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Women's soccer team lose to UNC-Chapel Hill, 4-0. See Page 8



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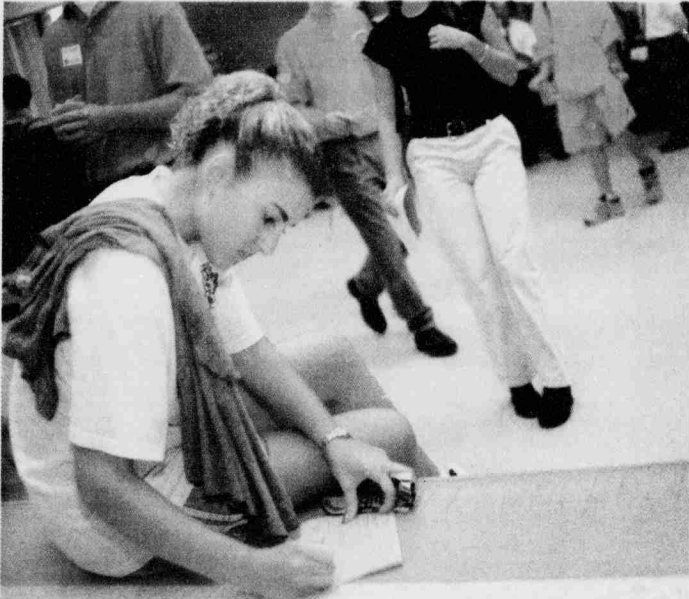
Go speed racer

NCSU student races in NASCAR

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Thinking ahead



Nicole Brannan, a freshman in the First Year College, fill out a questionnaire at the FYC majors fair on Tuesday. Brannan is thinking about a major in business management.

Students face armed assailants

Four men allegedly held students at gunpoint and made-off with \$150 in cash.

Danielle Stanfield Assistant News Editor

One group of N.C. State students found out that there is not always safety in numbers when walking on campus late at night. Unfortunately, they learned this lesson at gunpoint.

Around 3:15 a.m. on Monday, Jared Hoss and his four friends went to the Circle K on Western Blvd. to buy some soda. When they returned to their dorm rooms in Wood Hall, the parking lot was full. The students decided to park alongside the street and hike to the building. Before they reached the hall, a vehicle approached them and asked for directions to St. Augustine College, according to a crime report filed by Capt. R.F. Smith. After one of the students, Jarrett Burch, gave the passenger directions, the group proceeded to the residence hall.

According to the report, the same vehicle approached them again on Warren Carroll Drive, and the suspects got out of the vehicle. Then, one of the passengers came from the rear of the driver's seat in the vehicle and allegedly pulled out a weapon described as a small-caliber, semi-automatic handgun, the report said.

According to the report, the students complied and were told to empty their pockets. The suspects also searched the students after they emptied their pockets, Capt. R.F. Smith said.

The report said that \$150, a wallet, a driver's license and two cigarette packs were stolen. The victims said the white male who asked for directions earlier commanded them to "stay down... look the other way... wait till we're gone or we'll pop you."

"When I first had to lay down, I felt more inconvenienced than anything," said Hoss, a freshman in First Year College. "I didn't feel scared until they drove away and came back."

When the vehicle turned around and drove back by the group, Hoss said they honked their horn twice as if to say "you can get up now."

"They were actually pretty polite about the whole thing," Hoss said.

For example, Hoss said when they took his wallet, he asked if he could keep his license so he wouldn't have to get another one. They let him keep it.

"I didn't really feel violated," he said. Joseph Forrecker, another freshman victim who is in mass communication, said he's not sure how he feels about the alleged arm robbery. "It was hard to tell it was a gun at first because he had long sleeves," he said. "But I could see the barrel and then I got scared. It all happened so fast."

For another victim, the alleged transgression has

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N.C. State receives solar-powered generators

In the event of a power outage due to a major storm, NCSU recently received generators to power surrounding areas.

Edna P. Smith Staff Writer

Hurricane Bonnie's August rip through North Carolina brought with it some good news.

Eight solar-powered mobile generators also arrived on loan to the N.C. Solar Center at N.C. State.

T.C. Adams, of the Department of Commerce's Division of Energy, said he and the staff at the Solar Center were instrumental in securing the units from Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

According to Larry Shirley, executive director of the Solar Center, these generators are capable of providing power for homes, road signs, communications equipment or other small-scale emergency needs in areas where power has been lost following a major storm. Backup batteries insure that the generators can provide power for several days.

These solar-powered generators are unique in that they have backup batter-

ies, and they convert DC power to AC power, said Chris Larsen, of the Solar Center. He explained that AC power, or Alternating Current, powers 99 percent of home appliances that must be plugged into outlets, while DC power, or Direct Current, is found in appliances or toys that use batteries. These modules capture DC power and convert it into AC power.

These generators consist of three components, according to Larsen: the photovoltaic modules, the inverter and the battery.

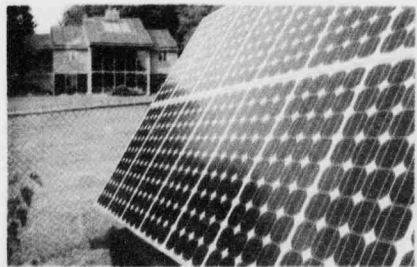
Larsen said the photovoltaic modules are rectangular units with individual photovoltaic modules wired together to power the system. These modules capture sunlight and convert it into DC power. The inverter, he added, converts the DC power to AC power that can be accessed by using the outlets on the generators. The last component is the battery that stores power, and they are housed in trailers for easy mobility, said Larsen.

During Hurricane Bonnie, one of the generators was tasked or used to supply power on Knotts Island in Currituck, said Shirley. It powered the homes of three residents with health problems.

All eight generators will be available for deployment should another hurricane strike.

"We can have the generators to almost any area in North Carolina where the emergency management folks need us within three to four hours," said Shirley.

Adams works directly with Emergency Management. He said the generators can play a vital role in disaster recovery and relief. However, he believes these generators must prove themselves before they can be comfortably incorporated into emergency management script or action plan.



NCSU recently received eight solar-powered generators.

PART I Health Services proposes fee increase

High costs related to the new Student Health Services building leads Health Services to ask students for an additional \$15 in fees.

