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Wolfpack men's basketball heads north Tuesday. See page 6.



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Student drivers?

Yes, that's a student bus driver chaffering you to class. See page 2.

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Weather forecast for Today and Tomorrow, including high/low temperatures and icons for sun and clouds.

Marching on



Members of the N.C. State Band drumline broke away from the rest of the band to practice for the impending football game against UNC-Chapel Hill.

RPD charges three more State athletes

The Raleigh Police Department released additional information on the shooting of an NCSU student early Sunday morning.

LER DELICIO AND PHILLIP REESE Staff Writers

Three members of the N.C. State gymnastics team were charged yesterday in connection with the death of NCSU student Neil Davis. The students unlawfully distributed alcohol at a party where events leading to Davis' death occurred, a police report said.

Another person, Christopher Green, 30, was charged yesterday with misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Yesterday's charges make 10 arrests in connection with Davis' death, including the Sunday arrests of three NCSU football players, two NCSU wrestlers and a former wrestler.

Sophomore Maggie Haney, junior Rebecca Geiger and junior Jennifer Sommer — all members of the NCSU gymnastics team — were charged with selling malt beverages to a person under 21 and selling malt beverages without a valid ABC permit. The three gymnasts reside at 4311 Hunter's Club Drive, the site of a party where, according to police reports, a group of people directly involved in the shooting of Davis was hanging out early Sunday.

Haney, Geiger, Sommer and Green could not be reached for comment Monday night. NCSU Gymnastics Coach Mark Stevenson was also unavailable for comment.

Yesterday, police released more details about the circumstances that led to Davis' death.

According to Capt. Mike Longmire of the Raleigh Police Department, Davis reportedly returned to his home at 4306 Hunter's Club Drive early Sunday morning. As Davis arrived at his home, he noticed there was a party going on at nearby 4311 Hunter's Club Drive.

"It's alleged that Mr. Davis returned home... and, for whatever reason...fired into the air and in the direction of 4311 with a 9mm handgun," Longmire said.

A bullet fragment struck from Davis' gun struck George Cintron, a freshman in the First Year College and a member of the NCSU wrestling team.

Longmire said. Cintron went into the house where the party was being held and told everyone at the party what had happened. Longmire said "it was with this knowledge" that the six men went to Davis' house.

Police believe that Clyde Williams Blunt, an NCSU wrestler, Harold Jackson, Willie Wright and David Stringer, all NCSU football players; Michael Mordarski, an NCSU wrestler; and Daniel Campenella, a former NCSU wrestler, left the party and went to Davis' house after hearing Cintron had been hit by the bullet fragment.

The six men reportedly broke into Davis' house, confronting Davis and assaulting him. During this confrontation "the weapon discharged," Longmire said.

At this time, Wright reportedly took the weapon and fled with Jackson and Stringer, said Longmire.

Police charged Blunt with involuntary manslaughter in Davis' death.

"It's alleged that it was his assaultive behavior that led to the discharge of the firearm," Longmire said.

As police continue their investigation, they are looking into events at the party and whether or not there were other people involved.

"We are still trying to identify at least two other people that we believe may have unlawfully entered the premises," Longmire said.

Longmire said Davis had the gun in his possession to begin with, but he was unsure if the gun belonged to Davis.

According to a spokesperson for the Wake County Sheriff's Department, Davis did not hold a current permit for a gun in Wake County.

"We don't have anything on file as of 1993," the spokesperson said.

Under law, a person must have a permit for a gun in Wake County to be carrying a gun, according to the spokesperson.

Blunt was still in jail Monday afternoon on \$5,000 bond. The others involved were released on terms ranging from "a written promise to appear" to a \$1,000 to \$2,500 bond, according to Ms. Sessoms in the Wake County Magistrate's office.

Blunt could face two to just over four years in jail for involuntary manslaughter. The other men are charged with various misdemeanors and face a maximum of two years in jail, according to Longmire.

Charges filed in investigation of Davis' death

Rebecca Geiger

JUNIOR, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SELLING MALT BEVERAGES TO PERSON UNDER 21 AND SELLING MALT BEVERAGES WITHOUT A VALID ABC PERMIT



Maggie Haney

SOPHOMORE, PSYCHOLOGY SELLING MALT BEVERAGES TO PERSON UNDER 21 AND SELLING MALT BEVERAGES WITHOUT A VALID ABC PERMIT



Jennifer Sommer

JUNIOR, COMMUNICATIONS SELLING MALT BEVERAGES TO PERSON UNDER 21 AND SELLING MALT BEVERAGES WITHOUT A VALID ABC PERMIT



Christopher Green

MISDEMEANOR BREAKING AND ENTERING

Clyde Blunt

INVOUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND MISDEMEANOR BREAKING AND ENTERING

Harold Jackson

ACCESSORY TO FELONY, MISDEMEANOR BREAKING AND ENTERING, MISDEMEANOR ASSAULT

Willie Wright

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Fraudulent company targets NCSU students

At least one NCSU student was the victim of the fraudulent Academic Investment Money, a company that promised financial aid to students.

JIMMY BYRIS Senior Staff Writer

Two years ago, in Oct. 1996, Jason Hibbets was a freshman winding his way through his first year of college at N.C. State.

Between adjusting to school and adjusting to school-work, Hibbets, like many students, kept his eyes open for monetary opportunities that would ease the financial burden of his schooling.

Hibbets happened upon one such opportunity in the form of a Technician advertisement guaranteeing interested students at least \$1,500 in financial aid for simply answering the ad. The company, Academic Investment Money (AIM), offered students information on scholarship opportunities in return for a \$96 fee.

Two years later, Hibbets, now a junior in electrical engineering, has heard little from AIM and has received none of money it promised.

Hibbets fell into a trap that, according to Julia Rice Mallette, director of financial aid at NCSU, is becoming increasingly common all over the country.

Mallette says that such scams and the companies sponsoring them tend to share a number of defining characteristics. They send targeted students official-looking envelopes with applications promising information that will lead to guaranteed amounts of money, generally through scholarships.

"They usually send generic information that's virtually unusable," said Mallette of the data received from these entities.

The companies also require that students pay a fee for the services rendered. This payment requirement is the most definite sign of a fraud, according to Mallette.

"I have never heard of a single person getting money from a fee-requiring search service."

Often, when the applicant finds that he or she has been swindled, the company responsible has moved, changed its name or closed its doors, having already made its profit.

Mallette says that the AIM scam also bears a pair of distinguishing markers that she's rarely come across. The company requested bank account numbers from Hibbets — in fact, this past summer, AIM made a \$95 withdrawal from his account. It also claimed to guarantee money through grants — where most fraudulent search companies seek scholarships.

