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UNC's Latino Studies minor sparks interest

Dominique Shadae Miller
Staff Reporter

UNC-Chapel Hill established the first Latino Studies minor in the Southeast this fall, leaving some N.C. State students wondering if a similar program will arrive at their university down the line.

Maria DeGuzman, who helped develop the UNC-CH program, said that it was necessary in order to reflect the growing Latino population in the United States. North Carolina experienced a 394 percent increase since 1994, the largest growth nationwide, according to census reports.

Although the state has become increasingly diverse in regards to Latino population, NCSU fails to mirror that trend. Its Latino population is 2.2 percent, up from 1.8 percent in previous years and has 627 students total, according to university enrollment numbers.

With Latino students accounting for only 2.2 percent of the student population, they said they want their presence to be felt and most

feel that a Latino Studies program is a step in the right direction.

"It was a very good idea that Chapel Hill got a Latino Studies minor. We need to educate people who don't know about other cultures," Chayanne Scales, a junior in biological sciences with Dominican descent, said.

"I can see NCSU adding a program like Chapel Hill's. There are so many Latino groups that have been established on campus like La Raza Mi Colores and Mi Familia. I don't see it as a stretch at all," Spanish major and freshman Latino student, Jacquelyn Lara, said.

However, some administrators and students disagree.

"Currently, we have not had any advocacy from students, no one has overwhelmingly expressed any opinions about it," Tracey Ray, director of Multicultural Student Affairs, said. She projected that such a program would not be coming in the near future.

Latino Studies is not all that students may be rallying for,

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SEEING RED

THE HOMECOMING PARADE AND CONCERT ENDED
A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF N.C. STATE



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SpaceShipOne will attempt to be the first private craft to reach space twice in one week today — opening the door to space tourism and keeping campus aerospace engineering students excited.

Space launch excites engineering students

T.S. Amarasiwardena
News Editor

Going up — way up. The first privately-financed spacecraft, SpaceShipOne, will make its third foray into the outer reaches of the atmosphere today, to some 60-plus miles above the ground to claim the \$10 million Ansari X-Prize, keeping aerospace engineering students intently watching.

The prize, designed to spur commercial space exploration, will be awarded to the group that makes two successful launches into space

within the span of a week — something SpaceShipOne is set to accomplish. With its flight today, following last Wednesday's successful launch to an altitude of 63.9 miles, the group behind the craft will beat out a number of competitors to claim the prize.

"It's a major milestone," in space exploration, aerospace engineering professor Larry Silverberg said.

Set to start at 10 a.m. Pacific time, the craft will ride under the belly of a spe-

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MATTHEW ROBBINS/TECHNICIAN

The Student Wolfpack Club begins its march on Friday.

CRUISING DOWN THE STREET

Kate Peters Bowra
Staff Reporter

For the first time in 21 years, the university's front porch, Hillsborough Street, bled red.

Lining the street in a wall of red, nearly 1,000 spectators lined the parade route to watch members of the Wolfpack family strut their stuff Friday.

Riding unicycles, sporting wild costumes or strumming their instruments, hundreds of Wolfpack faithful displayed their pride for N.C. State.

"The energy that the parade created was fantastic," Eman Alawar, a freshman in biology, said. Her first Homecoming experience, she said that she feels like a "true member of the Pack" after watching the parade.

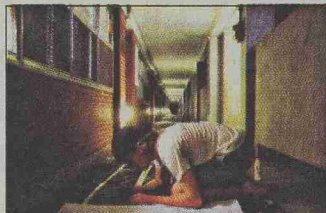
Local businesses along Hillsborough Street allowed student organizations to paint the 2004 Homecoming slogan, "DevaSTATE Wake," and other supportive art on their storefront windows. Some locations

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JEFF REEVES/TECHNICIAN

Katy Bridger helps paint the town red at Addam's Bookstore during homecoming week.



NATHAN BULLEN/TECHNICIAN

Sophomore Darryl Jones works late at night on the Sullivan Hall banner "Operation DevaSTATE Wake" last week.



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Interim Chancellor Barnhardt with Leader of the Pack winners Erin Welch, Robby Moorefield and last year's winner Sarah King at halftime of the Homecoming game on Saturday.

[Full disclosure: Erin Welch is a member of Technician's editorial board.]



ABOVE AND CUTOUT: JEFF REEVES/TECHNICIAN

Hip-hop artist Ludacris and one of his band mates appeared in Reynolds Coliseum.

LUDACRIS MAKES PACK HOWL

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

The line streamed out the front entrance to Reynolds Coliseum Friday night, all the way past the parking deck, nearly reaching Pullen Road.

The Homecoming Pack Howl filled Reynolds with students eager to hear Ludacris perform after the pep rally.

"I've been a Ludacris fan since he started," Sharde' McNeil, a freshman in psychology, said. "I've never seen him before though."

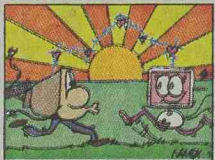
The line outside Reynolds barely moved due to tightened security. Nick Vance, a graduate student in mathematics, said he waited outside for over an hour before getting into Reynolds.

"[There was] way too much security," Vance said. "It took us too long to get in the building."

Richard Carter, a freshman in pulp and paper sciences, did not mind the increased security, which included checking people

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cially-designed plane to 50,000 feet, where it will be released and fire its engines. Rocketing in a parabolic curve, the craft will reach into the international boundary of space while giving its occupants four minutes of weightlessness before landing 30 minutes later.

The flight aptly coincides with the launch of Sputnik-1 by the former Soviet Union 47 years ago - an event that not only put the first artificial satellite into space, but also kicked off the Space Age and the creation of NASA.

Silverberg expects that the launch today will signify the start of yet another space race. "It's like climbing a mountain," he said of the flight, "when people see someone accomplish

[the flight], there will be a number of others that will want to follow. It spawns a race."

And the start of a new race has kept aerospace students very interested.

"It's just a few years old and commercial space flight is taking off, quite literally," junior Kevin Doty said.

Previously, doors to space research remained in the domain of governmental agencies such as NASA or the military. In the near future, Doty said, there should be a number of job opportunities in the private sector.

Within hours of last week's launch, Richard Branson, founder of the conglomerate Virgin, which owns an airline, music stores and a soda brand among other things announced a partnership with SpaceShipOne's designer, Burt Rutan to start Virgin Galactic - the first space tourism company. Soon thereafter, other companies announced similar plans.

For a cost of \$200,000, passengers will be able to ride the craft set to begin service within the decade.

Taking a break from rocket thruster design, Silverberg's class discussed the possibilities of space tourism.

Some said that it would remain a luxury for the rich. Others said to look at history as a guide. Once, they say, flying was reserved for the rich, but now commercial aviation outstrips that of the government. A number of students said they expect the same for space tourism.

"I just hope that there isn't [the equivalent of a] dot com bust - and demand stays up," Nolan Halliday, a junior said.

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though. CHASS recently received a grant to start a Middle Eastern Studies program worth \$177,000, Ray said.

Other cultural groups unsuccessfully attempted to establish programs as well, she said, citing campaigns for the addition of Asian and Pacific Island Studies.

Similarly, there have been 10 years of unsuccessful campaigns for the inclusion of Native American Studies.

Students, though, say that NCSU should offer a broader range of cultural studies.

