

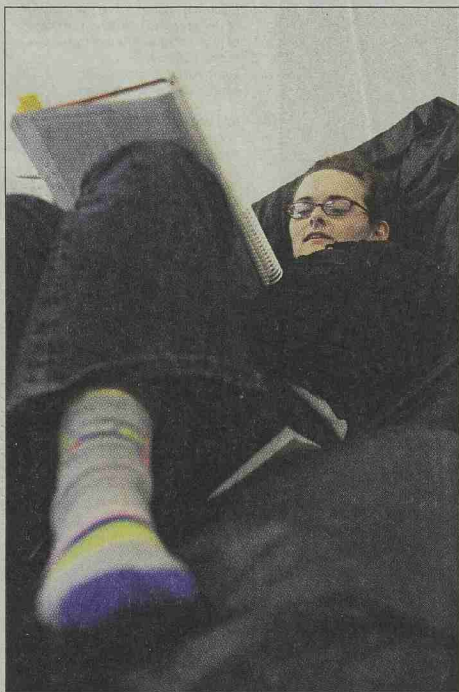
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DEAD WEEK COMETH



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Bess Hinson, a senior in biological sciences, gets an early start on studying for her anatomy final next week.

Students dive into dead week

Ingmar Goldson
Staff Writer

Monday marked the beginning of the final week of classes before the end of the semester, commonly known as "dead week."

It's a time when many students begin studying for their exams, utilizing what is often down time in their classes to their advantage.

But for Heather Biggs, a freshman in business management, this semester's "dead week" is not so dead.

"I have an optional paper, an optional early exam, a presentation, a lab final, a paper progress report and a WebAssign due this week," Biggs said. "Last semester, I had absolutely nothing due during dead week."

Whether a surprise or not, many students find themselves with a lot of work to do during

dead week.

"Teachers tend to have things due that week," James Freeman, senior in history, said. "Everybody seems to be doing just as much work, if not more."

John Ambrose, interim vice provost of undergraduate affairs, said that dead week should be getting better for students.

Although the last change to the policy was a revision at the end of the 2004 fall semester to clarify "no major tests in final week of class," Ambrose said there has been a recent emphasis on the existing dead week policies.

"The only real changes that have occurred is to make it clearer to instructors and students as to what can happen and what can't happen," Ambrose said. "It is becoming more clearly defined."

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Prices peak at the pumps

RIISING GAS PRICES MAY AFFECT SUMMER TRAVEL

STORY BY SEAN CHASTAIN | PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JEFF REEVES



The average price of regular gasoline in Raleigh hit \$2.25 per gallon Monday, according to AAA.

The price has risen 45 cents from this time last year.

Many experts say this is simply part of inflation while others believe it is a way to get an extra buck out of the consumer.

"A lot of factors control the price of oil," Michael Walden, a professor of

consumer economics at N.C. State "Usually, higher crude oil prices coupled with strong demand and economic growth cause the increases we see at the pumps."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is the governing body of crude

oil pricing throughout the world.

To keep oil costs down, OPEC must produce more oil. However, OPEC usually produces only what the world-wide demand for oil calls for in an effort to prevent an oil shortage.

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Saving green on gas

- Fill up the tank early in the week when prices are lowest. Gas prices increase Thursday through Sunday, when nearly 75 percent of consumers buy fuel.
- The following sites help consumers locate gas stations offering the cheapest prices:

GasBuddy
www.gasbuddy.com
Oil Price Information Service
www.opisnet.com

SOURCE: GARY HARRIS, DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PETROLEUM MARKETING ASSOCIATION

Local blogger to have book published

David Wilson, former student, teacher and resident blogger to have his series of weblogs entitled "The Orphans" published in the Fall

Josh Harrell
Senior Staff Writer

When David Wilson started posting his story "The Orphans" on a Weblog site called Netwee, he left it up to the readers to decide whether his story/diary series was real or not.

But as Wilson points out in

a quote from the book "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by character Chief Bromden, sometimes "It's the truth, even if it happens."

Whether it's true or not, the popularity of "The Orphans" has been enough for a new, small San Francisco based publishing company called Cultural Research to give Wilson a book deal.

The company will publish his "blogs" this fall.

Supposedly, "The Orphans" is Wilson's transcription of a found legend — a collection of cassette tapes discovered in an attic.

Among the tapes were re-

cordings of a band called The Orphans.

Wilson describes his series of blogs as a coming of age story with a love triangle and a hint of an autobiographical Arthurian theme.

The main character, he says, is "a naive kid with a worldlier bunch of people, through whom he encounters the world of sex, drugs and rock and roll."

"He finds all of this exciting and tries to make sense of his life through it," Wilson said.

Cultural Research publisher Clyde Smith initially approached Wilson with blogging space after Wilson had expressed interest on getting

his work out in the open.

"I saw my first blog through that site and got wrapped up in the whole blogging culture," Wilson said.

"I approached Clyde with the story and we got it going."

The site contains a message board where readers can discuss the blogs, and Wilson said that it was the popularity of those message boards that led to the publishing.

"People would post whether or not they believed it and Clyde decided that he wanted to run a press of it," Wilson said. "So of course I was all for it."

"I had never really done anything on the

web before, so I really had no expectations going into it and had nothing to lose," Wilson added.

The main topic of discussion on the message boards was the origin of the story, which Wilson had initially disguised as the discovered stories in the attic.

But consistent readers later realized the story to be too well developed and intricate to be just something Wilson had found.

The book isn't the only part of the story to be released.

The groups involved in its publishing will also be releas-

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Pitcher aspires to stardom.
Branden Knapp is the Pack's Saturday threat against opposing ACC batters. See page 8.

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UNCASG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The UNC Association of Student Governments is accepting applications for four positions on the executive team for the academic year 2005-06. The group will be selecting individuals for the positions of vice president of development, vice president of finance, vice president of legislative affairs and vice president of student and academic affairs. Delegates from every campus in the UNC system meet six to eight times during the academic year, on dates agreed upon by the advisory body, the Council of Student Body Presidents. The president, senior vice president and four officers implement the initiatives of the association. For job descriptions and downloadable applications, see the UNCASG website at www.uncasg.org. All applicants must submit applications before May 6.

