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Master's Student Brandon O'Daniel purchases a book at the NCSU

## **TECHNICIAN INVESTIGATES:**

at which bookstore boasts the best prices around campus.

Michele DeCamp

Tuition, Rent, Parking Pass,

Some of the staples in college life are not to be bargained with. But there's one place where taking time and look-ing at all the offers might save

a buck or two: buying books.
"In some ways it's great that
we have all these bookstores,
but when you're trying to shop around and find the cheapest one then it is a hassle to to run around to four different stores," McKenna Miller, a junior in science education,

Technician visited the four bookstores closest to campus NCSU Bookstore, Packbackers Student Bookstore, Hillsborough Street Textbooks and Addam's University site Amazon.com to compare their prices, availability and the little extras they offer.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE STORES

The textbook business is not limited to university stores There are many national companies who run chains of textbook stores in major college towns. Follett Higher Educa-tion Group runs the Addam's University Bookstore chain, one of which is located in Mission Valley Plaza across from the Avent Ferry Complex.

Both Packbackers Student Bookstore and Hillsborough Street Textbooks have moved recently, but both stores are still on Hillsborough Street. Both are also privately owned, but Hillsborough Street Textbooks is independent.
The NCSU Bookstore is a

completely different animal because it is non-profit company run by the university. NCSU receives the book lists first and the other area stores pay a fee to have access to the list

that semester's classes. The off-campus stores see the list at the same time or within a few days of the NCSU Bookstore.

"We [all the bookstores] work extremely well together," Rob-ert Hayes, the director of the NCSU Bookstores, said. "They respect the way that we run our operation here, and most college communities do not have that kind of relationship.

## **BOOK PRICES**

"Students look at one thing price," Hayes said. "We lowered our prices two years ago because we felt like some of the books were getting too expensive.

Using three real schedules from a senior English major, a junior chemistry major and a freshman engineer and buying only used books, Hillsborough Street textbooks offered the

"Last year I had a bunch of books I had to get, and they were definitely cheaper here

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## [Editor's Note] This is the first part of a series profiling one recent graduate's transition from college senior to work-

for Josh McCall.

ing adult.

Josh McCall talks to friends at the fall

Graduate

steps into

'real world'

The transition from student to

employee is proving to be difficult

Michele DeCamp

"My plan is to be able to hold off from working for as long as I can," Josh McCall, a recently graduated chemical engineer, said.

McCall is about to join the rat race. He

graduated from N.C. State in December, and is still looking for a job in his field. However, he's not completely upset about the free time.

"I've got enough money that if I spend wisely I can take a road trip and go see some friends," McCall said. "I've got friends all over the place - New Orleans, Cincinnati, Maine."

But before he could head for the road

he had to get that black folder with his degree in it.

The months leading up to December

were tough for Josh.
"I regret saving any hard classes for my
last semester," he said. "You don't want
to do anything at the end."
At the end of the year, he could pin-

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# Faculty asks legislators for salary increase

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution that will be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Charles Duncan

Undergraduate graduation and retention rates topped the agenda at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting along with concerns over the state budget's effect on teacher salaries.

The faculty senate passed by acclimation a resolution asking the North Carolina General Assembly to increase

university employees' salaries. The resolution reads "[the] Faculty Senate asks the General Assembly to consider other means to address the budget shortfall than by allowing another year to pass without at minimum a cost-of-living increase for state employees.

The last state budget, passed in June, did not provide for salary increases for the second year in a row.

The resolution also asks that the

General Assembly to fund the Com-prehensive Compensation Fund, which would make merit-based salary increases available for, in the resolution's words, "outstanding employees meeting or

exceeding job expectations.

Having received support from both the Faculty and Staff Senates, the resolution will be sent to the General Assembly for consideration while forming the state

The other major issue on the agenda centered around the report from the task force on undergraduate retention and graduation rates.

Setup during the last spring semester,

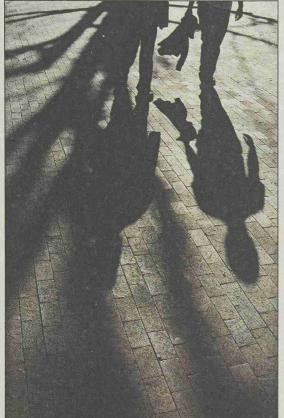
the retention task force gave its report to the senate Tuesday. Thomas Honeycutt, faculty senator and chair of the academic policy committee gave the report which outlined six recommendations to increase retention and four-year gradu-

Oblinger reported a statistic that of entering freshmen, 97 percent want to be full time students in their undergraduate career, but by sophomore year 53 percent of students end up becoming

art time. The task force report centered on the roles of advisers, student monitoring and new student orientation and the effect that they can have on retention and graduation rates. The report reads that the university should, "strongly

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## **SHADOWS**



es McKinney walks, coat in arm, with Jake Still in the late afternoon. Yesterday the temperature climbed to an unseasonable 60 degrees

# Hillsborough owners struggle

Businesses complain that ordinances, off-campus events and a bad reputation keep students away.

Charles Duncan

On the last Friday before ex-On the last Friday before exams, senior tradition ensures that Hillsborough Street teems with students getting out, taking a break and enjoying themselves during the "Hillsborough Hike."

This December, true to fashion, sidewalks bulged, would-be customers of Mitch's encountered a line outside the door and Sadlack's had standing room only.

But Hillsborough Street business owners say that dur-ing the rest of the semester, that's rarely the case.

"Sometimes I just close early, there's really no business on Saturday nights," Sylvia Sestito, owner and familiar face of Sylvia's, said

She and other owners say that the stretch from Oberlin Road to Gorman Street which runs parallel to N.C State's main campus - hardly sees its share of the university's 28,000-plus student body. They put the blame on city regulations, off-campus ath letic events and the rise of a

"Hillsborough Street is not



Many students feel that the stores and restaurants on Hillsborough Street do not provide for a

a place for celebration, there are no attractions, no shops, no events to bring people here," Sestito said, Jennifer Cunningham,

graduate student in ancient history and Raleigh native, remembers a different Hillsborough Street.

'When was Hillsborough Street was the place to be," Cunningham

She even let it slip that that is where she would go when skipping school. "Fifteen years ago [Hillsborough Street] was cool, it was rockin," she said. These days, Cunningham

said she goes to the movies, Glenwood South or Applebee's on a Saturday night

"Glenwood has become the new Hillsborough Street," she said, referring to the southern portion of Glenwood Avenue which caters to students and young professionals with bars, restaurants and nightlife.

Business owners place the blame for Hillsborough Street's decline in a number of places.

Michelle Morock, the o of Encounters Cafe, said that when major sporting events were held on campus they would always give a boost to Hillsborough Street business. Today, both men's basketball and football have moved off

Before they moved a lot of the events to the RBC Center, people could park here, eat here and walk to the game," Morock said

Morock gave another rea-son for Hillsborough Street's

"Between the university and the Homeowners Association, they have made it really hard get liquor permits," she

Morock evidence of this by way of the Five-O example. For who don't remember, the Five-O was the little upstairs club across from D.H. Hill that had a bar and live music. When a local businessman tried to re-open the club, the

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Iraqis complain about selection process for pilgrimage Iraqis who had hoped to make the annual pilgrimage to the Muslim holy city of Mecca this week angrily ac-cused politicians and religious leaders Tuerday of manipulating the lottery. Tuesday of manipulating the lottery that selected 30,000 people for the sacred trip to Saudi Arabia. sacred trip to Saudi Arabia. Iraqis carrying scraps of paper scribbled with their lottery numbers crowded mosques throughout Bagh-dad. Some beat security guards and fought one another when they didn't see their names on rosters of pilgrims. Entrepreneurs seized on the confu-sion, illegally selling their spots for up to \$200 and turning Islam's most precious pilgrimage into just another postwar commodity.