Lea Delicio News Editor

For three years, N.C. State Student Health Services has made no requests to increase the amount of money they receive in student fees. This year, administrators knew they needed to.

With a new Student Health Services building going up at the corner of Dan Allen Drive and Cates Avenue, Student Health Services costs are well above what they would be in an average year. So, administrators put in a request for an extra \$15 per full time students, bringing the grand total that students pay in Student Health Services fees to \$163, according to Jerry Barker, administrative director of Student Health Services.

This year is "unique," Barker noted. The costs of moving into a new building have brought up a lot of one-time expenses. Some of these include new furniture for waiting rooms and exam rooms, X-ray equipment, computers and even utilities, as Student Health Services has always paid all of its own utilities over the years. Building costs have been higher than expected and the new building will be bigger, which will require more furniture, more electricity and more heat, Barker said.

Barker also said that all of this money would come from students, as 100 percent of Student Health Services' money comes from the students.

Barker said he knew students would be concerned with the extra fee, but he compared Student Health Services fees to others in the UNC System and noted that the cost was not too bad.

"I think it's important for students to see that we are somewhere in the middle and yet we have a service that is superior," Barker said.

For example, UNC-Chapel Hill charges students \$264 in Student Health Services fees; they are one of

the highest. One of the lowest is Fayetteville State who charges students \$80.

Some other schools may seem to be superior, but under close analysis, Barker said. Doctors at NCSU are interested in how a student got a sore throat, and they want to educate students, according to Barker. At some other schools, they want to get students in-and-out, and doctors don't really take the time to look into what's wrong.

Barker said students might not be aware of where all the money goes that Student Health Services brings in. About 15 percent to 16 percent of their money, around \$780,000, goes to the Counseling Center. Students see the benefits of this through a psychiatrist who is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, among other services.

The \$15 increase comes out to about

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SCHOOL	1998-99 Student Health Service Fees	1997-98 Enrollment Ranking	1998-99 Fee Ranking
NCSU (8am-10pm M-F, 8am-12 noon Sat-Sun)	\$148	1	9
UNCCH (24 hours)	\$264	2	2
ECU (8am-6pm M-F, 9am-12 noon Sat-Sun)	\$147	3	11
UNC-Cherokee	\$104	4	14
UNC-Catawbin	\$166	5	4

Information courtesy of Jerry Barker, Student Health Services

Center aims to meet health needs

From each student who had their immunization records checked before entering school to those who needed physical care to those who needed psychiatric care, everyone has had an encounter with Student Health Services.

Lea Delicio News Editor

N.C. State Student Health Services does much more than just hand out aspirin and check sore throats.

The doctors and staff of Student Health Services provide everything from X-rays to lab work to psychiatric counseling, according to Jerry Barker, administrative director of Student Health Services.

Student Health Services treated about 56,000 students last year, Barker said. The pharmacy recently filled 270 prescriptions in a three-day period. The lab does about 40,000 tests per year.

All of this is done at a lower rate for students than what would be paid in the regular community. Barker said, for example, that X-rays cost from \$29 to \$59 at Student Health Services. At Raleigh Orthopedic, what would be considered a \$29 X-ray at NCSU would cost about \$200. This is due in part to the fact that Raleigh Orthopedic

Clinic charges about \$75 for a doctor visit plus \$125 for a X-ray. Student Health Services would give the student a doctor's visit and then only charge the \$29 for the X-ray.

Lab work, too, is very low in cost. For example, a CBC blood test is free. A "rapid-strep" test is \$8. Student Health Services does about half of its lab work on campus and sends the rest to REX Hospital.

"We don't charge for most of the stuff we do here," Barker said.

Pharmacy costs are about 60 percent of what they would be at the local Eckerd Drug Store, according to Barker. "We [the pharmacy] can handle everything that this kind of practice needs," Barker said.

Each year, NCSU keeps costs low by studying what doctors and pharmacists in the community are charging. Also included as part of Student Health Services are the Counseling Center, gynecology, physical therapy and "health education."

The three health educators go to dorms and other campus locations and run programs on things like stress, nutrition, weight control, substance abuse and STDs. In September, they did 31 of these programs and 56 individual counseling sessions, according to Barker.

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Robbery

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altered his trust in people. "I'm scared to look people in the eye," said David Harmon, a freshman in engineering. "I just keep thinking, 'what if they would have shot?'"

According to the report, there were possibly four suspects in a Buick with tag reading "KVN" heading north on Dan Allen Drive towards Hillsborough Street after the alleged incident. According to Capt. R.F. Smith, Det. Lt. Moody and Det. Maj. Brown arrived shortly thereafter and proceeded their follow up investigation. The report said that further leads from assisting agencies were developing.

NCSU Public Safety said similar reports of armed robberies were also reported in Garner and Clayton with the same suspects. Three suspects are under investigation and arrest warrants are pending, a Public Safety Crime Alert said.

Garner Police Department's Lt. Moore said that it's still undecided whether or not the incidents are related. "We have not established a clear connection," he said. "We're not going to say they are related in any way."

Even so, Moore said they believe they have identified one of the suspects who was also involved in an alleged armed robbery committed against two females at 1:15 a.m. the same night in the Forest Hills Shopping Center parking lot in front of Food Lion.

According to Moore, there were no injuries. The alleged incident is still under investigation as well.

According to Public Safety, suspect one is a white male, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, 150 pounds, medium build and possibly wearing a white shirt and a white ball cap. Suspect two is a black male with short black hair, wearing a plaid jacket and green camouflage pants, medium build, 5 feet 8 inches tall and 180 pounds. Suspect three is a white male with a heavy build, about 6 feet, 200 pounds, and wearing a white baseball cap, a white T-shirt, dark and baggy jeans. Suspect four is a black male with a medium build, about 5 feet 10 inches, weighing 180 pounds with a sharp and tapered mustache. Suspect five is a white male with a medium build, about 5 feet 10 inches and weighing 180 pounds.

If you have any information, call Public Safety's Investigative Division at 515-2498.

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Barker corrected what he thought to be a misconception regarding the doctors at Student Health Services. All physicians are board certified. Each has completed all of his or her credentials. The eight doctors at Student Health Services are there because that is what they want to do, Barker said. Some have given up the 60-70 hour workweek of being an on-call doctor because they have family; others chose Student Health Services simply because they wanted to slow their pace a little.