GREEKS COLLECT FOOD FOR CHARITY

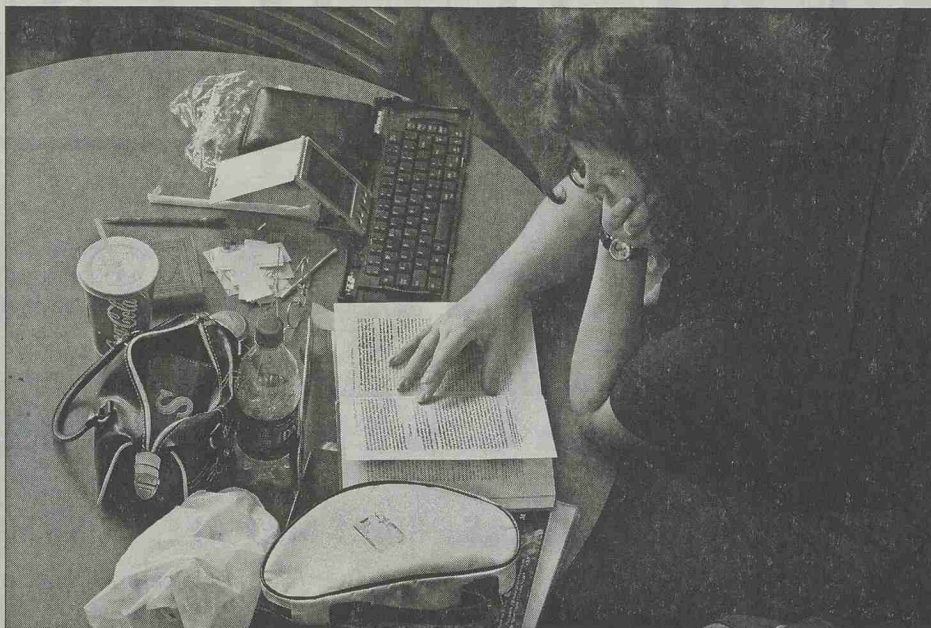
Greek Week culminated last Friday with the collection of around six tons of donated canned food. The food was collected throughout the week during Greek Life's competitive food drive. According to Interfraternity Council President Jeffrey Skalka, after taking around two hours to weigh more than 13,000 pounds of canned goods on ordinary bathroom scales, coordinators for the event declared Chi Psi to be the winner of the event for fraternities, donating 3,606 pounds of pork and beans. Delta Zeta won the sorority competition with a donation of 2,905 pounds. Greek life donated the food, which consisted of pudding, vegetables, beans and more, to the Raleigh-Wake Food Bank. Although the food drive is an annual event for fraternities, Skalka said IFC decided to extend the event to all of Greek Life this year.

PROVOST CANDIDATES TO VISIT CAMPUS

The search for N.C. State's new provost is winding down this week as candidates for the position prepare to visit campus for interviews and open forums. The four finalists Steven Angle from the University of California, Riverside, Linda Brady from NCSU, Sung-Mo Kang from the University of California, Santa Cruz and Paul Ludden, from the University of California, Berkeley will be on campus during the period of exams. Candidates will meet with campus deans, department heads, executive officers and others during their respective visits. Each candidate will hold open forums to answer questions from students at the following times: Steven Angle: May 2, 2:30-5:30, Talley Walnut Room; Sung-Mo Kang: May 3, 1-2 p.m., Talley Walnut Room; Linda Brady: May 4, 2:30-5:30, Room 126 Witherspoon Student Center; Paul Ludden: May 9, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Talley South Gallery.

FOURTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER SLATED FOR TODAY

Students will get the chance to choose foods from three different establishments on campus during the Fourth Progressive Dinner tonight. Sponsored by the Hillsborough Street Commission, the dinner will begin with appetizers at Applebees and will move on to two additional locations: East Village for the main course and dessert from Sylvia's Gelato. Tickets cost \$10 for dinner times at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. For appetizers, students will be given the opportunity to choose from Spinach Dip, Mi Queso Su Queso, Mozzarella sticks or Onion Peels. Main course choices can be a Beef, Chicken, Vegetarian Village, or Southwest Wrap, an East Village Burger, a Village Tower Burger, Mushroom Swiss, Sour Dough Burger, Vegetarian Black Bean Burger, or a Village Grill Chicken Sandwich. Attendees will also choose a flavor of ice cream. Contact Carla Babb at cnbabb@ncsu.edu or call 515-2797 for more information.



Sherry Robison, a graduate student in ancient history, hits several sections in a book to help her review for final tests next week.

DEAD WEEK

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The dead week policy states "faculty members may not assign other tests, quizzes or additional papers during the final week of classes."

The policy does allow papers, homework, lab tests and projects to be due on the last week of the semester if scheduled in the syllabus.

"It protects the students from getting surprised at the end of the semester, when they have little time to adjust," John Lapp, a professor of economics, said.

Lapp said he believes that most teachers abide by the

dead week policies.

"I haven't heard any complaints about dead week in recent history," Lapp said.

Some students believe the dead week policy is not effective enough.

"They know how to keep us very busy even with the policy in place," Freeman said.

Even with dead week policies, many students still find themselves with a lot of work piled on them at the end of the semester.

Paul Hutchens, a senior in political science and business management, said that despite the fact that his teachers are abiding by dead week policy, he is still swamped with work. "The last two or three weeks

leading up to dead week, have been the most stressful time in my college career," Hutchens said. "I have three presentations this week, but no exams."

Hutchens' teachers placed all of his presentations on the syllabus. He said he feels like some changes in the dead week policy are needed.

"I don't think we should have class on dead week," Hutchens said. "It would allow us to have more time to study for exams."

Some students may have problems like Hutchens', where assignments follow dead week guidelines but still pile up at the end of the semester.

Ambrose said that although

there has been an increased emphasis on the dead week policies, they can sometimes be difficult to enforce.

"The new teachers are getting better informed about the policy," Ambrose said. "This is such a big place, a large number of instructors."

If any student believes that an assignment does not follow the dead week policies, the student should first talk to the teacher. The policy does allow for exceptions to be approved by the department head and dean of the college involved.

"Talk to the department head and then just go on up the line from there [if there are problems]," Ambrose said.

POLICE BLOTTER

04/23/05

1:00 A.M. | NOISE DISTURBANCE

A student reported several students on the 3rd floor balcony of North Hall making noise and possibly drinking. Subjects had left prior to officer's arrival.

1:45 A.M. | NOISE DISTURBANCE

A student reported several subjects on the west side of Bragaw Hall yelling. Subjects had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

10:19 A.M. | SEXUAL ASSAULT

A doctor reported a UNC-CH student came to NCSU Student Health stating she may have been sexually assaulted at a fraternity house during the night. Officers spoke to the female who did not wish to pursue charges at the time. Investigation continuing.

2:00 A.M. | FIRE ALARM

Bowen Hall- 9th floor. Unknown cause of activation. Police, Fire Protection and RFD responded.

3:54 A.M. | FIRE ALARM

Pi Kappa Alpha- 2nd floor smoke detector. Unknown cause of activation. Police, Fire Protection and RFD responded.

4:48 A.M. | HIT AND RUN <\$1000

A student reported his vehicle had been damaged while parked on Pullen Road at Gold Hall. The student's vehicle was struck sometime between 10:15 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

8:01 A.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A contractor working at Alpha Sigma Mu Fraternity House reported that someone had knocked a hole in one of the house's south side windows. The hole was approximately eight inches in diameter.

