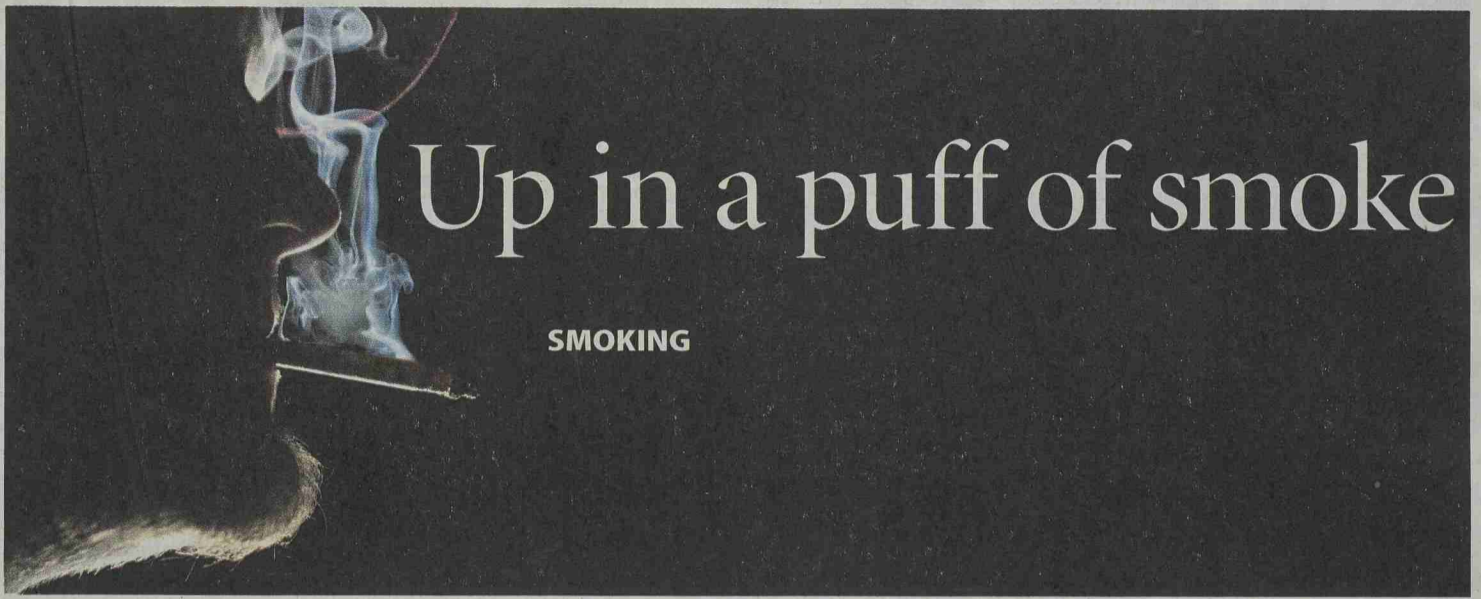


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## Up in a puff of smoke

### SMOKING

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Despite well-advertised health precautions linked to tobacco use, students still smoke – and become addicted.

Of 1,051 N.C. State students who participated in the CORE Alcohol and Drug survey in the spring, 50.2 percent admitted tobacco usage at least once in their lives, 39.2 percent admitted using tobacco one or more times within the last year, 30.1 percent admitted using tobacco one or more times within the last month, and 15.4 percent admitted tobacco usage three times a week or more.

Dopamine, the “feel-good” chemical, is found in everyone, and when released in people’s bodies, it makes us feel good. Nicotine, the powerful chemical found in cigarettes, makes smoking so addictive.

Chris Austin, substance abuse prevention health educator, says that according to some experts, nicotine is more addicting than cocaine.

“Smoking is addictive [because of] the method of delivery: breathing it

into the body – about the fastest way to get a drug into the body’s system,” Austin said. “Inhaling chemicals through smoking will get the nicotine and other chemicals to the brain in a matter of three to five seconds.”

In addition to stimulating dopamine in the body, inhaling deep breaths is a well known and common “stress reliever.”

“Combine the act of a stress-reduction method with an addictive drug and what’s not to like if it makes you feel less stressed?” Austin said. “Unfortunately, the effects wear off pretty quick, thus that’s why you see smokers smoking a lot of cigarettes.”

Health warnings advertised to the public on anti-smoking commercials, and even the labels on the cigarette packages themselves aside, people continue to smoke.

Many older people are aware of the risks in smoking but believe they’re

“different” or they have a “stronger” or more resistant family health pattern, Kerry Smith, professor in agricultural and resource economics, said.

“I admit I did smoke cigars for about 10 years, from about 22 years of age until my early 30’s,” Smith said. “I stopped when my son was old enough to ask me why I did it [smoked] when I knew it wasn’t good for me – I didn’t have a good answer so I did what I would later advise him to do – not smoke.”

Smith, the director of the Center for Environment and Resource Economic Policy, co-authored the book “The Smoking Puzzle: Information, Risk Perception, and Choice.”

“Risk information does not change [smokers’] views, what we found effective was something quite different – tell them what the diseases they are likely to get will do to the quality of their lives,” Smith said.

### HITTING HARD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung and heart diseases caused by smoking progressively eliminate an individual’s ability to be independent. Smith said it gives them a wake-up call when smokers are explained to that death in these cases is not a smooth transition—one day you’re here and the next you’re not.

This was a much greater surprise and it is something many of them did not realize, Smith said.

There is a “catch-22” in many of the public service ads, according to Smith.

“They give you the impression that if you stop, your body restores itself regardless of the age at which you stop; this is not necessarily true, but no one wants to say that quitting will have little effect after some age,” he said.

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### GREEK LIFE

## Fraternity faces hazing allegations

Tyler Dukes  
Deputy News Editor

A campus fraternity is on temporary suspension following reports of a possible hazing incident.

The N.C. Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, located on Fraternity Court, is facing allegations of hazing from the N.C. State Office of Greek Life, according to Director John Mountz.

All activities for the organization have been halted, pending an investigation conducted by the Office of Student Conduct, in conjunction with the chapter’s national fraternity.

Although Mountz declined to comment on the nature of the

incident or its severity, he did state that the temporary suspension was a standard procedure upon the receipt of “credible information” concerning conduct violations.