U.S. choper downed west of Baghdad; crew safe
Hostile fire brought down a U.S. Army
Apache attack helicopter Tuesday, the
third aircraft lost this month west of
Baghdad. Coalition troops killed three
Iraqis in restive cities outside the capital, relatives and police said.
The AH-64 helicopter gunship from
the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment
crashed near the town of Habbaniyah,
but the two crew members escaped
injury, military spokesman Col. William
Darley said.
And in Fallujah, also west of Baghdad,

And in Fallujah, also west of Baghdad, And in Fallujan, also west or bagnoad, hundreds of Iraqis protested, shouting "Bush, you coward!" after American troops detained a woman while searching for a Saddam Hussein loyal-ist. The 17-year-old newlywed was freed after several hours of question-

## Airplane crashes in Uzbek capital:

Airplane crashes in Uzbek capital; 36 reported killed
A domestic airliner crashed Tuesday on approach to the airport in Uzbekistan's capital, the Interior Ministry said. At least 36 people, including the top U.N. official for Uzbekistan, were aboard and no survivors were reported.
The plane was an Uzbekistan Airways Yakovlev-40 en route from Termez, in the country's far south along the Afghanistan border.

## Supreme Court upholds constitu-tionality of roadblocks seeking

**tips** The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police may set up roadblocks to collect tips about crimes, rejecting concerns that authorities might use the checkpoints to fish for unrelated

the checkpoints to hish for unrelated suspicious activity. The 6-3 decision allows officers to block traffic and ask motorists for help in solving crimes. Critics have com-plained that authorities might misuse the power, disguising dragnets as "in-formational checkpoints."

Two Louisiana students plotted school massacre, police say
Two high school students were arrested and accused of creating an elaborate plan to re-create the bloody. Columbine high school massacre on its five-year anniversary in April. Christopher Levins, 17, of Prairieville and Adam Sinclair, 19, of Geismar were each booked Monday with one count of terrorizing - a felony punishable with up to 15 years in prison, Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley said. The alleged plot was discovered after an anonymous call was made to Dutchtown High School on Friday indicated some kind of armed disturbance was being planned.

Mother, partner sentenced to prison for boys' abuse Two women who admitted beating five boys, locking them in a closet and forcing them to eat animal feces were each sentenced to 30 years in prison Tuesday.

forcing them to eat animal reces were each sentenced to 30 years in prison Tuesday. The eldest of the boys told his mother, Mary Rowles, 31, and her partner, Alice Jenkins, 28, that he hated them for what they had forced him to endure. Rowles five sons said they were locked in dark closets, deprived of food, forced to eat feces, and mentally and physically abused for a year or more. The women were arrested after three of the children were found malnourished and wandering city streets April 28.

Paintball arrests made
A speeding car full of laughing teenagers. A paintball rifle sticking out the window. Three shots.
After that, it was a blur of pain and confusion for a 12-year-old Raleigh boy when a paintball pellet hit him in the eye as he sat on his bike in front of his home.

Now, a week after Chris Estes was grader will see out of that eye again

are sim.
Four Wake County teenagers were arrested Monday night and charged with one count each of felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and three counts each of

## Cell phone linked to deadly crash

A truck driver fumbling for a cell phone plowed his tractor-trailer into a stopped school bus near Maxton today, killing a 5-year-old girl and injuring her mother and more than a dozen other children, troopers said. The wreck happened just after 7 a.m. on two-lane N.C. Highway 71 near the North Carolina-South Carolina line.

# KNEW Security review ordered for translator arraigned on espionage

The review would allow a civilian atttorney to see evidence.

## Scott Marshall Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - A military judge on Tuesday ordered prosecutors to complete a security review so that a civilian attorney help-

ing defend an airman accused of spying can see the evidence

against him. ginning of a court martial six months after federal agents arrested an Air Force translator and seized documents they

said were evidence of attempted

espionage.

The delay has hobbled the defense in the most high-pro-file case arising out of spying allegations at the Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The military judge ordered the government to complete

the security review by Feb. 25. The order came during the arraignment of Ahmad I. Halabi, 24, who has been accused of trying to spy for Syria while he was a translator at the Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Halabi, a naturalized Syrian-American, was arrested July 23 him for months. Three other people have been arrested on sified material at Guantanamo, but Halabi's case is the most

The Air Force alleges he was trying to deliver two written notes and electronic versions of more than 180 messages from some of the estimated 660 suspected terrorists detained at Guantanamo.

Halabi faces 17 charges, the most serious being attempted espionage, for which he could be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Halabi maintains his inno-

But without the security review, Halabi's civilian attorney, Donald G. Rehkopf Jr. of Roch-

see classified documents outlin-ing evidence against his client. Halabi's military attorneys have seen the documents, said one

of the attorneys, Air Force Maj. James Key III. Halabi did not enter a plea, but in all likelihood he will plead not guilty when the case resumes March 24, Key said.

Halabi has not decided whether to have the equivalent of a jury trial or a bench trial before the judge, Air Force Col. Barbara Brand. Halabi was led handcuffed to and from the building where the hearing was held.

The hearing was convened under tight security. Halabi

judge, who at one point paused for a few seconds as an aircraft roared over the air base, where Halabi has been stationed since May 19, 2000.

Halabi had come home to prepare to go to Syria to marry when it was discovered he had the purported messages from the Guantanamo detainees. One of the charges against him contends he failed to report contact with the Syrian embassy

# **OWNERS**

City of Raleigh told him he would have to have 30 parking spaces to

get a liquor permit.

Businesses still open Hillsborough Street say problems with parking are just one entry on a long list of issues that hurt businesses in the neighborhood.

businesses in the neighborhood. Sylvia Forrest, the owner of Sylvia d'Italia, said, "I moved here thinking I could draw a local crowd, but they stay away."

Besides parking, she said Hillsborough Street's recent reputation has hurt business.

According to Forrest, Hillsborough Street developed a reputation for noisy bars, drunken students and what Fortunken students are students and what Fortunken students and what Fortunken students are students and what Fortunken students and what Fortunken students and what Fortunken students and what Fortunken students are students and what Fortunken students and what Fortunken students are students are students and what Fortunken students are students are students and what Fortunken students are students and what Fortunken students are students are students and what Fortunken students are students are students are students are students and what Fortunken students are students

drunken students and what For-rest called "shady characters."

"Any time you get a reputation like that, it's hard to get rid of," she said.

But Hillsborough Street isn't without advocates that want it to return to its past days of glory.

Local groups, including the Hillsborough Street Partnership and the Hillsborough Neighbor-hood Citizen Advisory Committee, have been lobbying since the mid-1990s for the city to make improvements to the street.
One change is a roundabout on

One change is a roundabout on Pullen Road. According to their 2001 report, the Hillsborough Street Partnership has recommended more roundabouts and turning Hillsborough Street into a two-lane road with more parking and room for bikes in parking and room for bikes in

On the revitalization plan, Morock said "they've been talking about that since we opened [in 1999], and even before that."

She continued, "I'll believe it when Levi Berner and the said a

when I see it."

Matt Joyner, a junior in Eng-

lish, had his own ideas about Hillsborough Street.

His main criticism was that "Hillsborough Street is not pedestrian friendly in any way, shape or form. Everything is just too spread out."
But he also thinks responsibility

falls to students and businesses.
"The students have to support the businesses around here or they are going to move to a more lucrative spot, but the businesses need to give the students something more than one or two bars open after 10," he said.

# SENATE

urge faculty to monitor their students' success very closely and to report to students and their advisers when students are doing poorly."