"We usually learn only about white America, and we're only taught history that they want students to know about. When we learn about black history, we're taught from the beginning of slavery. There's a whole history before that. It's the same with Hispanic history," Scales said.

"Chapel Hill is more liberal, I can see it happening there, but NCSU is a math and science school," she added.

POLICE BLOTTER

9/30

10:24 A.M. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A student was riding his bicycle through the Central Campus Lot when he ran into a back hoe that was driving through the area. He did not wish to file a report and wrote a statement to that fact.

1:33 P.M. LARCENY

A non-student reported that someone had broken into the Coke machine at the Sigma Chi House and stolen all the dollar bills from the machine.

4:51 P.M. LARCENY

A student reported that her bookbag had been stolen while she was at DH Hill Library.

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12:12 A.M. SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A student called to report that someone was posting offensive things about her on The Wolf Web. The postings began tonight. It is unknown at this time if the accused is affiliated with the university.

2:04 A.M. WELFARE CHECK

An officer observed a red Volkswagen on Main Campus Drive near Achievement Boulevard. A staff member and a non-student were enjoying each other's company. All file checks came back negative. They complied to leave the area.



Justin Fox looks on as Andrew Musick gets his legs painted for the homecoming parade. Fox and Musick participated in the parade with the Inter-Residence Council.

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even offered specials in honor of the parade.

Riding on the trunks of candy-red convertibles, men's basketball coach, Herb Sendek and his senior players stood tall as grand marshals for the parade.

Kicking off promptly at 6 p.m., the crowd's excitement soared as the parade made its slow procession down the street.

Groups in the parade tossed red football necklaces and various types of candy to fans alongside the route, jumping at the chance for free goodies.

Camaraderie and team spirit

took the lead as students in the parade gave up their treats to smaller Wolfpack fans, such as 11-month-old Zoe Watts, who managed to snag a necklace and handfuls of candy. Other parade participants had more than candy and necklaces to toss at the crowd.

The Chuck-It Wagon — promoting the recycling of cans and bottles on game days — threw out drink holders. "I loved getting to throw koozies to the crowd," Lindsey Caison said.

"It was so nice to see the community get excited about the Wolfpack," Caison, a junior in business management, said.

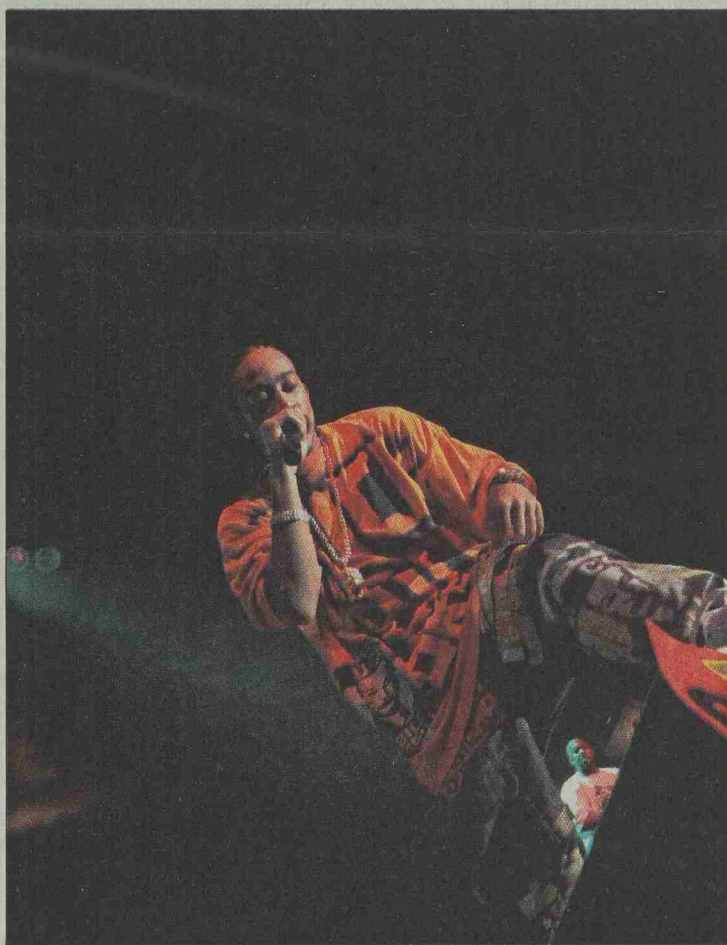
Nearing the end of the parade, baton twirlers lead the dance

and flag teams. The junior varsity cheerleading team stopped every so often to show the crowd some of their tricks.

Heard well in advance of their arrival to the main viewing areas, "The Power Sound of the South," marching band book-ended the parade.

Once in sight, members of the band could be seen dancing with their instruments in step to the music.

Shouts of "Go Pack!" surged from the crowd as the band ended the parade with a set of booming game day music. After the parade, some of the spectators left for the pep rally and concert in Reynolds Coliseum later Friday evening.



Ludacris performs in Reynolds Coliseum Friday night as part of the "Pack Howl" concert and pep rally.

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with metal detector wands.

"It's good that they have it," Carter said. "I would prefer them to have it and have to wait."

Ludacris and his controversial lyrics were questioned by many prior to the concert, from alumni and faculty to students.

"I don't see a problem with it," McNeil said. "If their stuff is good then I don't see why it matters."

Event organizers asked Ludacris to perform cleaner radio versions of his songs for the Pack Howl. Austin Duncan, Pack Howl chair, said it was a decision everyone agreed on.

"Everyone who had deciding power at all felt the same way about that," Duncan said.

From the moment Ludacris stepped onto the stage with a shirt featuring the words "F*** Bill O'Reilly," it was clear Ludacris may have had other plans. He did not refrain from cursing during the performances, at one point even asking half the audience to extend its collective middle finger to the other half.

Ludacris even asked the audience if they wanted him to keep the show clean, but the reaction from the crowd indicated that they did not. Duncan said that she could not hear many of the things he said on stage from her vantage point.

"From what I heard," Duncan said, "Compared to other college performances he's done, it was very similar."

A committee of about 20 had been working on organizing the Pack Howl event since February.

However, the decision to invite Ludacris as the main attraction was not made until a few weeks before the show, according to Duncan.

"It wasn't last-minute," Duncan, a senior in environmental sciences, said. "But we were coming down to the wire."

As fans slowly filed into the arena, appearances by Herb Sendek and Chuck Amato began the pep rally portion of the event.

The pep rally also included the announcement of the winners of the parade contest prior to Pack Howl. Despite a few adaptations which had to be made during the event, Duncan said that Pack Howl went off fairly smoothly.

"We had the emcee skip a page and then Ludacris was late," Duncan said. "That's about it. Overall, things went well."

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What place would this 1950s Homecoming duck float – complete with Mr. Wuf on top – have received Friday?

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John Kerry won the first presidential debate

How did you feel right after the debates – before the media put its conservative or liberal spin on it?

If you were like me, Kerry won the debate over our President Bush, who looked frustrated, nervous and confused when topics wavered from the only thing he seems to be positive about – “Kerry the flip-flopper.”

Walking out of the Witherspoon Student Center, I heard a Bush supporter say, “We took that debate” and I thought to myself, “What debate was she watching?”

So I questioned her. She then proceeded to try and convince me that Bush was the only one taking a stand on anything. I was shocked.

Was my liberal mind too closed to hear anything besides Bush continuously reverting back to the flip-flop rhetoric because he couldn’t take the debate up to an educated level?

