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## NCSU looks at advising

◆ NCSU attempts to improve the student/teacher ratios in the advising process in general.

JAMES BYVALS  
Staff Writer

The opening line of the N.C. State Handbook for Advising and Teaching reads as follows: "Crucial to the success of students is the dedicated and professional work of faculty in advising and in teaching."

NCSU students are more than familiar with the teaching side of that statement, but some students come to school and go weeks without ever meeting their advisers. With this to consider, officials are now looking at what to do when students slip through the cracks.

The NCSU campus is composed of approximately 27,000 students (about 21,000 full-time) and about 2,000 faculty members. The university assigns each of these 27,000 students a faculty adviser whose duty is to guide the student through course selection and the other instructional nuances of college life, according to Frank Abrams, senior associate provost for academic affairs.

That works out to roughly 13 students per faculty adviser. The problems with this imbalance are obvious. It would be very difficult for an adviser to offer the kind of individual attention necessary for such a high number of students. In fact, in some departments and schools, student-adviser ratios are even higher;



Karen Holms helps Sanjeev Rathore prepare for class.

some faculty advisers handle nearly 100 students, according to Abrams. Some of those addressing the advising problem point to the First-Year College (FYC), a program launched at the start of the 1995-1996 school year and designed to increase retention of first-year and graduation rates, as a model for improvement. FYC employs 14 full-time academic advisers and 15 other professionals trained to offer academic advice to students, according to the Web site for the first-year college.

FYC advisers maintain records of student progress and provide short-term personal counseling for those enrolled in the program. FYC students are also required to have at least two scheduled appointments with their advisers per semester. These contacts are in addition to casual e-mail and telephone communication between students and advisers.

Students also have access to their advisers through e-class, Multidisciplinary Studies 101/102. The MDS 101/102 class meets once a week for 50 minutes and offers students the opportunity to interact with other students and advisers. Students receive letter grades and attendance is mandatory for continued participation in the college.

FYC students have contact with their advisers an average of at least 20 times per semester.

Another program that shows promise in combating the advising problem is one practiced in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS). CALS students fill out surveys evaluating their advisers' performances on a regular basis, according to Abrams.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is also working on some programs that would address the dearth of quality advising for those students who need it, said Jenny Chang, student body president.

One possibility is the Renewed Commitment Program, which would offer students seeking advice the opportunity to meet with advisers and tutors on a voluntary basis. Chang said another SGA idea is an Internet-based Virtual Advising Center, which would allow students to pose questions to trained advisers over the World Wide Web.

Other programs in their embryonic phases include Distance Learning programs and possible reward programs for high-quality advisers. An association of the Student Governments from the 16 schools in

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## NCSU mandates plus/minus grading

◆ For NCSU students, unmodified grading is out the door and a new scale is in.

TIM CRONE

Assistant News Editor

Plus/minus grading has raised an astonishing storm of complaint and dissent during the years it has been in place; finally, however, it is official.

Last year was decision year for the system — either plus/minus grading be implemented in some manner or completely scrapped. The implementations proffered included two primary possibilities: either make the plus/minus grading scale universal or allow instructors to choose between non-weighted and plus/minus grading. Students, as represented by the Student Senate, requested that there be a "consistent grading system" in Senate resolution 7. However, no opinion on the merits of plus/minus grading — or the lack thereof — were expressed.

Faculty, for their part, expressed through the Faculty Senate that they would accept the plus/minus grading system, as long as the discontinuity of the A+ was resolved. At issue was the principle that valuing an A+ higher than a 4 would devalue most grade point averages; to solve this dilemma, faculty proposed that an A+ be given a 4.333 value, while maximum GPA would be capped at 4.000.

This solution, it seemed, was acceptable to the provost, who has the final say in such academic matters. At the end of last academic year, it was decreed from the provost's office that this would be the policy — the only policy — used within the confines of N.C. State.

As such, all instructors are required to use the plus/minus grading scale, grading between an A+ and F with one-third of a grade point difference between each.

"Please be reminded that NCSU has adopted only one grading scale, the plus/minus scale, effective fall 1998. The grading scale assigns one-third of a grade point differential for all plus/minus grades, with GPAs capped at 4.000," wrote Associate Provost Frank Abrams in an Aug. 14 memo. "No longer will faculty be able to choose between the unmodified grading scale (A, B, C, D, F) and the plus/minus grading scale."

### Regular Grading Scale and Grade Points

Grade	Grade Points
A+	4 1/3
A	4
A-	3 2/3
B+	3 1/3
B	3
B-	2 2/3
C+	2 1/3
C	2
C-	1 2/3
D+	1 1/3
D	1
D-	2/3
F	0

Some instructors, however, seemed surprised by the change, adding last-minute changes to their syllabi and making verbal corrections on the first day of class.

"There is always an issue of getting the word out and getting old habits changed. All departments were informed last spring and reminded again as school started," said Abrams.

The new changes to the grading scale, while not retroactive, will, it is hoped, allow even the best students to get fair grade point averages. Indeed, the scale is even more consistent than in the past, since everyone — even those students who had entered the university under the old policy — will be awarded the point differentials of pluses and minuses.

## Students assist Peace Corps

◆ Peace Corps is looking for N.C. State students up for a challenge to make a difference around the world.

ASHLEY B. PERRY  
Staff Writer

According to their official Web site, the Peace Corps, which has been in existence since 1961, currently has more than 6,500 volunteers helping people in over 80 countries, with projects ranging from education to small business development.

N.C. State University Peace Corps Recruiting Officer Scott Stanley said enrollment in the Peace Corps has been rising steadily over the last five years. Last year, NCSU sent 18 students into service.

"The best applicants would be people who are ambitious self-starters. People who can handle a variety of ambiguous situations, often with little or no supervision," Stanley said. "A good candidate is someone with good motives... someone who wants to do something positive for the world."

Stanley emphasized the need for Peace Corps volunteers to have a foreign language.

"Often, let's say a volunteer goes to South America. He or she would need to know Spanish, but they would probably have to learn a specific dialect or language while they were in service, such as Mayan," he said. "It is a good opportunity to develop additional languages, so long as you already have a secondary language to go from."

Nationally, the Peace Corps receive over 20,000 applications each year. Generally, between 4,000 and 7,000 candidates are given terms of service. The standard terms of service begin with a three-month training program followed by two years in the host country.

While the standard term of service is two years, Stanley said many candidates choose to stay and work in the host country longer. Some also elect to transfer to another host country once their initial term is complete.