“What we do initially is make an immediate suspension of all activities, so that, primarily, the chapter can focus on participating in the investigation process, working with us to identify what really happened and to identify what that resolution is,” Mountz said.

Mountz also pointed out that the suspension does not immediately imply wrongdoing.

“We’re going to err on the side

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## Identity theft on the rise

Erin Welch  
Deputy News Editor

More frequently on college campuses, students are looking at bank statements and credit card bills with a look of shock.

But instead of textbooks or frequent pizza cravings, these students are finding that thieves are the source of their depleted funds.

The Federal Trade Commission defines identity theft on their Web site as “a fraud that is committed or attempted using a person’s identifying information without authority.”

In December 2003, the FTC enacted the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, which allows victims of identity theft to place fraud alerts on their credit files.

Once alerts have been placed on the victims’ files, they may work with creditors and credit bureaus to block information showing up in their credit reports as a result of identity theft.

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, college students can be easy targets for identity theft.

“We’ve definitely seen an increase in cases,” Beverly Blow, an associate attorney at Student Legal Services, said. She said identity theft cases had been steadily increasing for three to four years across the board.

Many victims of identity theft do not realize their identity has been stolen for significant



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amounts of time. A recent survey by the Federal Trade Commission revealed that almost 90 percent of identity theft and fraud cases at universities occur without the victim knowing for several months.

According to the ITRC Web site, thieves may obtain identity information in a variety of ways, including stealing an individual’s mail or wallet,

stealing information from loan or credit applications, buying information off the Internet or hacking into a personal computer, especially one without firewalls.

“Criminals are getting a little more sophisticated,” Blow said, as she commented on the methods of hacking into credit card information online.

Students charged with identity

theft have the option of having a hearing with the Student Judicial Board or an administrative hearing, Student Chief Justice Anna Edens said.

“A lot of identity [theft] cases opt for administrative hearings instead of J-Board,” Edens said.

Cases involving students committing identity theft must go through the Office of Student Conduct.

Identity theft is treated as a serious crime because it not only affects the person who committed the theft but also greatly affects the victim who had their identity stolen, said Paul Cousins, director of the Office of Student Conduct.

“It often becomes a second penalty [for the victim],” Cousins said. “They have to hit the reset button.”

Victims of identity theft have to present paperwork and documentation as proof of the theft.

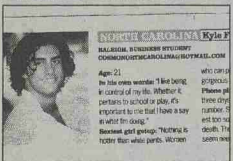
“It’s a huge nightmare,” Cousins said.

Most credit card companies can take off charges when presented with documentation of the identity theft; however, debit cards make actual money transfers, which are hard to take back because they have already been paid to the store or company where the purchase was made.

Although companies have become better at dealing with identity theft cases, it is “still a

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**Cosmo names junior to ‘hot’ list**  
Junior Kyle Fragakis was featured in the women’s magazine. See page 5.

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## SMOKE

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According to Smith's research, the older generations see themselves as somewhat "invincible," the exceptions to the rule perhaps — they've been doing it for years so why stop?

Many health risks are involved with smoking yet people continue to do it thinking they have the control to stop at the drop of a hat. But when trying to quit, smokers commonly suffer from withdrawal. They think they have it under control — only to see it control them, he said.

Smoking tobacco is the primary cause of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, according to Center of Disease Control figures — it causes about 85 percent of all cases of this disease as well as an equal percentage in lung cancer. Annually claiming about 430,000 lives, smoking is the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States.

These deaths stem from smoking-related diseases such as lung cancer, heart disease, stroke and chronic lung diseases, like emphysema.

Smoking can be especially crucial to women. CDC studies reveal that nearly 14 years of a woman's "potential life" is prematurely lost due to smoking-related diseases.

Women smokers risk pregnancy complications like premature birth, still birth and low birth-weights — the rate of risk increases a significant amount

if the woman smokes during her pregnancy.

Smoking also damages couples who want to bear children as the habit lowers fertility levels. The nicotine affects the production of the hormones necessary for pregnancy, reduces the chances of a successful artificial insemination and can promote osteoporosis. As for men, in addition to having to struggle with impotence, a man's sperm count averages 15 percent lower than a non-smoking male, according to CDC figures.

### STILL SMOKING

The extensive list of health risks related to smoking is not a secret, so why do today's youth engage in smoking?

Megan Rogers, a sophomore in education, has been smoking for years now. First it was the drinking-smoking social combo and later ended up as addiction.

"I started to smoke back in high school whenever I used to drink and I eventually became addicted," she said. "It made me feel so good; I kept it up because I was so stressed out as I was going through a tough time in my life."

Roger has not attempted to quit yet. She said she continues to smoke because so many of her friends do it.

"When I'm around my friends that smoke, they offer me a cigarette, and I say, 'sure,'" she said. "I do eventually want to quit. I know it's not good for me and I have told myself I would cut back, and I have been successful at that."

Austin said that for many younger people, smoking clears a way to participate in an "adult" activity.

"I feel really funny saying that it [smoking] is an 'adult' activity, giving that I usually think of using the word adult as carrying the meaning of responsibility with it — like, 'Let's act adult here!'" he said with a smirk.

Smoking also allows rebellion for some as it serves as the chance to do something risky but not too risky, Austin said.

He made comparisons and said that "as humans we do many things thinking that we are going to come out all right despite the warning: 'I can go faster than the speed limit because I'm a good driver.' 'I've only had a few drinks, so I think I'll be all right to drive.' 'I only smoke occasionally at a party, to be sociable.' 'I'll know when to quit so that I won't become addicted,'" he said.

"I've seen many students who belong to anti-smoking groups when they were in high school. They came to college and experienced the last quote — they became addicted," Austin said.

Teegan Bussey a junior in English, fell under that mentality too; however, she did not become addicted. She had the occasional cigarette while drinking with friends.

"I found it to be more about will power. I didn't do it on a regular basis, it was just something to do when we were out having a good time," Bussey said. "One night I told myself I didn't need to do it anymore, there was no point — and I

haven't since."

Peer pressure usually carries a negative connotation, but in Bussey's case, it was the opposite.

"I was lucky to have friends who cared enough to badger me about quitting. I have to admit, peer pressure in my scenario was good for me — my friends had to pressure me out of smoking, and it worked," Bussey said.