"The awarding of grants cannot be guaranteed," Mallette said.

The burgeoning number and success of these scams has drawn the attention of the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC has launched ScholarScam, a campaign against scholarship deceptions. The program seeks to inform the public about possible scams and offers many of the same warning signs that Mallette noted.

The FTC has also begun cracking down on the companies themselves. Since ScholarScam's inception in Sept. 1996, the FTC has filed court cases against nine deceptive scholarship services.

The financial aid office is also working on a number of

Students, faculty and administrators react to the shooting of Neil Vernon Davis Jr.

LER DELICIO News Editor

Shock and sadness descended on the N.C. State community following the death of Neil Davis.

Athletic Director Les Robinson said that his concerns right now are with the slain individual.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the deceased young man," said Robinson. "Our philosophy or thought process is that, in a situation like this, playing time and games take a back seat."

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox issued a written statement following the incident.

"N.C. State University's first concern is for its students and their families," Fox said in her statement. "Our deepest sympathies are with the family of Neil Davis and the other families involved."

Fox went on to say that all the student-athletes have been suspended from their teams "until the charges pending against them have been resolved."

Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said he felt sad about Davis' death and

the circumstances surrounding it. "This is one of the most tragic situations I've seen at N.C. State," Stafford said.

Davis was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The fraternity issued a statement regarding the incident on Monday evening.

"We are all shocked and saddened by the loss of a great brother and a great friend," the statement read. "We ask that everyone remember Neil for the giving person he was and keep the entire Davis family in their thoughts and prayers. We would like to thank the University and the Greek community for their unwavering support in our time of loss."

Some students on campus were surprised, while others did not seem shocked.

"I don't think they were bad folks. I just think they were doing what young folks do. Poor decisions are made," said Bill Walton, a senior in agronomy.

Several students said they expected more from student-athletes.

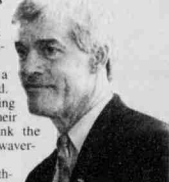
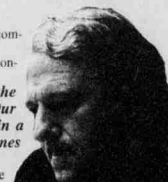
"I think it's surprising because they are athletes, and they are supposed to be role models," Harriet Hoover, a freshman in textile engineering, said.

"I wouldn't expect athletes to take the chance of getting kicked out of school by [doing stupid stuff]," said Adam Andrew, a freshman in computer science.

Bach Vu, a sophomore in electrical engineering, said he expected this of student-athletes.

"I am surprised at all," Vu said. "Just the way [athletes] act around campus and the way they treat students — it's unacceptable. The way they act is not professional. They do whatever they want."

Staff writers Jack Daly and Phillip Reese contributed to this story.



Vice President changes financial aid application process

The Vice President is planning to institute Access America, which may allow easier access to Federal financial aid.

DANIELLE STANFIELD Assistant News Editor

N.C. State students who rely on financial aid may soon experience fewer hassles with getting their money. At a Nov. 19 conference, the U.S. government reauthorized the Federal Aid program in order to analyze its effectiveness at delivering service efficiently.

"The Department of Education is taking a long look at what it's doing," said Julia Rice Mallette, director of financial aid at NCSU. "Part of the initiative is to

force the department into [an efficient] standard."

In accordance with the effort, AI Gore announced this month his plans to implement Access America — a program designed for anyone interested in doing business with the federal government electronically. The participating six agencies of the government include the Internal Revenue Service, Veterans Administration, Social Security, U.S. Postal Service, Parks Service and the Department of Education — where students get their federal loans.

"AI Gore has always been into technology," Mallette said.

Access America is a pilot project that Gore is inviting a handful of schools across the country to participate in, Mallette said. The idea is "portable aid."

According to Mallette, "portable aid" is the concept of students applying to the federal government for loans and having that information stored in an account on the Internet rather than with their school in order to reduce the paper work load when students switch from school to school. In theory, Mallette said the students would take the account with them wherever they go. "It's more in line with one-stop shopping," Mallette said. "It's not a bad concept. But I don't think the Department of Education has the staff or the computer system that would enable them to handle the volume."

Although students can now fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) on the Internet, they must print out the copy, sign it and mail it to apply for aid, Mallette said. Gore's plan

is to develop a digital signature solution that will also protect the documents, she said.

"It almost sounds too good to be true," Mallette said.

Although Mallette said she is skeptical of anything new, she supports plans that will simplify the financial aid process for students.

"It could be a successful venture," she said. "I'm curious to see if schools agree with [Access America]."

According to Mallette, the government has been trying for years to simplify the financial aid process for students. The first attempt was the Department of Education's Electronic Access for Students and Institutions (EAS) project

# Y r o o m r o o m

◆ Students get behind the wheel to shuttle other students to class.

TONYA JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Some N.C. State students choose jobs as waiters, clerks or various other jobs. But, one new job trend for NCSU students doesn't require them to go any farther than a few bus stops. In fact, they don't even need their own transportation, because they are provided with transportation — their very own Wolfline bus to drive.

For the past several years, Laidlaw, the company that manages the Wolfline buses, has been hiring student bus drivers.

In the last year, the company has seen an increase in student workers with a total of 10 to 12 student workers in the university bus system.

"We hire students not as a replacement for full-time workers, but as a way to make the bus system part of the university," said Mike Adams, project manager of Laidlaw. The NCSU students, who all work part-time, have many benefits that come with the job. They do not work weekends and they are provided with a uniform. The pay starts around \$8 per hour and after 90 days, the pay is increased to \$8.25 per hour.

As far as advantages, the student bus drivers can have a sense of pride knowing that they are helping transport their fellow students and can answer questions about where certain buildings are located or other questions concerning the university.

Plus, they are given an opportunity to help plan bus routes that would be more beneficial to N.C. State students. "The student bus drivers make the students appreciate what it takes to run

are excellent drivers. "They're absolutely very safe and have more than adequate training to provide the best service for the students here," said Claire Kane, NCSU's transportation planner. Besides being safe drivers, there are some drivers who even provide entertainment to their passengers. "One student bus driver started to act like an amusement park operator. As people got on, he would say 'Welcome aboard the Wolfline.' As everybody got off, he would say 'Thank you for riding the Wolfline. Please watch your step and ride again.' Besides him accidentally closing the door in my face, I thought he was a funny but also a good driver," said Kristy Endersby, a sophomore in public relations. Adams wants to continue to hire part-time student bus drivers to work 10 to 35 hours a week. "I want to see more students involved. This is not an attempt to replace full-time workers. We just want to get the campus community more involved," Adams stated.

The student drivers, who have never had an accident since Adams has been with Laidlaw, go through the same rigorous training as the full-time workers. They must complete 600 hours of training, including classroom and behind the wheel training.