The Peace Corps application process is quite extensive and requires essays, letters of recommendation, medical examinations and personal interviews. The entire application process usually takes nine months from submission of application to assignment to a host country, Stanley said.

Peace Corps representatives place applicants into one of five skill desks based on each applicant's interests and abilities. The skill desks are divided into environmental (including agriculture and forestry), business, health, English teaching and education, Stanley said.

"We are always in high demand for English teachers, particularly as it relates to business," he said. "Aside from English, the highest demand areas would be the environment and health programs."

Applicants must meet basic requirements in order to qualify for service such as U.S. citizenship and age (candidates must be at least 18 years old). In addition, applicants must also possess skills or experience requested by Peace Corps host countries, and must meet Peace Corps medical and legal requirements, Stanley said.

A Peace Corps Placement Officer reviews each application trying to establish motivation and commitment, productive competence, emotional maturity and social sensitivity. In addition, they confirm that your qualifications match the skill requirements in the assignment area to which you were nominated.

For more information, call the Peace Corps Recruiting Office at 515-5340 or go to www.peacecorps.gov.



Matthew Ingle, a sophomore, holds the NCSU colors.

## Dispute over Auschwitz causes tension

◆ Polish-Jewish relations are strained over cross planting campaign.

PETER FINN  
The Washington Post

OSWIECIM, Poland — In the shadow of Auschwitz, one of the darkest symbols of the Holocaust, there is a field of crosses.

Some are 15 feet tall and some are smaller than a child's hand. Some are elaborately finished with the figure of Jesus and some are two sticks nailed together. The 229 crosses, placed on the site during the past two months by Catholic extremists, form a sweeping semicircle around a 26-foot-high cross that was on the altar in 1979 when Pope John Paul II said Mass at the near-by Birkenau death camp.

The cross-planting campaign has rolled Polish-Jewish relations, flustered the Polish government and Catholic church, and derailed progress on an agreement to guide the future preservation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where 1.5 million people, more than 90 percent of them Jews, were murdered by the Nazis during World War II.

All of which pleases Kazimierz Switon immensely. "We don't want Jews to rule this country," said Switon, an activist in the Solidarity movement in the 1980s who is at the forefront of efforts to preserve the crosses to honor 152 Poles executed there by Nazis in 1941. During World War II, the area, which abuts a wall of Auschwitz, was a gravel pit and storage facility for Zyklon B, a chemical used in the gas chambers.

These days, Switon holds court behind locked gates to the gravel pit, which is leased by one of his allies. "This is Polish land," he said, "and we are Polish Catholic Christians who will defend the cross."

Switon's group paralyzed church and state for nearly two months. Only late last month did Poland's Catholic bishops, supported by the government, unite to say Switon and his crosses must go. More than 90 percent of Poland's 39 million people are Catholic and, according to opinion polls, the bishops' stance has the public support of a clear majority of Poles.

The government and church have met at one place and that "place is fear," wrote Pawel Smolenski, a journalist for Poland's leading daily newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza, explaining the earlier inaction. "Fear that if you are against (Switon's actions), you don't love the cross, you don't love the church, you don't love Poland."

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# Poland

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Before World War II, Poland, with 3.5 million Jews, formed the heart of East European Jewry; today, at most, 20,000 Jews live here. Poles also suffered under the Nazis and 3 million died in camps from disease and starvation.

Polish extremists speak of the marginalization of Polish death because of the emphasis on Jewish death. Jews, in response, hear history's echoes, the indifference during the war of many Poles to the fate of the Jews and the whiff of antisemitism when there is any effort to confront that past.

This controversy began earlier this year when a Polish official said Jewish organizations and the government were discussing removal of the papal cross or incorporating it into a more ecumenical monument as part of a plan for preservation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

In June, allegedly to defend the papal cross, the first new cross was driven into the field. Day by day, more crosses appeared, planted by radical priests and laity, visting

Polish-Americans, neo-fascist skin heads and followers of the late Marcel Lefebvre, a conservative French-born archbishop who broke with the Vatican and was excommunicated.

These crosses, as the Polish bishops put it last week, are a "provocation," no longer a religious symbol. "The cross," the bishops said, had been turned "into an instrument of unrest."

Switon, 67, has railed against various conspiracies for years. He was elected to Parliament as an independent. Defeated in 1993, Switon faded into obscurity until he published a list of prominent Poles who, he claimed, were Jewish.

Mieczyslaw Janosz, a reputed former Communist secret police operative who heads the Association of War Victims, a private group he founded in 1993, holds the sublease on the gravel pit, which the government now intends to challenge.

Bishops have begun preparing their faithful for a likely confrontation.

"On one side we have the bishops," said Jozef Zycinski, the archbishop of Lublin. "On the other side, we have skinheads, Lefebvristes ... and former secret police. I think for most people the choice will be clear."

# Advising

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the UNC school system also plans to make improvement of advising a priority for the school year.

"If we are going to tell parents that we'll graduate their kids in four years, we need to take steps to insure that," said Andrew Payne, SGA Vice President of Academic Policy.

Abrams noted other problems that stem from the adviser shortage. Often, students find that necessary classes fill up before they can register because they don't know that they need them in the first place.

An upgrade in advising would "provide information for the university to plan for such occurrences." Faculty efforts to improve advising focus those students who have the most pressing need for advice:

freshmen, new transfer students, students registering for courses, students in academic peril and students planning to change majors.

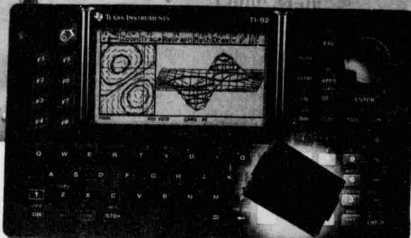
Abrams would like to see greater efforts to declare majors after a set number of credit hours has been completed and then stay with those majors. Abrams also points to programs at other universities that utilize upper-level undergraduates as advisers for undergrads.

In spite of these efforts on the NCSU campus and others, the adviser-student problem is one that is consistently under consideration. With the pressure to graduate students in four years from the General Administration and the Board of Governors rising, the scarcity of advisers is a major issue on campus. The solution remains a work-in-progress.

Abrams said, "We try to make a point to provide students with information on getting through college. We can never do enough to encourage them."

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# Bring me back a nice shrubbery!



◆ Plants can bring much-needed beauty to ugly apartment complexes. So read up!

LINDSEY GREENE  
Staff Writer

Did you know that there's a free web site created by N.C. State horticulturalists to help you decide and identify which plants you should grow for your garden?