Troy Taylor, a sophomore in agronomy, is a slightly different case and has a unique attitude. Smoking anywhere from 1 to 3 cigarettes per week day and on average a pack per weekend Taylor said, "Quit it [smoking] or die trying."

Not going by the "you only live once" cliché, Taylor admits he wants to quit, and will as soon as he can.

"I need to quit so I don't die from it," he said.

Like many victims of peer pressure, fellow smokers can make quitting that much harder on a person.

Taylor admits letting his friends keep him in the habit of smoking as he says, "it's more a social habit than anything else, and it's hard not to smoke when everyone else is."

"I highly encourage people to quit. Don't get discouraged at failed attempts, use the small successes you experienced in the attempt to make it easier to succeed the next time," Austin said. "If you mess up after 30 days, it's not 30 days down the drain — it is 30 days of success and one moment in time of a setback."

## Suggested ways to quit smoking

### 1) Have positive reinforcement for yourself

Make sure you surround yourself by people who will support your efforts in quitting. Tell ALL friends your goal — express to them the importance of their support. It's important to keep this in mind during the first few weeks of trying to quit.

### 2) Give yourself a reward

Think of it as bribing yourself — or training a pet. If your pet does something right, they get a treat — set yourself goals to meet periodically and if you meet them, treat yourself to something you've been wanting.

### 3) Substitute your old bad habit for a new one

Good subs for cigarettes are sugar free gum, cigars or pipes. It's something for your mouth minus the nicotine.

### 4) Use professional help if needed

It's okay to seek help, a support group or therapist to talk you through your problems is a common way for people to relieve stress and can increase the success outcome.

### 5) Get into an exercise routine

Many heavy smokers don't tend to engage in routine exercise. This can give a person motivation, and it gets your heart and lungs reconditioned. Exercise is also a good way to reduce stress — this can replace smoking in that aspect.

SOURCE: Student Health Services

## IDENTITY

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hassle to get stuff squared away," Cousins added.

"It is possible that implications [from the theft] can show up for long periods of time," he said.

Student cases of identity theft face heavy scrutiny by the Office of Student Conduct. Within the last couple of years, every identity theft case has ended in suspension for the student involved, Cousins said.

Victims of identity theft should be sure to file a police report, Blow said.

Although the police cannot do much in such a case, she said filing an identity theft report will put them on notice.

Blow said individuals can have their credit report flagged, which would make it more difficult for identity thieves to open new credit accounts in their name.

"This provides a little bit of protection to prevent that from happening," Blow said.

Flagging credit reports, however, will hinder the individual from receiving instant credit if they attempt to open new accounts.

## Identity theft prevention

- Guard your Social Security number
- Don't carry a Social Security card
- Be suspicious of telephone solicitors
- Destroy any papers thrown out that may contain personal information

SOURCE:ITRC

## GREEK

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of caution and safety, and we've done this in numerous cases where we're not sure what's going on, but have enough information to say that we need to stop," Mountz said. "We've had cases where [organizations] have been put on suspension and found out that it looked like this, but was really this."

N.C. Beta Chapter President Wilson Harris, a sophomore in agronomy, spoke for the fraternity and declined to comment.

The outcome of the investigation will determine the future of the organization, which, according to Mountz, could amount to anything from a dismissal of all sanctions to a withdrawal of the charter from the National Fraternity of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"Each case is different and it's

handled that way so that the end result is fair to the chapter and the students involved," Mountz said. "It's not necessarily like a criminal code where you have multiple levels of [assault]. There you have more specific pieces. We've got this fairly broad definition."

The university defines hazing as "any act that injures, degrades, harasses or disgraces any person."

According to Mountz, this vague definition often complicates the investigation process because it can sometimes be wide open to interpretation.

The investigation process, however, is not just about punishment for the organization. According to Mountz, it also helps the offices of Greek Life and Student Conduct make progress with the chapter.

"When we have an organization that may have strayed off the

path a little bit, a lot of us would have a vested interest in helping that chapter identify problems and identify solutions," Mountz said. "This is not about trying to be solely punitive."

"Students make mistakes all the time," he added. "There is nothing that's going to stop that from occurring."

Despite the recency of the alleged incident, Mountz explains that the issue of hazing is a recurring topic, not only for the Greek community but for other organizations as well.

"Hazing is a very hot-button issue, not because it's timely or trendy or the problem this week," Mountz said. "We've had our fair share of incidents, historically, in the Greek community at its broadest level, but it's also present in athletic teams, marching bands... even high schools are having problems with that."

## POLICE BLOTTER

### 3:40 A.M. | TRESPASSING

A Captain with the Wake County Sheriff's Office was working pre-game security at Carter-Finley Stadium, and reported two students were caught trespassing on the football field. The subjects had climbed the fence to gain entry to the stadium.

### 6:52 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-ARREST/SUSPENDED LICENSE/SPEEDING

A staff member was stopped for speeding on Sullivan Drive. A records check indicated his driver's license was suspended for failing to appear for a previous charge in Wake County.

### 8:09 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-SPEEDING

A non-student was issued a citation for speeding 42 mph in a 25 mph zone on Sullivan Drive during the selective enforcement campaign.

### 1:23 P.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-SPEEDING

A student was issued a citation for

speeding 37 mph in a 25 mph zone on Sullivan Drive.

### 1:49 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Vet School. The alarm was caused by contractors working in the building. There was no sign of an actual fire in the area.

### 11:13 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Two students were involved in a traffic accident at Carter-Finley Stadium. The damage was under \$1,000. Both drivers exchanged information.

### 11:29 P.M. | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

ECC called and requested a Campus Officer meet an RPD Officer at the Avert Ferry Road Sub Station. RPD had charged a student with an underage alcohol violation. She was issued a citation by RPD and was referred to the University for alcohol violation.

### 2:51 P.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-

### SPEEDING

A non-student was issued a citation for speeding 38 mph in a 25 mph zone on Sullivan Drive.

### 2:58 P.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY- ACCIDENTAL

A staff member reported she was weed-eating when a rock flew up and shattered the window of a car belonging to another staff member. He was traveling east on Thurman Drive at the time. The driver was not injured.

### 5:38 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Two students were involved in a traffic accident on Pullen Road at the traffic circle. An accident report was filed.