The report also recommends that advisers, particularly freshmen advisers implement the policy "meticulously," encouraging freshmen to plan their academic careers from the time they arrive on campus, and they should be encouraged frequently to stick to their plan." Honeycutt said that the push

to get students to graduate within four years should begin at orientation or even earlier than that, during visiting and

recruiting days.
Faculty Senator Philip Carter addressed the issue of school ranking in the US News and World Report. The school ranking report ranked N.C. State as number 84 among public as number 84 among public universities with doctoral programs. Carter brought with him the rankings of all ACC schools, of which, the only school ranked lower than NCSU was Florida State University at 112.

On this issue, Carter said, "I'm pointing at each one of you as faculty members to see what we can improve. Are we going in this direction or this direction?" his index finger to the floor and then to the ceiling.



Chancellor Fox addresses the Faculty Senate on Tuesday. She praised them for their willingness to adapt in the ever changing university environment and for fostering good communication between the senators and the Chancellor herself.

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point all his mistakes.

"I definitely am sorry that I had all those 12-hour semesters," McCall said. "I made lazy decisions back during my 'junior' years. Now I've just run

Despite his fatigue and hind-sight, McCall still graduated summa cum laude. He was one of two students in the chemical engineering class that obtained the honor. His mom couldn't

be prouder.
"I'm really very thankful I'm really very thankful that he worked hard enough to get the honors designation," Vicky Schliestett McCall, Josh's mother, said. "All the ambition

monte, said. An the amount and dedication - I'm just as thrilled as I can be."

Most of his family came out for his graduation, but their presence did add to his stress. Beyond the constant visitations, MCCall dee had to fisich unbits. McCall also had to finish up his exams (he had one at 1 p.m. the day before his graduation) and prepare to move out of his apartment. And of course, that whole job issue was looming in

the back of his mind.

"I feel like I'm at the bot-tom of a waterslide and there is this really dark area ahead," McCall said about the coming

He hasn't been sitting and waiting for the jobs to come to him though. He has had about 10 different interviews with seven companies, and on the day of his graduation, one of the companies called his adviser and former professor Lisa Bul-

lard for a recommendation.

Those little signs and the callbacks give him hope that he might soon hear from one of the companies, and he isn't going to be picky about where

he ends up.
"I'm not going to let money be the deciding factor," McCall said. "I'm trying to decide more on the environment, the location and the health benefits."

Yet, he does foresee that his first job will mainly serve as a steppingstone to whatever will

"I'm not looking for the per-fect job right now," he said. " just want to get my foot in the door somewhere, and I don't have a problem saying that I'm going to be somewhere else in

McCall has a few stipulations about where he ends up. He does not want to move too close

'I want to find my own place,' he explained. "My family is awe-some, but I want some space." He also has to decide what the next step is for his two-year

relationship with Jesi Post, who graduated with a degree in science education in December as well. Their graduations were at the same time, so they had to tell each other how it went after the ceremonies were over. Right now, they may still end up in

different cities.
"You want somebody that you're involved with to follow what they want to do with their life," McCall said. "We just haven't had time to decide what the do". what to do.'

There were only 12 students graduating with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering this fall because most students graduate in May. McCall does worry that there aren't as many companies hiring right now.

"I struggle with trying to figure out whether it would have been easier to get a job in May, but it's a different time,"

After holding a co-op in Salisbury in 2000 he had many offers from companies. Luckily, he is not behind the rest of his classmates. They are all still waiting for offers.

In the meantime, McCall

hopes that he can have a little

"I really should take this time to do something self-indulging instead of thinking about it 10 years from now and wishing I had done something more fun, he said.

His mother just hopes that he will be happy with his future career in engineering.

"I hope he can find something

he will be happy to do every day," she said. "If you're doing something you can't stand, then it makes it difficult to get up every day."

Now the little boy who once

wore his school clothes to bed so he could be ready the second the alarm went off is going to try to have a little fun while he waits for the phone to ring. Mc-Call remains optimistic that he will be OK

'I'm self-sufficient," McCall said. "I just don't have a job."

first floor area found nothing out of the ordinary. No problems noted.

Animal problem
A student reported seeing a brown dog running in the grassy area between Lee and Bragaw Halls. Officers

8:50 p.m.
Check persons
An Officer observed a Honda Accord occupied by two subjects in the
Varsity Park and Ride Lot, A student
and a non-student were sitting in the
vehicle discussing their relationship.
No problems noted.

9:20 p.m.
Noise disturbance
A student called to report a late '80s model grey vehicle parked by the dumpster at lower Wood Lot playing loud music. The RD asked the subject to turn down the music and the sub ject got an attitude with him. When the officer arrived, the music was off. music. No further problems noted. RI was told to contact Campus Police if

Assistance A student reported receiving a suspi-cious e-mail in her room in Owen Hall, It was a generic chain letter. No

## POLICE BLOTTER

Traffic stop - verbal warning A student was issued a verbal warn ing for failure to display registration.

Traffic stop - citation
A non-student was issued a citation for registration violation.

Suspicious person A faculty member reported a home-less person in Gardner Hall room 1230. Officer is investigating.

An officer, along with an RPD Officer, worked the Spring Rush event at the

Traffic stop citations
A subject was issued a citation for speeding and failure to have current

Traffic stop NOL/ false info. arrest A non-student was stopped when leaving a construction site at Centennial Campus. He had no driver's license and gave the officer a false name. He said he worked at the site pouring concrete. He was arrested and charged with no operator's li-cense and giving false information.

10:19 a.m.
Damage to property
Residents at Bagwell Hall called to say
that they heard glass break on the
second floor west side of the building.
Residence Hall staff located a large
plate glass window partially broken
out.Facilities was notified to clear the
glass and repair for safety reasons.
The cause of damage was unknown.
No objects were found in the area.

11:41 a.m. Fire alarm/ tamper with fire equip-

Officers and RFD responded to the PIKA House on Fraternity Court in reference to a fire alarm. A pull station had been pulled. No problems found at the house. The house was referred to the university

12:11 p.m.
Traffic accident
ECC received a report of a traffic accident involving a Wolfline bus and a vehicle at Watauga Club Drive. There

## 12:43 p.m.

ion. Subjects had departed prior to

12:51 p.m. Welfare check A non-student called requesting Campus Police try to locate her son, a student. An officer made contact with the student's suitemates, who saw him going to class in the morning. The Resident Advisor was notified to have the student call his parents. The mother was also notified.

BE&L auto
A student called to report that his vehicle was broken into in the Varsity Lot. His radio was taken.

## 1:29 p.m.

by EMS with possible neck injurie Larceny
A transportation officer observed that light fixtures were taken from the EGRC Deck.

on Western Boulevard. Campus of-ficers assisted RPD. The student was

A student was issued a citation for an illegal right turn on red on Thurmar Drive at Dan Allen Drive.

Traffic stop A student was issued a citation for

speeding 49 in a 25 MPH zone on Sullivan Drive.

Traffic stop A student was issued a citation for speeding 46 in a 25 MPH zone on s livan Drive. 7:37 p.m.
Traffic stop/ arrest DWLR
An Officer stopped a student for speeding 41 in a 25 MPH zone on Morrill Drive. Her license came back revoked. She was arrested and transported to Wake County Jalii. Her Nebirla was released to passesports.

## vehicle was released to a passenger, who had a valid license.

dent was also trespassed from NCSU property.

8:19 p.m.
Glass break alarm
Officers responded to a glass break
alarm at Venture III on the first floor.
While checking doors, a south-side
exterior double door was found
opened. Contact was made with a
staff member, who works with the
building cleaning crew. A check of the

## BOOKS

[Hillsborough Street Textbooks],"

For instance, the Riverside Shakespeare, a required text of ENG 487, rings up \$48.25 at Hillsborough Street Textbooks. Their used price is at least a few cents cheaper than all its com-

Two other books, Calculus: Concepts and Contexts for MA 141 and Introduction to Psychology were also cheaper.