The address is <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/consumer/pages.html>. The site is organized into online booklets that help users quickly find various plant facts that include both scientific and common names of every plant.

The color photos are brilliant and are just a click away from a full-screen photo.

The four booklets to choose from include Poisonous Plants of North Carolina, Trees of the Maritime Forest, Urban Tree Identification and Perennials.

The poisonous plants booklet lists 344 potentially poisonous or toxic plants in North Carolina. Here's an example of one plant listed in this booklet.

**Common Jupiter**

Plant description: Low, evergreen shrub or small tree; leaves are small, short needle-like tightly crowded, three at whorl; fleshy seed cones are bluish and berry-like.

Where found: Forest or natural area, native to high mountaintops. Poisonous part: Fleshy cones (resemble berries); leaves. Symptoms: Large amounts of diarrhea. Edibility: edible parts: berries used to flavor gin, cooked meats and red cabbage.

Toxic principle: Volatile oils include

thujone. Severity: Causes low toxicity if eaten.

The next online booklet is labeled Trees of the Maritime Forest. This site allows you to explore about 100 trees found in coastal forests of North Carolina. Here's a sample entry for one coastal tree with an interesting name.

**Devil's-walking stick**

Plant Description: Large to medium deciduous shrub, 20-30 feet in height; leaves alternate, two to three times pinnately compound; twigs stout, with sharp prickles; flowers July-August, cream colored, fruits mature every fall, purplish black, fleshy. Landscape Use: Makes a bold appearance as large tree, in the shrub border or at the edge of forested areas.

Culture: Widely adaptable, grows best in moist, well drained soils in full or partial shade.

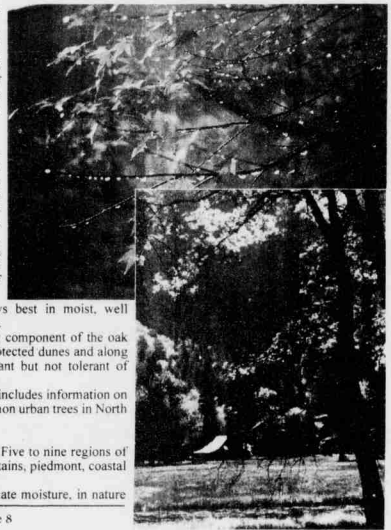
Coastal Ecology: is an understory component of the oak and pine maritime forest on dry, protected dunes and along wetland margins. It is shade tolerant but not tolerant of frontal dunes conditions.

The Urban Tree identification site includes information on how to identify 80 of the most common urban trees in North Carolina.

Here's an example:

Dogwood USDA Hardiness zone: Five to nine regions of adaptation in North Carolina: Mountains, piedmont, coastal plain, barrier islands, deciduous.

Culture: Full sun if tree has adequate moisture, in nature



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## What an embassy does

NAEDINE JOY HAZELL  
The Hartford Courant

On June 12, about six weeks before the embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, the U.S. Department of State posted a warning about potential "terrorist action ... within the next several weeks" in the Persian Gulf.

The posting encouraged U.S. citizens living abroad to check in with their embassies or consulates in those countries and warned U.S. citizens to check the department's public announcements, travel warnings and consular information sheets before making travel plans.

Those circumstances illustrate one of the primary purposes of any embassy or consulate abroad, and that role is one that travelers should remember.

All too often, travelers and tourists think of embassies as service bureaus, kind of one-stop shopping for U.S. citizens with problems or questions, ranging from the best place to have lunch to how to spring a friend from jail.

The state department describes the role of embassies and consulates politely but firmly.

"Consular officers are responsive to the needs of Americans traveling or residing abroad. The majority of their time, however, is devoted to assisting Americans who are in serious legal, medical or financial difficulties."

The key here is the word "serious." Travelers who lose passports, get arrested, lose money or break a bone are perfectly justified in contacting

U.S. consular officers in the more than 260 foreign service posts abroad.

While those offices cannot and will not provide a doctor, money or a lawyer, they will provide the names of local doctors, dentists, medical specialists and lawyers. They also can provide other non-emergency services, including information on

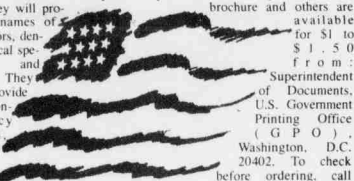
absentee voting, tax forms and notarization of documents. They also are important resources for the 3.1 million U.S. citizens living abroad.

They certainly do not have the resources to provide tourism or commercial services. That means they cannot find your missing luggage, settle a dispute with a hotel or airline or act as interpreters.

Although embassies and consulates can advise jailed U.S. citizens, they exist primarily for political and diplomatic reasons and abide by the laws of the host country, which means they cannot invoke the Bill of Rights to bring anyone from a foreign prison.

That means the most successful overseas vacations don't involve any contact with a U.S. embassy or consulate for the simple reason that no one wants the kind of trouble that requires their attention.

Preventing problems before they occur and understanding travel basics is the best way to avoid problems, the state department advises in its travel publication "Your Trip Abroad." This brochure and others are available



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Having some familiarity with a country's laws can be helpful. It is wise to read guide books, get copies of the latest Consular Information Sheet on the countries you'll visit and even read the Department of State's Background Notes on countries you'll visit.

Much of the information is available at the U.S. State Department's web site, [travel.state.gov/travel-warnings.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel-warnings.html), or call (202) 647-5225. Also, Background Notes may be bought by contacting the superintendent of documents (see above). Some warnings may be obtained by fax by calling (202) 756-7720 from your fax machine or by visiting [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

For example, in July and August, new travel warnings were issued concerning Afghanistan, Albania,

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### Ask Chef I Am

*Hey chef, my girlfriend and I want to have a picnic this weekend. But, we're worried about the heat. What should we bring?*

ChefI Am suggests the following: One cooler (cheap styrofoam for \$3 will do nicely), ice cubes, sun screen, and a plastic bag for garbage. Food is another matter.

Remember the days when Mom made lunch? In retrospect, do you remember how much you enjoyed those lunches? Let's go back to Mom for this one. Because of the heat around here, please avoid mayonnaise and dairy products. Instead, how about peanut butter and jelly on whole wheat? Enjoy some fresh fruit, such as strawberries or grapes (the romantic in us all should recognize the importance of grapes), crackers and hard cheese — cheddar, and your favorite flavored bottled seltzer. Please remember to wrap everything individually before covering in ice. But be gentle with the grapes — they can be bruised by ice in less than 10 minutes. Bon Appetite!