### 8:30 P.M. | ASSISTANCE

A student called saying she had not seen her roommate since about 1:30 pm. Nothing appeared to be out of order in the room. She was told to call police when her roommate returns. She returned later in the evening.



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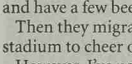
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## Drunken fans still hazard at games

Even after tailgating restrictions, drunken fans put a damper on Michele's football fun

You know what's worse than N.C. State losing its fourth straight football game?

Having to deal with intoxicated Wolfpack fans. Many students at this school do football right. They go out five hours before the game, eat some chicken wings, listen to some music booming from their vehicles



Michele DeCamp

Senior Staff Columnist

and have a few beers. Then they migrate toward the stadium to cheer on their team. However, I've noticed that we've got some absolutely moronic people at this school, and two of them have recently come into contact with my car after football games. After the Miami game, my husband and I were exiting the Cardinal Gibbons High School parking lot when a NCSU fan ran towards the front of our car. We were crawling along the road so we were able to stop before the young man got hurt, but one has to wonder what would possess someone to run at a moving vehicle.

Of course, I assume the man was not all right in the head at the time he decided to charge our car like a raging bull. However, he is one of the reasons tailgating is now restricted to five hours before the game.

He assumed, perhaps because my car is a measly little compact blue blob, he wasn't dealing with some maniac when he did his little stunt.

But what if my husband or I were the type to stop the car, get out and start a fight with someone who decided to act like an idiot and put our vehicle in danger? Anyone recall a certain swerving vehicle that ended two lives?

If I had just experienced that one isolated incident then I would have assumed it was just a case of Miami-loss syndrome.

Yet last Thursday I had another run-in with a presumably intoxicated fan. Once again, we were leaving the game amongst the mob of upset fans and as we drove out of the fairgrounds parking lot, some fan with a 10-cup stack of "Achieve!" souvenirs decided to use his cups as a bat and whack my car with them.

Again, we have NCSU paraphernalia on our car, so it's obvious who we root for, and yet my peers, my fellow football watching 20-somethings cannot keep their cups or their bodies to themselves. My husband actually stopped the car and turned around to make sure our rear windshield was okay and - I'm not going to pretend - I had to convince him to not get out of the car.

I've learned from accidents in the past though; you just don't know who you're going to be getting into a fight with and you cannot risk even having a verbal disagreement anymore.

We left the parking lot, but I have come to the conclusion that some of our fans need to either lay off the alcohol or learn how to behave in public places.

I love showing my support for the Wolfpack, and I proudly flicked off the Seminoles bad every time they started their archaic theme song every five seconds. I

shout "Home of the Wolfpack" during the National Anthem. I don't even mind a little verbal sparring (if good-humored) with the opposing team's fans.

But I expect my fellow Wolfpack faithful to not put me, my husband or my car in danger every time we leave a game.

We will never get our tailgating privileges back if we cannot learn to enjoy the event and treat each other with respect and sportsmanship.

I left the Florida State game upset by our final home loss, but more so at the people who cannot put on the brakes on their irresponsible behavior. I've railed against rampant alcohol abuse before, and I can only assume that the fans who attacked our vehicle were suffering from an overdose of some sort.

If you're going to act like an idiot, then stop drinking before you get to that

**"If you're going to act like an idiot, then stop drinking before you get to that point...Go to the game and cheer on your team."**

point. Go to the game and cheer on your team but don't be like the University of Maryland fans who threw batteries at the Duke basketball parents sitting in their arena in 2001.

Have a good time and enjoy the thrill of sitting in a well-lit stadium on a Thursday night watching your football team make an attempt at beating a top-20 team.

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### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## MAKE TUITION INCREASES FAIR

**OUR OPINION:** THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS SHOULD CONSIDER A "TUITION CONTRACT" SYSTEM, WHERE INCOMING STUDENTS KNOW HOW MUCH THEIR TUITION WILL BE FOR THEIR FOUR YEARS AT A UNC SCHOOL TO KEEP HIKING UP TUITION EVERY YEAR DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF A HIGHER EDUCATION "AS FREE AS PRACTICABLE."

On Thursday, the UNC Board of Governors dismissed any notion of a tuition freeze for the next academic year. On Friday, its members voted to ask the legislature for a 28 percent budget increase for the next two years.

Once again, students and their parents will more than likely be stuck with the bill.

N.C. State, among the other constituent universities, has already recommended requests for a campus-initiated tuition increase, which allows individual campuses to hike tuition up and keep the revenue for budget shortfalls. For this academic year, the BOG approved a one-time \$300 increase for NCSU, but without a tuition freeze, students may face another hike next year.

Critics - including former Gov. James Holshouser and former BOG chair Ben Ruffin, who proposed the freeze - say tuition increases hurt cash-strapped North Carolinians, who want to send their children to school, but just can't afford it.

Thanks to budget decreases that affect class sizes and sections offered, it is taking longer for students to graduate. They are constantly having to pay more for the same, or in some cases, fewer services.

This is not fair to the students

of the UNC system, nor to their parents who pay taxes to support the oldest public education system in the country.

The BOG needs to look seriously at a "tuition contract" system, where incoming freshmen sign a contract with their chosen university that sets their tuition rate that cannot go up or down for four years. That way, students and parents can financially plan for the four years how much they will pay in tuition and fee costs. If the system or university wants to increase tuition, the next incoming class would be affected.

Along with a modest budget increase, the cost distribution would be spread out and the system would have a steadily-increasing income source.

If not a contract system, then a set schedule of tuition increases based on economic trends should be set, so the system can give students a general idea of when tuition will go up, and plan accordingly.

North Carolinians have enjoyed quality higher education at Walmart prices. The state constitution mandates it.

The BOG and the legislature needs to come up with a fair solution to this problem before some poor student sues the UNC System and makes the state's Supreme Court interpret the constitution.

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### Wolfpack comic offensive to Native Americans

I am writing in regards to the cartoon printed in the Nov. 11 issue. I am outraged Technician would print the image of a Native American icon being beaten by the wolf. I realize that these are mascots, but what Technician fails to understand is that this mascot represents a very specific group of people.

Florida State actually pays the Seminole Nation for the use of their name and the image of a man. The person who appears as the mascot at games is a member of the Seminole Nation and is known to work towards an image that honors the Nation's people as dignified and powerful.