They must also pass the test to receive their commercial driver's license, which involves learning the engine compartments, maneuvering the bus, inspecting the vehicle and learning other necessary skills concerning how to operate the bus.

Adams feels that the student drivers, who have received compliments about their service from students and faculty, are eager to do their job versus simply looking for a paycheck.

"I think they drive the same, if not sometimes better, than the regular full-time workers. I think it's a good idea for students to get extra money if they know how to drive a bus," said Jamie Walls, a sophomore in computer engineering.

Other individuals in the campus community agree that the student drivers

## Technobabble

CHARLES MANGIN  
Staff Geek

You have 32 shopping days left until Christmas, and that means it's time for the Geek's holiday wish list. This year, I'm eschewing software (since I've already got most of the big games this season) for hardware and more obscure items.

If you're wondering what to get the geeky friend or relative on your shopping list this year, fear not! No matter your budget or lack of imagination, there is something out there, perfect for your geek.

What does every computer, and hence, every geek, need? Input! Personally, I have recently discovered the joy of using a trackball, the mouse alternative. Rather than taking up precious desk real estate for mousing, a good trackball will have a minimal footprint. It rides you of having to actually moving the mouse around, so there's no need for long, troublesome cords.

But, if your geek is too tied to his mouse, or is uncomfortable with trackballs — it happens — they may enjoy a wireless mouse. As the name implies, there are no wires to tangle, which means that you can mouse just about anywhere, so long as you don't stray too far from the receiver, which usually sits atop a monitor or on a corner of the desk.

Whether you go with a trackball, wireless mouse or one of the newest mouse/trackball combinations, you're likely to spend between \$50 and \$150, a little more for USB devices, excessive amounts of buttons, special software and the like. A mouse, though, is a personal thing. So, if you can, ask the person what they would prefer.

What else is a practical computing necessity? Output! It's always nice to have a good printer — and color printers haven't made any major improvements lately in the consumer arena unless you count dropping prices. If you want to be really practical — also known as boring — you could find out what model of printer your geek uses and buy a year's supply of ink refills.

Printers are nice, but if you're looking for the latest and greatest in output devices, you'll need to look to monitors. The biggest thing in monitors lately is flat screen, and I mean really flat screen displays.

Based on advances in laptop computers, a number of new LCD desktop monitors have come onto the market, and unlike their early predecessors, they are a joy to behold. Older LCDs could only be seen from straight on and their color and resolution weren't the greatest. But now, with 16 and 18 inch models and viewable angles up to 160 degrees, resolutions upwards of 1024 x 768 at 24 and 32-bit depths, one just might find its way onto my desk sometime soon. Though they have the advantage of being lighter, smaller and more versatile than standard CRT displays (when was the last time you saw someone hang a CRT on the wall?) thin LCD monitors are a good but more expensive. Plan on spending up to \$3,000 on a top-of-the-line model. Smaller, less impressive models can go for \$600 or so, but why bother? I don't know about your geek, but this geek likes to have something nice to look at on his big, bright monitor.

Next on the list is the Mac. Floppies may be the medium of choice for some folks, but those who buy Apple's iMac will need to buy a peripheral device like Imation's Superdisk to be able to use them. First off — the actual computer. If you haven't seen the ads, the ones with Jeff Goldblum going on about e-mail and beige boxes, then you're not watching enough television. I'd never buy one for myself or any hard core geek, for that matter, since it doesn't have a floppy drive, and can't be expanded except through USB. However, I'd definitely recommend it for my mother, who though her experience is PC based right now, would be delighted to try out the Mac for a while. Or my grandmother, who has never used a computer before, but wants to be able to e-mail all the kids.

If you're on a budget, Apple has even started a lease program, just in time for the holidays, where you can get the translucent Bondi Blue gumpod for about \$30 a month.

As for the Imation Superdisk, think of it as a challenge to Imation's Zip drive. The Superdisk is basically a Zip-like 120 megabyte drive that has its own special media but can also read and write 1.44 meg floppy. Instead of augmenting the floppy drive on your old box, Imation wants to replace it, and still be backward compatible.

Something else every geek needs is a presence on the Internet. You're nobody until you have your own domain name. Anybody with \$70 and an Internet connection can have their name embedded on the Internet permanently — for two years anyway. After that, it's \$50 or so per year. Network Solutions, the company that is responsible for doling out domain name services, is currently working with various government agencies to decide on the future of the DNS system and its cost. They're currently the only ones who can give out .com, .org, .net and .edu domains, so they're the ones to talk to about getting your own.

To check with their InterNIC service, where the Internet goes to find out where an address points, go to www.internic.net and fill out a simple form. They will tell you if the domain you entered is already taken. If it's still free, it's a simple matter of filling out a form to register it. It's a little technical at that point, though, so it's best to have someone register it and host the domain for you.

Most ISPs will do this for a nominal fee — Mindspring, for example, will do the whole process for a little over \$100, which includes forwarding any e-mail that addresses at that domain receive, and moving the domain to wherever you go for \$5 per month afterward. Unfortunately, Technobabble.com is already taken by a computer training company, but Technobabble.org is free.

Like any other else, geeks can be troublesome to shop for. So what do you get the geek who has it all — a tricked out, fast computer, the latest in input devices and displays and a fast Internet connection? Sometimes geeks just need something to do. My latest project is building the rescued 486. I have on my desktop, which is now running Linux and is my constant connection to the Internet, into my desk. Why? Because I can. I'm pretty handy with a hand drill and socket set.

## Vietnam memories

◆ A shoebox full of reminders of the war.

TOM BENN  
The Alamogordo Morning Call

My sister planted the seed of an idea in my head when she told me that the new Vietnam veterans museum in Holmdel, N.J., was looking for memorabilia. She said that she was going to donate the last letter that her brother Bill had sent before he was killed in action in 1969.

That was a nice idea, I thought. Then I remembered a shoebox full of photos negatives sitting in a closet at my house, hundreds of photos that I had not looked at since I took them in 1970, the year I spent in Vietnam after Bill was killed.

I had been an Army combat correspondent, what the Department of Defense so blandly referred to as an "information specialist," an M-16 slung over one shoulder and a Nikon camera over the other. My beat was an artillery battalion I covered for the Tropic Lightning News, the 25th Infantry Division's weekly newspaper that was distributed to the troops.

It was one of the best jobs an enlisted man could hope for



An open can of beer is sitting on the left side of a howitzer in the photograph featuring gunners from Bravo Battery 7th Battalion, 11th Artillery.

There were the Donut Dollies, too, young Red Cross volunteers who visited us at base camp, where they would heroically expose themselves to whistles and catcalls and dodge the propositions fired at them from hundreds of virile young soldiers. War must have been hell for them, too.