*Hey chef, I'm having some friends over for Monday Nitro next week. I need a party pack for 10 people. What should I do?*

ChefI Am suggests Ultimate Nachos. It's quick, easy and cheap. Here's a good recipe for today's youth. Ingredients include corn tortillas (whole), meat (your choice), salsa, your favorite cheese topping and peppers. Here's the procedure:

- 1) Heat favorite meat in skillet.
- 2) Cut tortillas into six equal servings.

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## Why do we lie?

◆ Do you lie? Tell the truth, now!

1998, Los Angeles Times

Our primary all-American myth — the story of George Washington and the cherry tree — makes it clear to even toddlers that telling the truth is always preferable no matter what the consequences. So what happened?

A few things.

History. Full-disclosure biographies whittle many of our heroic standards down to life size. The indiscretions, dishonesty and general self-centeredness of everyone from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Charles Dickens have been presented and picked over so thoroughly it is difficult to muster high expectations for anyone.

Watergate. The tapes, the break-ins, the slush fund — the greatest hits of the Nixon administration proved what we had all suspected: that politicians will cheat and steal, then lie when asked about it. A generation whose cartoon-viewing was interrupted by the remonstrations of John Sirica has a less-than-idealistic view of the presidency.

Cheap Talk. As deeds previously deemed repugnant present themselves in the shape of real, live humans who have real, live rationalizations, the moral bar slides a few notches south. It's easier to pass judgment when one is shocked. But the staying power of Sally Jessy Raphael and Jerry Springer has made this state almost impossible to achieve.

Peter Pan. As the baby boomer generation becomes society's adults, we are experiencing a singular lack of parental figures. Raised to believe I'm OK, you're OK, they avoid anything that smacks of moral construct; they've turned the word "judgmental" into the ultimate pejorative. While this self-forgiving camaraderie may seem a refreshing alternative to the traditional patriarchy of pedum and pulpit, there is always a danger of summer camp turning into "I, Ord of the Files."

Glass Houses. Self-examination has become a national hobby, and we have a hard time keeping the results to ourselves. Memoirs and autobiographies, web pages and one-person plays — many of us live our lives in first person. So we know a lot more about one another than we probably care to, including specific examples of the very human tendency to lie.



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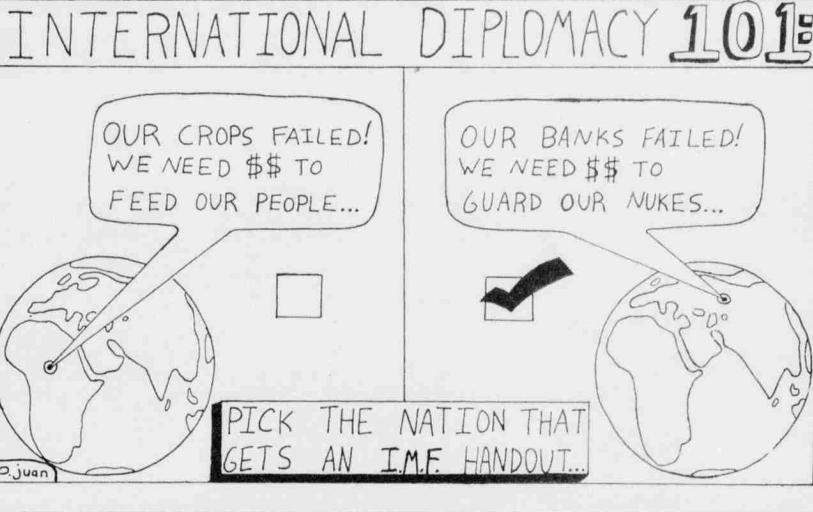
An evening out to an upscale eating establishment can be the finest in dining and atmosphere can not only help a business but may also brighten the attitudes of its customers. For instance, "Lucky 32" in North Raleigh, although a national franchise, does just that. It presents a quasi-futuristic environment, like something seen in Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey." Folks who simply like to go out for a few drinks will drool in the surroundings of the bar in Lucky 32.

Of course, there are a few other places in the Greater Raleigh area, such as the Angus Barn, Tir-na-nog, Greenshield's, and, well...that's really it. There are the typical national franchise outposts: Lone Star Steakhouse, The Outback Steakhouse and Ragazzi's. But in Raleigh, there aren't that many original high-class

restaurants. For every one that exists in Raleigh, there are at least five in what many consider the real cultural and progressive city in North Carolina, Charlotte. Raleigh can achieve equal status with Charlotte, but it has to take more initiative. Wake County is growing faster than Charlotte but cannot compete with the Queen City when the argument centers on fine dining.

With any luck, in the next five years, more upscale, notable restaurants like Lucky 32 and Tir-na-nog will pop up, because these few places are filled to capacity every night. And with thousands of people moving to Wake County every month, space at these local dining meccas will be "standing room" only.

With such huge migration from the North, perhaps some of these newcomers will bring fine Northern dining traditions with them and finally get an upscale restaurant boom in Raleigh and Wake County off the ground.



# Arson is not the answer

◆ Anti-abortion fire reaches North Carolina.

Here's an oxymoron for you: attacks on abortion clinics by radical pro-life proponents. Meaning that in order to "save" unborn fetuses, anti-abortion extremists are willing to injure or even kill those who are proponents of the procedure. Sadly, this supposed expression of the First Amendment's freedom of speech has also become something of a cliché.

And such demonstrations have now reached North Carolina, a state previously unmarked by such acts of violence, in the form of two fires set at abortion clinics in Fayetteville. The fires, which occurred early Tuesday within 15 minutes of each other, are believed to be the work of anti-abortion activists. Although no one was harmed in the fires, both buildings sustained damage and the potential for injury was certainly there.

Of course, North Carolina has also gained national notoriety in the abortion realm for another reason altogether — namely, native and anti-choice fugitive Eric Rudolph, Rudolph, who is thought to be hiding in the mountains of western North Carolina, is the prime suspect in the fatal January abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

Ostensibly, people like Rudolph are acting on inclinations they feel are necessary to eliminate abortions in the United States. They cry "freedom of speech" and hide behind the blanket of protection such a proclamation offers. Such cowardly explanations, however, are hardly relevant to the situations at hand. It is, after all, rather difficult to imagine our nation's forefathers penning the First Amendment with abortion clinic bombings in mind.

What these anti-abortion extremists are, in effect, is a sadistic form of domestic terrorism. They are, however, with their grand delusions and illogical reasoning, bombing their own cause.