Sometimes the difference is a dime or two different from another store, but some shoppers find they notice the difference at

Hillsborough Street Textbooks.

"I know one semester I ended up saving \$25-30," Miller said.
"It's not much, but it adds up." Adam Bliss, the textbook manager, was not surprised.

"We take great pains to provide the best prices," he said.

While Packbackers and the NCSU Bookstore trail Hillsborough Street Textbooks by only a few dollars once the shopping is done, Addam's prices

For a used copy of Readings in Ancient History for HI 207, you will pay at least \$2 more at Addam's than anywhere else. You will also pay at least \$2 more for the psychology text mentioned

Some of their new text prices are higher as well. FLS 101 students will pay over \$10 more at Addam's for their Plazas package, which includes a new text, workbook and supplementary materials. Addam's sells it for \$168.45 for a new package, but you can get the same package new at all the other bookstores for under \$158

A spokeswoman with the Follett

buyback program makes Addam's a good choice for students. "We offer a guarantee buy-back," Pam Goodman said. "If you bought it at Addam's and you sell it back at Addam's you will receive 50 percent of the purchase price whether or not the professor is going to use it again." Other stores do not advertise any similar programs although all of them buy books back from students.

## **BOOK AVAILABILITY**

We have more used textbooks at our stores than anyone else," Goodman said on behalf of Addam's University Bookstores. So do the NCSU Bookstore, PackBackers and Hillsborough Street Textbooks, according to their own estimations.

The campus bookstore has the most books overall, but the ease of shopping on campus means

they run out of used texts faster.
Before classes started on Monday, the NCSU Bookstore had already sold out of their used pack ages of the ENG 101 requirement Simon and Schuster Handbook for Writers. According to Hayes, students have been shopping for textbooks for at least a month before classes started, so their used book selection had already dwindled. But NCSU will always have enough books for every

We definitely have the most titles," Hayes said. "We're required to carry every book for every course for every student. The other bookstores are not."

But some of those books might have to be new copies. That's where the off-campus stores

They don't always have enough copies for every freshman English student, but because they see less traffic they still had used versions of expensive packages such as the Simon and Schuster set for ENG 101 and the Plazas set for FLS

## **A Used Textbook Price Comparison**

The following are texts that many students will be looking for this semester. In five out of nine cases, Hillsborough Street Textbooks had lower prices on used versions of the book. This chart does not show the quantity of used copies available in the stores, but at press time, all stores had used copies of the books unless otherwise

Course	Textbook	PackBackers	Hillsborough Street	Addam's University	NCSU Bookstore
ENG 487-003 Shakespeare: Later Plays	Riverside Shakespeare	\$48.85	\$48.25	\$51.80	\$48.40
ENG 488-001 Intermediate Fiction Wr.	Writing Fiction	\$38.45	\$39.25	None At Press Time	\$39.40
CH 431-001 Physical Chem. 1	Physical Chemistry	\$75.25	\$74.25	\$74.35	\$74.25
HI 207-001 History of the Ancient World	Introduction to the Ancient World	\$24	\$23.95	\$22.50	\$24.00
	Ancient Near East	\$20.20	\$19.95	\$18.75	\$20.25
	Readings in Ancient History	\$34.80	\$33.25	\$37.10	\$33.45
PSY 200-006 Intro to Psychology	Introduction to Psychology	\$49.80	\$47.75	\$52.20	\$47.85
MA 141-001 Calculus 1	Calculus: Concepts and Contexts	\$99.65	\$78.25	\$78.75	\$81.60

Sometimes there may only be

one place to buy a book.

According to Mike Studley, one of the co-owners of Hillsborough Street Textbooks, each store has a few professors that only sub-mit their lists to one particular

'We have two or three instruc tors that have exclusives with us, and I think all the stores have professors who do that," Studley

There are also times when the NCSU Bookstore is the only store that carries a book because the publisher ran out of stock. Students in PY 341 can only purchase their Flat and Curved Space-Times text at the campus

Students usually end up just picking a store that works for

"I always do my textbook shop-ping at the NCSU Bookstore because they are the most likely source for finding all the books I need for my classes," Heather Baker, a senior in chemical engineering, said. "It's also at a very convenient location on

Some advantages aren't measured on the shelves or in the pocketbook.

Parking has become a concern for students - it's park of the mo-tivation for PackBackers move to their new location.

"We wanted a better location for the students," Gabrielle Grainer, the store manager at PackBackers, said. "We now have free parking in front and back of the store?

For students who cannot walk to the NCSU Bookstore and don't own a parking pass, 30-minute parking meters stand outside.

All four stores also have Web sites where students can either order their textbooks and have them shipped to their door, as is the case with PackBackers, or have the store staff compile their stack for them as do Addamis, the NCSU Bookstore and

Hillsborough Street Textbooks.

Most of them also tout their customer service as a key component to their sustainability.

'I think we have pretty good customer service," Grainger said "We try and help everyone, and I don't feel that other stores necessarily worry about that.

## WEB DEALS

If you log onto Amazon.com and try to purchase novels for ENG 405, an adolescent literature class, you'll find a copy of Lord of the Flies can be bought for one cent from independent dealers in partnership with the Web site.

In fact, many of the novels required for the class are less than

But buying from the site means the shopper could potentially be getting novels from 13 different sellers. Amazon guarantees that its "used" book sellers are under agreement to ship their wares in one to two days and the company never shares your credit card

number with the independent dealers. But Hayes warns that if you buy the book from a Web dealer then you won't be able to sell it back at the local textbook

"How do you sell your books back to Amazon?" Hayes asked. "You can't."

And some books may not be available online.

NCSU professors sometimes assign books that are written assign books that are written by local professors or NCSU versions of a particular text, so these types of books often can only be found in local stores or

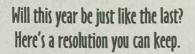
through NC dealers on the web. Amazon.com also does not carry course packs tailored for particu-

## THE BOTTOM LINE

In the end, at least for Jay Carter, a junior in aerospace engineering, the important thing is just to get the book.

"I just want books that are

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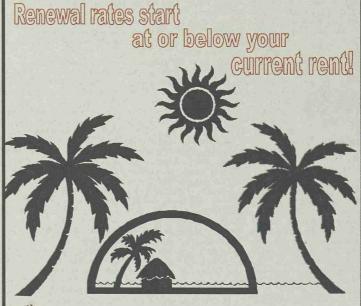
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AND JUSTICE FOR ALL - CHAPTER 1:

# The Call of Duty



"The footfalls, the shouts, the gunfire, the engine, all were closing in on him - he needed a way out."

Stone fled down the Main Street sidewalks of Westches-ter, Pa., dodging and weaving through confused, panicking pedestrians, his feet slapping the pavement like hard rain as a surging cloud of black-suited men thundered behind him. Less than a minute ago he had been enjoying a cup of coffee in a downtown diner before the men in black had stormed inside and demanded his surrender, and now he found himself outnumbered and outgunned, once again on the run. He heard the leader of the black suits, who had identified himself as Agent Edwards in the diner, shouting at the lunchtime crowd to get inside. People began disappearing behind doors, their faces filling windows to marvel at the spectacle in the street. Stone knew that the local police would be on the way in moments; if the men in black hadn't notified them, the dozens of witnesses would He growled in frustration and looked back to yell at his pursuers. "Couldn't let me finish my coffee, could you?!" He shed the jacket of his gray suit, revealing the revolver in his shoulder holster, and threw the jacket back at them, but nothing could slow them. A motorcar engine roared

nearby. There was no way Stone was going to outrun justice. Edwards pulled a small rect-angular device from his jacket as he ran and shouted into it. "Mobile, Stone is armed! Intercept at Main and 4th!" Putting the device away, he yelled to his squad, "Hold your fire until the civilians are clear, and for God's sake try to take him alive!"