Barker said Student Health Services realizes the importance of having good doctors. Doctors are "the backbone of what we do," he said.

"Just because they're [students] not paying a lot doesn't mean they're getting second rate care," Barker said.

On top of the eight physicians at NCSU, there are four Registered Nurse Practitioners (RNs), five lab technicians, psychiatrists, 17 nurses and numerous other support staff. Altogether, Student Health Services employs 70 people.

Student Health Services processes about 7,000 immunizations each year. This means they make sure each student has had the proper immunizations to attend classes at NCSU.

Barker understood that people aren't always aware of the services which are provided by Student Health Services.

"It's one of those things you don't pay much attention to until you're sick," Barker said.

Student Health Services is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. until noon.

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◆ An NCSU student is also a successful NASCAR driver.

CARL KERCHMAR
Staff Writer

Standing in the pits at the Southern National Speedway, the energy of the crew and the speed and sound of the racecars is exhilarating. An average speed of 96 miles per hour roars out of 380-390 horse-powered engines that burn 116 octane fuel on a 0.4 mile track, delighting race spectators of all ages. The action is even more infectious when you know who's behind the wheel.

Any N.C. State students following NASCAR might know we have one of our own behind the wheel. It's NASCAR Late Model Stock Car driver, Cam Strader.

Part-time student in the College of Management and full-time racecar driver, Strader is burning up the tracks in the Winston Racing Series and the community. The 1998 season is Strader's first-time driving his No. 16 Team Wilson Ford Thunderbird in the Late Model Stock division. As of Sept. 5, Strader has two wins, eight top fives, 18 top 10 and leads the points race for "Rookie of the Year" at his home track, Southern National Speedway in Kenly, just outside Wilson. With only one race left at SNS on Nov. 28, Strader looks to have locked up the title.

With NASCAR regulations making all the cars basically the same, how can you continually dominate the track — is it the mental game?

"Definitely, patience and consistency have been the strengths of my driving. You have to finish every race to have a chance to win it," explained Strader. When Strader won at SNS earlier in the season he drove a consistent 16:20 lap time for the whole race.

With the mental game, do other racers try and psych you out with bad mouthing like in football and basketball?

"It's too loud out on the track to hear anything, but there are hand signals (jokingly raising his middle finger) and bumping." Only 18 years old, this prodigy driver started racing BMX bikes in 1991, moved on to the Go-Kart Circuit and in '96 raced in the Super Pro Truck Touring Division. In that division, he claimed "Most Improved Driver," and holds the '97 Track Speed Record, which made him third overall at age 16.

Strader has known success his whole life and holds track records from each of the racing schools he attended: Finish Line Racing School (VA), St. Augustine Speedway (FL) and Lanier Speedway (GA).

His mother, Betty Strader, remembers when young Strader and his older brother built their first go-carts. "They started racing all around the yard ripping up my flower beds and tearing up a circle in the lawn. He used to work on that go-cart all night."

The Strader family has always been involved and supportive of their son's racing ambitions. Strader's father, Steve Strader, owns the Strader race team and older brother Chris Strader helps out with the tires.

Do Strader's parents get worried every time their son gets in the car and on the track with other hungry drivers racing at high speeds, taking tight turns? Steve Strader was quick to mention the fire resistant suit and safety features of the 1997 Ford Thunderbird. Betty Strader explained, "I used to be a little nervous, but when I realized how talented a driver Cam was, I just get excited about cheering him on. I get these premonitions, when I feel nervous before a race with a doomsday feeling. Cam doesn't do well. But when I

feel excited before a race Cam has always finished strong."

Cam not only is Strader making his mark in NASCAR but in the community as well. Strader is active with Children's Miracle Network and has organized the first annual "Race for Champions" for the Duke Children's Miracle Network.

On May 30, 26 racecar drivers collected donations by passing helmets through the grandstands at SNS. In addition, proceeds from designated box seat ticket holders were donated to the Duke Children's Hospital for pediatric health care, basic and applied research, health care education and children's health advocacy. Strader's "Race for Champions" raised \$15,000 on the night of the race. After winning the race, Strader announced "I want to dedicate this victory to the children at Duke Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. These kids continue to be an inspiration to me."

Each year 170 children's hospitals like Duke's, affiliated with CMN Champions, treat over 12 million kids. Strader's victory at SNS helps children suffering from cancer, muscular and cardiovascular diseases and other medical problems plaguing the health of young children since birth. Strader also visited the Duke Children's Hospital with his racecar to sign autographs and tries to visit other children's hospitals while on the road.

Cam Strader seems well on the way to more record breaking seasons and leaving the big dogs of NASCAR in the dust. To check out his schedule and stats, look over www.camstrader.hbnn.com.



Strader with a child from Duke Children's Hospital.



Strader lets a child from the hospital sit in his racecar.



Dr. Bereman looks at a model in his office.

Professor strives for students

◆ Dr. Robert Bereman, a one-time director of the FYC, continues to work hard for students.

NATALIE DUGGINS
Senior Staff Writer

As the university celebrates the achievements and the success of the First Year College (FYC), one of its former directors, Dr. Robert Bereman, continues to strive to improve academic advising.

Hired initially because of his research experience and well-known reputation in New York, Bereman quickly became an advocate for students when he joined the NCSU faculty in 1979. He has received the "Advocacy Award," an award presented by the Association for the Concerns of African-American Graduate Students in 1984 and 1993. He has received praise from faculty and staff for outstanding work in race relations and from the African-American students of the Peer Mentor Program. He considers these accolades to be among the greatest accomplishments during his tenure at NCSU.

"It's affirmative action, but not in the classic sense of the word," Bereman said. "It's about giving everyone the opportunity to go to college and get a quality education."

Bereman saw the creation of the First Year College as an opportunity to maximize the number of freshmen he could help. The team that worked on the development of the First Year College saw it as a chance for a set of professional advisors to personally interact with the students. Ideally, by getting to know these students on a one-on-one basis, advisors could assist any student who came into the university unsure of his/her major.