I didn't have to go to Nam, and didn't think the government would actually send me there. But it did, and since my brother had been killed there, I could have gotten out of it with little more than a phone call to my congressman. But information specialists weren't getting themselves killed, and I wanted to see that place firsthand and make up my own mind about the war that had torn this country apart so dramatically in the 1960s.

One of the benefits of my job was that I had greater mobility than the average GI. If there was going to be an inspection — dismanded by the average enlisted man as "stated-side bull" — the next day at base camp, I could hop a chopper out to a firebase for a few days, shoot some pictures and come back with a story for the Tropic Lightning News and a pile of "home-towners," short news releases and photos that I would send to the GI's hometown papers. And if I suspected there would be action at that firebase, I could hop a chopper back to base camp.

So, hoping to donate to the veterans museum my own mementos, I dug that shoebox out of the closet and turned my kitchen into a dark-room. Many of the negatives, I discovered, were stuck to each other. Almost all of the color negatives had deteriorated to a useless state. Now I just wanted to print and save what I could so that someday I could show what I did in the war.

My first impression when looking at those pictures was how young they were then. Most of the photos showed us as 18 or 19, yet to take our first full strides into adulthood, few

## Notes from the World of Weird

◆ Things just keep getting stranger and stranger.

ROY RIJENBURG  
Los Angeles Times

### Finger-Licking Good Department:

Please address us as "colonel" from now on. In a moving ceremony held last Friday, we were officially commissioned as a Kentucky colonel.

According to a certificate signed by the governor of Kentucky, we received the honor for "service and accomplishments on behalf of your fellow man." Obviously, the governor of Kentucky is unfamiliar with our work, but that's beside the point.

The World of Weird now joins dead singer Bing Crosby, dead President Lyndon B. Johnson, dead Prime Minister Winston Churchill, dead comedian Red Skelton and old astronaut John Glenn as a member of "the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels." (In our case, the "honorable" is probably poetic license.)

More importantly, we now have access to top-secret fried chicken recipes and we're able to court-martial unruly citizens at will.

Actually, we have no idea what privileges come with our new title. During the 1900s, Kentucky colonels acted as uniformed bodyguards for the governor of that state, but in 1932 the group became a fraternal organization. Members must be nominated by other colonels.

Reader Fred Cattler lobbied on our behalf and hosted the induction ceremony. We were thinking it might make up for losing our write-in campaign for governor of California, but then we got to the fine print on our certificate that said Kentucky colonels receive no salary.

### Money to Burn Bureau:

A rose by any other name doesn't cost \$75,000. But a flower named after you does. That's the amount charged by the Jackson & Perkins company in Oregon to slap your name on one of several unnamed varieties of rose. The \$75,000 tab also includes a trip to the company's research facility near Camarillo, Calif.

Quote of the Day From Chicago columnist Zay N. Smith:

"Voltaire, who said, 'I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it,' was born 304 years ago Saturday, which is also World Hello Day, in which everyone in the world is urged to go up to 10 strangers and say a happy hello, and this might be where Voltaire would have drawn the line."

### Alarming Trends:

If that barking-dogs version of "Jingle Bells" wasn't bad enough, now someone is peddling an entire album of holiday songs done by animals. "A Barnyard Country Christmas" features carols mood, clicked and squealed by animals with such names as Honk Williams Jr. and the Oink Ridge Boys. It's available through 4-H Clubs or at (800) 487-8659.

Best Supermarket Tabloid Headline: "Siamese Twin Policemen Give New Meaning to 'Good Cop-Bad Cop!'" (Weekly World News)



A soldier takes advantage of a quiet moment to write a letter home while near the Cambodian border in 1970.

in the Army. Doctors, of course, had it best, working in the company of "roumdeyes," American women serving as nurses. For us out in the field to get close to a rumketeer, we'd have to get ourselves wounded, so a snapshot in the wallet of the girl back home was about as close as we would get.

# Technician's View Portable aid on the laptop

◆ Online federal student aid applications are a good alternative.

These days, everything seems to be going online. People can shop on the Internet, do their banking, send flowers to a loved one or chat with friend in a foreign country. And now, per an initiative by Vice President Al Gore, students may be able to apply for financial aid electronically.

Welcome to the wonderful world of Access America, a program designed to allow people to do business with the federal government via the Internet. One of the six participating agencies will be the Department of Education, which handles students' federal loans. Although the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is currently available online, students must print out a copy to sign before mailing it in. With Access America, a digital signature would enable the applicant to do the whole process electronically.

The idea behind this concept, which has been termed "portable aid," is that an applicant's information will be stored online with the federal government rather than the individual schools. This will allow the pertinent files to be transferred with ease whenever a student changes schools. In theory, this will reduce paper work and red tape — a slight oxymoron when

one considers that the federal government is involved.

Still, this plan just might work — but only as an additional alternative to the application processes already in place. Yes, the paperwork involved in applying for federal financial aid is a hassle, both for the applicants and the processors. But, despite the growing presence of computers in our society, it is also the only method to which some students have access. The federal government — and Gore — must recognize the fact that not every person applying for financial aid has access to a computer. In fact, many financial aid applicants probably do not, leaving the "standard" pen-and-paper application the only choice.

In light of this fact, it is necessary for this program to be implemented gradually — and with some caution. After all, the government's rather disappointing attempt at electronic access in 1995, with the Department of Education's Electronic Access for Students and Institutions, left many skeptical. Another concern is that the Department of Education may not currently have the capability to handle online student aid applications.

The idea of trying the program out on a few selected schools is a good one. If the initiative is successful, and does in fact ease the application process, then the rest of the country can join in.

## CAMPUS FORUM

# Greg Fishel for president!

Being an avid fan of the balmy summers here in Carolina, you can imagine my dismay when hit with this recent arrival of chilly weather. Every year, this lowering trend in temperature seems to freeze up my mental plumbing and send my spirits into a downward spiral that doesn't quite right itself until spring is back in the air. Yes folks, the cold is on its way, and I am not a happy camper at all.

So I decided to further research the cause of my discontent and find out why we must abandon our warm, halcyon days for this drizzly, miserable mess. I don't really know that much about this kind of stuff, so I turned to the one person in the world who I believed had the answers. I sought, a man who leads the people out of darkness and fear, a man whom I would fight and die for. I am speaking, of course, about Greg Fishel.

Being the genuinely curious guy that I am, I sacrificed for the good of the people and missed some of "The Simpsons" so that I could click over to Channel Five and get the skinny from Greg. What I saw that night changed everything I had ever held sacred.

