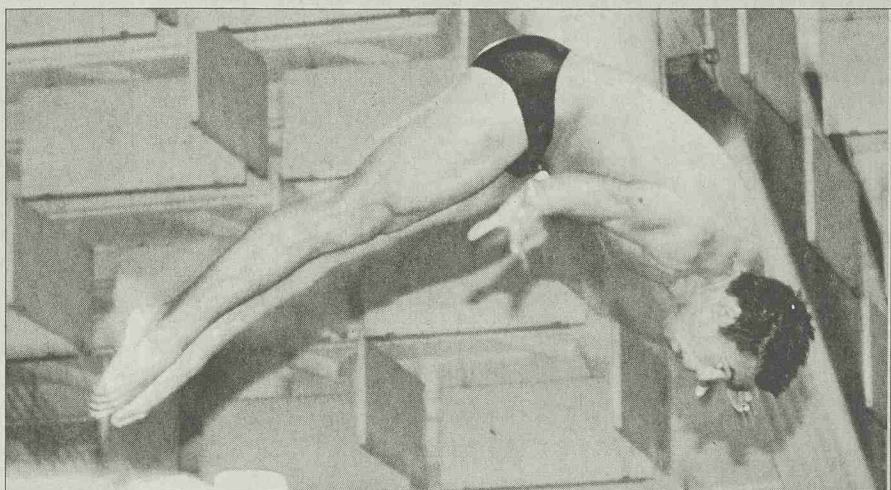
no one is willing — or allowed — to let that secret escape in respect of the emblem that binds the team together.

Freshman diver Vitor Assuncao is among the men who proudly wears the black diamond on his chest, acknowledging the harmony and spirit of faith within his team and he realizes that without such fellowship, his love for his sport would not be as strong.

"I've never taken a true interest into swimming as I have now, because [this team] shows so much support and they show that they care," Assuncao said.

Besides the fact that he loves North Carolina, the union of the team is what persuaded Assuncao to commit to N.C. State to further his diving and academic career.

"I love this team, this is the greatest 'team' I've seen in any college team," Assuncao said. "We really look out for each other here, the team camaraderie



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Vitor Assuncao, who has made a splash thus far in his freshman year, shows the form that has helped him set records.

between swimmers and divers is great."

Each time Assuncao steps on and off the diving board, he is cheered by his teammates, regardless of results. Although, so far Assuncao has proved himself worthy and capable of being the performer expected of him by coaches,

but his most difficult judge is himself.

"My teammates truly care about me, about my diving and about me as a person, as friends," Assuncao said. "Every chance they get, they are here cheering for me and supporting me, as I support them."

In the first four meets of the season, facing tough opponents Maryland, Notre Dame, Georgia Tech and East Carolina, Assuncao finished in first place in both of his events, the 1-meter and 3-meter.

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