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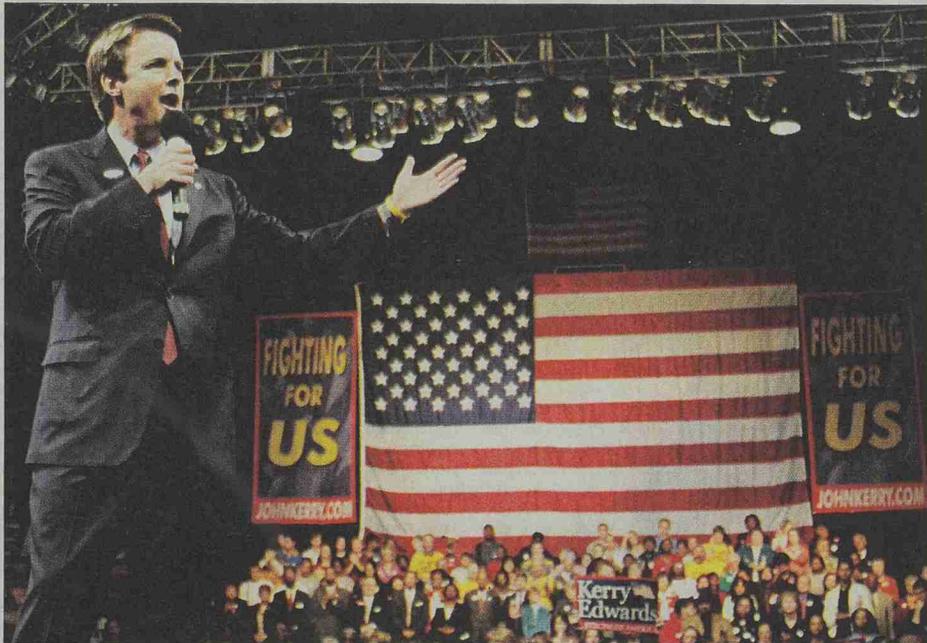
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Sen. John Edwards speaks to the crowd at a rally at Dorton Arena Friday night. Jon Bon Jovi also entertained the crowd in support.

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Edwards returns to say 'Thank you'

SEN. JOHN EDWARDS RALLIED LISTENERS AT DORTON ARENA FRIDAY NIGHT

Erin Welch

Deputy News Editor

"Four more days," the crowd repeatedly chanted in anticipation of the upcoming Election Day.

In the final stretch before Nov. 2, Sen. John Edwards rallied supporters Friday night at Dorton Arena.

"I didn't come home to give a political speech, I came home to say thank you," he said.

Prior to the rally, Edwards and his wife Elizabeth were

escorted into the polls at Pullen Arts Center to cast their ballots. Introduced by Edwards' daughter, Cate Edwards, Jon Bon Jovi opened the rally with an acoustic performance. Traveling with the Kerry/Edwards campaign for the past week, Bon Jovi offered full support of the Democratic candidates.

"I hope that there is a change," Bon Jovi said. "I hope that the best is yet to come."

Elizabeth Edwards spoke of electing a president who believed it was his duty to protect

every American job. She also commented that during Bush's administration, college tuition has increased 42 percent.

"We do deserve responsible leadership," she said.

A campaign geared toward middle-class America, Edwards addressed strong Democratic values such as health care, the economy and current foreign policies. Describing the ballot with the names Bush/Cheney and Kerry/Edwards that he had just seen while voting prior to the rally, Sen. Edwards told the

crowd of supporters that "the values you all believe in are on that ballot."

Despite warring political affiliations regarding the topic, Edwards addressed the War on Terror with a unified perspective. "We are a nation and we will win this War on Terror together," he said.

During Edwards' last return home before Election Day he embraced his North Carolina roots, saying his family was

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Rally brings college response

Attracting a large percentage of college students, Edwards' rally leaves students anticipating Election Day

Manisha Dass

Staff Writer

Vice-presidential candidate, Sen. John Edwards, came home to a welcoming crowd of all ages on Friday night, which included more than just a handful of college students.

Based on previous experiences, Karen Hill, a senior in business management, firmly believed that most students at N.C. State were not liberals. While at the N.C. State Fair, Hill said she was carrying signs supporting Kerry and Edwards and had a rock thrown at her by other students.

Hill and friends were excited to be surrounded by so many Kerry/Edwards supporters at the rally. She said she was

glad to be in a positive environment where she could express her support of democratic candidates.

Although Hill had been to previous democratic rallies, none were as powerful as this rally, she said.

First-time voters also filled the stands at Edwards' rally, anxious to hear from the vice-presidential candidate.

Justin Bloomers, a freshman in history, came with a group of students from his residence hall. The group was very confident that Kerry and Edwards would win tomorrow and was excited about this being the first election in which they would be able to vote.

"We're really excited to just be a part of this [election]," one of Bloomers' suitemates said. "It will be history when Kerry and Edwards win."

Kasey Phillips, a freshman in mathematics, also came with a group of Ed-

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Voters swayed toward Bush

T.S. Amarasiriwardena

News Editor

A campus survey examining voter's preference and knowledge on key issues this election season suggests that N.C. State students will vote overwhelmingly for George W. Bush over John Kerry, 58.6 to 41.4 percent. The survey also reveals that Republican voters are highly misinformed, failing to identify the candidate's positions and key issues correctly while showing that students are more likely to agree with Kerry's positions than Bush's.

"N.C. State students prefer Bush by a large margin and it seems like a lot of this comes from misinformation," Yasmin Farahi, a junior in political science and part of the class which conducted the survey, said. "The data seems to suggest that the more people know about Kerry, the more they would support him."

Conducted Oct. 25 through Oct. 29, students in PS 302, Elections and Campaigns, surveyed 548 students at a variety of times and locations on campus to achieve an approximate cross-section of campus. Of survey respondents, 19 percent identified themselves as independent,

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STUDENT HEALTH

Meningitis vaccines doled out

Students at N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill take preventative measures against a possible meningitis outbreak.

News Staff Report

Health officials urged students to get the meningitis vaccine after a UNC-Chapel Hill student fell ill with the disease after visiting N.C. State for the Miami game.