By aiding in the transition between high school and college, FYC would also aid in the recruitment and retention of freshmen for the university as a whole. "There is one main reason for the success of the First Year College," Bereman said. "It's having a dedicated staff of quality advisors. They are truly professionals that care a lot about the students." Presently, Bereman is a strong advocate for the expansion of the FYC and a similar program for the increasing number of students who transfer

from Community Colleges to N.C. State. "North Carolina is fifth in the nation in terms of the increase of students in public schools, grades 9-12, between now and 2006. There has to be something to accommodate that growth in North Carolina. Also, over the next few years, there will be an increase in the number of transfer students coming to N.C. State as sophomores or juniors, who need some type of support system."

According to Bereman, problems with faculty advising are not as serious as we might hear. He does, however, advocate increasing the rewards system for faculty advising. Many professors involved with advising have to balance advising with teaching and their lab research, without much incentive to do so. Bereman also believes that quality advising should be recognized in some way because you never hear the success stories associated with academic advising, only the bad.

Having had a class of his own advises for one semester of general chemistry, Dr. Bereman also recommends that all first year freshmen be required to take a class taught by their advisor, a program that is already in place in the First Year College.

"Through this, you're able to help students at a much quicker rate. Advisors are given the opportunity to know the students and their capabilities and advise them better as to which class they should or shouldn't be taking." In hopes of providing a more accessible means of advising, Dr. Bereman, while director of the FYC, submitted proposals to create a virtual advising center. This advising center would serve as an alternate resource for students who want to investigate other majors available to them. "At one time, nearly 50 percent of N.C. State students changed their major at least once. There's a strong misconception that even people who come into the university with a given major know exactly what they want to do and what it takes to get there."

While he wanted to utilize the computing resources that the university has available to it for the virtual advising center, Bereman is quick to point out that there is no substitute for being able to sit down and talk to a person who is knowledgeable about the opportunities

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Ask Chef? Am

All right, boys and girls, October marks Vegetarian Awareness Month. In honor of this, this month's columns will be vegetarian-based. For those who wish to e-mail me with their favorite veggie recipes, please mail them before the end of next week. Mailings of other ideas will be looked at for November.

In honor of the Wolfpack's devouring of Syracuse (and Halloween), this week we'll focus on eating orange. Today, we'll try two pumpkin soups and a healthy salad with fresh oranges and orange vinaigrette.

- Cream of pumpkin soup — makes six servings.
- 1 lb. pumpkin — peeled, seeded and cubed
 - 3 cups water
 - 2 medium onions — roughly chopped
 - 1 bay leaf
 - 1/2 tsp. dried thyme (for remembrance)
 - 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
 - To taste, salt and pepper
 - 1 cup tofu — small, cubed
 - 2 Tbs. yogurt
1. In a large pot, combine all, except tofu and yogurt. Bring to boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer for 15-20 minutes, until pumpkin is tender.

2. In batches, puree soup in blender. Return soup to pot. 3. Stir in tofu, and heat to serving temperature without boiling. Then, ladle soup into bowl. Top with one teaspoon yogurt. And just to put your mind at ease: the tofu is added for extra texture and protein. Tofu absorbs flavors well. So, in this recipe, it will be fully pumpkin flavored.

Picante tomato and ginger pumpkin soup — makes six servings

- 1 cup thinly sliced scallions
 - 2 tsp. grapeseed oil or extra virgin olive oil
 - 1-1/2 Tbs. minced ginger root
 - 1-1/2 Tbs. minced garlic
 - To taste, minced fresh chile pepper
 - 14 oz. diced tomato with its juice
 - 5 cups boiling water
 - 2 lbs. Pumpkin — peeled, seeded, and cubed small
- To taste, salt
1. Over medium heat in a large pot, briefly sauté scallions. Add ginger, garlic and peppers. Cook for two minutes while stirring constantly. Stir in tomatoes, and simmer 15 minutes.
2. Then, lower heat to medium and simmer 15 minutes.
3. Stir in water, pumpkin and salt. Bring to boil. Then, reduce heat to medium and simmer for 20 minutes, until the pumpkin is tender.

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Cam Strader, an NCSU student and NASCAR driver, in his No. 16 Ford Thunderbird preparing for a race.

Technician's View

Costly brouhaha

♦ Football victories are becoming expensive.

When N.C. State beat East Carolina last year in football, thousands of students rushed the field, and the goal posts came down. When NCSU slammed Florida State, the number-two team in the nation, the field at Carter-Finley was again filled with cheering fans who carried off the goal posts. And last week, following NCSU's victory over No. 11 Syracuse, the procedure was repeated a third time.

Cost to the Athletics Department: \$36,000. Cost to students: probably even more. That's because student fees contribute to the Athletics Department, which not only has to replace the goal posts, but also has to fork over the dough for the labor involved. Not to mention the cost of repairing a field plucked apart by fan rager to take a piece of the historical game field home with them.

Sure, taking down the goal posts is a sort of tradition. And, one might argue, it hasn't been done (nor has there been a reason to) very often in recent years. And, hey, it's just a way the students and other fans show their team spirit. But at \$6,000 apiece, those uprights — and that spirit — don't come cheap.

Think about it: How many scholarships could \$36,000 (which is a minimal estimate) provide? How much new equipment, uniforms or computers could it purchase? At a time when the powers that be are clamoring for increased tuition and higher student fees, every little bit counts. Do students really want their hard-earned money going toward new goal posts, ones that will most likely get torn down at some point in the upcoming year?

Aside from the cost, there are other disconcerting factors that come into play when thousands of fans, many who are somewhat inebriated (either with alcohol or victory), swarm onto a football field in an attempt to dismantle 40-foot-tall structures. Let's try safety, for one. It is easy to imagine a person or persons getting badly trampled in the mad dash across the hundred yards, their cries for help distinguished by the hordes of screaming fans. Or someone getting bashed on the head by a plummeting goal post, only to be ignored by the cheering masses. Now does this really sound like fun to anyone?

Everyone should celebrate NCSU's magnificent victories on — and off — the football field. And tearing down the goal posts once or twice in a couple of years is OK. But if the trend continues, a winning football season could become an expensive habit.