A product of public education, I had some vague understanding that as winter arrives, our part of the globe is not as close to the sun as I would like, and that is why we get this frosty intrusion for the next several months. Boy, was I wrong! It seems instead that the actual cause of this frigid arrival is caused by something called the "jet stream."

At first I thought I was being put on, but as the broadcast continued, I could see that Greg was not pulling my leg and that this was serious business. This "jet stream" comes down to our neck of the woods from Canada in pretty little wavy patterns that bend in all kinds of various ways. It seems that Canada has decided to send down their blustery climate so that we must freeze our butts off for half of the year, too.

Now, I am generally a man of peace and tranquility, but when learned of this Canadian plot to undermine American happiness, I became quite livid.

Although I had known little about our neighbor to the north, I was always partial to Molson and Moosehead, and I figured that if you can make a decent beer, then you can't be too bad. (Probably the same mistake that Europe made with Germany a few years back.) Now, in any ordinary international situation,

I would support diplomatic conferences and hope that we could work this out like civilized people. In this case, however, there is not a minute to be spared. Getting out of the shower on these chilly mornings is like some cruel form of torture and, as we all know, peace talks can take forever.

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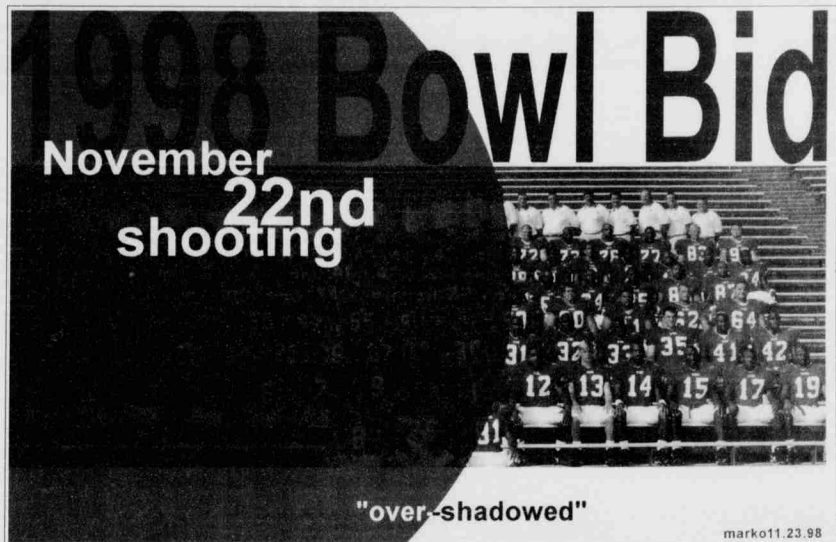
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# Doctor boosts ratings

NATHALIE DUGGINS  
Staff Columnist

If you had called me this weekend and asked what my column for this week would be about, I would've nonchalantly said that I would focus on the meat-eating splendor of the Thanksgiving holiday at the Duggins' house. It never seems to fail, though, that by the time I sit down to actually write my columns, my mind has diverged from the initial topic to something completely different.

Typically, my Sunday nights are pretty bland — after working a few hours, I go home and pull out what is left of my homework. I take a hiatus from calculus, chemistry and physics for two hours so that I can watch television, specifically "60 Minutes" and "Touched by an Angel" (I'm a sucker for those heart-warming shows). I watch "60 Minutes" mainly to see Andy Rooney's commentary, which usually ends the show, but typically, the other stories they report are quality.

Unless, of course, you count last night. Never could I have imagined that an established news show such as "60 Minutes" would ever take part in such a pathetic excuse for attaining higher ratings.

For those of you that have yet to hear the news, last night's episode featured a story on Dr. Jack Kevorkian, also known as "Doctor Death." In the past, he has been tried but never convicted of doctor-assisted suicide (known as cowardice in my book, but that's another issue).

In the past, Kevorkian has merely assisted in the suicide, but in a "60 Minutes" exclusive, the doctor admitted to having administered a lethal dosage of drugs to a patient, Thomas Youk, who was stricken with Lou Gehrig's disease. Next came a shocking video of the suicide, showing Kevorkian first injecting a muscle relaxant into his patient and then a fatal shot of potassium chloride.

"They must charge me," he said, almost during Oakland County prosecutors to come after him, "because if

they do not, that means they don't think it was a crime."

Dr. Kevorkian claims that he wants to put the topic of legalizing euthanasia back on the forefront of American politics. Needless to say, I consider his reasoning to be a complete and utter lie. He stood before America professing his guilt for one reason and one reason only — to throw himself back into the limelight. It had been a while since his shriveled face graced the cover of any newsmagazines or television programs anyway.

I feel sympathy for Youk's family — they will eventually come to the realization that they were merely a means to an end for Doctor Death. Instead of dying with dignity, as is proposed by euthanasia advocates, such as myself, Youk's death will go down as an act of cowardice, perpetrated by a spineless recreant who doesn't deserve the right to be called a doctor.

As much as the dastardly works of Kevorkian dismay me, I have come

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# Confusion on which side to blame

MIKE PITTMAN  
Staff Columnist

Within only five hours of arriving back in Raleigh from my road trip to College Park, Md., I was dead a rude awakening. Three members of the football team I had just watched defeat Maryland were reportedly involved in the death of a fellow N.C. State student. The oddest part to me was realizing that less than 12 hours before, these same three football players were huddled together in an after-game prayer meeting with their team members, as well as some Maryland players.

What a difference a day makes. On a day when Harold Jackson should have been celebrating his first collegiate touchdown with his classmates, he instead was talking with

police and was nowhere near campus. Now don't get me wrong, I'm equally upset that the other three students involved were two wrestlers and one former wrestler, but these students do not get the publicity that football gets.

The question brought to mind immediately is who is to blame for this? Is all fault to fall upon the athletes? Or do we look to Neil Davis, the young man who was killed? After all, Davis reportedly fired the first shot, even though not at anyone. He was allegedly the one with the gun originally, not the athletes.

But wait, didn't the athletes break into Davis' home forcibly? There were six of them and one of him. From past experience, six-on-one is a little bit of a mismatch. Davis was not a big guy, and that makes the mismatch even worse.

My reasonable side simply says, "Maybe the guys were just going to reason with him." Yeah, that's got to be it." Then my logical side reminds my reasonable side, "Puh-shah! They broke the door down and took the gun with force! Reason my butt!" So where does that leave me in my quest to find fault?

While talking with one of my fellow employees, he pointed something out to me. Maybe there is a history of this problem. There are loud and annoying parties seemingly every night of the weekend. If you call the police on a busy night, they tend to take a while to respond. Maybe Davis thought that if he did that on this night, he'd be waiting for hours. Or perhaps, he had been called calling in on a party sometime before and learned that you don't do

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# If you live in America, then English should be spoken

DONNIE LASSITER  
Staff Columnist

The time has come to throw political correctness out the window.