A recent survey stated that nearly 25 percent of the nation's abortion clinics have received some form of violent threat — threats of fire, bombings or death — in the last year. The irony of these menaces is evident — except, apparently, to those who distribute them.

Now, as though to prove that no one is immune from the execution of violent promises, the relative peace of North Carolina has been interrupted by the fires of pro-life extremists. As their war of attention advances from clinic to clinic, it becomes only a matter of time before someone must fight back.

JENNY C.J. CHANG  
Student Body President

### Report on proposed tuition increase.

Most of you have heard the news about tuition policy and the possibility of another tuition increase coming this year from the N.C. General Assembly. I wanted to spend some time to ensure you that my office and Student Government here at N.C. State has taken a stance against increasing tuition and fully supports what is written in Article IX, Section 9 of the North Carolina Constitution, which states, "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense." However, the fight against rising tuition is not waged entirely by one student body president or a student government organization, but by an entire student body and every institution in The University of North Carolina system, since tuition is determined by the General

Assembly and the General Administration.

Student Government is fighting tuition hikes by taking an active role in determining the new tuition policy that will be submitted to the General Assembly in November. The new tuition policy recommends to the General Assembly that it maintain low tuition, set limits on general tuition and increase need-based financial aid. There will be discussion on the new tuition policy Wed., Sept. 9, at 3 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the Talley Student Center. A copy of the new Tuition Policy can be attained from the Student Government office or on the Web at <http://www.ga.unc.edu/UNCGA/assessment>. I hope to see every student who wants to keep the cost of education low there at the meeting to express their opinions. In addition, Student Government is working with other universities and The University of North Carolina Association of Student Government to fight tuition increases as a whole university system, which includes over 300,000 students. Please contact the office if

you have any specific concerns or questions about tuition increases.

On the other hand, Student Government is also fighting increases in student fees, which are determined by each individual institution. Fee increases must be approved by the Student Senate; therefore, we are setting up a new student fee review committee that will do research on proposed fee increases regarding education and technology, health services, transportation and all other increases. The joint student committee will make recommendations to the Student Senate and will work to ensure that fees are kept at a minimum. Currently, the committee is recruiting student members who want to see that their dollars are well-spent at this university. Please contact the office if you are interested in saving student money by fighting fee increases.

### Special Olympics Report.

In the summer of 1999, the world's largest sporting event is coming to the Triangle area. The 10th Special Olympics World Summer Games will be taking place from June 26 through July 4, 1999, and NCSU

will be playing a crucial role in the success of the games. The opening ceremony will be held at Carter-Finley Stadium, and over 1,500 members of the television, radio and print media will be broadcasting images of NCSU worldwide. In addition, NCSU will be hosting Olympic Village East, track/athletic events at the Paul Derr Complex and powerlifting in Stewart Theatre, which encompasses over half of the total events. Over 7,000 athletes from more than 150 countries, 2,000 coaches, 15,000 families and friends and approximately 400,000 spectators will be flooding the Raleigh area and N.C. State. Furthermore, a \$35.5 million dollar budget and 35-40,000 volunteers are needed to coordinate the Games.

Therefore on Thurs., Sept. 10, 1998, at 12 p.m. in the Brk's yard, I will be issuing a challenge to UNC-Chapel Hill, on behalf of NCSU, to see who can raise more funds for Special Olympics. Student Government will be calling on all student organizations to organize fundraising efforts on behalf of

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# Lost in a sea of indecision

KELLY MARKS  
Staff Writer

Here I go. Another week, another column. And oh you lucky individuals, yet another installment in the chronicles of Kelly's sad pathetic life...

It's come to my attention as of late that I don't know why I write what I write. Every week I'm given this wonderful opportunity to voice my opinion, but instead of tackling issues such as affirmative action or abortion or all of the other heavies in between (you know, all the things you can actually have an opinion on), what do I focus on?

Me. My problems, my fears, my tendency to fall down and my sad excuse for a personal life. Me me me. And

some crazed little egomania inside convinces me that it's a topic the general public is just dying to know about. I don't know why I do it, I do actually have opinions on things other than my lack of coordination and my failure to comprehend the opposite sex. Yet, do I ever address these? Not if it means sacrificing the chance to air my dirty laundry out in the middle of the Brickyard for every student on this fair campus to see.

I think it's because I was always told to write about what you know. And though I know a good bit about lots of different things, there are really only four thoughts that occupy my brain regularly. My life seems to revolve around these critical questions: what the hell am I doing (a popular favorite used daily), what am I going to do with

my life (a nice follow-up to the former), how can I get more money (without resorting to hocking my wares, if you catch my drift) and where is he (the being, of course, the individual who is willing to devote his life to feeding me chocolate while at the same time telling me how svelte I am).

Could it be that I don't write about anything else because I don't really think about anything else? Nah. There must be some other reason.

My friend Anne likes to refer to my columns as my own little way of flashing the campus. She compares it to a guy that we saw run by the library one day, wearing nothing more than his tennis, a lavender thong and a smile. Apparently, she sees me on the same level as a rather large, pasty individual

who would sacrifice dignity and, more importantly, good support for the chance to get a little attention. Hmm... I might have to rethink my friendship with Anne.

But seriously, I can see her point of view. The sad thing about our friend the lilac streaker is that there he was bearing something very intimate about himself, and very few people took any notice. Sometimes I feel that way. I feel like I'm walking (fully dressed, of course) through a world where no one really sees me or cares to.

The only way to combat this feeling is to expose myself. But seeing as I really don't want to appear anytime soon in pale purple skivvies, I instead write about all sorts of silly personal

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# Drug use endangers the sports world

BARRY R. McCAFFERY  
Special to the Los Angeles Times

From the Tour de France raids to the latest basketball drug bust, the use of drugs in the sports world once again has captured headlines. Drug use among athletes broadcasts a mixed message that puts athletes, their sports and our children at risk. We need to act now to make the field of play a drug-free zone.

Children learn from and emulate athletes — whether it is their shooting stance or their drug use. For example, after the tragic death of Len Bias, youth cocaine use sudden-

ly dropped. When athletes use drugs and are simultaneously rewarded for their athleticism, our children get the misimpression that drugs are not dangerous to physical well-being, dreams and aspirations.

Once a child believes these falsehoods, the toll begins to mount: drug use, addiction, crime and even death.