Did I not just hear Kerry laying out his specific plan for the American people?

Did Bush just avoid answering a question about North Korea by talking about Iraq?

These are serious times that call for serious answers by serious, intelligent people. We do not need a “flip-flop” administration like we have had for the last four years. First, we were going to find weapons of mass destruction.

Then, Bush got his approval from Congress, based on flawed evidence, and now, we are war with Saddam simply because he is an evil man?

Bush says he supports our troops, and then he cut veteran benefits. Bush says he supports education, then passes an unfunded mandate called “No Child Left Behind.”

Bush says he wouldn’t privatize social security, now we’re up to our eyeballs in debt – about \$33,000 per citizen.

My fellow students, before you base your vote on propaganda, or America’s news networks, I beg you as an educated university student to research the real records of these two candidates.

This is the election for the president that will decide your future while exiting college. Research the truth and make your own mind.

The truth is out there.

Jessie Mendez
Sophomore
Political Science

Kerry understands veteran concerns more than President Bush does

If I hear one more thing about Kerry being a flip-flopper, I am going to scream. If I hear one more Republican trying to monopolize the “support our troops” rhetoric I am going to scream.

How is sending our reserves into intense military combat over phantom weapons of mass destruction without our allies considered “supporting our troops?” How does forming a coalition made up of countries that cannot even protect themselves, “protecting our troops?”

The last time I checked, we all supported our troops whether we agreed with the war or not.

Just because Kerry said, “wrong war, wrong time, wrong place” does not mean he and the Democrats do not support our soldiers.

There is a difference in supporting our troops mentally and supporting our troops physically. Bush simply supports them mentally by verbalizing to every television camera that he is “supporting our troops.” What has this really accomplished?

Nothing. As a Vietnam veteran, Kerry understands how to support our troops. He plans to support our troops physically with the necessary armor and equipment needed to prevent Americans’ brave sons and daughters from coming home in body bags.

Kerry plans on supporting our troops by diplomatic means by sewing alliances back together and making America respected in the world again.

Kerry’s plan will ensure that peace is finalized and ensure that our troops are brought safely home to our families.

Now that is something worth fighting for.

Allina Johnson
Senior
Philosophy

The Middle East conflict should work for peace for all

I found myself somewhat confused after reading the column “We are.” I do not think the objectives and methods for aiding the Palestinians align.

I believe that, at this point, it is difficult to point out who is “just” from an objective viewpoint.

And of course as a Palestinian or as a

Jew, it is difficult to step back and look for objectivity.

Do I blame the Palestinians for reacting to their present situation in the way they do?

Do I blame the Israelis for reacting to their present situation in the way they do?

Well, yes, I blame both sides. I also strongly believe in the creation of a Palestinian state and the withdrawal of the settlements. I see those as crucial actions for the establishment of peace in that area of the world.

However, what disturbed me about El Borno’s column was that while she obviously seeks statehood for the Palestinians, it seems she does not believe in the existence of a Jewish state. She claims that one can be anti-Zionist without being anti-Semitic.

I agree, although those lines are often crossed, particularly in Europe where the Jews have begun to bare the brunt of the dissatisfaction of the marginalized Arab populations.

But she is correct, they are not then same thing. However, Zionism is the belief that there should be a Jewish state (i.e. Israel). To be an “anti-Zionist” is to be against the statehood of Israel.

This is what I find problematic about what I imagine she believes are her goals. If she believes that the Palestinians should have statehood and be able to free themselves from what has become an unbearable situation, then she must see a greater picture.

The Israelis must step back and say, “Hey we believe in the Palestinians’ right to statehood and the withdrawal of the settlements,” and the Palestinians must step back and accept the right of Israel to exist.

Her column only perpetuates the same ideology that has been thrown back and forth for the last 50 years, and does not seek a greater justice.

We must look to the examples of men like Martin Luther King, Jr., who sought brotherhood instead of revenge.

I would love to see her organization, MENASA, take an original standpoint, one that I try to take amid all the bigotry of both sides.

I stand with Israel and I stand with the Palestinians for peace.

David Melik Telfer
Post-Baccalaureate
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TECHNICIAN’S VIEW

HOMECOMING A RECORD-SETTING SUCCESS

OUR OPINION: A TRADITION HAS BEEN REVIVED AT N.C. STATE, AND THIS YEAR’S HOMECOMING HAS EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. THE COMMITTEE AND STUDENTS DESERVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FOR THEIR ROLES.

Kudos to the Homecoming Committee and all of those who contributed to the planning and execution of the events throughout last week.

The committee has set an admirable precedent for future Homecomings and strengthened a tradition that can only grow.

The committee extended hospitality to the Raleigh community with functions such as “Paint the Town Red” and wisely moving the parade to Hillsborough Street. The parade not only attracted students, but citizens of Raleigh, as well. These bonds create a sense of community between N.C. State and the City of Raleigh, and this extension, now that it has begun, is capable of attracting and involving larger audiences of Raleigh citizens.

Events in the Brickyard kept the spirit pumping, such as “Wear Red, Get Fed” and dunking booths. The committee excelled in promoting school spirit – holding events on consecutive days concurrently so that students, no matter where they are, have available opportunities to get involved with Homecoming and get excited about it.

The events for Homecoming built in intensity – leading up to the highlight of the week, the concert featuring Ludacris. The approximated 5,000 to 6,000 attendees shows that students would prefer a Hip-Hop act for their

Homecoming concert as well as the ability of the committee to listen to students’ suggestions. The committee did a prudent job planning in advance, grabbing a popular artist that would attract people. They raised the bar so far that future committees will have difficulty topping the event.

No matter what was thrown at the committee to knock Homecoming plans off track, the events persevered – even in the face of a hurricane.

The students responded with significant prestige and excitement at Saturday’s game, cheering the team in a fashion that filled the stadium air with energy. The blood started pumping Monday and by game time on Saturday, its intensity was enough to beat Wake Forest in overtime.

The Homecoming committee met the challenges head-on and responded with a sensitivity to students’ concerns and suggestions. A tradition was being formulated for Homecoming at NCSU – and this year it grew. Next year’s committee has some big shoes to fill, when the NCSU community will seek a higher bar of excellence and tradition for Homecoming.

That committee will meet that bar head-on as well so that the NCSU community – and Raleigh – will feel privileged to be affiliated with this institution.

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North Carolina must guarantee college tuition

Andrew Payne advances a “truth in tuition” policy, which ensures the same tuition rate for all four years of a student’s education.

For the past month a small gang of administrators and students have been quietly meeting to discuss tuition increases for the University of North Carolina system.



Andrew Payne
Senior Staff Columnist

The UNC Tuition Advisory Committee makes recommendations for “across the board increases” to the UNC Board of Governors.

These increases, which apply to all of North Carolina’s senior public higher education institutions, reflect inflation and movements of the Consumer Price Index and the Higher Education Price Index. Across the board tuition increases are separate from any increases levied by individual institutions through “campus initiated tuition increases.”

It is evident that planning for college expenses is a challenge especially for families with first generation students. I am not sure how many families use complex financial models that factor in inflation and price indices to predict their needs for four years of college.

At a time when there is no predictability for parents and students who are struggling to figure out a way to pay the cost of a college educa-

tion, perhaps North Carolina should implement a “truth in tuition” policy similar to the model in the State of Illinois.