I realize that to most this is just one of a series of "go Wolfpack" cartoons, but, to some of us, it is an assault on the work we are trying to do to dispel stereotypes and help others to understand the beauty of our people. What you see as a cartoon, we see as an individual.

Additionally, I would like to point out that the feathers flying off the icon is particularly hurtful and offensive. A fallen feather is a very serious matter for us, not to be toyed with.

Though you used it to show being beaten by a team, it has a much deeper significance to us. Jonathan Brunson's column entitled "Racism still evident on campus" was very appropriately placed, as the image above offers an obvious example of the lack of cultural understanding and sensitivity.

Jessica Sides  
Tsalagi Nation  
Graduate student

### Court of North Carolina not proper place for pavilion

In response to the article in the Nov. 10 issue regarding the pavilion to be constructed in the Court of North

Carolina, I was surprised to find the article portraying this project so enthusiastically. While a modern pavilion to be "noticed and discussed" by the architectural community may have its place on the university campus, the Court of North Carolina is not that place.

The court, misinterpreted in this article as "not well utilized" and "lacking a purpose" is not only continuously used by students but also provides one of few places on this campus for recreation and relaxation in an on-campus like setting. In short, it is a place of respite within the sea of red brick that is N.C. State.

Additionally, as a student in the College of Design, I find it interesting that while the court is currently used as a learning tool for several aspects of design including the views it offers, the scale of the space, its circulation, a pavilion in this location, endorsed by the College of Design, will eliminate the existing views and diminish the feeling and natural openness the space currently exhibits.

I believe Dean Malecha is mistaken, in reference to the pavilion, by saying "we don't have enough of these kinds of places on campus." The truth is, when it comes to the Court of North Carolina, we don't have enough of these kinds of places on campus.

Kari Miller  
Graduate Student  
Landscape Architecture

### Comments on Emily Duncan's church-state column

After reading Emily Duncan's column I felt the need to interject. She stated "...President Bush and many other Republicans have taken it upon themselves to decide what is right for America."

That is what politicians do, right or wrong. They decide, through legislation, what they think is right for the country. What they legislate is unconstitutional, it is the job of the

courts to strike down the law.

She also stated "...Ones morals should not, and thanks to the principle of separation of church and state, are not allowed to be imposed on the government." This is completely backwards.

The government is the one who is not allowed to force religion on the people. The original intention of the separation of church and state was to prevent a state-sponsored religion, not prevent religion from affecting the laws of the country.

Unfortunately for her argument, our morals are the combination of hundreds of years and several religions. The fact is many of the laws are simply enforcing the morals of the people. For instance, the government and most Americans believe drug use is immoral.

Legislators decided, right or wrong, that it is in the best interests of the country to make certain drugs illegal, thereby enforcing morals for the good of the country.

Having said all this, isn't marriage traditionally a religious institution co-opted by the government? So what right do they have to alter or support it?

Ryan Parks  
Graduate Student  
Plant Pathology

I just have a few comments to make on Emily Duncan's column on the church-state envelope.

Her first comment with Bush in office was that he was not representing the majority as a whole. However, if she had been watching some of the news that has been on, they have stated that millions of people came out to vote this time because they wanted Bush in office, particularly for his religious beliefs. I think that the other few million Americans were well aware of Bush's agenda; thus I fully believe he is representing the majority here.

Second is that Bush "and many other Republicans have taken it upon themselves to decide what is right

for America." Here I think Duncan is trying to say that the government is not doing what the majority of Americans want. How can this be if that same majority has the same similar values as those in office?

Third, Duncan goes on to say that "...Bush will almost certainly erode the wall of separation between church and state." In the United States, no one is forcing you to go to any church, however this country was founded on the Christian values of the time. For the most part those values have not changed.

I hear they still pray before various meetings in Washington.

This country does not force you to go to a church, it won't kill you if you worship other gods, or no gods at all, but on the topic of gay anything and abortion, so long as there are Christians out there, they will continue to be fought over.

Hansen Murphy  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering

### Disappointment in coverage of Veterans Day

The coverage of Veterans Day by Technician was terrible. The "Veteran's Day Tribute" consisted of nothing more than a picture (in which the cadet was at parade rest, mislabeled as attention).

It seems to me that on Veteran's Day, there might be a story or an article; yet even the commentary section was void of anything positive about our Armed Forces.

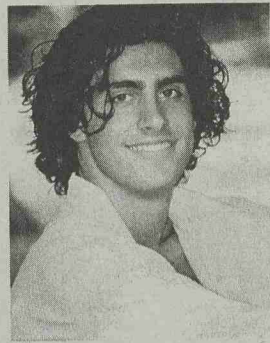
Why can't Technician make this more of a priority, especially when we have American troops actively engaged in a conflict overseas?

Christopher R. Dulin  
Sophomore  
Aerospace Engineering

ness degree, I can start a company or work on Wall Street."

a girl whips out her cell phone on a date. It's so rude!"

**Baffling female behavior:**  
"Women are always going off



Patrick Wheeler and Kyle Fragakis, photo: apress by Photo.com

### NORTH CAROLINA Kyle Fragakis

RALEIGH, BUSINESS STUDENT  
COSMONORTHCAROLINA@HOTMAIL.COM

**Age:** 21

**In his own words:** "I like being in control of my life. Whether it pertains to school or play, it's important to me that I have a say in what I'm doing."

**Sexiest girl getup:** "Nothing is hotter than white pants. Women

who can pull off wearing them are gorgeous and confident."

**Phone plan:** "I'll call a girl two or three days after she gives me her number. Showing too much interest too soon can be the kiss of death. The last thing I want is to seem needy."

**Burning babe question:** "Why do quality women sometimes date losers?"

**Guy-spy secret:** "Some of us men are looking for more than just sex...really."

**In 10 years:** "I hope to be a successful businessman or a professional soccer player. Soccer is by far my favorite sport. I love to compete, but most of all, I really love to win."

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# Fragakis takes his game to Cosmo

**KYLE FRAGAKIS, A N.C. STATE JUNIOR AND MEMBER OF THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM, WAS NAMED NORTH CAROLINA'S HOTTEST BACHELOR BY COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE**

Ashley Smith  
Staff Writer

Being featured as one of the hottest guys in the country in a top women's magazine doesn't happen every day. Yet N.C. State's very own Kyle Fragakis was named Cosmopolitan's hottest bachelor in North Carolina this month.