Jonathan Davis, a freshman at UNC-CH, is currently at UNC Hospital. He remains in serious

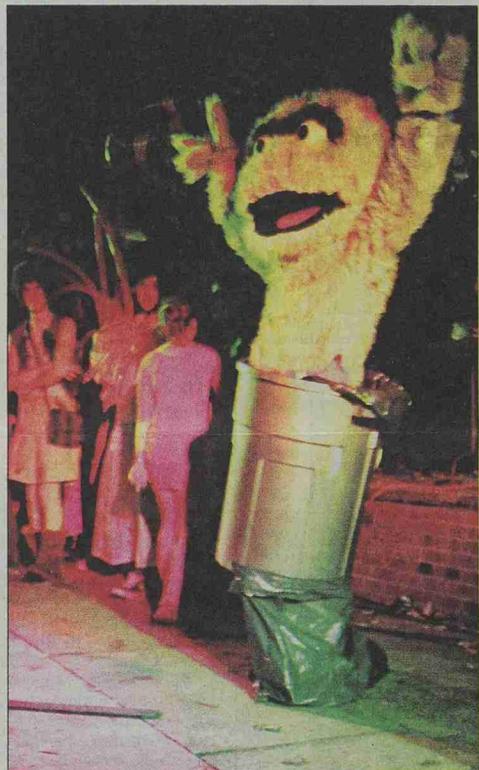
condition Sunday night.

Last Friday, health officials warned students that a possible meningitis outbreak may have occurred. Davis attended the NCSU-Miami football game, then went to a party at 611 Chamberlain St. He also visited Top of the Hill Restaurant on Franklin Street later on in the week after the game. He may have been contagious and could have spread the disease around. An estimated 200 people attended the party that night.

"It is good that students are

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HALLOWEEN



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Aron Mace, a junior in industrial design, wins the individual costume contest for his Oscar the Grouch costume.

Boo!

The College of Design celebrated Halloween a day early with their Halloween Bash.

Tasha Petty

Staff Writer

Marge Simpson, a breakdancing Freddy Krueger, Mario and Luigi, a rocker slut, a drunken green fairy, Nemo and others engaged in festive debauchery a day early at the College of Design

Halloween Bash Saturday.

"It was cool seeing all the costumes," James Sellers, a senior in English who had never been to the bash before, said.

The bash, thrown by the College of Design, was much bigger than in years past because of more intense advertising. Organizers estimate that approximately 450 people attended throughout the night.

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POP Religion

out with tradition

STORY BY ASHLEY HINK | PHOTOS BY RAY BLACK III

In a gymnasium large enough to house a N.C. State basketball game, multi-colored lights flash overhead, a full band rocks on a front stage and teenagers wearing torn jeans, Birkenstocks and backwards John Deere caps clap along to the music.

It's not a Saturday night Incubus concert.

In fact, it's anything but.

It's Sunday morning, the lyrics of the rock song sing, "Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth," teenagers sing along to the words flashed on power-point slides, and the makeshift stage is set-up in a gym of a Christian school temporarily housing Hope Community Church.

It's not traditional, but Hope and churches like it are popping up across the Triangle and country and are attracting a population that traditional Christian churches haven't quite been able to reach — highschool and college students.

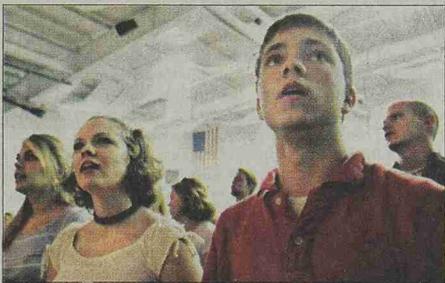
Kathleen Cunningham, a NCSU professor that teaches a course on Christianity, claims these contemporary, non-denominational churches like Hope "are very popular among young people."

For any visitor to Hope, that's no secret. With three services and an ever-growing following, nearly a third of the people attending Hope's service at 11:15 a.m. are college and high school students. At traditional area churches they're lucky if one-tenth of the attendees are below the age of 25.

While pop-culture reigns, contemporary churches have found ways to keep up with the changing times and the generations changing with it. The services are a far cry from those of traditional, mainstream denominations that have remained relatively static for centuries.

Jason Brown, a freshman in wildlife science, describes Hope as "modern" and attributes that aspect to the church's appeal to young people.

This modern appeal that makes Jesus a bit more hip and teen-friendly is undeniably attracting young people. With NCSU campus ministries and churches like Campus Crusade for Christ, Grace Christian Life and Charisma Campus Ministries also growing in popularity, the contemporary trends are evident in the Christian Community and are changing the face of the religion.



Austin Branch, a freshman in biochemistry, Kate Luckadoo, a freshman in First Year College and Eric Mitchell, a sophomore in parks and recreation, sing along to a contemporary Christian song at Hope Community Church.

THE APPEAL

Pastor Mike Lee left southern California to start Hope in Cary. While originally having a handful of members, Hope is now busting at the seams. Energetic, funny and — as Susan Irvin, a senior in microbiology, defines it — "real-world," Pastor Lee is the reason that so many young people flock to the church.

Delivering a sermon on discipline, Lee sits in a chair on-stage dressed in nice slacks and a short-sleeve T-shirt.

He speaks of the prophet Zachariah, telling how he was disciplined enough to pray to God three times a day. Lee goes on to say, "Three times a day did he watch MTV's 'Cribs?' No. Three times a day did he watch MTV's 'Pimp My Ride?' No. Three times a day did he watch ESPN's 'SportsCenter?' No."

Lee continues to squeeze in jokes and analogies relevant to popular culture, provoking laughter from the crowd.

Ashley Swinson, a senior in biology and once a practicing Methodist, has attended Hope for a year now, and her reason for doing so reflects why so many young people are jumping on the contemporary Christian wave.

"It [Hope] presents the message of Christ in a way I can understand it. It might be because of my age or whatever, but the sermon applies the message to my life," Swinson said.

It's not only how the message is delivered, however, that hooks

young people — it's the message itself.

Irvin finds that Hope provides a "positive" message that attracts new people rather than "hellfire and brimstone-like sermons" attributed to her Baptist upbringing.

Laughing, she said, "If I were going to church for the first time, it [that type of sermon] would be incredibly disturbing to hear. I probably wouldn't want to go back and if I did, it would be out of fear."

"The sermons are positive, they don't provoke guilt-trips. They inspire me to improve," Swinson said.



Karl Moraski, the worship director at Hope, jams with his band as the congregation fills in seats before a Sunday morning service.

DILUTING RELIGION?

In attempt to make Christianity appealing to young people that are more in tune with secular culture rather than traditional religious practices, some critics worry theology is being watered down and that religion is being shaped to contemporary culture.

In the recently published "God Is Not..." essays written by theologians claim that God is not "Religious, Nice, 'One of Us,' An American, A Capitalist," in order to challenge contempo-

rary, culturally formed conceptions of God. The major claim is that the perception of God is being shaped to popular culture in order to make Christianity more appealing, thus undermining the real value, understanding, reverence and perception that Christians should have.

These non-denominational, contemporary ministries are different than traditional, yes, but do they dilute Christianity simply to make it more appealing?

Cunningham notes that since non-denominational churches attract people from a variety of backgrounds, they have to find the "least common denominator message" that appeals to many people.