Stone ducked into the alley between the boardinghouse between the boardinghouse he'd been staying at and the sundry shop next door. The footfalls, the shouts, the gunfire, the engine, all were closing in on him - he needed a way out. He couldn't just run back to his room because men were his room because men were likely waiting for him there. The boardinghouse was two stories high with a fire escape down the side. He had a slim chance of evading the agents by hiding on the roof... almost too slim, but slimmer had saved his life before. He dropped low, sprinted and sprung up toward the lad-der, reaching for it desperately. His hands closed in a vice-grip around the bottom rung, and he pulled himself up quickly with his powerful arms. As he ran up the steps toward the roof, he glimpsed a black mo-torcar speeding up to block the alley from the other side. "I'm

never stopping for breakfast again," he grumbled. On the street below, the car's

engine cut out, and an uneasy silence fell upon the afternoon. Stone stood ready at the center of the roof, glancing around in all directions, wondering why he hadn't heard a police siren yet, and why he didn't hear the men in black shouting orders. He held his breath and listened intently. He could hear the scuffle of footsteps on the ground below, lots of footsteps, but he couldn't tell how many. Alone on the roof of a building in broad daylight with at least a dozen men in pursuit of him, but still no sirens... it didn't add up. This wasn't just about cap-

turing him as a fugitive. A loud clang jarred him from his thoughts. They had lowered the fire escape ladder. He could half feel them now, all scaling the ladder, the steps, soon to be on top of him. He drew his revolver. Stone had been on the run for almost 30 days, and he wasn't about to go down without a fight. Not back to the Vault. He leveled the weapon at the edge of the roof, right where the stairs led, waiting for the point man to come into the clear. No one was moving; excited whispers buzzed in the

air just below. Stone cocked the hammer of the revolver back, "I don't want to hurt you men, but there's no way I'm going back! There was no trace of fear in his voice. It was the authoritative steel of a man used to being in steer of a man used to being in charge and being good at it. He wasn't negotiating - he was giv-ing orders. The agent who had demanded his surrender back at the diner, Edwards, came up the steps slowly, his hands in the air, apparently unarmed. He took a few steps forward but kept a safe distance from Stone. "There is no escape, Mr.

Stone. The building is sur-rounded, and my men are well armed. Our orders are to bring you back no matter what." Like Stone, Edwards sounded used to being in charge. Stone lowered his weapon and looked past Edwards. The alley between the boardinghouse and the pool hall was easily fifteen feet wide, probably more, with a one-story drop to the roof. If he was going to make a run for it, this was his only chance, and over a dozen armed men stood between here and there. He released the hammer of the revolver and took a hard look at the agent in front of him. They were about the same build: a little over six feet tall, broad-shouldered, strong.

Edwards exuded authority with his closely clipped black hair and stern, angular features, his lined face carved by experience. Stone might have easily been his older brother with his saltand-pepper crew cut and face that had weathered twenty years of military service. He looked down at the revolver for a long moment. He didn't want to shoot Edwards. He was going to have to run for it.

have to run for it.

In a single fluid motion, he whipped the pistol like a boomerang right at Edwards' head and broke into a sprint for the edge. Edwards, surprised, moved to dodge the pistol. Stone saw the entire ballet play out in the slow speed of a pleasant dream: his own arms pumping as he ran, sunlight gleaming on the gun-metal, the agent's hand closing around

the revolver as he ran by, and a sea of black suits waiting just over the edge of the roof. He squatted down low and leapt forward, but something went wrong. He found his legs flying out from beneath himself. He swung down towards the side of the building and hit the bricks like a wrecking ball, knocking the wind out of him. Dazed by the impact, he squinted up through the sunlight to see through the sunlight to see what had happened. He heard the familiar click of his own revolver. As his eyes focused, he found himself staring down its barrel, and on the other end was Agent Edwards, holding him by the wrist. "As I was saying," Edwards said, "your country is in need of you Agent Stone." need of you, Agent Stone

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# Eden: sinking, again

Electronic screens are the hub from which much (90 percent?) of my sense of well-being originates. It is from these screens

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magical monitors!

- that my precious

trifecta ra-diates: cable

television, role-playing

video games and "Inter-net" "chat"

rooms

From these I derive intense pleasure, but alas, as is the case with all Pleasurable Things (nail-

chewing, Hardee's Thickburgers)

such spastic rapture comes with a price. My screens are slowly destroying me, I'm certain, even

as they are my sole inspiration for heaving myself from my bed each

afternoon. But let us first celebrate

my loves, then only later will we

Oh, readers! to bask in the dim

glow of a 3 a.m. rerun of "Full House!" The smartly subtle

humor of Bob Saget plus the

endearing charms of the Olsen

twins (turning 18 on June 13, for those keeping track) make for the

most euphoric sedation this side of hospital grade morphine.

If I had but one wish, my altruist heart would demand that

demonize them



Coffield

each of you, readers, had the opportunity to see the episode where D.J. falls in love with the paperboy, which gives Rusty the idea to play a prank on her by writing a "love letter" from a "secret admirer." But the trick backfires!!! Everyone in the house, from Stephanie to Danny, intercepts the letter and falls for it! Everyone but D.J., that is!! I laughed so hard!!! Really, it's the best episode of them all. Which is saying a lot. I think.

The beauty of the whole thing is, every time I hear that unmisterable be in the sail of the whole thing is.

takable jingle and realize the rolling credits are intro credits (and not ending credits), a wave over me, which erodes away the stressful distractions of the daily grind. For example, last Thursday orgot to pick my slow-moving grandmother up at the airport. Luckily, there was a TGIF marathon on all night, which I watched, and made myself forget I forgot. I hope she got home all

Of course, sometimes it's better to do something other than passively watch TV. I realize this. Sometimes, one needs to actively participate in one's life. This is why I'm so serious about my video gaming.
Often, I'm bitter I was born in

such a boring time as this one. Honestly, I probably belong in medieval times. Back then, men were really men; they, like, kicked each other's asses with big swords and metal balls, etc. Also, many people had magic powers. This is why The Legend of Zelda feels like home for me

When I nestle my ergonomically advantageous controller cany advantageous controller between my sticky pink little hands, I'm transported back to a better place. My thumbs, they come alive, dancing grace-fully across the buttons, delicately manipulating the rubber joystick. Meanwhile, the rest of me frolics, chest out, across sublimely majestic landscapes, rife with dangers and adventures, which I fearlessly confront. Such thorny hassles as bills, homework and private hygiene cease to be sources of stress I am free - free to be myself, glori-

ous and strong.

I know what you are saying. You are saying: "Tim, these things are cial relationships? As the famous proverb goes: 'Man cannot live on the Olsen twins Internet photos personal connection?

To this, I say: "Oh, silly readers, worry not your precious heads, for I have this taken care of." Yes, it is true: I have discovered "Internet" dating "chat" rooms. See, I go to this Web site (only .99 per hour), and I conver with actual attractive women for extended periods of time. How do I know they are attractives

Because they tell me, right there

on the computer.

I don't mean to brag, folks, but I seem to have become quite the I seem to have become quite the stud: the girls never want to stop talking to me! I'm like, "baby I gotta go" and they're like "noooo keep talking to me! I luv u!" and I'm like "but..." and they're like "guess what? I'm not wearing underwear!" So, I stay, and type to them for a few more hours. I mean I gotta give the ladies what? mean, I gotta give the ladies what they want! (wink, wink.)

Oh, but readers, like Adam's fateful fruit, my delicious electronic TV and PC screens have (the irony!) proven to be my downfall. They are ruining my vision, so says my optometrist.

I'm going to have to get stronger contacts. This, I realize, is vaguely poetic: now, it will take looking into extra screens (lenses) for me to look at my beloved original screens, which themselves precipitated the need for the new screens in the first place.