Unfortunately, I have witnessed something that I never dreamed possible. I thought that my world was relatively safe and free from worry over certain things. I thought that there existed a safe haven to which I could turn and never have to worry about having some very basic ideals infringed upon. Apparently, I was dreaming.

As I walked into a local Bojangles this weekend, I heard orders being sent out over the intercom in Spanish. Bojangles! First of all, let me start by saying that I absolutely love Bojangles. It is the one restaurant that I would want with me on a deserted island. The food is great, the prices are reasonable and the service is generally pretty good. Wherever I go, I always

know that I can wheel into the local Bojangles and get a tasty morsel. But somehow I never pictured the employees of a southern fast-food chain having to broadcast orders in Spanish.

Now I have nothing wrong with Spanish-speaking people, insofar as they are honest, hard-working, law-abiding inhabitants of this country. What I do have a problem with, however, is the fact that a language other than English is being used in a public place. Now some of you affirmative action believers out there may call me closed-minded, racist, hypocritical or even backwards. But let me assure you — it is not my intent to appear that way.

My point is merely this — when you are in America, or any country for that matter, you are bound by honor and respect to the citizens of that country to speak their native language. If you are in the United States, speak English. If you are in France, speak French. If you are in Bolivia, for God's sake speak

Bolivian! It is the only respectful thing to do. When you come to someone's homeland, you should follow their traditions, practices and way of life. Otherwise, don't go. It's as simple as that.

In my opinion (humble or not so humble as it may be), those who travel to another nation have a responsibility and a duty to know the ways and customs of the people of that nation. It's something like the same rule that tells you not to go into someone's home for dinner and complain about the food. You just simply don't do it. You don't insult your in-laws, you don't tell someone that you hate the gift they gave you and you don't go to another country and ignore the cultural patterns and way of life of the population.

I had the great fortune of traveling to Germany and Switzerland during my senior year of high school. Myself and about 10 others from the German Club visited Berlin, Munich, Rottenburg

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mechanisms to aid students in avoiding fraudulent scholarships.

Among these is the identification of a number of free scholarship search services, many of which are on the Internet. One such online site, run by the College Board, can be used in the financial aid office itself. There is also a link to an online scholarship search, FastWeb, on the financial aid office's home page.

Hibberts has been relatively lucky in his dealings with AIM. He has lost nearly \$200 in the two years that he's been in contact with it, but he has recently filed a complaint against the company through the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York.

Any other student who lost money to AIM after responding to their Technician ad may do the same; information is available at [www.finaid.org/finaid/scams/pr/aim\\_nyag.html](http://www.finaid.org/finaid/scams/pr/aim_nyag.html).

in 1995, which had several flaws. Mallette said the responses from those political entities involved with the project were not favorable.

"I suspect there were some promises that were not kept," she said.

Mallette said that NCSU was asked in the past by the Department of Education to participate in similar projects, but, until this year, NCSU was not fully automated. Before, it took six weeks for financial aid checks to get to the university. Now that the university has implemented electronic transfers, funds come within a couple of days. However, students are still responsible for signing a Promissory Note.

According to Mallette, Gore's plan is fairly new, and details of project are sketchy. If it were successful, the chancellor and Mallette would evaluate its effectiveness. "I would never volunteer us [NCSU] unless I was certain it would benefit students," she said. "I would need every assurance that there were no hassles for students and no problems for the distribution process."

of us with family responsibilities and even fewer with well-defined political agendas.

In a photo of a much younger me, I was reminded of a cartoon I had seen on a wall at the 1st Air Cavalry Division headquarters, where I would finish my tour. The cartoon showed a clean-cut, starch-uniformed, fuzzy-cheeked FNG, a "freakin' new guy" in the words of the short-timers.

He's in awe of a gritty GI coming in from the bush, an unshaven Sgt. Rock chomping on a stogie and with an ammo belt slung over each shoulder of his tattered camouflage fatigues.

The awestruck new guy says to the grizzled veteran, "Gee, what it's going to be like spending months out in the bush?" Sgt. Rock squints at the kid and says, "How the hell would I know? I just got here a week ago myself."

By the time I finished my tour, I was a little bit more battle-worn than the new guy, but I never quite reached that Sgt. Rock plateau. That was fine with me.

One photo I came across had gotten me called into the battalion commander's office. The photo showed some guys at a firebase dismantling an anti-personnel mine, and using the explosive compound to cook popcorn that one of the guys had gotten in a care package from home. The story I wrote described the Yankee ingenuity of the soldiers out

in the booties.

The colonel vented his anger, and I "yessired" him to his heart's content. Then I headed back to my hooch, where my buddies asked me how it went. With a shrug and a smile, I gave them the standard mantra of that time, "What's he gonna do, send me to Nam?"

Another photo that caught the colonel's attention was what seemed like a harmless shot of an artillery crew firing its howitzer. But there was a can of Miller beer visible on the howitzer, and that upset the colonel mightily. GIs, he told me sternly, drink beer, and they fire howitzers, but they don't drink beer AND fire howitzers.

Army journalism, I was discovering, wasn't journalism at all. It was a public relations gig. The good guys always won, and we had to be careful how we worded things.

For example, we were told we didn't have snipers, we had "expert riflemen." We never used a body-parting back in the states. It was the year that the Apollo 13 spacecraft malfunctioned and the civilized world, I'm told, was glued to the news reports. I don't remember that event at all. After all, the rest of the GIs and I were pretty busy trying to do the same thing those hapless astronauts were trying to do — return safely to the "World."

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# Pittman

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that. He could have already been on the wrong side of a party-crashing.

Maybe each side is equally to blame. In looking back at this, there are two places where failure to think comes in time, when Davis reported fired shots to get someone's attention. Two, when the athletes allegedly broke into Davis' home. A little thought in either place and the whole situation could have been averted.

But no matter whose fault this is, it still boils down to simple things. Someone's boy won't be home for Christmas, someone's best friend won't be there in a time of need, someone's boyfriend won't be at the movies tonight. It's that simple. Whether we look at how this affects

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to expect such things from him. What surprised me was that a reputable news show such as "60 Minutes" and the affiliates of CBS would display such garbage. Local affiliates of the network were allowed to decide whether or not to air the segment. Only six of CBS's affiliates opted not to air the video, while six others broadcast their local news during the segment.

"We're just letting Dr. Keyorkian tell his story," said CBS spokesman Kevin Tedesco in a statement to CBS News. "He wants to use the videotape to tell it, and that's an integral part of it. I really don't think there's a news organization in this country that would pass up this story."