Insert the "positive" message and "real world" delivery of it at Hope. Swinson claims that "it's definitely made more appealing at Hope, but I don't know if it's diluted or necessarily a bad thing."

Irvin, however, thinks that by using analogies to popular culture and delivering a sermon in a casual way "makes people too comfortable and complacent about sinning."

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With three services meeting temporarily in the gymnasium of a Christian school, Hope's congregation continues to grow and attract local college and high school students.

STUDENTS DEBATE TOP-SPOT BATTLE

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH IS WORKING TO BUILD A PRODUCTIVE AND STRONGER AMERICA. AS PRESIDENT DURING THE SEPT. 11 ATTACKS, HE CLAIMS TO KNOW HOW TO WIN THE WAR ON TERROR. HIS CAMPAIGN OF STRENGTH AND EXPERIENCE HAS HAD HIM AHEAD IN THE POLLS. TWO STUDENTS ARGUE WHY BUSH DESERVES A SECOND TERM AND REMAIN THE 43RD PRESIDENT

SENATOR JOHN KERRY HAS ARGUABLY DEFEATED BUSH IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES AND CLAIMS THIS IS THE TIME FOR A PRESIDENT DEDICATED TO UNITY – AND HE IS JUST THE MAN FOR THE JOB BECAUSE HE IS COMMITTED TO LEADERSHIP WITH INTEGRITY. TWO STUDENTS ARGUE FOR KERRY AND WHY HE SHOULD BE ELECTED AS THE 44TH PRESIDENT



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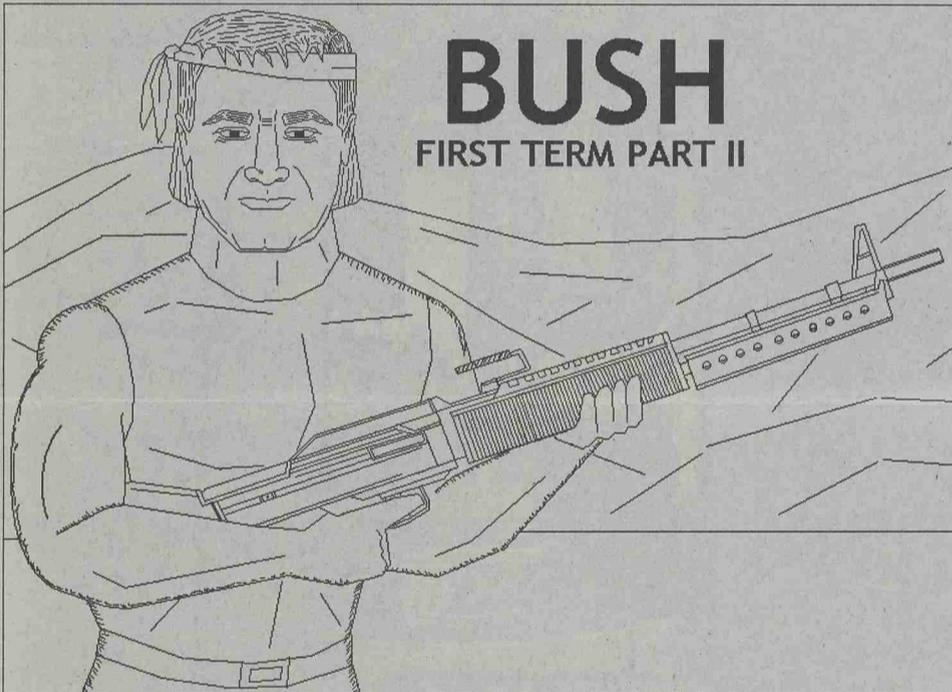
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BOTH PARTIES HAVE BEEN SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME DENOUNCING ONE ANOTHER. THEY NEGLECT WHAT REALLY MATTERS – THE ISSUES. VOTERS SHOULD MAKE A UNITED STAND TOMORROW AND VOTE FOR A DIFFERENT CANDIDATE – ‘CHANGE’ – ARGUES ONE STUDENT

George W's strength will win again



College Republicans President Hal Lusk shows how President Bush has served a great term for the last four years and deserves to be re-elected

If we cut through the rhetoric, the crafted sound-bites, and the brave assertions such as "I'm a champion of education" and get to the meat of the two parties we will find two opposing choices of accomplishing the same end: How do we make America stronger and more productive? Though we may have different understandings of what it means to be stronger and more productive, the majority of politicians and their supporters have good intentions. Having agreed upon the ends, the ways of achieving these goals are sharply opposed. Liberals believe that government is the solution. Conservatives believe that personal responsibility and the free market are the solutions.

Year after year, Americans list the economy as their top concern, though it has recently been trumped by national security. The infamous Bush tax cuts are the perfect example of how the ideologies of conservatives and liberals differ. Who can spend your money better, you or the government? After George W. Bush inherited Bill Clinton's slipping economy he demonstrated the conservative answer to that question. He put money back into the pockets of America's working families, small business owners and investors. He is, of course, not the first president to use this little bit of "strategy." John F. Kennedy knew it worked. Ronald Reagan knew it worked. Most economists today know it works. Today, however, you can barely get those two syllables out before

Kerry/Edwards (which would be THE richest presidency in American history) and the left begin caterwauling "tax cuts for the rich." I wonder if Sen. Kerry and Sen. Edwards spent that money they got back or if they proudly mailed it back to the government. In reality, every single person in America got money back. The child credit was increased, the marriage penalty dropped, and today real after-tax incomes are up by 11 percent since December 2000. Many of those "rich" recipients, that we see characterized as Mr. Burns sitting atop a mountain drumming their fat fingers and looking down at the rest of us, are small business owners which will ultimately create seven out of 10 jobs in America. Allowing them to keep more of the money they make creates incentive to invest, expand and ultimately, create more jobs. Today the unemployment rate is 5.6 percent below the average of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Employment is up in 41 of the 50 states and unemployment is down in 47 of the 50. Tax cuts work.

After national security and the economy, most Americans find that social issues are of the most concern. Here we find even more diametrically opposed positions on the key issues. This year the president finally signed the partial birth abortion ban into law after it was passed by both houses of Congress for the third time. John Kerry and John Edwards both voted to keep it legal and Edwards was "saddened by the president's actions." President Bush also signed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which means if some cowardly thug attacks a pregnant woman and hurts the unborn child that criminal gets charged with crimes against two victims instead of one. Kerry voted against it. In 1985, as a trial lawyer, Edwards began to channel an unborn child's feelings for the jury, "She speaks to you through me, and I have to tell you right now – I didn't plan to talk about this

– right now I feel her. I feel her presence. She's inside me, and she's talking to you." Unfortunately for the 45 million aborted children, Edwards lost his psychic ability with the unborn and couldn't hear what these children were saying as they were "chosen" to be done away with.