Fragakis, however, didn't look to be in a sexy spread. The opportunity came to him.

"I was approached for modeling last spring by a photographer from New York. I had been approached before, but the guy from New York had a good vibe so I gave it a shot," Fragakis said.

Fragakis sent in some pictures and the two kept in touch over the summer. One day, he got a call from the photographer who said that Cosmopolitan wanted the pictures for its spread of the "50 Hottest Bachelors."

Come October, Fragakis along with 50 other males, appeared in November's spread.

In addition, every guy has his own e-mail account set up through the magazine so women can get in touch with the featured men if they choose to.

"I've gotten over 100 responses from all over the country, even Ukraine, Canada, Brazil and Sweden. I try to respond to all of them," Fragakis said.

So what is it about Fragakis that made him stand out among all those entries? Not only his Fragakis "hot," he sincerely wants to find that special someone.

Self-described as "single and looking," Kyle said, "I'll treat my princess with respect. I want to take care of her."

He even recalls taking a sick girlfriend donuts in bed.

Girls might now be quick to send an e-mail or say "hello" to the nationally known face and admitted romantic, but Fragakis still holds high standards for the women he chooses to date.

"A girl has to be able to hold a conversation, fun and make me feel good about myself," Fragakis said.

This Greek, boxer-wearing, summer-loving guy describes himself as outgoing and fun. As an athlete on the NCSU soccer team he knows how to work hard and keep himself balanced. This attributes to his lack of regret about his choices, including the

### The low down on Kyle

**NAME:** Kyle Fragakis  
**YEAR:** Junior  
**MAJOR:** Business Management  
**HOMETOWN:** Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.  
**ACTIVITIES:** Soccer team  
**MUSIC:** Hip-hop and rap  
**FAVORITE PROF:** Philip Reuschle, College of Management - "He relates to his students and helps out. He's also fun and knowledgeable."

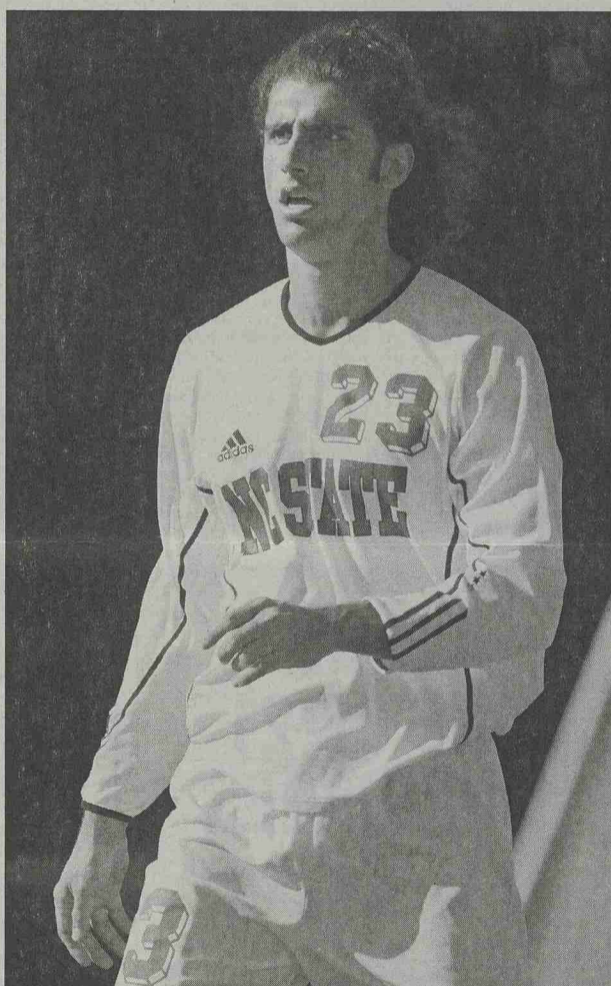
one to be in Cosmopolitan.

"I'm pretty open-minded and I've tried everything I've wanted to do. I've made some mistakes, but then I become stronger so I don't repeat those mistakes," Fragakis said.

In 10 years, he hopes to be a successful businessman or a professional soccer player, and he knows that no matter which road he chooses his family will support him.

"My parents are the best a child could have. They've always been there for me in soccer, school, and life."

Whether Fragakis enters the business world or becomes a professional athlete, he can always say that he was named Cosmo's hottest bachelor in North Carolina.



ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN

Cosmopolitan magazine recently named NCSU defender Kyle Fragakis, a junior in business management, to its "50 Hottest Bachelors" list. Fragakis, a native of Florida, was the representative from North Carolina. Each of the 50 states had one male in the November issue of the monthly women's magazine. Fragakis was sought after by a photographer in New York, who later informed him that Cosmopolitan wanted him for the spread.



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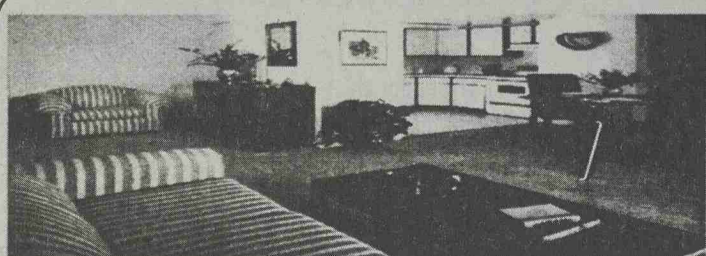
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## PIGSKIN PICKS



**Robert Barnhardt**  
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Chancellor

Record 73-37  
Place 6th  
Last Week 5-5

Florida State at N.C. State  
North Carolina at Wake Forest  
Miami at Virginia  
Clemson at Duke  
Connecticut at Georgia Tech  
Texas Tech at Texas A&M  
Georgia at Auburn  
Boston College at West Virginia  
Iowa at Minnesota  
Ohio State at Purdue

N.C. State  
North Carolina  
Virginia  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Minnesota  
Ohio State



**Lee Fowler**  
NCSU Athletics  
Director

Record 72-38  
Place 7th  
Last Week 3-7

N.C. State  
Wake Forest  
Virginia  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas Tech  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Minnesota  
Purdue