CAMPUS FORUM

Insert was disturbing

Today's Technician contained an insert promoting drug abuse. It is true that the specific drug is a legal product, tobacco. I also understand that it is the policy of Technician to accept advertising for alcohol and tobacco products, as long as there is a cautionary statement included.

I am still outraged by the advertising client's promotion of a known carcinogen — a product that has other harmful health effects that are particularly serious, even for a tobacco product — to a young population who is just starting out in life. The university is a place for education, for growing, for learning, for expansion of the possibilities of life, not a marketplace for the deliberate and cynical exploitation of students as consumers, at the expense of their well-being. The client has a right to advertise, but does it have to be in Technician? Does it have to be aimed at our students? I know this insert isn't the first time and won't be the last time that objectionable

advertising will be put before students. They can find plenty of more offensive material in any newspaper. I still want to make note that I find it objectionable. I wish Technician would reconsider its advertising policy in regard to these kinds of products. I doubt we can rely on tobacco advertisers to develop a moral sense overnight and refrain from advertising so blatantly in student newspapers. Students can also make their own assessments about the product, and I hope they have become more critical thinkers since coming to N.C. State for their education.

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To fall onto the ground.

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The kids they don't worry
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Oh! Old goal post!
How we love to pull you down
Some will cry lawsuit
Some will only frown.
But the Mighty Mighty Wolfpack
With power in numbers
A force unstoppable
As a saw is to lumber.
-marko

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KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

I have been failed. My university has failed me. They have forsaken the one thing in my life that kept me from losing hope, losing sanity, losing my ever-slipping grip on reality — they took the one good, pure thing in this world and tossed it aside. My soft drink.

Perhaps I was too cocky. I knew this day would arrive — it was inevitable — but I was sure that I would triumph. The rumors were true, change was a-comin', but I knew that it would not affect me. No one would dare touch my soft drink. No one could. As the cola wars raged, I stayed neutral. I knew that my sacred soda was above such a petty dispute. It was independent of Coke or Pepsi. It was untouchable.

I was wrong. Ah, Dr. Pepper. I mourn for thee. Every chance trip to the C-Store pulls open the wound again, fresh and stinging. My eyes mist over. The rows and rows of cold drinks, happy in their own snazzy blue display case sneer back at me as I search the empty void for your burgundy label and yellow top. My hand paws the glass in despair, thinking back to those carefree days when I could toss open the door and there you were — smiling up at me

from your fourth-row perch, tempting me with your bubbly goodness. Dr. Pepper, it hasn't been the same since we were cruelly and untimely ripped apart. Sure, we meet again, occasionally, but it's a tawdry and debasing rendez vous at the soda fountain marred by ice. We all know that ice corrupts your true flavor, watering you down, holding you back, denying the full effect of your smooth, carbonated sweetness. The intimacy and true perfection of a bottle is gone.

And what about your brothers and sisters? They've been banished too, sent off to that great big vending machine down the road. Mello Yello, how sweet you were...such a refreshing compliment to my beloved Dr. Pepper. What fond memories we too shared, and now that cold heartless witch Mountain Dew greets me icily as I shop. Rows and rows of Mountain Dew follow my moves through the C-Store with their beady little eyes. Regular, diet, caffeine-free, diet caffeine-free, who needs this many Mountain Dews?

Sprite — ah, old friend, thirst is not everything. Not even thirst could drive me to drink that pseudo-soft drink, 7Up. It's a desperate pretender to your throne, a hollow shell of a drink — no calories, no lemon-lime, no life or body. No lemon-lime? What's the fun in that? And my sports-drink little friends,

you too have been affected by this cruel change. It must have broken your little athlete-aiding hearts when they carted you off only to replace you with your evil carbonated twin. Who goes to the C-store after a good workout and says, "I need to replenish all that my body has just spent. Give me something with bubbles — oh yes, definitely bubbles."

And Coke. What can I say? I will remember Coca-Cola. Always. But no loss will affect me more than losing my Dr. Pepper. It was more than a drink to me. It was, simply, the taste. It was just what the doctor ordered. It was my sanity in a can, the answer to life's little spurts of craziness bottled for easy distribution.

Alas, because of my university, the 20 ounces of happiness in my day is gone (okay — who am I kidding, the 80 ounces of happiness...still, it's gone). Are you happy N.C. State? Rolling around in your new money and laughing while they cart away the Coke machines? Personally, I wouldn't touch your money — it's Pepsi money. It's dirty money.

Have you no shame? Selling out the taste buds of countless students for some pretty blue drink fountains in the cafeteria? Where is our pride? Is our school color some dorky shade of blue? No, it's red. Red and white like the mighty Coca-Cola

wave. Of course, personally, I'm kinda partial to the whole burgundy-red-yellow scheme. It's a sight for sore eyes and one especially for sore, sleep deprived eyes for whom Dr. Pepper was the only way they managed to stay open.

See what you've done to me, N.C. State? If I fall asleep in class now, it's your fault. If I fail my classes, I'm penning it on you. If I have a horrible day, buy a Mountain Dew and then completely flip my top and assault some nice little old lady with it, you're paying for my lawyer fees. You should have thought about this before you sold out, before you sent my baby away.

Ah, Dr. Pepper, we'll always have the 11 o'clock C-store break. I'll think of you fondly while I'm downing some other carbonated beverage. But they'll never be you. And no matter what comes, no matter what fancy soft drink they throw in my face, whatever new gimmick they pull — I'll always be a pepper.

Kelly really is almost this psychotic about her soft drink. You just don't mess with Dr. Pepper. It makes her want to suggest all sorts of other places that the university could stick its new Pepsi besides the C-store freezers. Sad, isn't it? E-mail her at kmarks@unity.ncsu.edu.

TECHNICIAN

NATLIE DUGGINS
Staff Columnist

Before I developed this unexplainable obsession for music, sports was indeed my favorite subject to talk about. I'm not sure how I made the progression from sports into music, but that's not really the point.