Stem cell research is another policy issue that deals with slippery moral grounds, but before addressing the morality of that issue, it helps to note that President Bush was the first president to allow any federal funding of stem cell research. His very moderate position is to allow research on those embryonic stem cells already in existence. This decision allows for a test period to see if there is a chance for real progress, while acknowledging that we are dealing with a very complex moral situation. It is a situation that could easily slide down the slippery slope into human cloning or the wholesale creation of stem cells for the purpose of ultimately being destroyed. However, seizing upon the death of Christopher Reeves, John Edwards boasted that "...we will stop juvenile diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other debilitating diseases! People like Christopher Reeves will get out of their wheelchairs and walk again with stem cell research." Yup, vote for Kerry/Edwards and you will be healed – uh huh.

This election will not be decided by whackos on either side of the political spectrum. The outcome of Nov. 2 rests in the hands of the undecideds. I urge you to take a look at the record of the two candidates. In the past four years, America has been faced with some tough, and at times terrifying, obstacles.

I am proud that President Bush has fought through a small recession, corporate scandals that shocked the stock market and terrorists spilling American blood on our own soil. Today we are back on the road to a stronger and more productive America.

Brian Onorio argues that post-9/11 thinking clarifies Bush as the best presidential candidate

Ladies and gentlemen, never has the American public been faced with such a clear choice.

This is the first election since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 and citizens have a choice to make. Sure, many other issues will help decide this razor-thin election: the economy, jobs, gay marriage, abortion, etc. But let me take you back to that fateful day.

How many of you were thinking about policy responses to gay marriage while smoke and ash disguised the New York City skyline?

How many of you were thinking about your stock portfolio while 3,000 of our fellow citizens were slaughtered in a most barbaric and cowardly way?

How many of you were thinking about the pro-life/pro-choice debate while watching people jump to their lives from the upper levels of the burning towers?

On Sept. 14, 2001, President Bush stood upon what used to be the World Trade Center, then reduced to a smoldering pile of debris. Armed with only a bullhorn, he began to make a speech akin to Franklin Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech. While making the speech, the crowd of rescue workers and volunteers began to yell "we can't year you!"

President Bush paused and replied "I hear you, the world hears you, and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon." Amid cheers of "USA! USA! USA!" the President stood beside an elderly rescue worker and we all knew at that moment that we were in the same boat together. We all knew that 3,000 lives were not going to be lost in vain.

And that's exactly what we need in this still dangerous world. We need a president that hears us, not the government of France. We need a president that listens to the concerns of the American people, not someone who will try to pass a "global test" in Germany.

As a nation we need a president to be resolute and strong, not one whose foundation is built upon political expediency. Rest assured, if we begin to waver, if we show weakness, we will not win this war. There were eight presidents during the Cold War. The

first seven all had weak policies toward the Soviet Union. Many thought the Soviets were stronger than us and had to be appeased. But then another "cowboy" entered office and said that there would not be any negotiations with the "Evil Empire." He was strong and principled. He stood up to the Soviet Union and less than a decade later, the Berlin Wall fell. Eastern Europe achieved democracy finally.

Are we now to trust a polished and "nuanced" politician to handle this war or another cowboy?

This is an anecdote that can be directly applied to today's society and culture. No doubt, you have seen the new bin Laden video. You should know that we are still at war with these people and we have a clear choice as to who will lead us to victory.

John Kerry promises the same sort of weakness that came with the first seven Cold War presidents. He wants this dangerous "litmus test" that will decide when America should act to preserve its security; he wants to "fight a more sensitive war on terror;" he wants to delegate our national security decisions to a world body that is up to their necks in corruption at the highest level. In an interview with CNN on April 17, 1994, Kerry makes the most unbelievable quote that I have ever heard a politician utter. Frank Seno asked Sen. Kerry about American involvement in the Balkans: "Are they worth dying for? That's the question. Are they worth fighting and dying for?"

Sen. Kerry astoundingly responds "It depends on what you mean by that, Frank. If you mean dying in the course of the United Nations effort, yes, it is worth that. If you mean dying American troops unilaterally going in with some false presumption that we can affect the outcome, the answer is unequivocally no."

There you have it folks. You should not at all be surprised with Kerry's first sentence of "it depends on what you mean by that." John Kerry was living in a pre-Sept. 11 world then. He makes it known that troops dying under the banner of the United Nations is somehow more just than dying under the American flag.

The problem is that we are living in a post-Sept. 11 world now and he still talks with the same rhetoric.

Do we really want our national security decisions voted upon by a foreign body?

If so, elect John F. Kerry President of the United States. But if you want our security voted in a place called the United States Senate, then elect George W. Bush for president of the United States.



Hal Lusk
Guest Columnist

America should vote 'change' to get real results

Michael Zytow argues against the notion that voting for neither major party candidates is a wasted vote

Do you really feel like you have any other options besides George W. Bush and John Kerry? Both parties tell you any other choice would be a throwaway vote. But can these two parties really represent the ideologies of an entire nation? In a time when republicans and democrats focus more on smear tactics than real issues, when campaign promises are broken and partisan politics



Michael Zytow
Guest Columnist

rule, the answer seems to be a resounding no. Voting for the lesser of two evils is like feeding a political monster that will keep growing and growing. It is sending a message to politicians that they can run a dirty campaign, and we will still vote for them. I advocate making a political statement, either by voting for a minor party or by casting a write-in vote for "change." And while either Bush or Kerry will win this election, making this type of political statement leaves the message that reform is needed.

The need for change is especially evident during the election-year circus. Politicians say one thing to win votes, but don't fulfill their promises after being elected. They use scare tactics, such as peddling the idea of a draft reinstatement if Bush is re-elected.

Smear campaigning over-

shadows real issues. (Who cares if John Kerry used Botox?) The Republicans and Democrats both bash the opposing party's candidate based on their activities during the Vietnam War. Democrats attacked George Bush for pulling strings to get out of Vietnam not too long after they defended Bill Clinton for the same thing. Republicans then threw their attacks at John Kerry's war record. They have all become puppets under the control of their party, and we are the ones who suffer. Instead of looking out for our interests, they are looking to protect and promote the interests of their parties. As a result, a lot of good legislation is sucked down the drain. It would seem logical to infuse the system with fresh ideas and invite in healthy competition. However, there is this ridiculous notion that voting

for a minor party is "throwing away your vote." What makes the independents' views any less important? Shouldn't these views be represented in the decision-making process? Republicans and Democrats prefer the two-party system because it's either them or the rival party in office. So they either suppress minor party views or water down their own party's platform in order to engulf them.

This year, Democrats are trying to do everything they can to shut out Ralph Nader, including preventing him from getting on state ballots. Just as disturbing are the claims that Republicans are financially backing Nader to take votes away from Democrats.