10:18 P.M. | CHECK PERSON

A suspicious vehicle was parked at the Central Office at Lake Wheeler Road. The driver was waiting for his wife, who had forgotten something at the office. The wife returned to the vehicle and left with the subject. Everything was OK.

2:08 P.M. | LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

Officers conducted a driver's license and registration checkpoint at the intersection of Warren Carroll and Morrill Drives. Three verbal warnings and one citation were issued. One arrest was made for driving with a revoked license/failure to appear.

2:29 P.M. | NO DRIVER'S LICENSE

A non-student was issued a citation at the checkpoint for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

2:35 P.M. | DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

A non-student was arrested at the checkpoint for driving with a suspended license. The non-student's license was suspended for failure to appear for a court case on five occasions. The subject was transported to the Wake County Public Safety Center.

04/24/05

1:01 P.M. | LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

Officers conducted a license and registration checkpoint on Dan Allen Drive. Three verbal warnings and one citation were issued.

1:28 P.M. | TRAFFIC STOP

Expired Registration
A student was issued a citation for an expired registration at the checkpoint. His registration expired on Oct. 15, 2004.

10:34 P.M. | DRUG VIOLATION

Report of possible odor of marijuana coming from a suite in Bragaw Hall. Officers checked the area, but were unable to detect any odor of marijuana.

11:00 P.M. | LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

Officers conducted a license and registration checkpoint on Sullivan Drive. Three verbal warnings were given.

3:15 P.M. | B/E BUILDING, LARCENY

A student reported that someone entered his unsecured room in Owen

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Undergraduate Research Symposium

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Talley Student Center Ballroom
Undergraduates engaged in scholarly research in all departments at N.C. State will be participating in the 14th annual N.C. State Undergraduate Research Symposium. Students will be presenting interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research. The symposium is sponsored by the Division of Undergraduate Affairs, the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Provost's Office. For more information, visit <http://www.ncsu.edu/ugrs>

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

"Isaac and Albert's Excellent Adventure"

7 - 8:30 p.m., 222 Dabney Hall
"Isaac & Albert's Excellent Adventure" is a physics demonstration program aimed at showing kids and adults how physics relates to their everyday lives. The program will feature demonstrations ranging from using atmospheric pressure to propel ping-pong balls across the room at speeds of more than 200 mph, to shattering glass with sound waves. The event is being held as part of the 2005 World Year of Physics, a worldwide celebration of physics in honor of the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's publication of three groundbreaking physics papers. This year also marks the 300th anniversary of the knitting of Sir Isaac Newton in England.

MAY 4

"Leaders Building Leaders"

6 p.m., Capital City Club, downtown Raleigh
The N.C. State College of Management is sponsoring their Semi-Annual "Leaders Building Leader" Networking Spring 2005 Event for Wednesday, May 4. Highlights of the evening include the announcement of the 12th Annual \$10K Business Plan Competition winners. A panel session will also take place featuring John Kane, Kane Realty Corporation, Ron Kupperman, chairman and chief executive officer, Global Software, Inc., Fred Hutchison, founder of Hutchison-Mason, LLC and Stephen Wiehe, president and chief executive officer of SciQuest. They will be discussing the topic: "Entrepreneurial Thinking - Impacting the Future."

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Hall and stole his cell phone.

3:21 P.M. | LARCENY

A student reported someone stole his laptop from the fourth floor of D.H. Hill Library while he left it unsecured for approximately five minutes.

7:17 P.M. | COMMUNICATING THREATS- WEAPON ON CAMPUS

A student reported that a male subject threatened to damage her car with a long knife for taking a parking space he felt was his. The subject, also a student, was issued a citation for communicating threats and for weapons on campus (two machetes and a knife). The student was also referred to the University.

7:39 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

Report of a male subject in a long coat possibly carrying a black and silver handgun on first floor of Bragaw Hall. Officers responded, but were unable to locate anyone matching description. Call came from Doak Field emergency blue light phone. Bragaw staff advised.

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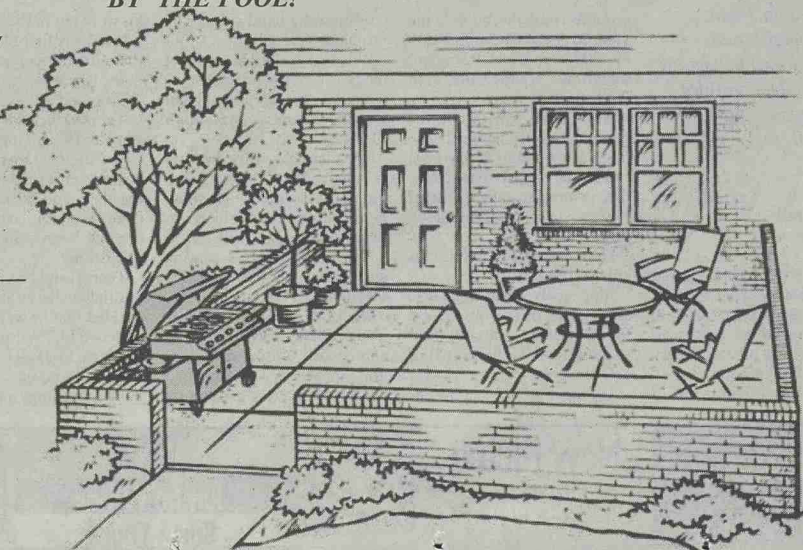
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"Everyone is afraid of losing the world's oil supply," Gary Harris, director of the North Carolina Petroleum Marketing Association, said.

"If OPEC were based in the United States, the President and Congress could regulate oil prices so they did not get out of hand, but we are not able to do that with an international organization."

Harris said that much of what consumers pay results from taxes.

"Currently, there is a 26.85-percent state tax, 18.4-percent federal tax, and a markup of a few cents for every gallon by the gas stations," he said.

Many college students are unable to go to work full-time while going to school and they find that gas prices make things

difficult.

"I don't have a car here, but it's hard to get rides from my friends because they don't want to pay five bucks to drive to the store," Reid Blundell, a freshman in professional golf management, said. "Most of my friends are broke and stay broke, and a lot of it is because of gas prices."

In a survey conducted by Gallup, 15 percent of respondents believe current gas prices are causing them "serious financial hardship" that endangers their standard of living.

"The average consumer budget allows for around 5 percent of their income to go toward fuel," Walden said.

"I wouldn't think that the increase in gas prices would present a major problem to most families, but I can see how it would."

Reports suggest that the high gas prices are also causing a

decrease in consumer spending for the first time in over a decade, according to The New York Times.

For those in search of the cheapest gas, prices are lowest early in the week and increase Thursday through Sunday, when nearly 75 percent of consumers buy their fuel, according to Harris.