Drug use by athletes also threatens the world of sport. Widespread allegations of drug use in athletics will cause chronic public cynicism. Outstanding feats of athleticism will be chalked up to better drugs, not greater character. Parents who fear drug use by their children find it

hard to justify paying hard-earned wages to take their children to sport events, only to spend difficult hours explaining away the behavior of the stars they helped create. The momentum must shift; we need to take the incentives out of drug use. When sponsors say no to drug use, the sponsored will stop. Money talks.

For Olympic athletes, however, the rewards are primarily medals and honor. The International Olympic Committee is taking steps to combat drugs, such as banning "non-performance enhancing" drugs such as marijuana and Ecstasy and calling for a new, stronger drug testing

agency. Now it must respond to admissions of doping coming out of the trials of former East German swim coaches and doctors who gave athletes steroids without their knowledge in order to increase "socialism's" medal count. Stripping medals from these victimized athletes seems unnecessary. Their suffering alone suffices to make the case against drug use.

To let these victories stand unremarked, however, sends the wrong messages to coaches, athletes and children. Steroid use among young girls in America is up; a study by

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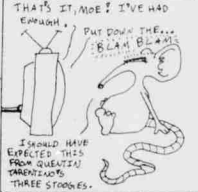
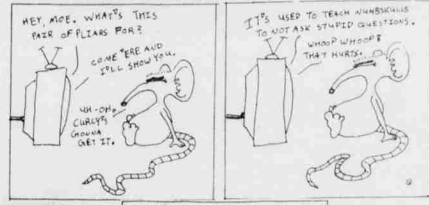
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Special Olympics and has raised over \$1,000 dollars, in conjunction with Student Advantage, to kick off fundraising efforts at NCSU. If your organization is interested in helping Special Olympics, please contact Henry Ward at 515-2797. Another major aspect of the challenge is to see which institution can create more awareness about the Special Olympics and recruit more volunteers for the Games. The challenge will culminate with a check presentation at the NCSU vs. UNC football game in November at Eriksson Stadium in Charlotte. Look for flyers around campus if you are interested in helping with the games or contact the Student Government office. The Games will be a great opportunity for students to become involved with community service and to meet some great people from all over the world. N.C. State is helping Special Olympics! Get yourself or your organization involved!

Jenny C.J. Chang  
Student Body President 1998-99  
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problems and then allow it to be published and circulated to some 17,000 strangers.

I guess I'm an exhibitionist of sorts, but a peculiar one in that I'm not seeking attention so much as understanding. When I write, I do so to sort things out for myself, to try and understand the why's behind the whats and the reasons for the how's. Perhaps the reason I tend to share these moments of introspection with all of N.C. State is that I want everyone else to understand me, too. Or I'm just a freak.

I think we all just want to be understood. It gives us a sense of worth to think that someone thinks enough of us to think about what we think. xl Rose told us that all we really need is patience, but just like with the spandex and the stringy hair, he was wrong. A person can't wait for forever without a good reason. We all crave understanding, comprehension and the perceptiveness of a friend.

In fact, I'd venture so far as to say that it's what we seek in all of our relationships, plutonic or of another nature. Time, there are the instances when all we seem to be seeking is someone who'll buy us dinner or make us look good with our friends or provide an outlet for lusty impulses, but relationships based on these qualities alone don't last. Yes, we want someone for whom we can give us, but when it boils down to it, we're pretty darn picky about what that thing

is. We want a sympathetic ear just as much as the other stuff, if not more. At least, I do.

I have another friend (ool-shocker), who I think describes what I'm looking for best. When describing her search for the ideal mate, she said she wanted someone who listened to her even when she wasn't saying anything. I know what she means, it's the comfort of someone else being there — someone who has a slight idea of what it's like to be you, what you're like and what you like — that's enticing. For me, it's a great deal about being wanted and respected, but most importantly, it's about this sense of being known.

Upon finding that ideal guy, she explained that the reason he was her ideal was simple. "A lot of the time," she said, "I don't make a lot of sense. He makes sense out of me." It might sound idealistic, but I think there's someone like that for all of us. There are times when I don't feel like I fit. There are days when I am one big square peg trying to adapt to a world of circular openings. On days like this my squariness doesn't make sense. But I get by on the hope that I'll meet up with another square somewhere along the line. And together we'll fit. And maybe that's why I keep on bearing my soul to a large body of readers every week. I'm not asking you to understand — well, actually, I guess I am. But you don't have to if you don't want to. Fair enough.

Kelly thinks about herself a lot. In fact, if you emailed her, that's probably all she'd talk about, too. But you can try if you want.  
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# Drug

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Penn State University found that 175,000 high school girls reported taking steroids one or more times. Unless we make the consequences of drug use clear, more young women and men are likely to put themselves at risk. It seems past time to recognize and give medals to the true heroes of past Olympic competitions: the athletes who competed clean but were cheated of their victories by their competitors' doping.

Professional basketball as well needs to set straight its messages

about drugs. Current National Basketball Association rules do not prohibit marijuana use by players, which some sources peg at 50 percent to 75 percent of the athletes. This situation puts the players, our children and even the game at risk. Players and management must join the ranks of the millions of other drug-free workplaces, which test employees at all levels, provide treatment programs and sanction continued drug use.

There are some positive signs. Eighteen major league baseball teams are showing anti-drug public service announcements in their stadiums at every home game. Major league soccer is sending strong anti-drug messages to its young fans and has named Dante Washington, star

forward with the Dallas Burn, as national spokesperson against youth drug use. On Oct. 23, as part of the Office of Drug Policy's athletic initiative, the first ever "National Coachathon Against Drugs" will see coaches across the nation — from the pee-wee leagues to the big leagues — starting their practices with a message against drugs to their players and students.

These are good signs, but we must do more. Parents, coaches and youth leaders must insist that athletes as well as the organizations they represent and the companies that sponsor them are worthy of the respect of their young fans. Respect is earned, it will come when the world of sports takes a united stand against drugs.

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After the Aug. 20 military strikes in Afghanistan and the Sudan, the department posted a Worldwide Caution.

... the Department of State urges U.S. citizens traveling or residing abroad to review their security practices, to remain alert to the changing

situation and to exercise much greater caution than usual.

"Americans should be aware that embassy operations are currently suspended in Somalia, Sudan, Republic of Congo-Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo and Guinea-Bissau. No U.S. consular services are currently available in these countries."

The caution advised that the United States does not maintain diplomatic or consular posts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea and therefore could offer no support services and that consular services in Albania, Eritrea and Pakistan had been reduced to minimal levels.

But it is not enough to simply look for travel warnings — which, for the most part, tell travelers to avoid certain countries and why. The consular sheets offer valuable information about staying safe in countries that are not dangerous enough to warrant a travel warning but can be unstable.