In retrospect, I'm now sort of glad I wasn't born in medieval times. I'd be dead meat for sure vet been invented, I'd never see the giant swords swinging at my

tion list: stop procrastinating. He will complete the list later. Contact: tlcoffie@ncsu.edu



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Student-athletes are among the most respected and envied students at a university. Through their performance on the field or court, they bring national recognition and millions of dollars to their respective colleges. All this is possible because the National Collegiate Athletics Association regulates what student-athletes and universities can and cannot do in order to "level the playing field" so to speak.

Recruiting players is an integral part of any athletics program. Prospective recruits are allowed five official visits to schools of their choice. Part of the visit is entertaining the recruit. The university's athletic department can provide up to \$30 to a host player for entertainment The unsigned editorial that appears above are the opinion of the members of the Technician's editorial board except for news editors and are the responsibility of the editors in chief.

The only regulation spelled out is that money cannot be used for T-shirts or institutional mementos. In most cases the money is used for movies, bowling and meals.

But some former athletes have attested that the money is being used for other things, such as alcohol and strippers. Former football players at Duke have said they would chip in and rent strippers for the evening and former athletes here at N.C. State have said they have taken recruits to keg parties.

This becomes a legal problem because most recruits are underage, even too young to get into a strip club. The NCAA says it is up to the individual universities to oversee where the money is spent. Most coaches require a receipt to be turned in at the end of the visit.

At N.C. State, the host player is required to sign a verification form, stating the \$30 was spent.

Some coaches require receipts from

their players. Others, like football coach Chuck Amato do not.

Free money to buy alcohol and strippers to impress a recruit is intolerable, by any standards.

When athletes are using the money to buy strippers, university administration, and the NCAA, should do something about it. A blanket regulation should be put into place, applicable to all schools, stating specifically what the entertainment money cannot be used for and require receipts to prove where the money was spent. If the host players do not comply, scholarships should be revoked and the offending players suspended from play. Coaches also should be held responsible for their player's behavior. N.C. State needs to step up and enact a more stringent policy in the spirit of fairness to all students.

The NCAA claims they "can't regulate everything." But when student-athletes are paying for booze and strippers for minors, the NCAA is obligated to act on it.

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# The last first day

"That feeling

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than a big gradua-

tion party, lots of

checks and maybe

a new car."

Abbie Byrom reflects on her last first day of school and the life she will lead after graduation.

The hustle and bustle of the holidays has come and gone, and I have forgotten most of what was sitting under my Christmas tree. 2004 is already old

Abbie

Byrom

stomach, it hits me

Monday is my last first day of school.

Monday marks the beginning of the

end for me. Monday starts the onset of a

multitude of anxiety attacks and undue

stress when I start to think of my upcom-ing financial respon-sibility and the need

to find a job - any job, just somewhere

that will put me on a payroll since I hold

a piece of paper that says I "graduated." I could reminisce about my times here

at N.C. State, but I still have a semester

of memories to add

"I'm graduating, this is my last column"

to that infamous

column. Instead; I

want to talk about

the panic attack I am having over the

idea of starting my last semester here at

news, and New Year's is over. I am back into my nor-mal "start of the semester" routine: buying books, supplies, dreading another 16 weeks of classes. Then it hits me. Like a dead weight sink ing to the bottom less depths of my

to think of it, I may start paying off professors to write me stellar recom-

Basically, I just want a job. I think, that I am now like every other senior on campus, nervous about the prospect of life without the safety net of college. From now on, (after graduation that is) I cannot just skip work when I feel like it...and then e-mail my professor with a bad excuse to get credit for whatever I missed...(don't lie, we've all done it). I can't stay up all night long and go to work on an hour of sleep. I can no longer go out on a Wednesday and Thursday night. I am about to find out, in 16 short weeks, exactly what it is like to live in the "Real World." Yeah,

you're right...I'm scared. No, take that back...I'm terrified.

Currently, I have nightmares about whether or not I have enough padding on my resume and if I am really going to be able to apply what I have learned in my major to my career. Wait, will I even be able to remember what I have learned? One of my roommates is already packing for graduate school, and the other is starting to teach this semes ter. That feeling in the pit of my stomach is getting worse Graduate school?

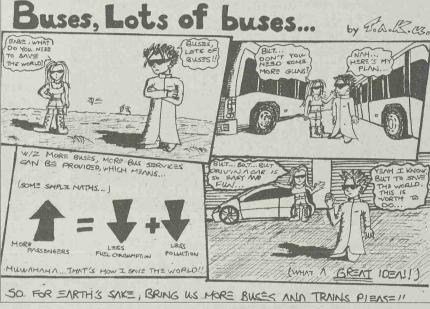
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Become a bohe-mian and globetrot

for a year?
Alas, I am graduating, and I have no idea what comes

next, or what I want to come next. Other than a big graduation party, lots of checks and maybe a new car. Fantasies aside however, I have to start look ing at options, jobs and grad schools, and it makes me realize this semester will be like no other and college will never be the same again. My career as a party and bar hopping socialite is over, it is time for me to grow up and become...gasp...an adult. Wish me luck. I wish all of you luck, too.

E-mail Abbie your comments on graduation and life afterward at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com



# k-To-It-iveness

Zack Medford learns from his hilarious mistakes and encourages others to own up to theirs, no matter what.

I think that our generation has a lot to prove. Thanks to the increased weight problems facing our society and our short attention spans, our generation is



Zack Medford

perceived more and more as apathetic to the world around us. They think we don't care about

what goes on in our world, and that we're more willing to do what we've always done than to try

anything new. I disagree; from the moment I got here, I've seen people who will do anything for a cause they believe in. I've seen a girl spend every single spare second of her life fighting to spare second on the first gaining to keep tuition affordable for under-privileged students - and she's on a full scholarship. I've seen a guy work day in and day out to make sure that his residents actually feel comfortable at their new, huge university - and he's only been here for one semester. I think the one thing that holds us back is the fear of making mistakes. It's easier to drift through life doing what everyone else does rather than stand up for something you believe in.

In my life, I have made a lot of mistakes. When I was just a cute young little boy, I realized quickly that mistakes happen and you have to live with them. When I was 8-years-old, I really truly wanted a new bike for Christmas. My friend Alex had just gotten a sweet, new bike from his par-ents for his birthday, and it had like a million gears. My crummy old bike had a mop handle where the extra bar was supposed to go. Yeah, it was my sister's old bike. So, I wanted a new bike for Christmas really bad, and one night I told my dad how good I was going to be to get it. I started doing

all my chores before I was asked, and I stopped cussing out in the backyard even if I thought no one could hear me. Things were going pretty good! Even my mom noticed that my 'accu-

racy' had improved in the bathroom. Unfortunately, that December I learned that I could jump from the toilet upstairs holding a plunger, and hang from the ceiling. Well, I live in an extremely old house (we're talkin' 80 years) and the ceilings weren't really made to support a child's weight while he was hanging from a plunger. The fact that mil-

dew had weakened the ceiling beyond repair didn't really help matters. So, one fateful day I plunged to the ceil ing, going for a re-cord hanging time The ceiling gave way; I fell to the ground and quickly began to cry. My mother heard the

noise and ran upstairs to see what the matter was, but I was quicker than she was. I slammed the door shut before she could see what happened, and wouldn't let her in. I did continue agonizing hours, I refused to open the door. Safe to say that my mother caught me, tanned my hide until it was red, and the next day the plaster man paid an expensive visit to the Medford household. I learned quickly that you can't ever hide anything from

At first, I figured it was pointless to even try to be good again. I'd de-stroyed our ceiling and really pissed my parents off. Not even a lifetime of proper bathroom etiquette could get me that bike now

On the last day of school before winter break, we made snowflakes in class. I gave my mom the snowflake

because it was stupid and I didn't want it. For some reason though, she didn't think it was stupid at all. In fact, she thought it was wonderful and she smiled the rest of the day. That's when I realized that maybe I still had a chance to get that bike. Instead of giving up and going back to being the little bastard of my past, I kept trying to be as good as possible.