Harris also urged students to check local gas prices through GasBuddy and the Oil Price Information Service, both of which can be found on the Internet.

According to CNN, National Security advisor Steve Hadley told reporters that Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah and his delegation presented a long-term plan to increase production by 2010 from the current output of 9.5 million barrels a day to 12.5 million barrels a day.

Although President George W. Bush met with Abdullah

Monday at his ranch in Crawford, Texas to discuss short-term oil production increases, White House officials said that the meeting ended with no promises.

Hadley also stated that Saudi Arabia hopes to increase production to 15 million barrels a day in the next decade.

In a radio address last Sunday, Bush also spoke of the domestic options for helping to counter the rising price of crude oil.

"I urge Congress to work out its differences and pass an energy bill that will help make America safer and more prosperous for the years to come," Bush said.

"We must modernize our infrastructure to make America's energy more secure and reliable."

No jail time for convicted student sex offender

News Staff Report

A North Carolina judge ruled Monday that a student will not be serving a prison sentence for downloading child pornography.

According to a WRAL report, 18-year old Wesley Mincey pleaded guilty on Monday to second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Investigators say

Mincey, a freshman in computer science, used a computer in his Sullivan Hall dorm to download the pornography.

A judge gave Mincey a suspended prison sentence and 30 months of probation.

Mincey will also have to register as a sex offender.

According to the report, N.C. State will allow Mincey to remain in school.

New minor offers cultural options

Naheed Azimi

Staff Writer

Although the phrase "Middle East" has not been thought about too highly in past years, a new minor established earlier this year at N.C. State will be centered around showing students a different side to this area of the world.

According to Akram Khater, the head of the new Middle Eastern Studies minor, the new curriculum has students eager to learn what the Middle East is truly about.

Studying the Middle East can be beneficial and give one a great job with the government, according to Khater.

"There is an incredible demand for people in Middle Eastern expertise," Khater said. "The Federal Government is picking up people left and right."

In the beginning of January, his department received a part of the "Title VI Grant," which is listed under the international studies in foreign languages, according to Khater.

After receiving the grant, Khater and fellow professors established the Middle Eastern studies minor.

A requirement of 15-credit hours is needed in religion, language, history and political science, all relating to the Middle East.

Currently, Khater is working with other professors from Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill to also establish Middle Eastern studies programs there.

However, N.C. State is the only school in the state of North Carolina to have the program available.

Khater however, said his sights are set on bigger goals.

"Our hope is to ultimately have a Middle Eastern major," Khater said.

This program, if implemented, would be an inter-disciplinary program that would extend the current scope of the minor, ac-

cording to Khater.

Alex Hardy, a sophomore in French, is soon to be a student under the Middle Eastern studies minor.

She is one of the 12 students who will be declaring the minor this fall.

"After Sept. 11, I realized how ignorant North American people were toward the Middle East, and that they were not educated about the Middle East and Islam," Hardy said.

This summer, Hardy will be traveling to Alexandria, Egypt with Khater and 17 fellow students to take part in the study abroad experience to Egypt.

Hardy said she hopes the experience will make her "appreciate the culture more."

Also, she said she hopes to improve her favorite aspect of the studies, her level of fluency in Arabic.

Interest in the Middle Eastern studies program has doubled in the past year, according to Khater.

"There is an incredible demand for people in Middle East expertise," Khater said.

Some jobs that graduates follow after accomplishing their Middle Eastern studies are with non-government Organizations, private companies, international law and journalism.

Rosalie Haughton, a senior in history, graduates with a minor in Middle Eastern studies this summer.

Haughton heard Khater speak her sophomore year and said this greatly influenced her and made her want to learn more about the Middle East.

"He's very passionate about the Middle East," Haughton said.

Next year, Haughton hopes to go to graduate school and study political and social development that focuses on the Middle East.

"I take this subject very seriously because I know I'll be using it later on," Haughton said in relation to her studies.

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ing a compact disc of some of the music featured in the blogs.

Wilson's is the first book to be published by the West Coast publishing company Cultural Research, but Wilson said he is just glad to get his work published.

Wilson hopes that the book will do well enough through Cultural Research to increase the small company's status, as well as get himself more opportunities to publish future books.

"I just really hope it does well enough so I can do it again," Wilson said.

"I have other novels ready to be published, so I hope that larger companies can pick up 'The Orphans' and that I'll be able to get some of the others published."

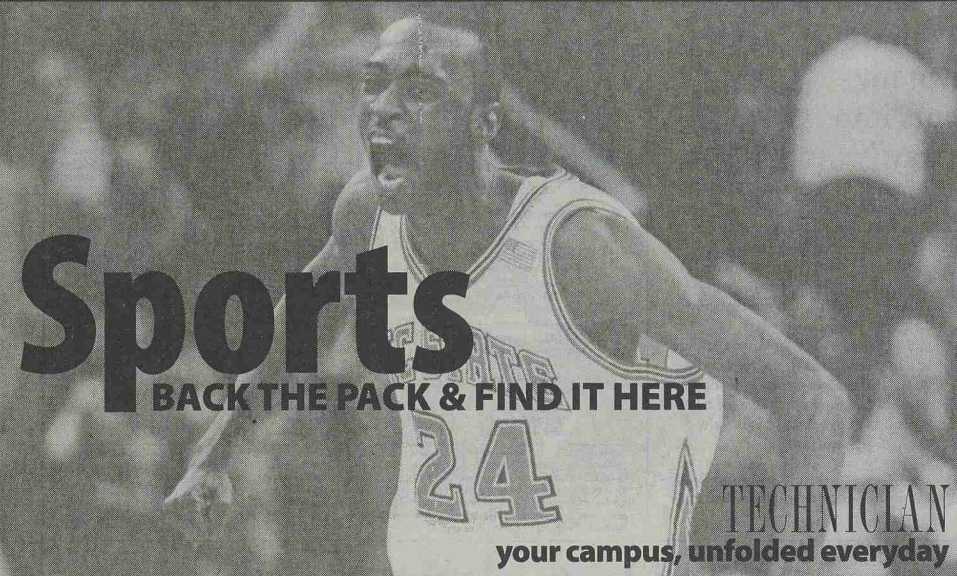


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Methods behind the madness

I have heard a lot of friends, faculty and administrators complain about Technician recently, and I have tried to pinpoint exactly where this paper appears to be going wrong in the public's mind.

I know the usual complaints — opinion writers stink; news doesn't do enough investigative journalism; not enough funny stuff, etc. And heaven forbid something happens to the crossword puzzle.

Then there are the less specific objections — no copy editing, headlines missing letters, dates appearing wrong in diagrams and on the page, incorrect page continuation, distribution issues.

Finally, I've been witness to the complaints about my writing — she's an idiot, doesn't know what she's talking about, worthless ideas, grammar mistakes in her columns and my favorite, she's ugly.