Presidential debates also are skewed toward the two-party system. Ever wonder why Nader or any other minor party

candidate wasn't allowed to participate? That is because former chairs of the Democratic and Republican parties run the Commission on Presidential Debates. When it comes to voting, the plurality system, as well as the Electoral College, stunts minor parties' chances to gain a foothold in the government. People are inclined to vote for whom ever has a realistic chance of winning, not necessarily who they believe in.

So the two parties benefit by being over represented while minor parties receive no representation. As I see it, two possible solutions can reform the system. If you can find a minor party you are comfortable with, vote for that candidate. If, however, you are like me, and no candidate represents your ideology, then shamelessly cast a write-in vote for "change." (On your ballot,

there is a line on which you can write-in an alternative choice.) Using that one specific word shows we are unified in our opinion.

I'm sure many of you are so worried about the outcome of this election that you don't want to risk it. But there will always be issues that could keep you from voting for a minor party candidate or an ideal. If we want a better society, we have to start somewhere. And even though this vote may not change things overnight, in the long run, if we vote based on our ideals, eventually our calls will be answered.

This movement does not end Tuesday. In fact, this is only the beginning. WE have the power to decide who represents us. So why don't WE start using this power? Politics can be better than this. The status quo is not working. It's time we wake up and take our country back.

John Kerry's new direction is needed

Considering both sides of the presidential election, Jeff Gaither argues for Kerry's election.

It is silly to think, as some do, that either the Democrats or the Republicans are "right" or "wrong."



Jeff Gaither
Staff Columnist

There have been great democratic presidents and great republican presidents, and eras of great prosperity under each. It's more about the quality of the leader than the ideology of his party.

So I ask, this election year, not which candidate comes from the better party, but which candidate is better? Which candidate is smarter, more capable, and up to the task of leading our country through these troubled times? Bush or Kerry?

Well, let us consider. From a domestic standpoint, what has Bush done to help Americans? He has given them more money, in proportion to how much money they already have. That is the essence of Bush's tax cuts, which send a check to every American, but bigger checks to the rich and slimmer checks to the poor.

The rich man, with his cut, can buy a sixth car and send his little girls to Europe; but the poor man, with his check, can perhaps purchase a foot heater and some beer, but not the things he really needs, like health insurance or a college education for his children.

What would truly help America, on the whole, is cheaper health care, lower university costs, more job benefits and more secure employment - and Bush gave us none of these things. Health care and college are more expensive, companies provide fewer benefits to their employees and unemployment is higher than when Bush took office.

The rich are richer, but nobody else is better off. So if you're rich, you have a good reason to vote for George Bush. If you're not rich, and like to be able to go to the doctor and work without the risk of being fired, he's not likely to help you over the next four years.

Now, it is only fair to ask, what has the challenger, John Kerry, done to help Americans in his 20 years as a senator?

The answer is, not very much. It's hard to change the country-at-large as a mere senator. And it is almost impossible for a challenger to unequivocally demonstrate his ability to act on a presidential scale simply because there is no other job in America with half so much responsibility.

However, John Kerry has done a great many things, which show that he is a very good candidate for leader of our country.

He has, as a defense lawyer, freed an innocent man from prison. He has saved the life of a fellow soldier, at great risk to his own. He has jeopardized his political career by speaking against the Vietnam war. He has journeyed to Nicaragua to uncover the association of the Reagan administration with drug dealers.

He has risked his life for his country, while our current president was drinking and flying jets in the Alabama National Guard. And do not forget that John Kerry had to make his own way to the democratic candidacy; he is there on the basis of pure ability, while the current president is there mostly by virtue of his last name.

But has Kerry proved himself as a politician? Well, he was asked straight-up to name three things he has done in the Senate to help the people of Massachusetts, and replied, "targeted capital gains tax cut for start-up companies, reauthorization of federal fishing acts that gave funds to help fishermen, and a rewrite of the national flood insurance law." That is the sort of man he is: he gives straight answers, and views politics as the business of governing people, not gaining votes. That is what I like about him.

It is true that John Kerry has acquired a reputation as a "flip-flopper," but to my mind this speaks to his credit: for every bill is different, and Senator Kerry votes with his conscience and his head, considering every bill individually.

The world is inconsistent, and only a fool would vote the same way on every single Patriot Act amendment, or every parental notification bill, purely for the sake of consistency. Senator Kerry feels it's better to be called a flip-flopper than to vote irresponsibly, and he's right.

John Kerry has brains (or he would not be a successful attorney and running for president), guts (or he would not have fought in Vietnam) and integrity (or he would not have risked his career by voting on each issue where he believed the right lay, rather than along party lines).

And George Bush has shown very little in the way of brains, guts or integrity, both during his time as president and during his entire life.

I am not a Democrat or a Republican, and therefore I speak without prejudice.

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College Democrats Vice President Melissa Price illustrates the Kerry/Edwards ticket is what America needs

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Melissa Price
Guest Columnist

We know President Bush took us to war based on an imminent threat from Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, and that none were found. We know the official 9/11 Commission found that Iraq had no role in the attacks and no relationship with Al-Qaeda. We know that 1,080 of our fellow American youth have come home in body bags. We know about the draft bill lounging in Congress, calling our names. We know the Bush administration first told us the cost of the war would be \$50 billion, but it's already hit three times that, now \$151 billion. We know our generation will foot the bill for this war.

President Bush cannot acknowledge the reality of post-war Iraq, but the youth of America knows Sen. Kerry and Sen. Edwards can. Fighting an effective war of terror requires stronger intelligence and military capabilities. It requires us to protect unguarded nuclear weapons and cut off terrorist funding from rogue states like our "allies" in Saudi Arabia. The American people, and the Afghan and Iraqi populations we are now responsible

for, deserve leadership that understands how to flex military muscle and lead a valid coalition that will win this war on terror. And that's exactly the leadership John Kerry and our native son John Edwards will deliver.

President Bush has created a "faith-based" presidency. Bush has convinced America that God tells him what is right, and then acts on it.

This has befuddled many Americans into equating disagreeing with him to disagreeing with him. We then believe that homosexuality, abortion, and embryonic stem cell research is wrong and that God has determined it so.

Our founders crafted a government where church doctrine did not interfere with government. This was to prevent the persecution of those whose beliefs opposed the majority. The youth of America knows the Bush administration directly ignores the ideals our country was founded on.

The youth of America knows the Kerry/Edwards administration will end this persecution and stand up for the beliefs of both the majority and the minority. Democrats will stand up for the rights of women and homosexuals.

Democrats know that at some point in our lives, every American will be affected in some way by an illness that embryonic stem cells have the potential to help - even cure.

Democrats know that education is at the core of America's basic promise; that all Americans deserve to be able to make the most of their potential.