In July 2003, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich signed into law the “Truth-in-Tuition” Bill to provide stability in the costs of a college education. In the past decade, Illinois had an average of a 103 percent increase in tuition and fees at its public universities.

Beginning with the 2004-05 academic year, freshman and first-year Illinois students at each of the state’s nine public universities will have their annual tuition fixed at a rate for four continuous school years.

For example, if you entered school at a tuition rate of \$2,500 per year, every year for four years you would pay \$2,500.

Another way to state the law is that tuition can only be increased for incoming first-year (freshman) students or high school seniors.

In the example above, you might pay \$2,500 per year, but your younger sister would pay \$2,800 per year.

The provisions of the law do not apply to out-of-state students and there is an exception to the four-year limitation if a degree program requires

a longer period of study. The bill was based on a pilot program at Western Illinois University, which had successfully guaranteed tuition costs since 1999. The Illinois policy is conceptually sound, but there are some flaws that would need alteration before implementation in North Carolina. The reality is that most students in North Carolina graduate in five years rather than the traditional four.

Guaranteeing a tuition rate for only four years does not take that into account nor does it plan for students who might study abroad, co-op, double major, assist in faculty research or serve in the military.

All of these co- and extracurricular activities enhance the academic experience and students should not be financially punished for pursuing them. Also, it does not address students who change majors or programs that have difficulty providing “open seats” in popular class sections.

Other unanswered questions include how to deal with transfer students, especially ones who matriculate through the N.C. Community College system, and lifelong education students.

Besides predictability, a “truth in tuition” policy might have other benefits. Four and five year graduations rates would improve because

students would not need to work as much to pay for yearly increases in tuition.

However, the policy does not address other higher education cost increases like fees, housing and books. Guaranteed tuition would let athletic and academic scholarship programs (like the Park and Caldwell) easily plan for funding levels. This would avoid situations like the one at UNC-Chapel Hill where the Rams Club did not have enough money to cover tuition increases for athletic scholarships.

It may sound like a common sense approach – provide students and families with predictability and stability but it will be a policy that will face tremendous opposition.

It is unlikely that a typical N.C. family budget is padded with money for increases in college expenses, especially for each year until graduation.

But yet, the UNC Board of Governors and the General Assembly expect families to increase expenditures for tuition over those years.

Since North Carolina is failing its citizens by straying away from the constitutional mandate to keep tuition low, it is time for government officials to provide students and families with a tuition guarantee.

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“...it will be a policy that will face tremendous opposition.”

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did not threaten the net or were easily corralled by Soldner, who registered her fourth shutout of the year.

State's offense has not had many opportunities to score recently. It has been out shot 57-28 and have given up 30 corner kicks to only kicking 12 of their own over their last four matches.

Over that stretch the Pack has netted only two goals and is just 1-3, with all three losses coming in conference play.

"We need to play the ball to feet more," Alex Caram said. "We were playing overtop a lot and that wasn't working for us. We need to get the pressure off of our defense."

The Wolfpack, who started 1-0 in conference, are now at 1-3 against ACC foes with five games before postseason play. The loss puts ranks them seventh in the conference, and the Pack knows

VIRGINIA TECH 1
N.C. STATE 0

Virginia Tech 10 — 1
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SCORING

First half

VT: Johnson from Hallberg, 4:05

Shots

NCSU: 6

VT: 11

Next Game: 7 p.m. Friday at Maryland

that it is now or never to turn it around.

"We have to play harder every game and come out and prove ourselves. We have yet to prove ourselves in the ACC," defender Nicole Mayo said. "[This game] is a very good turning point for us. We came out and played tremendous against North Carolina and then Virginia Tech, who is not even ranked, we don't show up against. We realize something has to change."



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Junior middle blocker Adeola Kosoko bumps the ball into the air during Sunday afternoon's 3-0 loss to Maryland at Reynolds Coliseum.

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our game plan and stay with what's working. We need to stop thinking that there needs to be adjustment on the court just because we get a couple of points down, but that will come from experience."

Coach Byrne was impressed, however, with the manner in which her younger bench players conducted themselves in Sunday's game. Freshmen like Ashley Wallace, who had a 0.333 attack percentage for the afternoon and tallied four kills on nine attempts, contributed for the Wolfpack. Byrne was excited about the prospects of her young team following an inspired third game.

"We have a lot of young players on the floor," Byrne said. "I was more impressed with that third game; some people came on from the bench and did a really nice job. It was nice that they were the bright spot. I'm really proud of our bench today."

Byrne continued to applaud the inspired third period play of the freshmen, but emphasized the lack of the Pack's big play ability.

"They're doing well, but we need to have some more leadership on the court. They're doing a nice job; it's just going to take some time for that," Byrne said. "We need a playmaker out there for when we get in trouble a little bit, and we just don't have that yet."

Senior middle blocker Sarah

Ensminger was not one of the aforementioned bench players, but did lead the Pack offensively Sunday afternoon, registering a 0.350 attack percentage with nine kills on 20 tries.

"In general our goal was passing this match, and I think we did a better job of that," Ensminger said. "After every game you give up, you want to keep coming out harder and harder to make sure and try and communicate a little bit better. We just need to try to put the ball down a little harder and make sure it ends up on their side of the court."

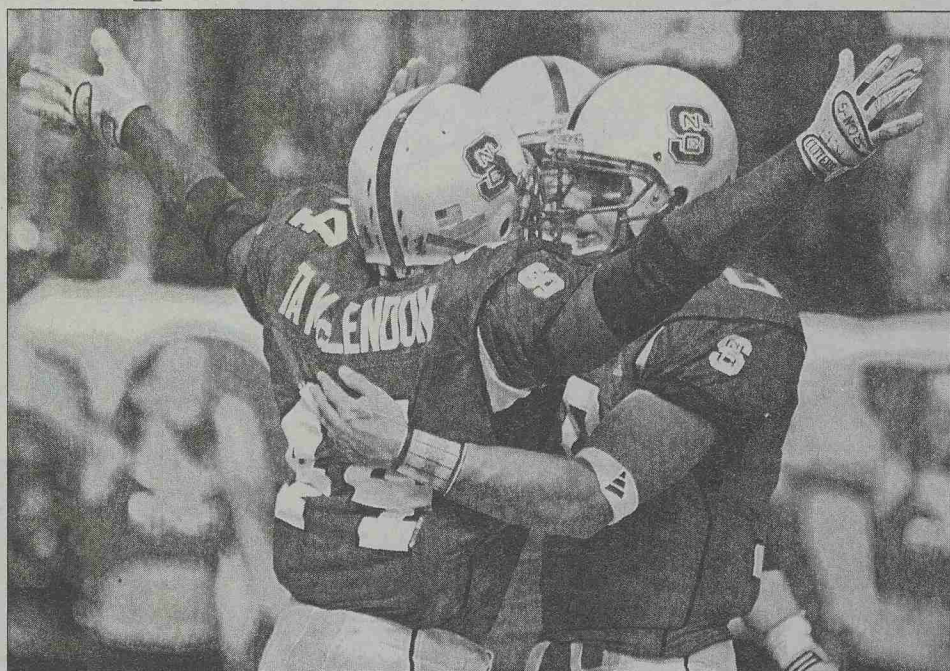
Junior middle hitter Stefani Eddins said the team needs to think less and to just do what it's capable of doing, and that better execution will follow.