I have spent three years contributing to this paper, and I'll admit I find it discouraging that so many people dislike what they see every day in the newspaper bins. I'm somewhat comforted by the fact that I still see hundreds of students reading the paper every day, but I also know they don't really have that many few newspaper options at this school, so I don't know whether they are just that desperate or they really like what they are seeing.

So the question in my mind is whether Technician is really failing to do its job as the main campus newspaper for this University or if the public is expecting too much from a bunch of poorly compensated undergrads. For once, I'm a moderate on an issue.

The paper needs diversity, badly.

The new editorial staff makes me breathe a little easier, but if you look at the faces appearing next to these columns, you'll see a lot of white. I know there are people on this campus who are not white male/females with opinions; please ask for a job.

Finally, the paper must become more aware of the events, both good and bad, occurring on this campus. I'm definitely guilty in this area. As news editor two years ago, I spent most of my time trying to keep five articles on the page — they may have all been about various meetings on campus, but there were usually five of them.

Beyond that goal, I was too busy trying to maintain my GPA to worry about what student government was covering up. The fact that an opinion columnist had to divulge the twisted details of Molly Broad's "resignation" suggests that this publication is still not looking below the surface of campus news.

However, all of these issues are partially explainable by the mere fact that every person closely affiliated with this paper is a student — an undergraduate student. A mere mortal like those of you who read this paper. They don't do perfect work, they don't always read everything twice, and they don't always make sure they've exhausted their sources for interviews. But that should be OK because this publication, much like a mechanical engineer's homework, is practice. The world is not looking to Technician for all the answers.

The editors and writers who help this paper are trying to cre-

ate and maintain a publication that serves the student body and campus community with news, opinions and diversions. However, these journalists are still in their news writing classes. They learn by doing just like a math major learns how to master differential equations by solving them. If readers expect every article to be gripping, every page perfectly formatted, and every comma splice to be gone then I expect all students on this campus to get an A+ on every assignment they complete that applies to their major.

But some of you will cry, "That's different! We don't present our work for public viewing like you do!" Then consider yourself lucky that when you fail a test, you can shove that paper in the trash and never see it again. I get to see my worst columns live on for days and weeks on message boards (and they're not saying nice things).

Our goal should be to do our best work — on some days, we'll make a B. On others, we'll wow them. Occasionally, we may fail miserably. Some of us, eh-hem, may figure out we need to move on to a different career. Technician will keep trying; some students will keep whining, but I'll know that I'll have thrown my two cents into the fray."

In closing, whether you called me an idiot or thanked me for echoing your thoughts, I appreciate your eyes hovering on the page for a few seconds each week. This is ugly, stupid girl signing off.

Send your final thoughts to Michele at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

MOVING PAST THE IRONY

OUR OPINION: THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE SECOND IN COMMAND OF THIS UNIVERSITY AND THE SEARCH COMMITTEE WILL BE HOLDING FORUMS FOR THE CAMPUS TO MEET THE CANDIDATES. DESPITE THE INCONVENIENCE OF THE FORUMS, CAMPUS SHOULD STILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

It is natural law that when one thing leaves a space, something else must fill it.

In this case it isn't a thing — rather a person. And the space? Chancellor Oblinger's former position second in command as the provost and executive vice chancellor.

Larry Nielson fills the spot temporarily, but the process is already underway to find someone permanent.

This position is vital to the success of the University because this person will essentially have a hand in all decisions surrounding campus — all the way from class sizes to faculty salaries.

So, in order for the campus to meet these candidates, as well as the candidates to meet the campus, each one is visiting for a day during exam week. And, on each candidate's day, there will be two open forums so that faculty and students would have a chance to meet with them.

There's just one problem: Who is going to come to these?

The first forum is on May 2 which is coincidentally — yet something the committee could have taken into consideration — the first day of exams.

The others follow suit on the third, fourth and then the Monday of the following week on the ninth.

It is difficult to not think these interviews were conveniently planned during this time.

We saw something similar dur-

ing the chancellor search when the forums were held in the summer — when significantly fewer students were here.

Next week is exam week. Students will be devoting their full attention to their grades.

How can it be justified to ask for them to also come out and meet their next possible provost for four afternoons?

This is absurd because the focus of the week is not on provosts, but on academics.

On top of that, the faculty won't be able to attend the forums because they all are in the midst of giving exams, calculating grades and getting ready for graduation.

The schedules of these forums simply deny the possibility of giving this issue the attention it deserves.

On the surface, this looks like a correct political move because then the committee cannot say it did not give students and faculty the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask them questions.

It also cannot say there was never an opportunity for campus to voice its opinion.

The irony is worth noting too — the potential provost for all academic affairs meeting students when all their focus will be on academic affairs.

The quality of education will either go up or down as result of the hire — so let's ensure a successful future and find out who will make it go up.

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'Tell-tale' signs to differentiate between wrong, right

There are a great many places in the world, and most are pretty good places to be. However, some places are not so good, and if you find yourself in such a place, it is best to leave as soon as possible. But how can you tell if the place you're in is no good? Well, just keep your eyes peeled for the following warning signs:

Wrong bathroom: Ladies, if you walk into a bathroom and see a urinal, that's a very good sign that you should leave as soon as possible. And guys, if you walk into a bathroom and see no urinals, or even worse,

you see a foreign, sinister-looking coin-operated machine on the wall, then you, too, had better clear out as soon as possible.

However, sometimes you don't realize, at first, that a given bathroom is not a good place to be. I personally have found myself locked in a stall, and seated on the toilet, before the sound of female voices clued me in to the fact that I was in entirely the wrong place. In this case there was no choice but to wait for them all to leave, then slip out of the stall and rush out the door, before anyone else came in, saw me, and either fainted dead away or shrieked in horror.

Also, guys, if you enter a locker room and see

exposed breasts and a bunch of women start screaming, that's another sign that you're probably in the wrong place, and it might be a good idea to leave.

Wrong classroom:

If you walk into an English class, and after you've seated yourself the teacher introduces himself as Wong Suzuki or Hitesh Patel, that's a pretty good sign that you're not in an English class at all. If you enter Spanish literature and see an old Japanese man standing in front of the blackboard, then you're probably in the wrong class. If you walk into exact and approximate solutions in particle transport theory and everybody's wearing red gym shorts and a T-shirt, then, too, you are probably in the wrong classroom.

However, sometimes you can be in the right classroom but still in the wrong class, if you catch my drift. If it's an 8 a.m. class and the teacher tells you the first day that attendance is required, then assuredly you are in the wrong class.

Or, even if your class takes place at an acceptable time, there might be a problem with the teacher. For example, you are in the wrong class if the teacher speaks so loudly that you wish you could bring a remote control and turn him down, or if the class starts at 9:10 a.m. and the professor drones on till lunchtime.