America's youth knows that the Bush administration has consistently made it more difficult for us to meet our potential with rising tuition costs and the deflating of public universities budgets. We have seen tuition rise upwards of 70 percent in the last four years in North Carolina. As President John Kerry will offer a fully re-

fundable College Opportunity Tax Credit up to \$4,000 of tuition for every year of college and offer aid to states that keep tuitions down.

America's youth is witnessing the first job loss under any president in 60 years. America has lost nearly a million jobs, making Bush's administration the only one since the 1930's to lose rather than gain jobs.

President Bush promised that his 2003 tax cuts would create jobs, but they have produced 2.7 million fewer jobs than his administration had predicted. This is not enough to keep up with new people entering the work force, which is America's youth. We see our fellow students and friends having to go back to graduate school or flip burgers, because the job market and economy is shutting them out.

That change will be found in John Kerry and John Edwards. They know that the measure of a strong economy is a growing middle-class where every American has a chance to work and an opportunity to succeed.

They know that America is stronger when we create good paying jobs here, not overseas. They want to reward hard-working middle class families with tax breaks, not larger bills. They want to end corporate welfare as we know it, roll back the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and impose a real cap to keep spending in check.

We know the Bush administration has created two classes in America. The "haves" and the "have nots." America's youth know they are the "have nots," and that the Bush administration only aides the "haves."

John Kerry and John Edwards will fight for everyone and lead Americans back to unity.

The youth of America will remember this on Nov. 2.

Wolfpack Weekend

Men's cross country first at ACC Championships

Bobby Mack and Andy Smith led the way for the Wolfpack as it heads to its fourth-straight ACC Championship Saturday in College Park. Mack came in second overall with a time of 24:31.4, and Smith was right behind him in the third at 24:38.3 to lead State to victory. Gavin Coombs, who came in 13th overall, picked up Freshman of the Year in the ACC for his efforts. The Pack recorded 47 points, just one point ahead of second-place Florida State.

Women's cross country third at ACC Championships

Julia Lucas led the Wolfpack with a fifth place finishing with a time of 21:59.6. State came in third place behind Duke and North Carolina with 71 points. The Duke Blue Devils won its first ever ACC title with five runners in the top-10 overall, finishing with 29 points. The Wolfpack's Kristina Roth came in 14th with a time of 22:40.1.

Maryland 4, Women's soccer 2 (Penalty Kicks)

The Terrapins ended State's season on Sunday afternoon with a 4-2 victory in penalty kicks after a 0-0 overtime tie. Sophomore goalkeeper Megan Connors kept the Pack in until the end with 10 saves, one shy of her career high. Each team received five penalty kicks after the second overtime, with the Terrapins putting the Pack away by a 4-2 margin. Maryland advances to the tournament, where it will take on No. 1 North Carolina on Wednesday. State ended its season by scoring zero goals in its final three games.

Wake Forest 3, Volleyball 0; Duke 3, Volleyball 0

The Wolfpack dropped two more ACC games this weekend, as the team continues to search for that elusive ACC win. State fell 3-0 at Wake Forest on Friday, with individual scores of 30-28, 30-23 and 30-24. The Pack couldn't mount a better effort against Duke the following day, falling 30-15, 30-19 and 30-14 in Durham. State hasn't won a set against an ACC opponent since falling 3-2 to Virginia Tech on Oct. 9.

Men's Soccer 0, Boston College 0

State picked up its second tie of the year against a top-10 opponent when it battled No. 10 Boston College to a 0-0 tie on the road Saturday. State had three straight corner kicks in the 90 seconds of regulation, but failed to grab the game-winning goal. Jorge Gonzalez registered six saves in the game. The Wolfpack move to 6-7-2 overall with just two more games to go in the regular season.

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Sendek said.

"The league is going to see an increased level of play," Florida State Coach Leonard Hamilton said. "The expansion of the league will improve the competition in the conference."

Coach Paul Hewitt of Georgia Tech agrees.

"This year is the strongest year for ACC basketball as a whole. This is the strongest competition on paper."

The Wolfpack will initially face the aggression of the ACC without Evtimov, who remains benched with a torn lateral meniscus.

"When Ilian comes back from being injured," Sendek said, "we will have to work on getting him integrated into the outstanding conference schedule."

While the expansion offers increased diversity and revenue, it disrupts historical round-robin play and increases imperfect equity within the conference in the new format.

"I think I'm indifferent to the expansion," Duke junior guard J.J. Redick said. "In a negative way, it kind of takes away from the tradition. It takes away the format of everything. But it is also good for the league, to add two new teams and market the conference better."

The new additions, Miami and Virginia Tech, remain eager to

begin the upcoming season, anticipating challenging conference games.

"We're excited about being in the ACC," junior guard Rob Hite of Miami said. "It's great to be invited to be apart of such great basketball."

"If you don't get excited about coaching in this league, then you don't have a pulse," Virginia Tech Coach Seth Greenburg said. "Games in this league aren't games, they're events."

Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski said the expansion has not taken away from the league's quality.

"I do think the proposal [of expansion] will maintain the brand of ACC basketball to the best that it can be," he said. "It's time to move on."

SWIMMING

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meet this Friday against Georgia Tech.

"It's definitely a good thing," Cutler said. "It definitely shows us that we are a lot stronger and more focused this year. Georgia Tech's gonna be a tough race, but I definitely think we can dominate them."

Coach Brooks Teal was impressed by the potential the women's team showed.

"I'm extremely proud of our ladies," Teal said. "Last year this team, the Duke team, took us down to the wire. Our ladies

team is struggling to find itself, and I think they really saw what they're capable of today — they really pulled together."

State's men's team was impressive in its victory as well.

It won both the opening and closing relays — the 400-yard medley and the 400-yard freestyle relays. Senior Peter Passagno was first in the 500-yard freestyle, and freshman Chris Schenck brought home a victory in the 1,000-yard freestyle.

Junior Kevin Velleca won the 50-yard freestyle while sophomore Thomas Ferguson finished first in the one-meter diving.

Junior Lyle Babcock was victorious in the 200-yard butterfly,

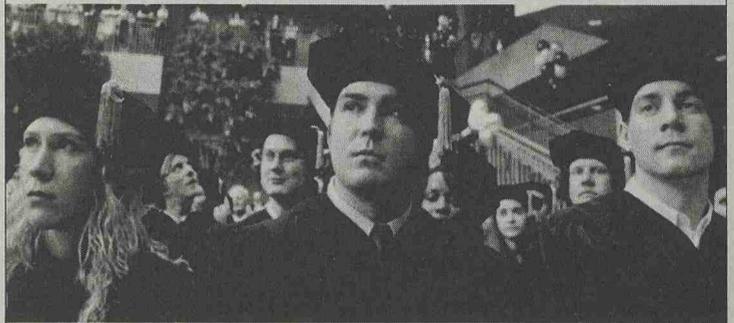
and junior Scott Dettloff brought home a win in the 100-yard freestyle. Redshirt junior Kevin Barkley was the winner of the 200-yard backstroke. Passagno felt the win was significant for the confidence of the team.