Well, hell ... next time when a vibrant 15-year-old kid steps off the bus and is gunned down in a robbery attempt, let's try and get some footage of the blood that lays splattered on the ground. Or better yet, if we could get a shot of the coroner's loading his lifeless corpse into the

NCSU athletics, which is just now getting the respect deserved, or we look at the personal side of this, the problem still remains that a fellow student is dead.

Simply put, all this comes down to one thing: accountability.

NCSU will finally get that national recognition we have sought for so long but now for all the wrong reasons. As responsible students, we all need to take a step back and think about this. Party-goes, evaluate your habits. Make sure that you are safe when you go out and act responsibly while partaking in after-hours fun.

My one happy note for this is that one of the football team members, one who should be a hero to all, an unsung starter (a big unsung starter at that) and a role model in the boosier-than-good nicknames, Jarvis "Earth" Bovum was not involved, and should play this Saturday. Whew...

body bag — that's a Pulitzer Prize just waiting to happen. Who gives a damn about compassion and ethics anymore — any station that aired that would be certain of high ratings.

Has journalism finally sunk so low? Has the public once again found itself in a sea of yellow journalism, where news is about ratings, not the news itself? I thought that coverage of the entire Clinton fiasco was as low as the media would sink — as close as the television news would ever come to being tabloid journalism. But alas, CBS and "60 Minutes" have managed to prove me wrong.

In 1994, Phil Donahue attempted to salvage his talk show's ratings by suing for the right to witness and videotape the execution of David Lawson, a convicted murderer. Donahue then claimed to be allowing people the right to witness a death sentence being carried out, it would deter crime. Four years ago, legislation condemned such a measure, and Lawson died in Raleigh's Central Prison without the cameras he had lobbied for.

It is a shame that in within the course of four years, journalistic integrity has reached such a low.

# English Babble

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one who cares about my country and the image that it portrays abroad. And apparently I am one of few who consider it extremely rude to spout off something other than English in the Bojangles.

One thing is for certain, though — you will never find this American going to a foreign destination and asking, "How y'all don'?"

Donnie is an old-fashioned kind of guy from a small town. He realizes that there are 5.9 billion other people out there, but he just wants his order taken in English. If you care to respond to his thoughts, e-mail him at [jdallas@univ.ncsu.edu](mailto:jdallas@univ.ncsu.edu).

If you know somebody that likes to do hardware hacking, you might consider getting them a cheap garage sale, refuges, or a special form Computer Renaissance, just to have something to play with. If you're the one that likes to build things, you might consider building a case to replace their boring beige box yourself. In a recent magazine, I saw photos of an antique radio that someone had built a computer inside. Instead of gathering dust in his garage, the elderly, wood-paneled '40s was functional and decorative at the same time. All it takes is a little imagination, and you can buy, or make, the perfect gift for your geeky loved ones. But get working, you only have 32 days left. By the time you finish reading this, it's probably 31.

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Wolfpack junior All-American Brendan Rodgers (above) once again led the State men's cross country team. In their third best finish in history, the men finished eighth overall. The women, ranked in the national top ten going into the race, took 19th. Seniors Jackie Coscia (right) and Meredith Faircloth (not pictured) ran in their fourth and final NCAA Championship meet.

## Cross Country

### Men take eighth

◆ N.C. State men finish in top 10 at National Meet.

Sports Staff Report

LAWRENCE, Kan. — N.C. State's men's cross country team finished eighth in the nation Monday at the NCAA Cross Country Championship meet at Rim Rock Farm, hosted by Kansas University.

Arkansas won the meet, knocking off Stanford, who had owned the title for the past two years. The Razorbacks placed five runners amongst the top 40, totaling 97 points. Stanford, paced by the sixth place finisher Brad Hauser, had 114 points.

Colorado senior Adam Goucher finished first overall, with a time of 29:26.90 on the

10-kilometer course.

Goucher's Colorado team finished third overall, behind the Razorbacks and the Cardinals.

Brendan Rodgers was the top finisher for the Wolfpack once again, finishing 30th overall. Due to unaffiliated runners, Rodgers scored just 24 points for State. State sophomore Chris Dugan ran second for the Pack, finishing 37th overall with a time of 31:13.60.

Abdul Alzindani, Chris Pluchos and David Patterson all finished within eight seconds of each other, taking 103rd, 112th and 116th places, respectively.

Junior Aaron Saft and senior Robbie Howell finished 146th and 147th, with times of 32:41.50 and 32:41.80.

Monday's results marked the second con-

secutive year that the Pack men have finished in the top 10 at the season's final meet.

Last year, the Pack took sixth in Greenville, S.C. State also finished in the national top 10 in 1993, 1987 and 1984. Eighth is the third-highest finish ever by the Wolfpack men's team.

The Pack came into the meet ranked 10th in the nation after a surprising loss to JMU in the District III meet last weekend.

State was the top finisher among the four teams to qualify from District III. The Dukes finished one place behind the Pack, with 320 points. William and Mary took 13th with 375 points and Atlantic Coast Conference foe Duke was 26th with 566 points.

### Women disappointed

◆ Wolfpack takes 19th at NCAA meet.

Sports Staff Report

LAWRENCE, Kan. — N.C. State's women's cross country team, ranked nationally in the top 10 and coming off a stellar performance at the District III meet, finished a disappointing 19th at the NCAA meet on Monday.

Villanova, led by four runners in the top 18, took the title, beating out defending champ Brigham Young University by four points and Stanford by five. The Wildcats were led to victory by senior defending-National-Champion Carrie Tollefson, who finished 11th overall with a time of 17:16.87.

Michigan senior Katie McGregor won the race by six seconds, beating out 1996 champ Amy Skierski of Arizona.

State sophomore Lindsey Rogers led the Pack, taking 41st place with a time of 17:45.24.

With several non-affiliated runners in the race, Rogers scored 33 points. Rogers was also the top Atlantic Coast Conference runner to finish. Twenty-two runners from the

ACC competed in the meet.

Katie Sabino finished 67th overall, 14 seconds after teammate Rogers. It was the first NCAA Cross Country Championships for both Sabino, who redshirted last season, and Rogers, who transferred from Auburn at the end of the 1997-98 school year.

State's Erin Musson took 130th, finishing in 18:31.25, while senior Jackie Coscia was 141st, four seconds later.

Senior Meredith Faircloth rounded out the scoring for the Pack, taking 199th.

Sophomore Amy Beykirch and freshman Jennifer Modliszewski, who had been running among the Pack's top four for most of the season, finished sixth and seventh for the Pack, in 21:3th and 22:44th place overall.

The Pack went into the meet expecting to place in the top 10. State had blown by the competition in the Regionals, placing five runners in the top 18, beating a field which included two other NCAA qualifying teams by over 25 points.