"The game plan today was to have fun and play; we've been focusing too much on the technical lately. It was just a lack of focus that beat us today," Eddins said.

"The goal for today was to start off better than we did in yesterday's game. We did that; today we just couldn't finish it. Once we get those two together, we'll be fine."

Ensminger remained optimistic following the loss and echoed a sentiment concerning the team's performance against the Terrapins.

"We only want to look forward; we need to take what we can learn from this game and move forward against Carolina on Tuesday night," Ensminger said. "We've still got a whole season to go."



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Junior running back T.A. McLendon and quarterback Jay Davis congratulate each other after McLendon's first touchdown Saturday.

FOOTBALL

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could have put State on the board. At halftime, Wake was up 14-0 and the Pack went off the field to regroup.

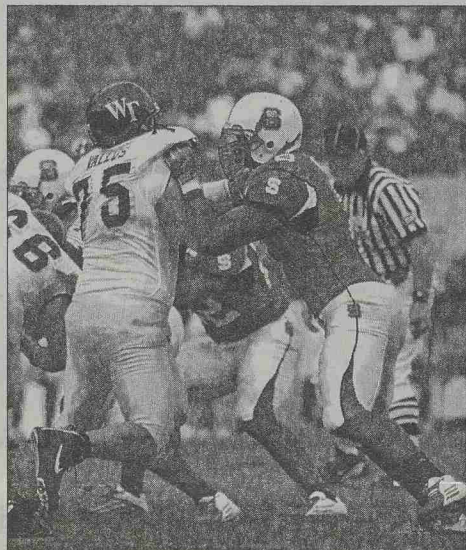
"The Homecoming people celebrated too much last night," Coach Chuck Amato said. "So everybody slept through the first half, the fans, the players, everybody, and they finally sobered up the second half and we all got excited. No one panicked, everyone was talking in normal tones in the locker room."

Davis came out for the second half as the starter and immediately led the Pack on three straight touchdown drives, starting with the pass to Hicks. The Pack defense shut down Wake in the second series and State answered in its second possession with a McLendon and Tramain Hall-led touchdown drive to tie the game 14-14.

McLendon, who ran for 139 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning score, was vital to the offensive run. The rumbling, clenching touchdown run came after Wake missed a field goal in its final possession.

"On that play, coach was like, 'Get to the middle of the field,'" McLendon said of his final touchdown. "I wasn't planning on stopping, the whole time I was thinking end zone."

Late in the fourth quarter, Deraney missed another field goal that could have won the



ALLIE LANDRUM/TECHNICIAN

Defensive end Mario Williams battles with Wake's Steve Vallos during Saturday's 27-21 victory over the Deacons at Carter-Finley.

game for State outright. Instead, he sent the game into overtime, with the score tied at 21.

The second half of the game centered on Davis, who had been shaky behind center in a disappointing loss to Ohio State and a defensive win against Virginia Tech. But that wasn't going to get Davis down.

"I wasn't upset at all [after the first half]. I consider myself a team player and I just wanted to win the game," Davis said.

Amato said he was ready to take a slingshot to Davis after

the first half, but he never lost confidence in the junior signal-caller.

"Someone without character could have gone into overtime and said, 'It's over,'" Amato said. "He came out in the second half, moved the team like nobody's business and took control, took command."

McLendon agreed that Davis stepped up when it counted.

"He just toughed it up, got his mind together and really became a quarterback," McLendon said.

FICKLE FANS FINALLY FIND DAVIS

Jay Davis held a tenuous position as starting quarterback Saturday after conceding the Ohio State loss for the Pack and a strong performance by Marcus Stone at Virginia Tech.

Even parts of the student-section crowd booed him when the team introductions were made just before kickoff.

When Marcus Stone took the field on the third series in the first quarter, the crowd cheered, but soon died down when Stone threw an interception that ended up as Wake Forest's first touchdown.

Chuck Amato also took issue with the fans before the game, saying hardly anyone showed up for the "Walk of Champions." After a strong fan showing at the Richmond and Ohio State games, Amato said he was disappointed in the low fan turnout, citing the homecoming crowd must have partied too much the night before.

"If it wasn't for the band, there would have been nobody there," Amato said, going on to say that everyone was asleep for the first half.

"The energy in the third quarter was amazing," Amato said.

Ben McNeely

Davis, who laid the entire loss to Ohio State on himself two weeks ago, was unwilling to take the credit this time around.

"The whole offense just really started clicking. We started running our assignments," Davis said. "We came out ready to play that second half, there's no doubt about that."

Wolfpack weekend

VIRGINIA 2, MEN'S SOCCER 1

The Cavaliers Nico Colaluca scored the game-winning goal in the 75th minute of action to lift No. 22 Virginia past State by a 2-1 score. State has now dropped two consecutive ACC matches after tying then-No. 1 Maryland two weeks ago.

Virginia (7-2, 2-1 ACC) got the scoring started in the 17th minute when Adam Cristman notched his fifth goal of the year on a header. State scored its lone goal in the 49th minute when sophomore midfielder Rami Chanayem connected on a free kick.

State (4-4-1, 0-2-1) goalkeeper Jorge Gonzalez was ejected in the 79th minute after being issued a red card. The Wolfpack has the week off before hosting No. 25 Wake Forest next Sunday.

CROSS COUNTRY HOSTED GREAT AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The No. 5 women's team won the 6,000 meter U-Club Open event Friday by collecting 27 points. Ann Wheatley led the squad with a time of 19:03.85, while Jessie Yester, Jessica Durrant, Ashley Seaton, Danielle Boucher, Joanna Rodgers and Georgia Davis followed. The women finished in sixth place in the 6,000 meter Nike ROC run, with Abigail Nelkie leading the way for the Pack with a time of 17:49.16, good for 16th place.

Matt Kassour of the No. 8 men's team finished fourth overall in the 8,000 meter U-Club Open, followed closely by Colin Cronin in sixth place. In the 8,000 meter Nike ROC run, the Wolfpack finished second overall. Bobby Mack led the way for the team with a fourth-place finish, while returning ACC champion Andy Smith finished ninth. Wesley Smith, Gavin Coombs and Stephen Furst all placed in the top 50 overall.