Or, if your history teacher is young, has a

starry, motivated look in his eyes and smiles unnaturally, this means he is going to try to "make a difference" in your life, and you would do well to clear the hell out, because young, idealistic teachers who try to make a difference are generally very tough graders.

Wrong party:

We've all been to dozens of parties, but there are good parties and bad ones. It is advisable, therefore, upon arriving at a party, to keep a lookout for the following warning-signs:

If you walk into a party, and none of the first five people you see is holding a beer, then turn right back around. There's no joy to be had there.

Or, perhaps three of the first five people you see are holding beers, but the fourth is puking on the carpet and the fifth is a policeman. This, too, is a pretty good sign to take your exit.

Wrong bar:

Most bars are terrible places, so it's pretty safe to say, generally, "that bar sucks," without even going there. It's like saying "that class sucks;" of course it does, it's a class. However, some bars suck in a profound and particular manner, and you'll be able to spot them by the following tell-tale signs:

Perhaps there are no women there. There are several possible explanations for a bar with no women, but in the case of every explanation it would be in your best interest to leave. If you

walk into a bar and see only men, at the very best you will have no fun, and at the worst you will have, after a few beers, a little bit too much fun.

Or, ladies, perhaps you walk into a bar and see no one there but lonely middle-aged men, couples, and me and a few friends, pounding pints like they're going out of style. In this case I'll probably come up and hit on you as soon as I get drunk enough, so you would do well to head out before that happens.

Wrong car:

If you are in a car that a drunk person is driving, then you are in a very bad place indeed, and as you value your life, you need to get out. Wait till the car is stopped, however.

Wrong life:

If you're constantly miserable and everything about your existence sucks, then you are living the wrong life.

Fortunately, your life can be changed almost as easily as your location. Simply identify the unpleasant aspects of your life, and, figuratively, leave them behind. It is strange how we'd never think of staying at a bum party or a boring bar, but we don't mind remaining in an unpleasant relationship or a terrible job. If you're not where you want to be, then get off your lazy butt and go there.

E-mail Jeff what you see is wrong at viewpoint@technicianonline.com



Jeff Gaither
Staff Columnist

got milk?

NEW RESEARCH SHOWS DRINKING MILK MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF PREVENTING THEM

STORY BY NICOLE BLACK

Seeing a celebrity with a milk mustache touting the benefits of calcium in dairy products has become a common sight. Every day people see messages telling them to drink milk on television commercials and in magazines in order to be healthy and to build strong bones, but some research is suggesting that milk may actually be bad for your health.

New research suggests the common household drink could actually harm bones. Harvard School of Public Health's Nutrition Chairman Walter Willet wrote, "Interestingly, many long-term studies have now examined milk consumption in relation to risk of fractures."

In the March 2005 issue of peer-reviewed journal *Pediatrics*, nutritionist Dr. Amy Joy Lanou wrote, "A clear majority of the studies we examined for this review found no relationship between dairy or dietary calcium intake and measures of bone health."

Such findings as these give vegans, people who do not consume any animal products, another reason to exclude dairy from their diets.

Jeremy Milrad, president of N.C. State's, Students Protecting Animals Responsibly and Compassionately, does not drink milk. "I started to learn about what I'm putting into my body," Milrad said.

According to Milrad, men who drink milk are seven times more likely to get prostate cancer. Paratuberculosis, bacteria in cow's milk, is thought to be a cause of Chrome's Disease that is not eliminated through pasteurization, Milrad said.

A certain amount of blood and pus is allowed in milk, something Milrad does not want in his body.

"For me, the evidence is not really strong at all for milk," he said.

Compassion Over Killing is a group that distributes information on vegetarianism and veganism. In their vegetarian starter guide, a drawing depicts a man and a woman sucking on the udders of a cow under the sub-heading "Is milk natural?"

According to Compassion Over Killing, our bodies have no need for cow's milk, and humans are the only animals who drink the milk of another species. Steve Washburn, an animal science professor, does research on dairy management systems and the seasonal and cross breeding of cattle.

Washburn, however said he does not agree with the new research.

"I don't know about humans be-

ing the only ones who consume milk from another animal. I have seen calves nursing goats and pigs nursing cows. Also, many dogs and cats like milk or cheese," Washburn said.

When it comes to humans drinking the milk of another animal, Washburn says it is all about choice.

"We really do not have to have any particular kind of food. For example, some people do not eat broccoli, and others do not eat chocolate," he said.

According to Washburn, humans can benefit from drinking the milk of another species.

"There are differences in fatty acid composition based on cows' diets, and there is some evidence that milk from pastured cows may have some advantages in fatty acid composition, including higher levels of cis-9, trans-11 conjugated linoleic acid," Washburn said.

The December 2004 Journal of the National Medical Association addresses the problem of African Americans being at a high risk for certain diseases and cancers linked to a low intake of calcium and other dairy-related nutrients.

Shanti Rangwani, an allopathic doctor, points to milk for causing health problems in what he calls people of color.

"Ninety percent of African Americans and most Latinos, Asians and Southern Europeans lack the genes necessary to digest lactose, the primary sugar in milk," Rangwani wrote.

Amanda Pruitt, a freshman in biological sciences, is lactose intolerant and does not like the taste of milk.

"No one likes the taste of milk unless it is drowned in cereal," Pruitt said. Pruitt was not aware of the research contrary to what television and magazine advertisements say.

"That's pretty disgusting. Now I have reason for my mom to stop chewing me out about not drinking it," Pruitt said.

Leonardo Zea, a sophomore in microbiology, was not informed of the research against milk consumption.

"That's pretty nasty. I didn't know pus was in milk," Zea said.

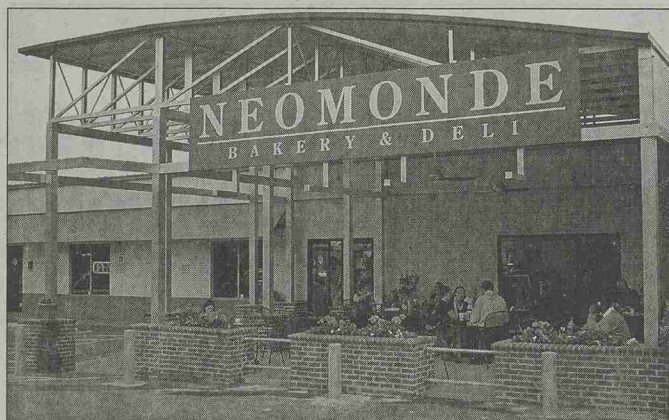
Now aware of what he is drinking, Zea said he will still continue to consume milk.

"I'm so used to it. Milk is in everything; it's in your ice cream," Zea said.

Compassion Over Killing recommends spending time outdoors since sun exposure causes bodies to produce the vitamin. Evidence both for and against milk exists, leaving the final decision with the consumer.