State was disappointed last season after the race in Greenville, taking 11th place after being ranked in the top seven for the majority of the 1997 season.



### State is going bowling

◆ N.C. State is set to head to its first bowl game since 1995.

Sports Staff Report

According to substantial rumors, the N.C. State football team will be heading to a post-season Bowl game for the first time since 1995.

The Wolfpack will announce tomorrow at 1 p.m. that it has been invited, and will accept, a bid from the Micron PC Bowl in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The Bowl, formerly known as the Sunshine Football Classic, will be played on Dec. 29 at 7:30 and will be broadcast on TBS sports.

State last played in a bowl game in 1995 when the Wolfpack defeated Mississippi State in the Peach Bowl to cap off the 1994 season.

Other Atlantic Coast Conference teams appear to have wrapped up post season Bowls as well.

Heading the list is Florida State, who wrapped up another ACC title despite losing its conference opener to the Wolfpack. As the ACC Champion, FSU will be headed for the Bowl Championship Series, the new rankings system designed to produce a true national champion, and still has an outside shot at a National Championship with a 10-1 record. Florida State is in fourth place in the BCS standings, behind undefeated Tennessee, UCLA and Kansas State.

Georgia Tech, who claimed a share of the ACC title with a 7-1 conference record, has accepted a bid to the Gator Bowl. The Yellow Jackets were denied a bowl bid last year for the first time since 1992.

Virginia, who finished the conference season with a 6-2 record, stole the Pack's hopes at a Peach Bowl bid when the Cavaliers accepted a bid this weekend to the Atlanta, Ga. bowl.

The Peach Bowl chose Virginia this



The football team will be heading to its first Bowl Game since its 1995 win in the Peach Bowl over Mississippi State.

weekend despite the fact that both the Cavs and the Pack still have one game remaining. State closes out its season this Saturday in Charlotte against arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill and UVa will take on in-state rival Virginia Tech.

In the Micron PC Bowl, the Wolfpack will be pitted against the sixth choice from the Big Ten. Right

now, that team is Michigan State, who despite a strong start finished the season at 6-5.

State could also face an at-large team if the Bowl chooses not to take the Spartans. Some sources have local Central Florida (9-2), with Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Dante Culpepper, as a favorite for an at-large bid.

### Solid performance by Pack at Nike Cup

◆ N.C. State swimming and diving finishes strong at the Nike Cup in Chapel Hill over the weekend.

Sports Staff Report

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished strong on the final day of the competition at the Nike Cup Swimming and Diving Championships. The men finished in fifth place while the women took sixth in a field of 12 teams.

The Cup, held in Chapel Hill over the weekend, included an all-star field including teams from Kentucky, Kansas, LSU, UNC-Chapel Hill, ECU and Syracuse.

The men posted 393 points, behind several strong swimmers. Steve Matthews, Kevin Chipman, Richard

Culberson, Tim Haley, Marceio Cavalcante and the men's 400 freestyle relay all recorded top 10 finishes.

Andy Johnson recorded the Pack's only first place finish of the day, taking first in the one-meter diving. Kevin Cutts took sixth place in the same event.

For the women, Emily Fess, Marcia McKeel, Shelly Cavaliere and Erin Lambie all finished in the top 10 on the final day of competition. The women finished with 204 points overall.

N.C. State Head Coach Scott Hammond reached a milestone last weekend when he recorded the 300th win of his career in the Pack's sweep of Duke. Hammond and the Pack will not swim competitively again until Dec. 4, when State travels to UNC Wilmington for a dual meet.

### Grapplers take fifth

◆ N.C. State wrestling team finishes fifth out of nine teams in its first tournament at Navy.

Sports Staff Report

Led by Lee Carroll's individual championship at 125 pounds, the N.C. State wrestling team captured fifth place at the season-opening Navy Invitational Wrestling Tournament, held Saturday afternoon at Annapolis, Md.

West Virginia, ranked eighth nationally, captured the team championship with 166.5 points. The Wolfpack, who did not field a heavyweight in the tournament, just missed fourth place, finishing with 102 points.

Carroll, a redshirt junior who defeated 18th-ranked Angelo Zegarelli of West Virginia 2-1 on a tiebreaker in the finals of the 125-pound classification, won all three of his matches to pace the Wolfpack's strong finish.

Two State wrestlers took second place in their weight classes. Senior Greg Bajer was the runner-up at 133 pounds, losing 3-2 to Ithaca's Tom Hall in the finals and sophomore Tommy Davis took second at 141

### Women get NCAA rematch

N.C. State v. Old Dominion

When: Tuesday Night, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Reynolds Coliseum on N.C. State's Campus

Series Record: 17-12, advantage Wolfpack

Last Meeting: N.C. State ousted the favored Monarchs from the NCAA Tournament in the East Regional Semi-Finals last season in Dayton, Ohio. The Pack's 55-54 win sent State to its first ever Regional Final, where the Pack defeated UCONN to advance to the Final Four.

The Scoop: Always a good match-up, both teams have been among the best in the nation for the past decade, if not longer. State and ODU have played three times in the last five years, and while the Monarchs have always been favored, State has always pulled out the win. Looking at the Pack's schedule, and performances so far this season, Tuesday's game should be the Pack's toughest non-conference contest.

N.C. State: The Pack is coming off of a 69-point trouncing of UNC-Asheville this weekend, and apparently is doing well despite the loss of point guard Kristen Gillespie late last week with a stress fracture in her foot. Last year against the Monarchs, Tynesha Lewis and Summer Erb combined for 30 points to lead the Wolfpack. The way that both are performing, don't be surprised if it happens again.

Old Dominion: The Monarchs are coming off of a win over No. 12 Texas Tech. ODU standout Mery Andrade was held to just six points in the game, but five other Monarchs scored in double figures. The biggest losses from last year's squad are All-American Nyree Roberts and Ticha Penichiero, whose No. 21 jersey was retired by ODU this weekend.



The Wolfpack women get their first look at the Monarchs since the NCAA East Regional Semi-finals in March.

### Men's basketball heads north to face Friars

◆ Wolfpack men's basketball team looks forward to early test.

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N.C. State's men's basketball team will be hitting the road for the first time this season today when it heads to Big East country for a match-up with the Providence Friars.

After beginning the year at home in Reynolds with three relatively easy games, the Wolfpack (3-0) faces its first real test against the Friars (2-2). The team appears anxious to try itself on the road.

"We're looking forward to it," sophomore forward Damon Thornton said after Saturday's game. "We're ready to test ourselves against a quality team and see what we're made of." The Pack has looked impressive in early action, utilizing the



Kenny Inge and the Pack take on Providence tonight.