"We had a tough one, a tough loss, at Virginia Tech a couple weeks ago," Passagno said. "To bounce back like this is pretty good."

Coach Teal was impressed by the men's team's resilience.

"We swam a lineup that wasn't our very best lineup, but they got up and raced just like it was the biggest meet of the year," Teal said.

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THE FUTURE OF WORSHIP

Whether the message delivered at contemporary churches waters down theology or deters people's purpose of practice might be left up to the personal opinion of lay people and theologians alike. After all, differing opinions and practices in Christianity is not new to the 21st Century.

Yet, one thing is clear — traditional churches are losing members of their congregations because of this boom of contemporary worship.

"Mainstream denominations are suffering; membership is down," Cunningham said.

With pressure from the conservative leaders and members of such churches not to conform to contemporary mechanisms, they might continue to struggle to keep once practicing young people like Irvin and Swinson in attendance.

"I do see myself more involved in the non-denominational setting in the future," Swinson said. "As the generations switch, they [traditional churches] are going to have a deficit of people involved in the church. I don't know, they might have to change to avoid that from happening."

And some have. Downtown Raleigh's popular Edenton Street United Methodist Church has added a contemporary service, "The Gathering," in addition to its traditional ones in order to appeal to people that prefer

a contemporary setting.

Yet, other denominations are less likely to jump on the bandwagon.

"Mass is going to stay the same because it's rooted in tradition. You can't change it a whole lot without being detrimental in some way to the message that's trying to be conveyed in the service," Veronica Brumbaugh, the associate campus minister of the Catholic Campus Ministry, said.

Cunningham said that while some of the traditional churches like Edenton Street are trying to mimic contemporary, non-denominational churches to lure people, that "the real challenge for them is to find a balance between staying contemporary without watering down the message."

Regardless of the changes traditional churches might make, their existence is currently in limbo. Contemporary churches have successfully integrated pop-culture, positiveness and a laid-back atmosphere to grab the attention of spiritually hungry young people.

Brumbaugh, noting that some Catholics have recently been attracted to contemporary churches, believes that eventually people might return to traditional services, but the contemporary services are hardly a trend.

"I don't see this being a temporary thing," Brumbaugh said. "It goes back and forth like a pendulum — right now, we're on the way out."

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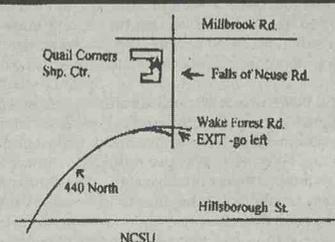
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62-28	6th	5-5	N.C. State	Wake Forest	Miami	Florida State	Georgia Tech	Oklahoma	South Carolina	Florida	California	East Carolina
63-27	T-3rd	5-5	N.C. State	Wake Forest	Miami	Florida State	Georgia Tech	Oklahoma	Tennessee	Florida	California	East Carolina
64-26	T-2nd	5-5	N.C. State	Wake Forest	Miami	Florida State	Georgia Tech	Oklahoma	South Carolina	Georgia	California	East Carolina
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60-30	1st	4-6	N.C. State	Wake Forest	Miami	Maryland	Georgia Tech	Oklahoma	South Carolina	Florida	California	Army
66-24	1st	6-4	N.C. State	Wake Forest	Miami	Florida State	Virginia Tech	Oklahoma	Tennessee	Georgia	California	Army
58-32	9th	3-7	N.C. State	Wake Forest	Miami	Florida State	Georgia Tech	Oklahoma	South Carolina	Florida	California	Army

FOOTBALL

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have taken every possible approach to eliminate turnovers. We have to find a way to stop turning the ball over."

The second quarter started the plethora of turnovers for State when Davis threw his first of five picks straight into the hands of lineman Eric Coleman, who returned it 20 yards for a touchdown to put the Tigers

ahead 10-3.

Davis did respond after the interception by throwing a five-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Davis on the ensuing drive, which tied the game.

Just before halftime, the Pack appeared to take the lead as it drove down the field and threw not one, but two touchdown passes. Both were to receiver John Dunlap, and neither counted. The passes were both called back due to illegal procedure calls, which would be part of 10

penalties on the day for State.

After the second touchdown was called back, State looked for one last play to score a touchdown, but Davis was picked off in the end zone by Clemson defensive back Justin Miller.

"We wanted to take a shot at the end zone or throw it away, and line up and kick a field goal," Amato said.

Instead of the touchdown or field goal, the Pack settled for a 10-10 tie going into the half. Clemson came out of the locker

room and scored 13 unanswered points in the third quarter, 10 of which came off two State turnovers.

The Wolfpack was able to cut the score to 26-20 before State turned the ball over on the last play of the game. State is now last in the ACC in both turnovers and penalties.

"It's a shame how close we came, and we still turned the ball over six times," Ritcher said. "You can't take poison and expect the other team to die."

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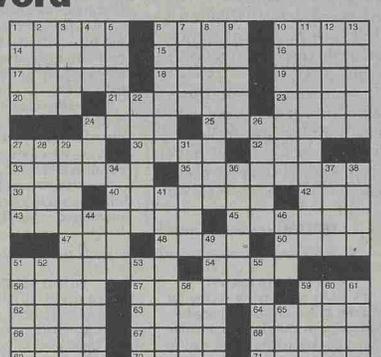
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Schedule

Football vs Georgia Tech, 11/6, Noon
Volleyball at North Carolina, 11/2, 7
Basketball vs Fayetteville St (Exh), 11/3, 7:30
Men's Soccer at Campbell, 11/3, 7
Swimming & Diving at Georgia Tech, 11/5, 5
Cross Country at Charlottesville Invite, 11/6

Scores

Clemson 26, Football 20
Maryland 4, Women's Soccer 2 (PK)
Men's Cross Country 1st at ACC Championships
Women's Cross Country 3rd at ACC Championships
Men's Soccer 0, Boston College 0
Duke 3, Volleyball 0
Men's Swimming 137, Duke 100
Women's Swimming 148, Duke 99



TECHNICIAN

GAME 8: CLEMSON 26 | N.C. STATE 20

Tigers feast on turnovers

N.C. State nearly overcame five turnovers only to have Jay Davis throw an interception at the Clemson goal line to end its comeback bid

Andrew Tanker
Staff Writer

CLEMSON, S.C. — N.C. State quarterback Jay Davis had already thrown four interceptions, and tailback Darrell Blackman fumbled the ball deep in State territory early in the third quarter.