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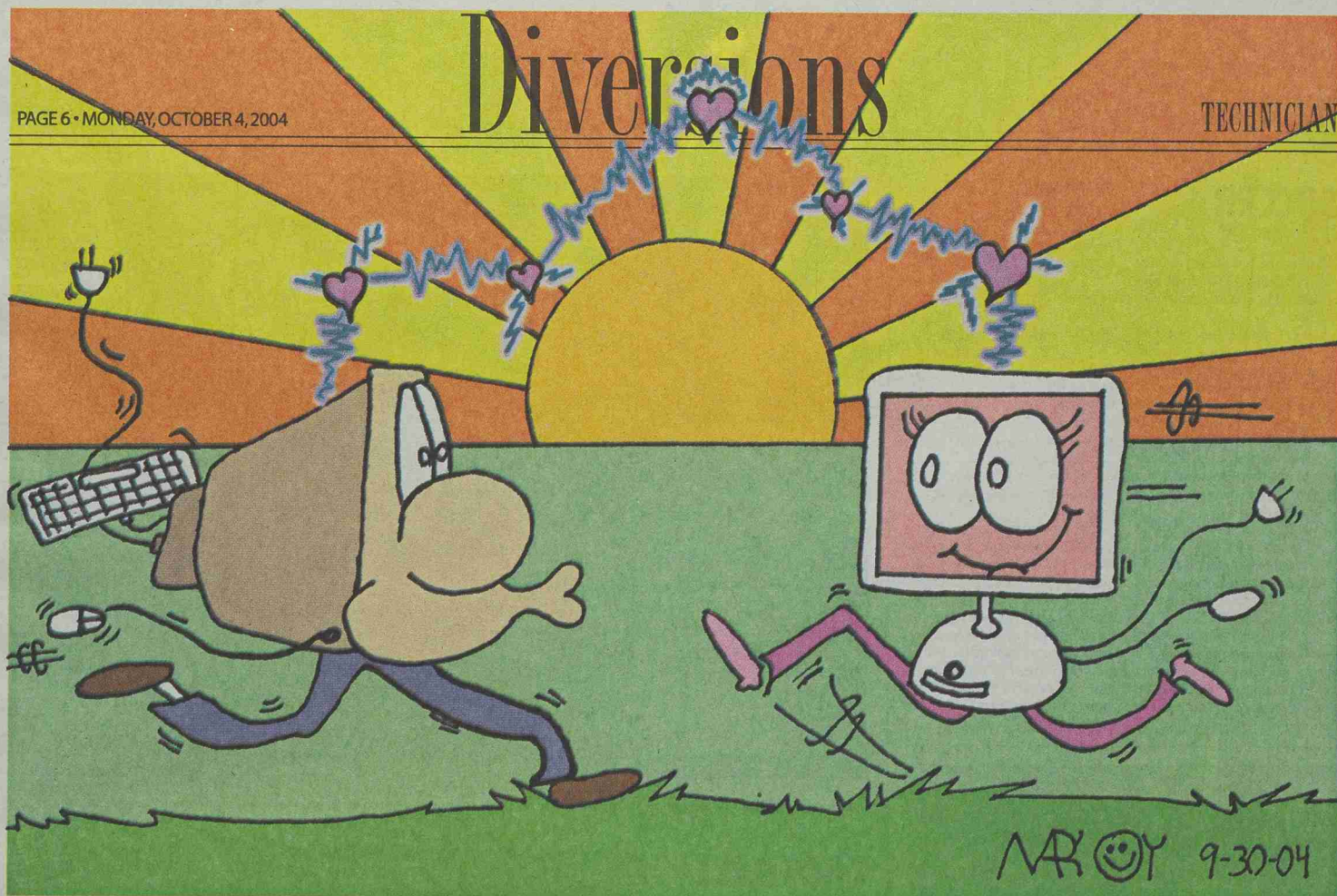
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HOT OR NOT

MARK SMILEY/TECHNICIAN

Meeting a match on a com

AS THE POPULARITY OF DATING AND MATCHING WEB SITES IS ON THE RISE, INTERNET SURFING N.C. STATE STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFULLY HOOKING-UP ONLINE WHILE OTHERS STICK TO TRADITIONAL METHODS OF MEETING THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE.

Lori Miranda Osgood
Staff Writer

Love can be found in the fast lane, on the side, in the mind and, now, on the Web.

Internet dating's introduction to Pop culture arrived through Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks's 1998 flick "You've Got Mail." Since then, Internet dating sites have flooded the Web with Yahoo and MSN Personals, www.Match.com, www.ePersonals.com, and a little over two years ago, N.C. State students added to the mesh with www.CampusFlirts.com.

Created by NCSU student Joe Akink, CampusFlirts.com is now under the leadership of Michael Mason. Mason reports steady growth of the company since its birth in 2003.

"We have seen steady growth. But we expect that growth to explode over the remainder of the academic year, since we just re-launched the service with a new marketing emphasis: 'www.CampusFlirts, Where It Pays to Date,'" Mason said.

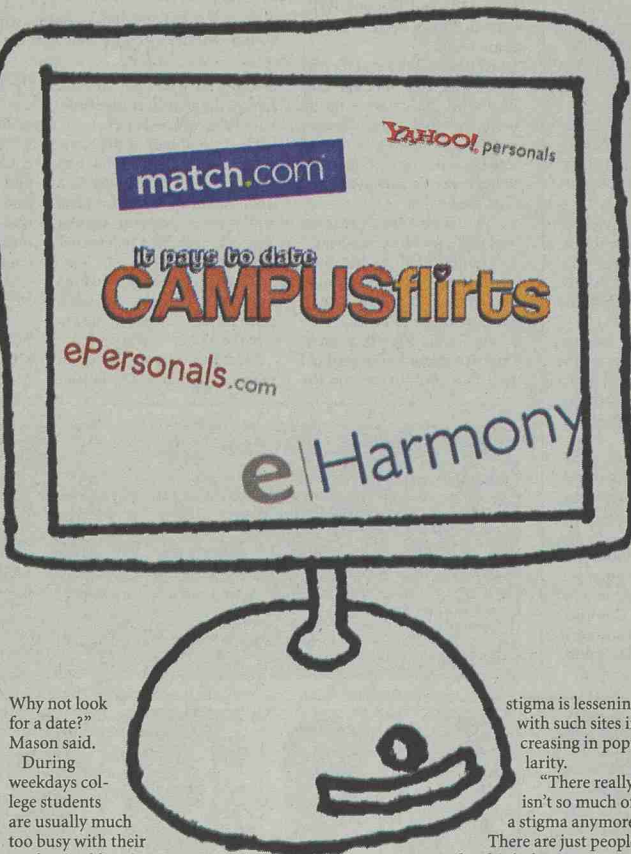
Under the "Where It Pays to Date" plan, new registered users will get \$5 credited to their account just for posting a free profile. Users who were already registered have been grandfathered in; www.CampusFlirts.com put \$5 in every existing user's account. CampusFlirts.com users will be able to get real cash via PayPal once their account reaches \$20 in addition to getting \$2 for every person they refer who creates a free profile.

"PayPal is a company owned by eBay. Over 50 million people worldwide use PayPal to send and receive payments online," Mason claims.

So, this Internet dating site might pay off, but the question remains, is Internet dating and matching hot or not?

Mason thinks it's here to stay. "Internet dating is a trend that is going nowhere. If you look at your average freshman entering college this year and compare them to an entering freshman 10 years ago, you're going to see a vast difference. The new freshman grew up with the Internet being a vital part of their academic and social life," Mason said.

The Internet has risen to be a hub of communication — dating is now part of the mix. "A lot of [college students'] relationships are enhanced online. They talk for hours with their friends over instant messengers, look at movie reviews on Yahoo, and get directions for a road trip.



Why not look for a date?" Mason said.

During weekdays college students are usually much too busy with their academic obligations to actively pursue Internet dating.

Yet, when they have some downtime in their dorm room, apartment or house, Internet surfers interested in finding a match enjoy the convenience of simply searching locals seeking a date online.

As for the time of year, Mason reports "there really isn't one time of year when going online is more prevalent. Although, we find that traffic to the site is increased when students are forced to be inside because of weather."

With highly publicized incidents of stalkers, rapes and other horrible encounters that began online, negative stigmas are attached to Web-based dating. The president of CampusFlirts.com alludes that the

stigma is lessening with such sites increasing in popularity.

"There really isn't so much of a stigma anymore. There are just people who think that meeting

someone online is a new-fangled idea. They tend to have old-fashioned romanticized ideas about dating.