**Chip Alexander**  
News & Observer  
Sports Writer

Record 75-35  
Place 5th  
Last Week 5-5

Florida State  
North Carolina  
Virginia  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Minnesota  
Ohio State



**Tom Suiter**  
WRAL-TV  
Sports Anchor

Record 76-34  
Place T-2nd  
Last Week 5-5

N.C. State  
Wake Forest  
Miami  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Minnesota  
Purdue



**David McKnight**  
Hillsborough St.  
Fiddler

Record 76-34  
Place T-2nd  
Last Week 5-5

Florida State  
Wake Forest  
Miami  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Iowa  
Purdue



**Tony Caravano**  
NCSU Student  
Body President

Record 76-34  
Place T-2nd  
Last Week 5-5

N.C. State  
Wake Forest  
Miami  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas Tech  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Iowa  
Ohio State



**Matt Middleton**  
Editor In Chief

Record 69-41  
Place 8th  
Last Week 4-6

N.C. State  
Wake Forest  
Miami  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Georgia  
West Virginia  
Minnesota  
Purdue



**Austin Johnson**  
Sports Editor

Record 77-33  
Place 1st  
Last Week 6-4

N.C. State  
Wake Forest  
Miami  
Clemson  
Georgia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Iowa  
Purdue



**Ryan Reynolds**  
Deputy Sports  
Editor

Record 66-44  
Place 9th  
Last Week 4-6

Florida State  
Wake Forest  
Virginia  
Clemson  
Connecticut  
Texas A&M  
Auburn  
West Virginia  
Minnesota  
Purdue

## VOLLEYBALL

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said the realization of leaving the team won't hit her at full strength until next fall.

"It's hard, I'm never going to be on this court as a competitor again," she said. "But it will probably hit me much harder next fall when I'm not out there with my teammates."

State matched Miami's intensity in the opening game, staying with Hurricanes point for point. The Pack hoped to steal the first game by taking a 23-20 lead, but could only manage to win three of the next 13 points, losing 30-26. The Hurricanes broke out of the gate in the second game, taking a 12-5 lead and then building it to 20-14. The Pack, however, used strong play at the net to rally and take a 23-22 lead, only to see Miami go on a 12-3 run to close out the game.

In the afternoon's final contest, State opened with a 4-3 advantage, only to see the Canes reel off the next six points. Shortly thereafter, Miami lead 22-12 and was looking to close out the match. But the Wolfpack refused to go quietly on Senior Day, rally-

ing to pull within three points at 27-24. That would be as close as the Pack would get, falling for a final time 30-26. Rowe lead the way for State with a team-best 12 kills off a .323 hitting percentage. Junior middle blocker Stefani Eddins followed with 11 kills, and seven total blocks. Fellow junior middle blocker Adeola Kosoko and freshman Emily Bertrand contributed seven kills apiece. Sophomore setter Melissa Rabe directed the offense, dishing out 22 assists. In addition, freshman Lauren Markowski handed out 13 assists.

Coach Mary Byrne was clearly frustrated with the outcome, but was pleased with some of the individual performances.

"Stefani and Melanie did a good job for us offensively. We got our blocking back, which was kind of weak in the last few matches. Stefani Eddins really played a solid match, and her play is contagious, and shows our team how to fight harder and not let up," she said.

Sunday's match was the final home match for the Pack's two seniors, Rowe and middle blocker Sarah Ensminger. Prior to the match, both ladies were honored and received framed Wolfpack jerseys. After the match, Rowe

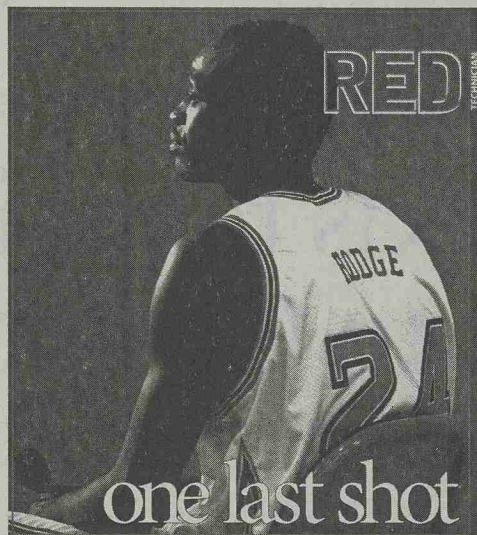
and Ensminger were emotional about playing their last game in Reynolds Coliseum.

"It's awesome," Ensminger said. "I love the environment, I love playing competitively. It's time to move on, but we'll always come back and share the memories."

The Wolfpack will have to wait until next year to break their winless streak within the conference. Playing in one of the toughest conferences in the country, Coach Byrne knows that a victory won't come easy, but she remains optimistic.

"In the ACC, you have to play every point, and never let your guard down," Byrne said. "We haven't quite learned to do that, but I'm sure that will eventually come."

The Pack will conclude its season at the 2004 ACC Women's Volleyball Championships beginning Thursday in Charlottesville, Va.



**Inside Tuesday's Technician - RED:** Technician gets you ready for the No. 19 Wolfpack's looming basketball season.

The 24-page, full-color magazine has profiles on Julius Hodge, Tony Bethel and Engin Atusur, along with a feature on the pulse of NCSU basketball - its student fans.

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Football vs. East Carolina (Charlotte), 11/27  
Men's Basketball in BCA Invitational, 11/17-19  
Women's Basketball vs. EA Sports (Exh), 11/15-17  
Volleyball at ACC Tournament, 11/17  
Swimming & Diving at GT Invite, 11/19-21  
Wrestling at Navy Classic, 11/20

## Scores

Miami 3, Volleyball 0  
Lehigh 39, Wrestling 3  
Men's XC, first at Regionals  
Women's XC, second at Regionals



## TECHNICIAN

# Cross country teams advance to nationals

Both the men's and women's teams advance to the NCAA National Championships with qualifying performances at the District III Championships

Stephen Federowicz  
Staff Writer

**GREENVILLE** — It was a windy, frigid Saturday on the banks of Lake Kristi in Eastern North Carolina. Not an ideal day for the average fisherman, but the men's and women's cross country teams had a job to do on the dry land — to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Despite competitive fields of over 20 area schools including six nationally-ranked programs in the District III Championships, the N.C. State men were able to race to a first place finish in the 10,000-meter run, while the women finished runner-up in the 6,000-meter race.