BITE CLUB

Baba Ghanouj, Tabouli give a taste of Mediterranean



ARIA BERHOZI/TECHNICIAN

Neomonde, tucked behind the Waffle House on Hillsborough Street, was remodeled last May. Patrons can shop for Middle Eastern groceries as they wait for their meals. The Mediterranean cuisine served ranges from Tabouli to Baba Ghanouj and from stuffed grape leave to falafel.

Jasmine Modoor
Features Editor

Proclaimed as the alternative to the ordinary, Neomonde Bakery and Deli delivers the promise with the first step in the door.

Sitting on the dead end of a quiet street the restaurant looks unassuming, but inside there are the pungent smells of the Mediterranean cuisine and the buzz of conversation from the seating area. There are even people shopping for groceries.

At Neomonde you can shop for Middle Eastern snacks and groceries as you wait for your food. The grocery features Mediterranean sweets, snacks, spices, legumes and anything else you need for an authentic Mediterranean experience at home.

Neomonde, meaning new world, was founded by Samir, Joseph and Mounir Saleh. The Saleh brothers came to America in 1976 from northern Lebanon.

Faced with limited English speaking skills, the brothers wanted to gain employment that would match their skills and keep them together. With the help of their mother, the brothers started the baking company and introduced a new kind of bread — the pita bread.

As business expanded the brothers decided to add a few items to go with the bread such as dips and side dishes. As business grew, the Saleh brothers decided to open a restaurant in 1986.

The Mediterranean has dry and hot summers that give way to cool winters. The gentle climate means vegetables are primary in the cuisine. Vegetables such as eggplants, squash and legumes such as lentils and chickpeas abound in the region and shows up strongly in the cuisine.

What to try when you go

Neomonde features Middle Eastern sandwiches, salads, wraps, pies

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and authentic dishes. Be sure to try the sample platter that includes Tabouli, Baba Ghanouj, stuffed grape leaves, falafel and hummus all served with pita bread for \$6.99.

This is the best way to taste a wide spectrum of Mediterranean dishes and pick your favorites. Or, if you want to be more adventurous, make your own sample platter. Free samples are given, and guests are encouraged to try dishes before ordering at Neomonde.

Other dishes to try include the pies. There are spinach, meat and cheese pies bursting with flavor. Neomonde is a welcome break from the ordinary into the extraordinary.

AUSTIN

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hat trick, and I wrote possibly the worst lead in the history of journalism.

Two years later, I was chasing the basketball team around the Northeast in its run to the Sweet 16 — dodging snow and sleeping in rental cars outside of Syracuse in the process. This year, Technician went from something I did once or twice a week to something that I did every day for most of the day.

There is plenty of blame to go around for where I ended up.

Blame Roy Stamper, an English department teacher that most students probably hate. He assigns too much work and grades a freshman paper like a senior thesis. I didn't agree with most of what he said, but he did teach me that writing could be creative and interesting instead of formulaic and boring.

Blame Matt Middleton, the fellow Apex grad who pushed me to make this page not suck and wasn't afraid to tell me when it did. I've always tried to be as good a writer as Matt, but it's hard to catch someone when they just keep getting better. If you want to read some fantastic stories, start looking at the Virginia Pilot Web site in June and try to find a Middleton. If I'm any good at writing it's because of Matt.

Blame Ryan Reynolds, the perfect man to be deputy sports editor. The number of

times he went out of his way to make the sports page better is dwarfed only by the number of times he referenced his hot TA. He also somehow endured legions of bandwagon Red Sox fans root against his beloved Yankees this fall.

Blame everyone who spends the majority of their life on the third floor of Witherspoon. From my loyal crew of sports writers to copyeditors to the irreplaceable Patrick Clarke, the sports section doesn't get anywhere without all of their help.

Blame all the athletes who sacrificed their time for me. It started with Chris Gannon, the first player to ever tell me he liked a story I wrote. It has continued with people like Will Roach, Abbie Sims, Kristen Lam, Joey Devine and Elliot Ament. These guys made my job easier, more enjoyable and helped me write better stories.

Finally, blame my parents. My father, who tried his best to make me an athlete before giving up and realizing his kid was a nerd. Hey, he did his best. Then of course, there is my mother, who used to spout that "you can do anything you put your mind to" stuff at me every chance she got.

It's probably just one of those things mothers say, but the first time this computer science kid thought about writing sports, it must have echoed somewhere in my mind.

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BASEBALL

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I'm just loving it."

The dream started to cultivate during his sophomore year at Midland, when State assistant coach Billy Jones called him in February 2003.

Knapp said the two talked weekly about how the team was doing and the prospects of his joining State's pitching staff.

Seeing the team's success and need for a left-handed pitcher, Knapp said he had found a new home.

"We talked once a week...about how they were doing," Knapp said. "They were ranked fifth in the nation and saw they were a little lack on left-handed pitching and figured it was the right spot for me to come."

But Knapp's North Carolina welcome was short-lived due to a 2004 injury to his labium, a part of the shoulder, which he found out he had the summer before coming to State. It sidelined him for the entire 2004 season.

"I couldn't imagine having to sit out a year like he did. Staying focused with his rehab — that was huge," Gib Hobson, sophomore and fellow pitcher, said. "He was out here working everyday with the trainer to get better. It's really paid off this season."

Coach Elliott Ament said the first thing he noticed about Knapp was his work ethic during rehab and said that was when he knew what a competitor Knapp was.

"The first thing I noticed about Branden Knapp was the way he rehabbed," Ament said. "He rehabbed harder than anybody throughout the whole rehabilitation process, and I knew then what a competitor he was."

The hard work continued during summer ball, and Knapp came back this past fall throwing the ball well.

Pitching coach Chris Roberts said there was only one problem.

"We just didn't know how we were going to work him in," Roberts said.

Knapp started the season

coming out of the bullpen, but Roberts said it was not long before he figured out that Knapp belonged in the starting rotation.

"He's just got a starter makeup, and we needed a left-handed starter," Roberts said.

When the team traveled to Miami the first weekend of March, Roberts told Knapp to stay behind in Raleigh to get ready. He would be starting the following Wednesday at UNC-Wilmington.

"I'm going to leave you back. Get yourself ready," Roberts told Knapp. "You've got the ball the following Wednesday against Wilmington."

Knapp took advantage in his first start for State, scattering two hits to pitch six scoreless innings in a 6-0 victory against the Seahawks.

"He went out there and he just did exactly what I thought he could do — threw a lot of strikes, changed speeds — crafty lefty definition," Roberts said.

Exactly one month later April 9, Knapp had his strongest outing of the year at Virginia, when he struck out four Cavaliers in a complete game five-hit shutout — another 6-0 State victory.

Ament said Knapp has been a solid pitcher this year, but especially in the Virginia game.

"Against Virginia, he was outstanding," Ament said. "He's been a quality starter for us and given us some big innings, and I think the game against Virginia was the first complete game shutout in the conference by any pitcher."