But they are graduating and getting on with their lives. The newer college students are much more used to the Internet being an integral part of their lives, so why not look for a date?" Mason said.

Most of these students also realize that finding a date online is no more dangerous than going out to a public place and meeting someone. There are just common sense guidelines that you should follow," Mason said.

So what are the guidelines for Internet dating? Common advice from sites like Match.com, MSN Personals and

Campusflirts.com is to make sure a significant level of trust is achieved before giving out names, addresses and phone numbers, and no matter how well daters think they know their matches, meet and stay in a public place.

While serving a dynamic population, Web sites providing online dating and matching services try to serve all sexual preferences.

Global companies such as Match.com and MSN Personals have the capacity to equally offer opportunities to heterosexuals and homosexuals alike.

"We decided early on to focus our resources on being the best online dating service for heterosexual college students since they compose the majority of the student population," Mason said of Campusflirts.com.

NCSU also has another take on Internet dating and matching. The Wolf Web — www.thewolfweb.com — is designed primarily to chat, share school information and express opinions, but sometimes students use the medium to hook up.

While a lucky few might find a date or even a relationship on TWW, others are more apt to find a quick hook-up.

A commonly used phrase amongst hook-up seekers is "do you 'bwn'?" For those not down with TWW lingo, "bwn" means "Will you have sex with me?"

Whether it be sex or a date for Friday night, TWW serves as an online meeting place for users seeking a companion. Yet, not every TWW frequenter finds the Internet to be a good place to seek coeds.

"It [TWW] works for some. For others, it doesn't," Will Joyner, a junior in communication and Wolf Web user, said.

While users of TWW and a plethora of dating Web sites prowl the Internet for a mate, other students aren't into the trend. "I prefer to meet people in person; there are so many people around: in class, the dorms, the gym, etc.," Tyler Pool, a junior in English said.

Jess Oakley, a senior in English, prefers conventional methods of dating.

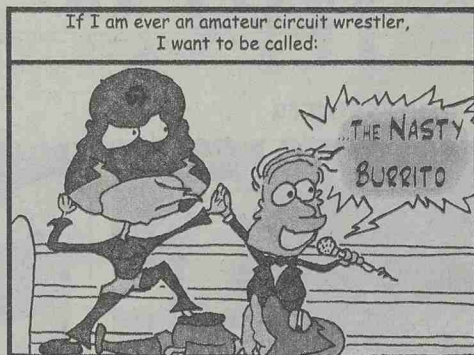
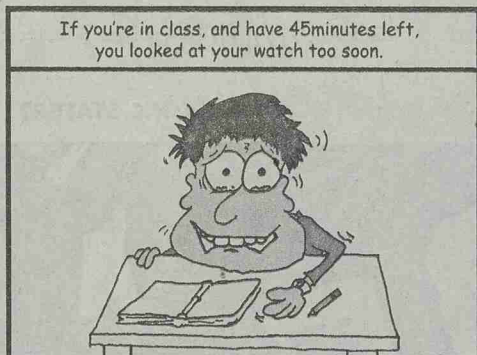
She likes things to be "more spontaneous, not fixed up, or searched for — if it is meant to happen it will."

It is clear that there is no consensus on whether or not Internet dating is hot or not at NCSU.

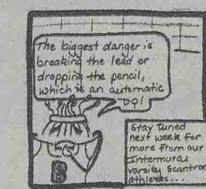
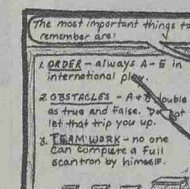
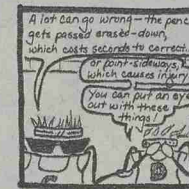
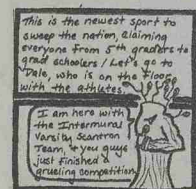
For the skeptical, it might be worth a shot, remembering to keep safety in the foreground.

If nothing else, people will get a few good laughs out of the experience.

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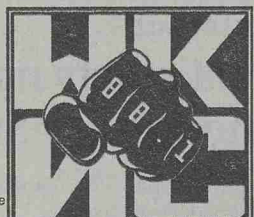
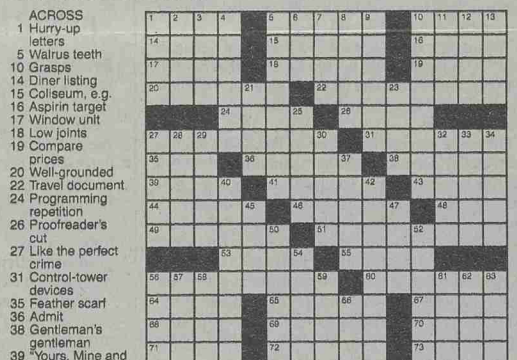
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Football at North Carolina, 10/9, 6
Men's Soccer vs. Wake Forest, 10/10, 2
Women's Soccer at Maryland, 10/8, 7
Volleyball vs. North Carolina, 10/5, 7
Cross country in NCAA Pre-Nats, 10/16

Scores

Football 27, Wake Forest 21 (OT)
Virginia Tech 1, Women's Soccer 0
Maryland 3, Volleyball 0
Virginia 2, Men's Soccer 1



TECHNICIAN

WOMEN'S SOCCER



JEFF REEVES/TECHNICIAN
Forward Lydia McBath dribbles the ball downfield in Sunday's 1-0 loss to Virginia Tech at Method Road.

'Something has to change' for Wolfpack

A Virginia Tech goal in the fourth minute held up for 90 minutes against a Pack team that showed little life.

Chris McCoy
Staff Writer

Virginia Tech's Heather Hallberg's cross in the fourth minute skipped through the box, past the leg of an outstretched defender to find midfielder Ryan Johnson's left foot. Johnson one-touched the ball into the bottom right corner of the goal past a diving Megan Connors.

N.C. STATE 0
VIRGINIA TECH 1

The goal, seemingly harmless that early in the game, would be come the eventual game winner for Tech (7-3-0, 3-1 ACC) as it held on to defeat a sluggish N.C. State (7-3-2, 1-3). The Pack appeared tired and was continuously beat to balls all across the field against a team they felt they should have beaten.

"We are very disappointed," Coach Laura Kerrigan said. "This is a game we felt like we should have won. We played very tired and we could make up a million excuses, but it doesn't matter because excuses don't win ball games."

The game was marked more by lackluster offense than stellar defense as neither team amassed many scoring opportunities. The Hokies' only other real scoring chance came in the 23rd minute when a corner kick led to a shot deflecting off the top crossbar.

The Pack's only offensive flurry came right before the half. In the 40th minute, Lydia McBath's shot from inside the box was punched up and out by Tech goalie Mallory Soldner. A second challenge one minute later was saved by a diving Soldner, but an offside penalty wiped off the play. All other shots by the Pack

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VOLLEYBALL

Fast starts not enough for State

The Wolfpack fell in 3-0 to Maryland despite strong starts in each game.

Spero Katsanos
Staff Writer

N.C. State wrote its own version of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" on Sunday at Reynolds Coliseum. The team started strongly in each of the games played, but faded in the latter half of each, falling to the Maryland Terrapins in three games (19-30, 21-30, 19-30) and to 10-7 overall (0-4 ACC).