The men's victory came at a large part from the running of senior Andy Smith and sophomore Bobby Mack who finished third and fourth place, respectively. The two runners were practically joined at the hip, pacing each other and running along side by side near the front for almost the whole race. The two finished just a 10th of a second apart.

"Bobby and I have been running together all year," Smith said. "It's the smart thing to do when you're trying to qualify. So, we just went up there, helped each other out, ran smart, finished together and qualified."

Finishing behind Smith and Mack was sophomore Wesley Smith in 18th place followed by a pack of State runners that included recently-named ACC men's Freshman of the Year Gavin Coombs in 26th, John Henderson in 30th and Bryce Ruiz in 31st.

Running together and finishing runners around the same time is an important team strategy to score well in cross country races and was clearly part of State's plan coming into the national qualifier.

"Our strategy was to pack it up," redshirt sophomore Bryce



Senior Andy Smith and sophomore Bobby Mack stay together, finishing third and fourth, respectively, leading the team to a first-place finish at the District III Championships.

ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN

Ruiz said. "Run as a team just like in practice. We had a front pack who finished in the top 10 and then a back pack that finished in the top 20 to 30. That's just how we wanted to do it."

The women's team had an equally impressive showing finishing second place behind Duke to secure their spot in nationals. Finishing first for the State's women's team was junior Julia Lucas who placed third overall. Lucas finished fifth at the ACC Championships two weeks ago. Coming in third in the ACC Championships behind

Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill, the Pack was able to outrun the Tar Heels on Saturday, sneaking into second by a five-point margin.

"The team started off the year with a few disappointing finishes in races," Julia Lucas said. "Since then we've gotten better and hopefully if we keep it up, we can reach our peak in nationals."

Coach Rollie Geiger was certainly pleased with the team's finish, considering the overall strength of the ACC.

"We ran better today, especially to beat Chapel Hill," Coach

Geiger said. "I mean, the ACC is a dog fight with six teams finishing in the top 10."

The finishes qualify both teams for the NCAA Championships which will be held a week from today in Terre Haute, Indiana. As far as the mindset for the National meet goes, the team is confident and aware of its goals. Both teams finished in the top 10 last season, and Geiger expects the same out of his team this year.

"The goal at the start of the year was to finish in the top 10, and we're sticking to that goal," Coach Geiger said.

## District Championship team and individual results

The State men's cross country team finished first with 81 points, while the women's team came in second with 75 points at the District III Championships

**MEN:**  
1. N.C. State 81  
2. William & Mary 99  
3. Clemson 103  
4. Virginia 118  
4. Duke 129

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES**  
3. Andy Smith - 30:16.3  
4. Bobby Mack - 30:16.4  
18. Wesley Smith - 30:50.9  
26. Gavin Coombs - 31:07.4  
30. John Henderson - 31:12.6  
31. Bryce Ruiz - 31:15.1  
54. Stephen Furst - 31:52.3

**WOMEN:**  
1. Duke 71  
2. N.C. State 75  
3. UNC 80  
4. Wake Forest 130  
5. Virginia 155

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES**  
3. Julia Lucas - 20:16.1  
9. Kristina Roth - 20:36.5  
15. Angelina Blackmon - 20:51.5  
21. Erin Swain - 20:57.1  
27. Josianne Lauber - 21:07.4  
30. Ginger Wheeler - 21:10.7  
38. Magin Kebert - 21:24.9

## VOLLEYBALL

# Canes add to State's streak

Miami shuts out State 3-0 to give the Wolfpack its third-straight season without a regular-season conference win

Randy Quis  
Staff Writer

It's been three full seasons without a conference win, a streak that N.C. State couldn't end on Sunday afternoon against Miami.

State came up short in its last attempt to win a regular-season match in the ACC, losing 3-0 to Miami at Reynolds Coliseum.

With the loss, the Wolfpack finishes the regular season at 10-20 overall, 0-16 in the ACC, while Miami finishes 17-10 and 11-5 in conference play. For the seniors, it's been a frustrating four years, with only one conference win coming for the Pack during the entire stretch. Senior outside hitter Melanie Rowe



Stefani Eddins spikes a ball into the arms of Miami's Ciara Michel during Sunday's 3-0 loss.

RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

## WRESTLING

# Grapplers falls to Mountain Hawks

Sports Staff Report

A few days after pounding Campbell into submission, N.C. State found the roles reversed, falling 39-3 against Lehigh University Friday night.

The Pack fell in nine of 10 bouts on the evening in front of a sold-out crowd in Bethlehem, Pa. The Lehigh team sports five All-Americans, including two former NCAA Champions.

State's only win of the match came in the first bout, when Garrett Cummings beat John Stout at 125 pounds, giving the Wolfpack a brief 3-0 lead.

Lehigh, however, would not lose from that point forward, rattling off 39 straight points in rout to a lopsided victory. Fourth-ranked Cory Cooperman, an All-American at 141 pounds a year ago, pinned N.C. State freshman Travis Varner at the 1:32 mark of that bout. Travis Frick, an All-American last year at 184 pounds, got a major decision over Kevin Gabrielson 14-4 at 174. At 184 pounds, Matt Cassidy pinned Wolfpack fresh-

## Lehigh 39 NC State 3

CLASS	RESULT
125	Garrett Cummings (NCS) dec. John Stout, 7-6
133	Jeff Santo (LU) dec. Jeff Breese, 14-12, ot
141	Cory Cooperman (LU) pinned Travis Varner at 1:32
149	Matt Anderson (LU) major dec. Chris DeLuca, 15-5
157	Derek Zinck (LU) major dec. Kody Hamrah, 19-6
165	Brian Lamay (LU) dec. Ryan Nowicki, 10-3
174	Travis Frick (LU) major dec. Kevin Gabrielson, 14-4
184	Matt Cassidy (LU) pinned Jeremy Colbert at 1:57
197	Jon Trence (LU) pinned Zach Garren at 6:01
Hwt	Paul Weibel (LU) dec. Jairo Palma, 5-4

man Jeremy Colbert at 1:57, and two-time national champion Jon Trence pinned State's Zach Garren at 6:01 in the 197-pound bout.

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