The point of that story is that life

goes on. We all make mistakes every single day of our lives, and it's easy to be caught up in them. The important thing is that you

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learn from your mistake, and you make damn sure it never happens again. Basically, when you blow it, admit it. So, you screwed up and your girlfriend caught you cheat ing on her with the waitress from the Waffle House. Call

her and apologize, and remember to never cheat on the next girl who gives you a chance. Don't give up though. There are a lot of things that are wrong with our university, our city, tion, the only thing I could think of at first was to just quit. I wanted to find some way to hurry up and graduate, and forget about the whole thing.

Well, you know what? I'm not going

to quit fighting for what I believe in because the system doesn't agree. I will never quit. Philip Rivers hasn't given up just because we didn't make it to a championship or win the Heisman. Jimmy V didn't give up when he was diagnosed with cancer. We all go to N.C. State, and we will never give

Learn anything? Tell Zack a viewpoint@technicianstaff.com



All of a sudden, I realized this is it.

I have one more semester of basket-ball games, bad teachers, lines at the Atrium, late hours in the library and

staring at the multitude of red brick surrounding me. However, I now have this frenzied desire to fix the resume I should have

done a year ago and post it on every job Web site I can think of. I feel like

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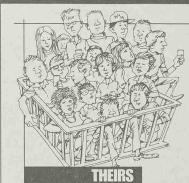


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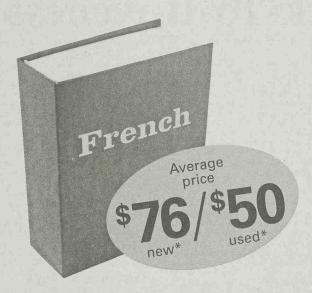
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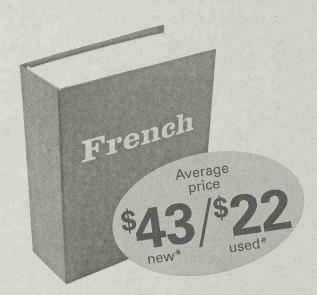
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The entire league currently has a win-ning record. That certainly won't last

for long as Clemson will be back to .500 with its next impending loss, but its should provide added strength to those teams (Ahem, N.C. State) on the NCAA bubble come March. Where have you gone 100-point games? North Carolina and Georgia Tech may know, as they combined for almost 200 points in their game Sunday. Earlier in the day State and Florida State struggled to reach half that. We know defense needs to be stressed, but can we please have some more up-tempo games?

## up-tempo games?

Virginia nearly went undefeated out of the ACC (10-1) yet has been rela-tively uncompetitive in its two league games. Big surprise. It seems like Pete Gillen's club follows this trend annu-

Tim Pickett of Florida State was voted

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preseason first-team All-ACC. How? His shot selection rivals that of a 10-year-old YMCA-leaguer and his play Sunday against N.C. State was virtu-ally, if not completely, unnoticeable.

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## **ELSEWHERE**

Student-athletes schools aren't held accountable

"We'd get an envelope with the money in it and that was it," said the former East Carolina player.

Still, some higher profile football programs require the play ers to return receipts, like North

Carolina.
D.C. Olagoke, a junior at Carolina, was a back-up running back for the Tar Heels until he quit the team midway through the 2003 season. Though never recruited by Carolina, Olagoke said he was given money from other schools while he was still in high school before he decided to walk-on for the Heels. While he never actually hosted a recruit himself, Olagoke was unaware of

any misuse of funds by his team-

"I'm sure they get a couple extra dollars leftover that they pocket, but this must be the cleanest program in America," Olagoke said. "Everything is so squeaky

But that doesn't make it impos sible for players to get around the system, even on teams or at institutions that require players

soccer player said Seahawk student-athletes often used the money for its intended purpose such as movies, bowling or a fancier dinner than the univer-

sity dining hall.

But they would also regularly keep some of the money or buy beer with it. To cover their tracks, they would ask restaurants for receipts or scour the dorms for receipts from empty pizza boxes. The athletes would then give those receipts to their coaches to

account for the money.
"We looked forward to having a recruit come into town," said the

former Seahawk soccer player. "It was a way of making money or a way to pay for alcohol."

Dave Allen, swimming coach t UNCW, realizes that the violations occur, but admits that there isn't much a coach can do

to stop it.
"I'm sure it can happen," he said. "But all you can do is just to keep telling your kids what the money is for - entertainment.'

## A NON-EXCESSIVE NECESSITY

For now, the NCAA finds no flaws in its current policy of allowing universities to give host players money to entertain recruits. And according to Hawes, there are no plans to alter or

eliminate the rule.
"The NCAA membership has determined that it's appropriate to provide those funds to a student host," Hawes said. "The limit is \$30 so that it's not excessive. It's up to the institutions to take responsibility for how the money

"But that's pretty typical. I mean, think about it, we can't regulate everything."

## **HARTRUM**

hosted by UNC-Greensboro. He

also defeated Brad Regan of The Citadel 2-1. He ended up finishing fifth, the only State wrestler to place at the competition.

just have to take everything one match at a time. Since then, 2004 hasn't been as

Kyle Ott of fourth-ranked Illinois 4-1 and Drexel's Rob Rebmann but he's ready for the match Forshey again.

"I'm not sure if it'll be Forshey or [Chris] Rodriguez," Hartrum said. "Forshey is a tough kid but I just need to go out there and do is go out there and wrestle.

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## Yeah, it was so long [since I d last wrestled]," Hartrum said. 'I sat out for a year and-a-half with UNC, especially if he faces

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basically, and I finally got back on the mat. I feel like getting back into it. I was just happy to be back out there. I think that I

kind to Hartrum. Hartrum lost to



# **Turnaround** time

Dealing with talk about being fired has become a rite of passage for Herb



Sendek during his career at State. Since implementing his offensive system in 2001, the basketball team's season has become more predictable

than an episode of "The O.C." Start the season by beating teams with names like Wofford and Fair-leigh Dickinson.

Struggle against teams that are mediocre at best. Lose an ugly game or two to an inferior opponent, especially on the road. Listen to State fans call for Sendek to be publicly executed - I mean fired as basketball coach. Win a big game against a top-10 opponent. Watch State fans shut up. Make the NCAA tournament.

Repeat. Until this year, I was one of the vocal majority that would jump on the anti-Sendek bandwagon. But this season he's finally won me over - I even went so far as to describe him as even went so far as to describe him as "fired up" during the BYU game. In the past, I've used the phrases "fired up" and "Herb Sendek" together about as much as Rick Hilton uses the words "my daughter Paris" and "proud."

This year has convinced me of something I never thought I would see myself write: Herb Sendek is a good coach. What he's accomplished the last two seasons is hard to argue with.

Two years ago Sendek was starting two freshmen and implementing a completely new offensive system -

completely new offensive system -but it wasn't even Christmas before the N.C. State faithful were trying to put him out of a job after ugly losses to Ohio State and Massachusetts. The team responded by beating two top teams on the road, Syracuse and Virginia. The Wolfpack didn't lose to an unranked opponent from that point on that season, losing the ACC tournament final to Duke and coming within a Caron Butler of making the Sweet 16.

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Last year was rocky all around after State's best all-around player, Anthony Grundy, left, but fans became particularly unhappy after a bad home loss to Boston College.