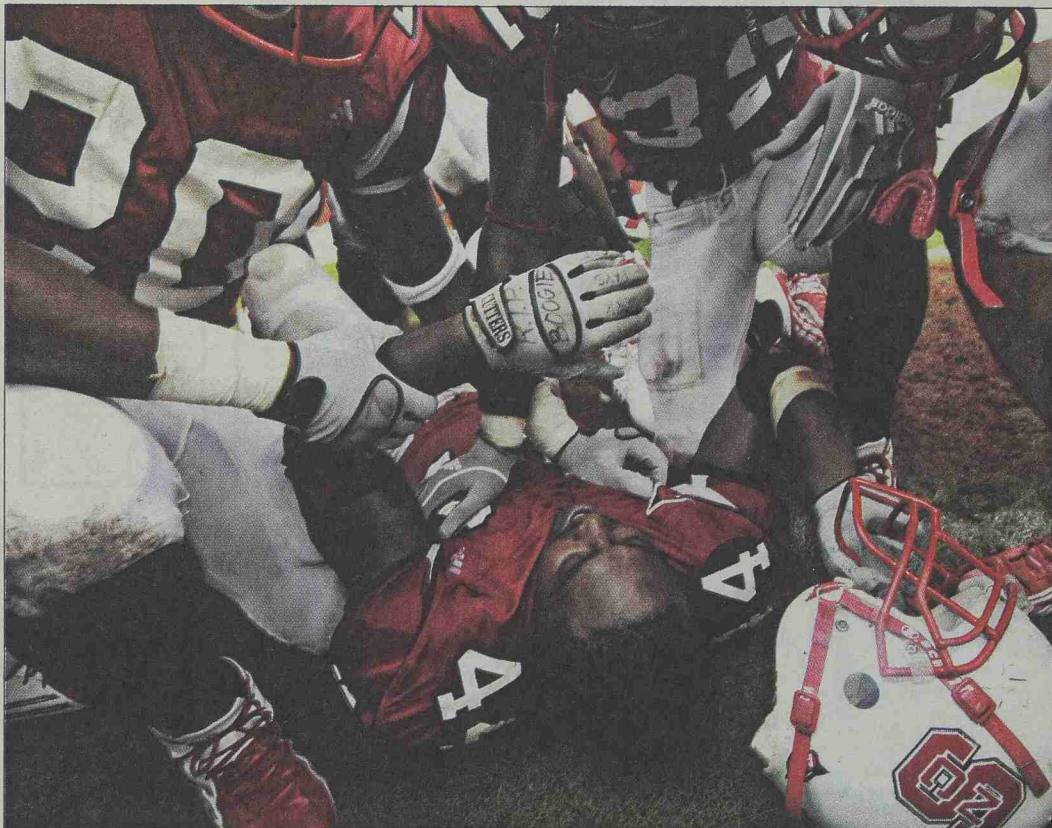
The Pack appeared focused and determined at the onset of all three games played, but the team lost its focus over the latter halves of each period. Coach Mary Byrne was frustrated with the team's lack of consistency on Sunday, and her frustration was evident when asked about the team's slowing down toward the conclusion of each game.

"If I had the answer to that, we wouldn't be doing it. I'm not quite sure why that's happening," Byrne said. "We started out well; it seems we always think we have to do something extra than what we planned and we stray from our game plan."

"We have to be more disciplined and stay with

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GAME 4: N.C. STATE 27 | WAKE FOREST 21 (OT)



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN
Running back T.A. McLendon is mobbed by teammates after rumbling for the game-winning touchdown in overtime against Wake Forest on Saturday.

Comeback Pack stuns Wake

JAY DAVIS, T.A. MCLENDON AND THE WOLFPACK WOKE UP AFTER HALFTIME TO OVERTAKE WAKE FOREST IN OVERTIME

Ben McNeely
Staff Writer

From the beginning of the season, the Wolfpack defense has been the best in the nation, with the Philip Rivers-less offense struggling to catch up and find its voice.

Now, the offense is singing loud and clear.

Led by starting quarterback Jay Davis and running back T.A. McLendon, N.C. State rallied from a two-touchdown hole to come back to beat Wake Forest in overtime 27-21 in front of a sell-out Homecoming crowd Saturday afternoon.

Davis led the Pack offense with renewed confidence in the second half, starting the third quarter off with a 57-yard pass to Sterling Hicks, who juiced his way into the end zone to put the Pack on the board 14-7. From then on, the offense played like its counterpart: aggressive, adding three more TDs in the overtime affair.

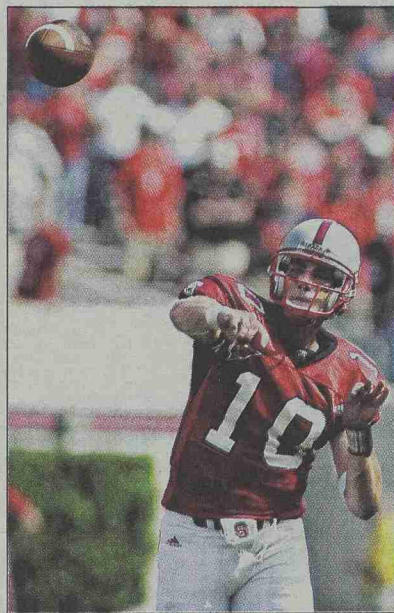
"It was kind of like, 'All right, it couldn't have gotten worse. We might as well take our shots,'" offensive coordinator Noel Mazzone said. "It was really frustrating because in the first half we did have our shots, and we didn't make them."

Earlier in the game, freshman quarterback Marcus Stone threw an interception to Marcus McGruder, who returned the pick 22 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Those points held until the second quarter when Wake bumped its lead to 14-0 with a 12-play scoring drive culminating in a Micah Andrews 1-yard run, the offense could not connect.

Stone threw for only 15 yards the first half against a Wake defense that would not let up.

Even John Deraney, who nailed a 54-yard field goal last week against Virginia Tech, missed a boot that

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TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN
Quarterback Jay Davis slings a pass during Saturday's victory at Carter-Finley Stadium. Davis led the team to three straight touchdown drives in the third quarter.

PACK'S PRIDE

WHY N.C. STATE WON:

The offense came alive in the second half of the game, clicking in a way that looked impossible after a dismal first half. Junior quarterback Jay Davis emerged from the locker room and struck with a deep ball to Sterling Hicks, then followed on the next drive by connecting on a 58-yard pass to Tramain Hall on third-and-31. T.A. McLendon was relentless, pounding the Wake defense for 139 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

WHY IT MATTERS:

After two weeks battling tough defenses, the Wolfpack offense proved it is capable of piecing together sustained scoring drives. Jay Davis passed for over 200 yards and didn't throw a pick, looking comfortable in the pocket during the second half and making good decisions. State also nabbed a little revenge after last year's embarrassing loss to the Deacs, and the win moves State 2-0 in the ACC with a game against its archrival coming up.

GAME BALL:

Junior running back T.A. McLendon spent most of the afternoon beating the Wake Forest defense to a pulp with powerful runs. He sent two separate helmets flying, and knocked Deacon cornerback Eric King out of the game with a concussion. Oh, and he scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime to give State the win.

BOX SCORE:

	WF	NCSU
Rushes-yards	42-202	50-196
Passing yards	61	259
Penalties-yards	3-20	9-66
Turnovers	0	1
TOP	23:52	36:08

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS:

Rushing:	McLendon 30-139
	B. Washington 12-44
Passing:	Davis 18-24-0-244
	Stone 3-7-1-15
Receiving:	R. Washington 7-73
	Hall 4-65

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