And it was. Going into this past weekend's series against Clemson, Knapp was 2-2 with a 4.17 ERA. Senior Philip Davidson said Knapp has been the perfect fit between two right-handed pitchers in State's weekend rotation.

"He's picked up his big time, stepped into that Saturday role, and it's perfect. It offsets the two righties," Davidson said.

Davidson also said Knapp's contribution this season needs only a few words to describe it.

"He's been phenomenal for us all year," Davidson said. "There's really nothing else you can say."



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GOLF

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It was at a Thanksgiving tournament, during Dean's junior year of high school that coach Page Marsh first saw her compete. It was also at this time that Marsh was given the unenviable task of getting a women's golf team together after the sport was re-instated following a 14-year hiatus at State.

With the pressure of having to fill a roster by the fall, Marsh was not able to get Dean on the course for the red and white for her first two seasons, as Dean was enrolled at UNC-Greensboro.

After two successful years with the Spartans, Dean decided she wanted something more for her golf game.

"I wanted to be in a more serious program," Dean said.

After the completion of her sophomore year, Dean transferred to State and joined the golf team in the fall of 2003. Dean said she hasn't regretted mak-

ing the move from the Southern Conference to the ACC.

"There's a little more competition, and a lot better tournaments and more opportunities," Dean said.

After joining the Wolfpack, Dean turned her game up a notch to adjust to the heightened competition in the Atlantic Coast. She won her first collegiate tournament of her career in February 2004 by finishing 1-over-par at the Saguaro Classic in Tucson, Ariz. The win also made Dean just the second Pack female golfer to capture medalist honors at a varsity tournament.

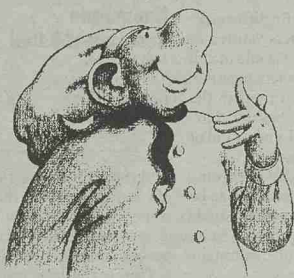
Now in her senior season, Dean leads the team with a scoring average of 76.48.

However, it's in her quiet, confident demeanor, according to Marsh, where Dean surely influences her teammates.

"Everybody knows how hard she works," Marsh said. "She may not talk about it, but she doesn't have to. She leads by example with her work ethic."

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Baseball vs. North Carolina, 4/29, 7
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TECHNICIAN

BASEBALL



Left-hander Brandon Knapp recorded three strikeouts in three innings against Delaware State Feb. 5 during a 15-1 N.C. State win. The redshirt junior did not play in 2004 due to labrum shoulder surgery.

ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Pitcher aspires to stardom

REDSHIRT JUNIOR BRANDEN KNAPP IS THE PACK'S SATURDAY THREAT TO OPPOSING ACC BATTERS

Clark Leonard

Staff Writer

Three time zones, separate California and New York, just two of the many residences for a young man who, in spite of the time difference, only learned one way to advance the clock of his

life — forward.

His morals are instilled with military upbringing. His father served 20 years in the Army. His mother matched with 20 years in the Air Force and Air Force Reserves.

But when 8-year-old Branden Knapp moved to Nebraska, his

parents suggested he try a new sport — baseball.

Knapp's mother, Karen Knapp, said it was a little weird that he had to try out for baseball. What she didn't know was that it was a Select team, which is far more selective and competitive than recreational teams.

"We didn't know what we were getting into, but it worked out for the best," Karen said.

In 1994, the Knapp family moved to Amarillo, Texas — the place where Knapp lived the longest as the son of two military parents. That would be his baseball home until he graduated

from high school.

After two years at Midland Junior College in Texas, Knapp takes the mound regularly this season, as a Saturday starter in the ACC.

The N.C. State redshirt junior and left-handed pitcher said he's living a dream, a dream to play

in the highest level of collegiate baseball.

"It's something I've always wanted to do my whole life," Knapp said. "I'm getting to play at the D1 level and to play against the best of the best out here, and

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COMMENTARY

Walk-off shot

I have no idea how I got here. Computer science majors aren't supposed to be sports writers. I'm destroying a stereotype that has taken years to build.

I've always liked sports, sure. As a kid I woke up early just to catch all of Sportscenter in the morning. I might have liked sports, but I hated writing. Writing was always so subjective; I wanted black and white, right and wrong.

Somehow, I ended up at Technician writing about sports I had never once cared about. I had the men's soccer beat in the fall, the tennis beat in the spring. I still remember my first real assignment — when Aaron King scored a



Austin Johnson
"The Sweater"

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WOMEN'S GOLF



MELIHONVURAL/TECHNICIAN

Ashlee Dean putts on the 12th green during the ACC Tournament in Charlotte. Dean finished the tournament in ninth place with a 14-over-par after playing 54 holes April 15-17.

Transfer leads with putting prowess

Following two years of golfing at UNC-Greensboro, senior Ashlee Dean transferred to N.C. State for a chance to shine at a larger program

Stephen Federowicz
Staff Writer

Her teammates surrounded the collar of the green, watching anxiously as their teammate eyed a rather tricky side-swiping putt. It was, hopefully, to be the last stroke of the day for N.C. State.

Just as a professional does with his or her caddy, senior Ashlee Dean consulted her coach, Page Marsh, for some advice on reading the terrain.

"We talked about it and picked the line to go over," Dean said. "It was about 25-30 feet downhill, moving right to left. I picked a line and hit it."

At first the ball shot down the slippery slope energized with rifle-like speed, but the white, speckled bullet found its mark.

"At first I was thinking, 'Oh, that better hit the hole or it's gone.' But it dropped right in the middle."

That birdie locked the women's golf team in a tie for third place with Virginia at the ACC Championship at Carmel Country Club in Charlotte last week.

Dean trusted her stroke on that final putt and just let it happen, something Marsh said she feels is important when performing in pressure situations.

"It's the same across the board in all sports," Marsh said. "It's that ability to have the grace under pressure. You have the butterflies in your stomach, but its like most sports psychologists say, 'You want them to fly in formation.'"

"You just have to allow the good things to happen."

The putter certainly came through in the clutch for Dean at the conference championship, where any spectator that day had a sure-fire guess as to which club is her favorite tool in the bag.

"I should say my putter," Dean said, as she glanced to the Title-

ist-made "big stick" in her bag. "I would have to say my driver though. I'm the most confident with it."

Dean developed the confidence in her golf swing while practicing and playing at her home course at Etowah Valley Country Club, a resort course tucked away in the Appalachian Mountains in Hendersonville, N.C.

Growing up around the sport virtually her entire life, with both her parents and her grandfather being avid golfers, Dean really didn't start picking up the club on a consistent basis until later in her childhood.

"I never really took it seriously until high school," Dean said; her sophomore year of high school, to be exact.

Despite her lack of playing experience, Dean still went on to compete three years for West Henderson High and earned conference MVP honors her senior season.

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