State then went out and beat rivals Duke and Carolina at home to squelch the complaints. It survived the rest of the regular season, and then beat Wake

the regular season, and then beat Wake Forest in the ACC tournament before being torched by Duke's J.J. Redick in

The Pack got back into the NCAA tournament only to lose a heartbreaking overtime game to California.

This year the calling for Sendek's removal seemed to be as loud as ever

after the road loss to South Carolina. The lost his only inside presence in CBA first-overall draft pick Josh Powell, along with his point guard and best perimeter defender in Clifford Careful but kind to the lost of the lost ford Crawford - but his detractors still wanted him out.

Once again, the team responded by winning against previously unbeaten Virginia, blowing out an above aver-age BYU team and escaping Florida State with a win.

Can State fully repeat its performances from the last two years? It has three games against top-10 teams this month to try.

I've ragged on Sendek as much as anyone in the past, but the fact remains that he's consistently gotten the job done.

State has come a long way from the Les Robinson invitational days, coming off two ACC tournament final appearances and two NCAA tournament

And for a good week or so more, Sendek has earned some quiet about his job security.

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STORY BY JON PAGE

n between practices, games and meetings, college coaches across the country in all sports are currently driving and flying distances short and long to woo, plead and possibly even beg high school seniors to run with the Wolfpack, roll with the Tide or roar with the Tigers next year.

Included in the process, recruits are allowed to make up to five official visits to different schools where they stay with current student-athletes for a weekend. For each day a recruit stays on campus, the school is allowed to give the host player up to \$30 to cover entertainment expenses.

But according to current and former athletes from schools big and small, student-athletes often abuse that privilege. And without a clear-cut policy to regulate the use of the money, the NCAA is effectively letting its institutions write their student-athletes blank checks that often pay for alcohol on a Friday night or provide spare change for the player and recruit.

Rule 13.02,5.1 of NCAA Division I rules under "Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes" does not specify what qualifies as "entertainment," but NCAA spokesperson Kay Hawes said the \$30 could cover the cost of a trip to the movies or food, among other

"There might be parking fees, there might be different things that they need and it would be an undue burden on the players to ask them to entertain recruits and to not provide them with any money for expenses,"

As for restrictions, the rule only states two: "these funds may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs such as T-shirts or other institutional

STRIPPERS AND BEER

"Usually when a freshman comes they don't want to drink, but they at least want to go out to a club," said a former East Carolina football player.

"Host players would use it to buy beer, though. Some people said you could take them to a movie, but I don't know if anybody ever took a recruit to

a movie." At Duke, student-athletes sometimes bring show their own living

rooms.
"If there were about 20 recruits coming into town for the weekend, each player that had a recruit would throw in \$10 [from the recruiting money we received] and we would get a stripper," said a former Duke football player. "But that's what the money is for – entertainment. There's nothing else to do in Durther's nothing else t ham in the winter so we've got to do something."

And sometimes the player just puts the money away for a rainy day.

"We would take the recruit to a keg party, get cups for free and that \$30 would usually end up in our pocket," said an ex-wrestler from N.C. State. As for the notion that the money should be used for food, the ex-Pirate said that was hardly a necessity since the athletic department supplies

most of the recruits' meals.

"You eat the whole time that you're here," he said. "The first night you and your family go to a steakhouse and eat. In the morning you eat with a coach, for lunch you usually

eat at the strength center or facil-ity. For dinner you eat at another

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The NCAA mandates that schools account for receipts if a coach takes a recruit and his or her family to dinner, but does not require schools to collect receipts from the student-athletes to confirm how they spend the money intended for entertain-ment purposes. Instead, Hawes said that individual schools are trusted to

regulate how the student-athletes

spend the money. "There are a bunch of big rules in the manual that say you have to have a compliance program, you have to have institutional consomeildn't." run a responsible
system," Hawes
said. "It's up to
the institution to

manage their compliance and to decide how to do that. An institution has some latitude in what they think is appropriate for their situation. N.C. STATE'S POLICY

Many schools require coaches in every sport to collect receipts from the players while other schools, like State, leave the decision up to the

individual coaches,
Some coaches, like swimming coach Brooks Teal and volleyball coach Mary Byrne, require their

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## **Recruiting regulations**

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NCAA rule 13.02.5.1, under the heading "Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student Athletes" states student-athlete hosts may receive.

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players to turn in receipts. Football coach Chuck Amato does not require players to return with receipts from the weekend's purchases

According to Jon Fagg, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance at State, after the football recruit goes home, the host football player signs a statement verifying that he

signs a statement verifying that he spent all of the \$30.

"Everything is documented," Director of Football Operations Bob LaCivita said. "We go through regimented procedures. It involves everything." But when asked to elaborate on what the specific "regimented procedures" were, LaCivita declined further comment further comment.

Though several current and former State players have privately admitted to using the money to pay for alcohol, Fagg contends that such behavior doesn't exist at State.

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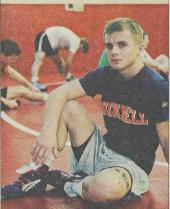
"The kids don't have any [wrong] intentions," Fagg said. "They don't need to. It doesn't benefit them anyways. They don't have any reason to go out there and buy the recruit something they shouldn't.

"They're signing a statement saying that they won't. So [they won't do it] unless they're going to lie, in which case they have committed an ethical conduct violation.

**RECRUITS** see page 7

## WRESTLING

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Jeremy Hartrum shows his intensity during a recent practice.

# Small guy delivers big results

Jeremy Hartrum is ready to anchor the 125-pound weight class for State.

Jay Kohler

College wrestling, especially N.C. State's program, is perpetually pushed into the shadows by the bigger and more profitable football and basketball teams. So, it could be assumed that when most State students hear about wrestling, their first thoughts are of Hulk Hogan, WWE or body slams being delivered by huge men leaping

from the corner ropes.

Imagine then, a wrestler weighing in at a mere 125 pounds wrestling against another man of the same weight. Some might yawn and ask if one of the wrestlers could hit the other with a chair to make it more interesting. Those people

are dead wrong.

Jeremy Hartrum, a redshirt freshman from Jeremy Hartrum, a redshirt freshman from Pennsylvania is here to prove that. Hartrum enters this year taking over a position that had been dominated by George Cintron since the 1999-2000 season. In the 125-pound weight class, quickness is the key and Cintron was like lightning on the mat. It's a good that that Hartrum also possesses that quickness. Yet, he doesn't want to be Cintron part two. He's out to create a name for himself. name for himself.

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"George has great stuff. I worked out with him last year so it helped me out," Hartrum said. "I'm not saying that I can live up to his expectations but I want to accomplish some of the things that he was unable to accomplish. He never made All-American but I'd like to do that. I don't know if I'll ever be George Cintron but I want to do all that I can.'

wasn't the realm of Ric Flair and company. Real washt the ream of Ric Tain and Company. Rear wrestling was what he knew. He attended matches featuring his uncle before he was in preschool. "I've been into it ever since," Hartrum said. "I've got it in my blood. My Dad wrestled also,

so I started wrestling, too."
In high school, Hartrum was a North Carolina state champion in 2002. He admits quickly that it is his greatest wrestling accomplishment to this day, but he regrets that he was unable to win multiple state titles while in high school. Hartrum left Wilson High School with 148 wins, which was the most in school history, while compiling

only 24 losses.

In college, Hartrum started out at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania. He didn't stay long, however, and quickly decided to transfer to State. Unfortunately, his decision cost him and he had to sit out last season because Edinboro did not

[Wrestling] is a lot bigger up there," Hartrum aid, "I'm biased, so I think Pennsylvania is the best wrestling state. Crowd-wise, it is big. Once you wrestle there, you come down here and there isn't really the crowd support. You aren't shocked by anything, because you've been around the big

Hartrum got his career with the Pack off on the right foot by beating Drew Forshey of North Carolina 7-4 at the Southern Scuffle, which was

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