It only took basic math to figure out that the Pack had five turnovers compared to one for Clemson that came on a botched snap during the second play of the game.

Yet State had one last shot to defeat the Tigers in front of 79,500 fans at Clemson Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

On fourth-and-10 from the 11-yard line with eight seconds to go, State found itself down by six. Davis scrambled out of the pocket, threw the ball toward the end zone only to have it picked off by Clemson lineman Charles Barrett.

"T.J. (Williams) had an out, he came open for a split second and Jay had some pressure," tight end Jon Ritcher said. "We were looking for T.J. and if he wasn't there, we were looking for maybe Tramain on the backside. They [Clemson] made a play."

The interception was the sixth turnover of the day for State (4-4, 3-3). Clemson (4-4, 3-3) had not scored a point off turnovers the entire season coming into Saturday's game, but the take-aways gave the Tigers 16 of its points in a 26-20 victory. The Pack amassed over 100 more total offensive yards than Clemson but couldn't overcome the offensive miscues.

"It's amazing that we had a chance to win at the end even though we had five turnovers (at that point)," Coach Chuck Amato said. "I've never experienced anything like that. We

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Wide receiver Brian Clark tries to escape the grasp of two Clemson defenders during Saturday afternoon's 26-20 loss in Death Valley.

Mistakes could leave Pack at home for bowl season

Ryan Reynolds
Deputy Sports Editor

CLEMSON, S.C. — N.C. State won't be playing the blame game and pointing fingers after its attempted comeback fell short as time expired in Saturday's loss to Clemson.

Coach Chuck Amato has already taken care of that.

"I'll take the blame for that," Amato said. "I'm not gonna blame my kids. I will not blame my youngsters for losing a football game."

The burden of turnovers and costly penalties that Amato placed on his shoulders is quite heavy — six turnovers and 10 penalties to be exact.

Five of them came from the arm of quarterback Jay Davis in the form of interceptions.

The other turnover was a fumble by tailback Darrell Blackman deep in State territory during its second drive of the third quarter.

And the Tigers made the Pack pay for its multiple mistakes.

Clemson scored 16 points off turnovers, including an interception for a touchdown in the second quarter to take its first lead of the game. Before the contest, the Tigers hadn't scored any points off turnovers all season.

State has 23 turnovers this season with three games remaining. Last season the Pack only accumulated 19 turnovers, which included its bowl game against Kansas.

Penalties have usually followed suite with turnovers for State and Saturday was no different.

"We've taken every approach possible," Amato said. "One week it's fumbles, and one week it's interceptions. We've taken every approach possible. We've got to find a way

to create things where we don't do that."

Even though the Pack didn't rack up too many negative yards from mistakes, two costly penalties changed the complexion of the game heading into halftime.

Davis hooked up with wide receiver John Dunlap for not one, but two touchdown passes as time dwindled at the end of the first half.

But both were called back for an illegal formation penalty on the Pack. At the beginning of the season the NCAA emphasized that refs would be making the call if offensive linemen, specifically the tackles, weren't lined up on the line of scrimmage.

"That's what they told us," Amato said, referring to what the refs told him when they threw the flags. One of those was. The first one was. It's something that we do need to call consistently, but hey, they called it and it was a penalty."

The loss, coupled with several upsets in the ACC on Saturday could potentially leave State at home during bowl season.

The Pack needs to win two of its next three games to become bowl eligible, but there still isn't any guarantee it will receive a bowl bid.

After losing two straight conference games, State finds itself tied for sixth in the ACC, just one week after it played Miami for a share of the conference lead.

The ACC has five allotted bowl spots, and 10 out of 11 of the teams in conference still have a possibility of becoming bowl eligible.

The only way the ACC gets more than five bowl bids is if another conference doesn't have enough teams with six wins to place in all of its bowl tie-ins.

Otherwise, State could find itself on the outside looking in.

WHY N.C. STATE LOST:

It's been N.C. State's recipe for disaster all season. Mix 10 penalties, five Jay Davis interceptions and one Darrell Blackman fumble, and bake in the Death Valley heat for 60 minutes, or until Wolfpack bowl considerations turn bitter. Clemson kicker Jad Dean converted on all four of his field goal attempts to give the Tigers a crucial ACC victory.

WHY IT MATTERS:

There is a lack of discipline that isn't improving, evidenced by the two second-quarter touchdown strikes to State wide receiver John Dunlap that were called back because of illegal formation penalties. The Pack has 23 turnovers on the year with three games left to play, compared to just 19 all last season. Bowl hopes are also now in jeopardy.

GAME BALL:

Clemson senior wideout Airese Currie proved to be a thorn in the Pack secondary, hauling in seven receptions for 108 yards and one touchdown. He kept the chains moving as three of his grabs earned first downs for the Tigers. His 24-yard touchdown reception from Charlie Whitehurst broke the 10-10 tie early in the second half.

BOX SCORE:

	CLEM	NC SU
Rushes-yards	34-82	35-126
Passing yards	185	255
Penalties-yards	8-73	10-62
Turnovers	1	6
TOP	29:00	31:00

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS:

Rushing:	D. Blackman 11-90
	T.A. McLendon 12-31
Passing:	J. Davis 24-45-255-1
Receiving:	T.J. Williams 8-82
	B.Clark 3-39

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Pack blows past Duke to win first home meet



MATTHEW ROBBINS/TECHNICIAN

Sophomore Lyle Baboc pulls ahead in the 200-yard butterfly, later going on to take first place.

Barwegan's streak of distance freestyle wins continues as men and women win their meets

Clark Leonard
Staff Writer

Duke's Anna Rodriguez came close to stopping the streak, but Lindsay Barwegan is now 6-0 for the year in distance freestyle races. The sophomore once again came out victorious in both the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle heats as the women's swimming and diving teams scored a 148-99 victory over the Blue Devils on Saturday at

Willis R. Casey Natatorium.

Also on Saturday, the Wolfpack men's swimming and diving team took home a 137-100 victory against the Devils.

"I thought it went really, really well," Barwegan said. "I tried to beat my times from this season. I know that I had competition going into it, and I was gonna have to go a lot faster. I just tried to step it up a little bit, and it turned out pretty well."

Barwegan was not the only one who did well for the women, though. Sophomore Kerry Whitson finished first in both the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle. Junior Jessica Koenig

won both the 200-yard Individual Medley and the 200-yard breaststroke.

In the diving, junior Molly Culbertson took home first in the 1-meter and 3-meter dive, while Freshman Lindsay Lowell came in second in each of those events.

Freshman Natalie Swisher completed the sweep in the one-meter diving for the Pack, and Wolfpack junior Shelby Kosova finished the sweep in the three-meter diving.

Senior Laura Cutler was victorious in the 200-yard butterfly, and she sees the win as an important confidence builder for the team's

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