The department also operates the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Overseas Citizen Services to help with overseas emergencies. Families who need to reach someone traveling abroad may call (202) 647-5225 on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. For emergencies after OCS working hours, call (202) 647-4000 and ask for the duty officer.

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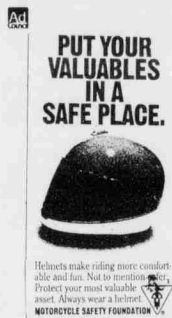
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## ACC follows FSU?

◆ The ACC media tour picked them, here's the lowdown on the ACC pre-season poll.

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### 1. Florida State

The Seminoles are poised and ready for their seventh straight championship. Despite the losses of Chad Busby and E-G Green, not to mention Andre Wadsworth and six other first-team All-ACC performers, Bobby Bowden's boys are ranked No. 2 nationally and are looking to be the first National Champion under the new Bowl Championship Series.

Leading the return is sophomore tailback Travis Minor, who earned honors as the pre-season co-player of the year. No one is overlooking wide receiver Peter Warrick, or the three Seminoles picked as pre-season All-conference, but in the galaxy of stars in Tallahassee, right now Minor's is shining brightly.

### 2. Virginia

The Cavaliers quietly played conference opposition to a 7-1 record, hiding behind the over-hyped match up between UNC-Chapel Hill and FSU.

Antonio Dingle, Wali Rainer and defensive back Anthony Poindecker anchor the Wahoo's defense. Poindecker, an All-American for four years, led Virginia in interceptions and was third in tackles a year ago.

Returning quarterback Aaron Brooks was the 1997 ACC leader in pass efficiency after throwing for 2,282 yards and 20 touchdowns.

### 3. UNC-Chapel Hill

The Tar Heels entered the season on track for one of their best in recent history, coming off of a 11-1 season that was capped off by a win at the Gator Bowl.

Then the Heels met Miami of Ohio and learned the meaning of the phrase "on any given day."

While defensive back Dre' Bly and rookie QB Ronald Curry have earned pre-season recognition, the season might be a tough one for Carolina and first year coach Carl Torbush.

Not only did Saturday's game net a loss, but a fourth quarter injury has left QB Oscar Davenport sidelined for 4-5 weeks.

### 4. Georgia Tech

The Jackets say it's "String Time," led by pre-season All-ACC seniors Craig Page, Charles Wiley and Rodney Williams, but the Ramblin' Wreck got stung by Boston College in its opener.

## Atlantic Coast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Florida State
2. Virginia
3. UNC-Chapel Hill
4. Georgia Tech
5. Wake Forest
6. Clemson
7. N.C. State
8. Duke
9. Maryland

Junior quarterback Joe Hamilton returns to call the plays for Tech for another season, but coach George O'Leary will miss lineman Keith Brooking, who now suits up for another Atlanta team.

### 5. Wake Forest

Jim Caldwell's squad is moving up in the ACC ranks. After finishing even in the ACC last season, and returning a core of 18 starters, the Demon Deacons are gaining a little respect in the conference.

Headlining the return for Wake are quarterback Brian Kuklick and wide receiver Desmond Clark, each who earned pre-season conference honors.

The conference media named Kuklick as one of the co-Players of the Year in the pre-season.

### 6. Clemson

The Tigers will continue to make it tough for anyone daring to enter Death Valley. After resigning sixth-year coach Tommy West to a one-year contract over the summer, the Tigers have set out about the business of improving on a 3-5 finish in the ACC last season.

Clemson brings back just 13 starters from last season, and will

have to break in replacements for school record holders Nealon Greene and Raymond Priestner.

Seniors David Richardson and Kevin Laird lead the return in the Tiger's special teams department, where Clemson is most solid.

### 7. N. C. State

The Pack looks to improve upon its 2-6 record in the conference last season with a mix of veteran leadership and untested talent.

While head coach Mike O'Can was forced to use three freshmen on defense and seven in the game when State opened the season against Ohio University, it wasn't the nightmare Wolfpack faithful were afraid of.

Senior Jason Perry came up with big numbers on the defense, and Torry Holt lived up to expectations, despite struggling through what some call football weather and some call a monsoon.

Wolfpack fans should be wary of whether or not the dream will last. Florida State is up next on the Pack's line-up.

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# Women's soccer falls Missing the mark

◆ Missed opportunities cost the Pack their second game of the season.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

Sometimes it's the final touch that makes all the difference.

In yesterday's women's soccer match against UNC-C, the Pack had trouble all day long converting on its scoring opportunities, while the 49ers made the most of theirs.

The number of shots taken by both teams was identical, with both UNC-Charlotte and the Pack recording 10 shots on goal. But while both teams seemed to be able to drive the ball downfield into striking range well, only the 49ers were able to get close, good looks and take good shots.

"If you look at the shots, I think they were fairly even," UNC-C coach Robbie Church said. "I think they had some opportunities and didn't finish them, whereas we had opportunities and happened ours."

Most of the Pack's scoring tries came from a good distance away from the goal, and often without the support numbers needed to orchestrate a good striking opportunity. Consequently, many of the Pack's shots yesterday were taken when

the shooter was highly outnumbered, resulting in off-balance, often obscured shots that rarely were tended to by the goalkeeper.

"Once again, if you look at the shots chart, it's 10-them, nine-us, whatever," assistant coach Betsy Anderson said. "We can't finish, and we really need to clean it up."

"We're getting opportunities," Anderson added. "But we're hitting it over, we're hitting it wide. There's stuff we need to work on."

"There's a lot of concerns when you lose 3-0," head coach Laura Kerrigan said. "They're a team that we should have beat. We had a ton of finishing opportunities and we couldn't get the ball inside the net. We seem to be able to shoot it fine over the net and everywhere else except for right in that area."

"Not being able to finish has cost us two games now."

Following yesterday's game, Kerrigan was obviously displeased with her team's performance, as well as the team themselves. She hopes that this game will serve as a wake up call heading into tomorrow's game against UNC-Greensboro, a team that in all respects is a stronger team than the one they lost to Tuesday.