Needless to say, my interest in sports has dwindled. When I was younger, I was really disappointed if I happened to miss an exciting football or basketball game. Now, I'm just like, "Damn, I missed it," and that's the end of it. But it's not just me (it never is)...it's the sports mecca...it's just not as entertaining as it once was. Take this past Monday for instance. On one channel, there was a clash between two of the National Football League's unbeaten teams, but on two others there was wrestling. Easy decision — I tuned into wrestling for the next few hours (though it did get tough when I had to choose between watching the Undertaker and the Rock or Sting against Bret Hart...oh, the turmoil). I can hear all the nay-sayers out

there now: "Wrestling is so fake." Yeah, I know that. The millions who tune in every week know that. But when watching wrestling, there's always a guarantee of entertainment. While I was nearly in tears from laughing so hard at Stone Cold's latest antics, some poor sap that thought Monday Night Football would actually be a contest sat disappointed. But, the purpose of this column wasn't to talk about wrestling specifically, just sports in general. Sports nowadays are lackluster. I'm not saying that every basketball game has to resemble a New York Knicks and Miami Heat game (which never fails to end in some kind of brawl), but some kind of competition would be greatly appreciated.

But what about the battle between Sosa and Big Mac? Well, what about it? Maybe I'm just being cynical, but I think that McGwire could hit 100 homers in a season, and it wouldn't really make a difference if he couldn't get the Cardinals to the playoffs. It's like Karl Malone. He's been to unteem All-Star games, won a number of gold medals and won the Most Valuable Player Award. But guess

what. None of that matters because he doesn't have any World Championship Rings on his fingers. Another reason that my interest in sports has become so minimal over the past year is that many sports have become too embroiled in politics. Take the NBA for instance. Obviously, the average \$3.1 million salary offered by the heads of the NBA just isn't enough to fulfill all the whims of the players, so all 114 games of the NBA preseason were canceled on Tuesday. If the NBA players can't settle for an average salary of 3.1 million, how will they ever live without any salary whatsoever when this year's season is canceled? I'm sure they'll all survive. I find myself hoping that there is an NBA season, though — not that I want to see it at all (what's a basketball season without Jordan anyway?). But maybe if they hurry and regroup in time for the season to start, Shaquille O'Neal will stop moonlighting as a "trap" artist.

Speaking of politics and greed, I'd like to weigh in with my opinion on the new location of the NCSU and UNC-CH game. On the one hand, it'll be a good venture...I mean, it'll probably be

the first time all year that anyone has won in Ericsson Stadium because, obviously, the Panthers have no clue as to what they're doing. But for all other things, the move from Raleigh/Chapel Hill to Charlotte isn't too beneficial to anyone, except for the respective universities financial status (which won't lower our tuition any, so who cares). Driving three hours during Thanksgiving break, sitting in the frigid November cold for three hours and then driving back — um, it just seems a little pointless. Not only are students getting shafted out of the opportunity to the game of the year, it breaks several longstanding N.C. State traditions. So during the State/Carolina game, when the Pack is waiting for that oh-so-valuable 12th man to take the field, look over to that old gramps who paid the full price of admission because those clattering dentures are cheers for our team.

Natlle is probably at the gym right now, working out. Just in case the NBA needs some replacement players for the upcoming season...e-mail her at TekniStaff@aol.com

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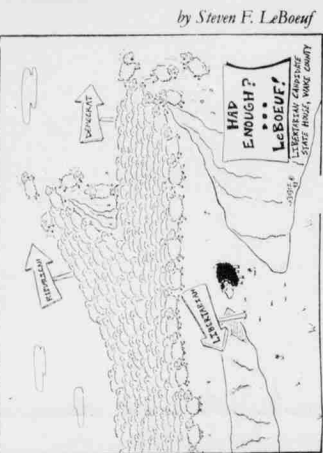
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age? Since 1993, more than \$311 million in Georgia lottery money has provided free tuition to 130,000 students at Georgia's public colleges and universities. Another \$128 million from the lottery has given grants to 61,000 private college students in Georgia, and \$103 million has provided free tuition for 140,000 students at Georgia's technical schools. I support a state lottery for North Carolina. Thirty-seven other states use lottery proceeds to keep taxes lower and to pay for needed public services such as schools, police, health care and other important needs. Taxes are coercive, complicated and often unfair, while a lottery is totally voluntary.

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lottery!

Our founders used lotteries to equip and arm volunteers in the Revolutionary Army, which successfully challenged Britain's "taxation without representation."

As history proves, we the people must keep a vigilant eye on those in government, because the power to tax is the power to destroy! Isn't a voluntary way of raising public funds better than a Big Brother approach? Our neighbor to the north, the Commonwealth of Virginia, will net well over \$300 million from its lottery this year. Many of the good citizens of our state "make a run for the border" to buy Virginia Lotto tickets, thereby donating millions to the schools of Virginia, which pay teachers at a far higher rate than we do here in North Carolina. A Durham man recently won \$5 million in the Virginia lottery. Why did he and his friends have to go out of state to buy tickets? Because possession of a lottery ticket is illegal in North Carolina!

The argument that a lottery would

bring in organized crime is wrong. How many of your fellow church members raise money by playing bingo? How many of your co-workers participate in the office pool? How many of your friends bet on sports?

And are you aware that there is already plenty of illegal gambling — the numbers rackets — in every major city in this state? I'd rather see the money currently going to other states' coffers stay here. I would like to see a legal, publicly-audited state lottery as an alternative to the numbers-runners, bookies and loan-sharks who often have ties to organized crime.

Let's put our money toward our schools, police and hospitals instead of the Godfather!

We the people of North Carolina deserve the right to vote in a referendum for the lottery!

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Chef

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Serve hot. If you'd like nutritional info for the soups, please e-mail me, and let me know.

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- 2 each fresh, ripe oranges, peeled and sectioned
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 - 2 oz. orange juice
 - 6 oz. walnut oil
- To taste, salt and pepper
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 4. In a slow, yet steady stream, whisk in oil hard.
 5. Continue whisking until slightly frothy. Pour over salads.
- Bon appetit! You can e-mail me at Chefiam@msn.com

Prof

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available to that student, regardless of their major.

"There is a critical need for a University Advising Center where students from any major might meet with a professional advisor who is knowledgeable of all majors at NCSU. This center could take care of undecided transfer students as well.

Academic advisors would refer their advisee to the advising center if he/she was thinking of changing their major or if the student was unable to matriculate into their particular major of choice. Through the new advising center, the student would be able to focus and review their career goals with someone who could cut through the "red tape" and provide necessary help. These continued efforts to improve the level of advising at N.C. State are remnants of the initial reason he became a professor at all — to help as many people as possible.