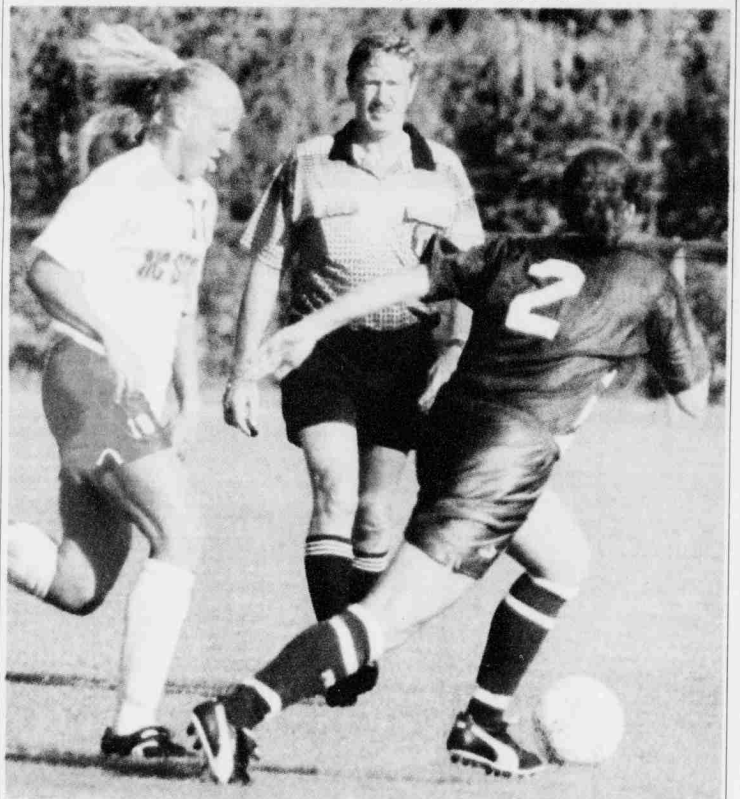
"We need to turn it around," Kerrigan said. "UNC-G is a really good team, and



The women's soccer team couldn't get it done at home.

if we play like we did today we're going to lose. There are a lot of things that we need to change around from today to Thursday in order to win that game."

"We lost, we're gonna learn from it and we're gonna move on," co-captain Laura Ferguson said. "We need to pick it up from here. We haven't even hit the ACC yet and we've already lost two games. We know what we need to do; we just need to do it now."



N.C. State's soccer team dropped to 2-2 overall with a loss on Tuesday to UNC-Charlotte.

## Soccer takes a hit

JEREMY ASHTON  
Staff Writer

The clouds that hung over Method Road Field before Tuesday's game proved to be a bad omen for the women's soccer team as UNC-Charlotte came to town and knocked off the Wolfpack by a score of 3-0.

Early on, it seemed to be only a matter of time before State (2-2) would get on the board. Sophomore Shannon Tully blasted one toward the goal just six minutes into the game that looked like it was headed in, but unfortunately it banged harmlessly off the post. For the better part of the first half the two teams traded shots, with neither able to put anything home.

Then, in the 35th minute, Carrie Hughes started the scoring for the 49ers (3-0), sending one just past the arms of outstretched State goalkeeper Tonya Dedmond. The Pack

buckled down defensively after that, hoping to keep it within a goal before halftime. But, UNC-C's Stephanie Barnier managed to get free on a breakaway with just seconds left on the clock and slid one into the back of the net just under a diving Dedmond.

The Pack came out firing to start the second half, sending several shots agonizingly close to the goal. Tully, in particular, had several excellent chances. Early in the half, she managed to get a one-on-one opportunity with 49er goalie Jessica Brooks. But, Brooks proved to be more than up to the task with 5 saves on the day.

"We were getting good opportunities," said Wolfpack assistant Betsy Anderson. "We just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net."

Not content with the two-goal lead, the 49ers continued to apply pressure, looking to strike one final blow. It came in the 68th minute when UNC-C senior Christina Papp

took a pass in the box from Barnier and sent another one in between the posts. The goal Charlotte an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

The loss was a heartbreaking one for the State women, who had just completed a successful weekend at the Georgia State tournament.

"We definitely thought we had a shot at winning this game," said senior captain Lisa Boggs. "We thought that we were a better team."

For State, the loss was disappointing, but there were a few positives that they were able to take away from the game.

"We didn't give up," Boggs said. "We worked hard until the very last minute." Despite the result, the team is still optimistic about the rest of the year.

"We have the talent and the skills," Anderson said. "We just need to put things together and go from there."

## National Notes

◆ The torch is passed at Grambling, OSU tops football polls, Tennessee's DeMoss named nation's top assistant.

Sports Staff Report

**Williams on pace for record**  
The torch has officially been passed.

He may have a long way to go, but first-year football Coach Doug Williams of Grambling University is already ahead of legendary head Coach Eddie Robinson's record winning pace.

Robinson won an NCAA record 408 games during his stint as head football coach, which began in 1941 and ended with his retirement at the end of last season.

Williams already has a head start on Robinson's record. Robinson did not win his first game as coach back in '41.

Williams, a star Grambling quarterback in the '70s and the Super Bowl MVP for the Washington Redskins in 1988, guided his team to an 11-0 win in the team's season opener

against Alcorn State.

Robinson stepped down last year after 57 seasons as coach, in which he won at least a share of 17 Southwestern Athletic Conference titles to go along with his 408 victories.

### Ohio State tops polls again

For the second consecutive week the Ohio State Buckeyes topped both major national football polls.

The rest of the top four also remained the same as Florida State, Nebraska and Florida held on to the 2-4 spots in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. Florida was third and Nebraska fourth in the AP Poll.

Last week's number five, Michigan, dropped to 13th in the AP Poll and 14th in the Coaches Poll after an opening loss to Notre Dame. Kansas State moved up to fifth in both polls.

In addition to Florida State, two other ACC teams were ranked nationally. Virginia moved up to 12th in both polls after its victory over Auburn.

UNC-Chapel Hill dropped like a rock after losing at home to unranked Miami of Ohio, dropping out of the AP rank-

ings for the first time in three years. The Tar Heels are number 24 in the Coaches Poll.

### DeMoss named top assistant

The University of Tennessee's Mickey DeMoss was named the No. 1 assistant coach in the country, according to a survey of Division I women's basketball coaches.

The Women's Basketball Journal, a Raleigh-based publication, surveyed 58 Division-I women's basketball coaches to list the top two assistants in the country, excluding their own.

DeMoss received 48 votes to easily top the survey.

DeMoss, a renowned recruiter, is in her 14th season as Pat Summitt's top aide at Tennessee. During that time the Lady Volunteers have won five NCAA championships, including the last three in a row.

Chris Dailey of Connecticut and Amy Tucker of Stanford shared second place with 17 votes each. Louisiana Tech's Kim Mulkey-Robertson was fourth with 13 votes.