Fees

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10 percent more than students are paying now. However, Barker argued that this was 10 percent over four years.

"Is that unreasonable to ask for 10 percent in a four year time period?" Barker asked.

Without the increase, Student Health Services would be looking at a large deficit in its savings. By law, Student Health Services is required to keep \$150,000 plus 1/12 of their staff's total salaries in reserve. This is to cover any lawsuits that could arise. The state of

North Carolina will pay any money above \$150,000 should Student Health Services be found liable in a lawsuit.

For the 1998-99 academic year, Student Health Services has a projected "Ending Cash Balance" of \$424,248. Without an increase in student fees, their projected "Ending Cash Balance" for the 1999-2000 academic year would be \$38,166, well below what they need, according to Barker. With the increase in student fees, their projected "Ending Cash Balance" for the 1999-2000 year would be \$359,166. This is still a little low, but reasonable, Barker said.

If Student Health Services does not get its fee increase approved, Barker said administration would first "fine tune" the facility. Positions would

probably be left vacant longer than they should.

"If we leave positions vacant, that increases their [doctors and staff] workload," Barker said.

Next, Student Health Services would probably have to cut its hours. This might mean no evening or weekend service.

"Our staff doesn't want to do it," Barker said. He also said that, in polls, students have asked that Student Health Services be open more hours.

Costs would probably increase as well, Barker said. Lab tests and X-rays would cost more than they do now, for example.

"We think the best solution is for all the students to chip in," Barker said.

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get a shot off against the Heels, and in 1996, the Pack was shutout, 6-0 under the lights at Paul Derr Track.

But Tuesday night was a step in the right direction, not only against the Tar Heels, but on the season.

"We've been getting a little better each game this year," Kerrigan said. "Now we have the players that are healthy that weren't healthy at the beginning of the year, and that made a big difference."

Elon College, including a close exhibition loss to a very tough South Carolina squad.

"Coastal Carolina is a good team," Assistant Coach Matthias Berrang stated. "They've got guys who know how to finish and work hard. We are going to have to play well to beat them."

The Wolfpack will be without several starters in today's game. Freshman Matt Tabor and sophomore Tony Malcolm will both be on the bench with nagging injuries, along with co-captain Jeremy Ballenger.

"Jeremy will be a big, big hole for us to replace," Berrang said. "He has been the only one who has played sweeper for us all year."

Sophomore striker Shaker Asad will also be out due to yellow cards.

wrestlers to weigh in at."

In-season jobs not practical for most athletes.

TUCSON, Ariz. — After spending more than a year deciding on a plausible piece of legislation, the NCAA finally instituted a program last year that would allow athletes to work part-time jobs during the school year. And while the program was good in theory, it appears there will be few takers on this new opportunity.

One potential pitfall is the program's difficulty from a compliance standpoint. The NCAA is very strict on what steps the athletes need to take when trying to work during the academic year.

First, the athlete can only earn up to the full cost in financial aid, plus \$2,000. Therefore, an athlete with a full scholarship can earn only \$2,000 through working during the year.

The only exception to this rule is if an athlete is on partial scholarship and the athletic department finds that person a position. In that case, the athlete would only be eligible for \$2,000, not the amount plus remaining cost of financial aid.

Before the athlete can begin working there is also a large amount of paperwork that needs to be completed. First, an athlete cannot work outside of the academic year if he or she is a freshman or transfer to the university.

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Coming home

◆ Men's soccer gears up for a home match with Coastal Carolina.

TIM HUNTER

Assistant Sports Editor

After a tough 4-0 loss at Virginia, the men's soccer team looks to get back on track today with a win at Method Road Stadium when the Wolfpack hosts Coastal Carolina at 4 p.m.

Despite its 2-7 record and the UVa loss, Head Coach George Tarantini and the Pack remain confident.

"I think we are extremely positive," Tarantini said. "I think we played pretty hard in the first half (State was only down 1-0). Unfortunately we made some mistakes, but I thought that we played extremely hard."

"We saw how we could play, finally," sophomore Nick Olivencia said of the UVa game. "In the first half we played the best game we have ever played. We know we can play with anybody, we just have to take the 45 minutes and make it to 90 minutes."

If the Wolfpack is to turn this season around, now is the time. State plays its next five games at home, including three non-conference match-ups.

"It helps a lot being here, being on our field, defending our territory," Olivencia said. "We prefer to play at home."

State's uncharacteristic losing ways certainly can't be blamed on lack of hard work.

"The team has always been playing hard," Tarantini said. "We have been missing chances and we do not have the flow in the game that we have to have. But I think the work rate and everything else is extremely positive."

"I think the reason we have not been successful is not because we don't want it," Tarantini went on to say. "It is because we are trying to find ourselves and our flow. And we are getting closer and closer. We are a couple of goals away."

While the Chanticleers may not be on the level of ACC teams the Pack has faced such as Virginia, Maryland and Clemson, this name is not to be taken for granted.

"Of course they are not an ACC team, but expectations will be the same and that is to win every game," Tarantini went on to say.

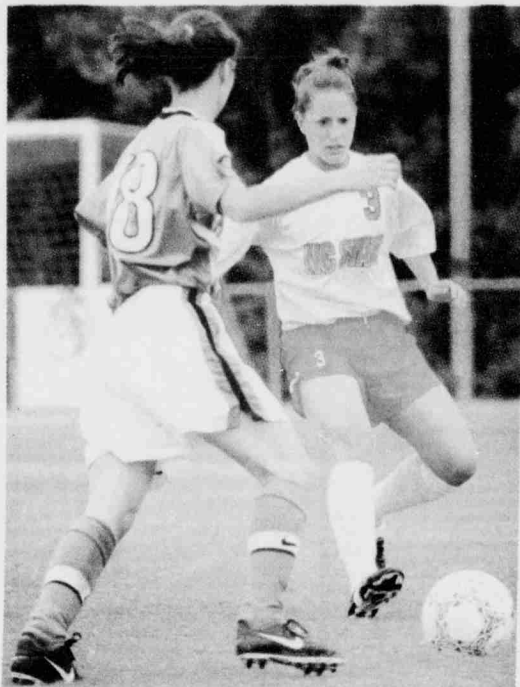
"We expect to win every game. It's a must game-win for us," Olivencia added. "We have to approach it just like an ACC game."

Coastal Carolina does bring a dangerous team to Raleigh. The Chanticleers were 4-4 before a game with

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Sophomore Shaker Asad is one of four players who will not play on Wednesday.



N.C. State dropped its third straight game to the Tar Heels.

Pack falls to Heels

◆ State defense holds UNC-CH to one goal in first half, can hold on in the second.

K. GRIFFNEY

Sports Editor

N.C. State's women's soccer team dropped its third Atlantic Coast Conference game of the season Tuesday night, losing 4-0 at the hands of the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels.

The Tar Heels scored its first goal with just under seven minutes ticked off of the clock, as All-American Cindy Parlow headed in a corner kick from Rebecca McDowell. McDowell crossed the ball to Parlow on the left side of the goal, and then Parlow headed a shot off of the right goal post and into the goal.

State's defense kept the game close in the first half, behind the leadership of senior goalkeeper Sara Marino.

"For us to come in here and be able to hold them to 1-0 at halftime, that was big for us," Wolfpack Head Coach Laura Kerrigan said. "Sara Marino played great today. She made some unbelievable saves, and the ones that went in, she really

couldn't do anything on."

State made a run at the end of the first half, collecting two shots on goal.

Parlow opened up the scoring in the second half, heading in a cross-pass from Tiffany Roberts.

Laurie Schwoy tallied the Heels' third goal, heading a free kick from Lorrie Fair from just outside of the goal past Marino.

Parlow finished out the scoring with another close-range goal. After the referee signaled that Parlow was tripped in the box, Marino stopped the senior forwards' initial shot, but Parlow scored on the rebound.

State played in front of one of its largest home crowds of the season, which included the Wolfpack swimming and diving and women's basketball team, players and fans who seemingly knew that the game meant more than another notch in the win or loss column.

"It is a big game for any N.C. State team to play against UNC-Chapel Hill," Kerrigan said. "N.C. State just loves to go against UNC, it is such a rivalry from our standpoint."

For State, the losing effort was marked improvement over the past two seasons. Last year, State didn't

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Swimmers consider change?



Members of the N.C. State swimming and diving team showed their support at the Wolfpack women's soccer game.

State opens doors

◆ Pack volleyball goes for first ACC win against Terps.

JEREMY ASHTON

Staff Writer

After a tough road trip to start out the Atlantic Coast Conference season, the Wolfpack volleyball team finally returns to Reynolds Coliseum for its conference home opener against Maryland.

The Pack (10-5, 0-3) enters tonight's match after having dropped three in a row on the road to open conference play. Inexperience has been a factor for the team. Eight of the 11 players on the roster are freshmen or sophomores.

"You have to give your freshmen some time to adjust," Pack Head Coach Kim Hall said. "They're doing really well, but I think we can only see them improving and showing progress through some of the bumps in the road."

Another problem for the team has been the absence of key players. Sophomore Lisa Liberi just returned to action Friday against Carolina after an injury to one of her stomach muscles.

"I feel great now, and I really want to help out the team," Liberi said.

Meanwhile, setter Erin Vesey, who earlier in the season was named ACC Rookie of the Week, was forced to sit against UNC-Chapel Hill due to a migraine headache. Junior Kerry Bridenback filled

in, but the loss of Vesey proved crucial against the Heels.

"It's like playing a football game without a quarterback," explained senior co-captain Kaitlin Robinson. "Erin's is a crucial injury because we don't have a replacement for her at all," agreed Hall. "Kerry Bridenback stepped in and did an excellent job for only knowing 15 minutes before the match. But Kerry hasn't (been a setter) in college. It is a crucial position, and we're just glad that it wasn't a long-term injury."

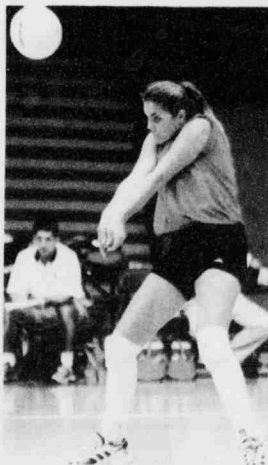
The Pack should be back to full strength tonight against the two-time defending ACC regular season champs. The Terps are the perfect example of how tough the ACC really is. Last year, Maryland swept through the conference at a perfect 16-0 but have begun this year only 1-3.

"Every team in the ACC is tough. You can't dwell on the past. You've got to keep going, look forward to the next game, and then work on the things you need to improve on," co-captain Laura Kimbrell said.

In spite of their slow start, the Terps are a favorite target in the ACC this year simply because of past success. Like everyone else, the Pack would love nothing more than to knock them off.

"We had Maryland down 2-0 last year and lost that match. So, there is a little bit of extra incentive to beat them here," Hall said.

Tonight's match will get underway at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.



Meredith Price and the Wolfpack welcome the ACC to Reynolds.

NATIONAL NOTES

◆ Wrestler face weight challenge; problems with in-season jobs for athletes.

Sports Staff Report

New NCAA weight test first hurdle for Nebraska wrestling

LINCOLN, Neb. — Wrestlers are known for having used every technique possible to drop a couple of pounds. In fact, some say their skills could be considered nothing less than a work of art.

But because of new rules imposed by the NCAA in April, wrestlers across the country will be forced to find new weight-loss methods. And Thursday marks the first true test for the Nebraska wrestling team, NU Coach Tim Neumann said.

The Cornhuskers will take a series of tests, including a hydration check and a body fat check, to determine the minimum weight at which they can compete at this season.

"The stressful thing about the tests is that we've kind of got a team mapped out on paper," Neumann said. "If they don't test out, they don't get to wrestle all year at that weight. They have to go up a weight."

"That ends up making two good guys go at the same weight, and that messes up the lineup."

The new rules arose after three collegiate wrestlers died last season while trying to drop a large amount of water in a short amount of time in order to make weight, Neumann said. This year, the new tests are done with the goal of not letting any wrestler become dehydrated.

"The NCAA set a hydration level of 1.02," Neumann said. "1.02 is normal hydration for what the average American should be walking around in. That's what they want our

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