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In the NEWS

Tip-off luncheon planned

All interested faculty and staff members are invited to a noon luncheon at the University Club on Tuesday, Dec. 7, to hear members of the coaching staff discuss Men's Wolfpack basketball. This is an opportunity to get informed about the team, the overall season and the progress of individual players.

General questions from the audience are encouraged. The cost of the buffet is \$7 per person.

SEANC conducts pecan sale

District 39 of the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) will hold its annual holiday pecan sale to benefit the scholarship fund. The shelled pecans from South Carolina and Georgia are \$6 per peck. To place an order, see the fliers in each building for the SEANC building liaison, or call Mark Dearnoun at 513-384, Ann Ellington at 515-9231, Rex Foster at 515-9762 or Shoshanna Serxner at 515-5697. On Centennial Campus, call Missy Parker at 515-1080.

Unity/Eos test cell available for Y2K testing

The Information Technology (IT) Systems Services group invites N.C. State faculty and staff to test software applications in the Unity/Eos year 2000 "test cell." IT established the test cell earlier this year to test core Unity/Eos system components and applications for year 2000 compliance. Since then, IT has tested the core system components and performed basic testing on a number of key commercial applications being used within the Unity/Eos computing environment.

The Unity/Eos computing environment hosts more than 100 commercial software packages; however, Systems Services staff will not be able to test all in depth. In addition, the level of expertise needed to adequately perform in-depth testing of applications most often lies with the faculty and staff who use them regularly. Systems Services staff will be pleased to assist any faculty or staff who wish to test software applications for Y2K compliance within the Unity/Eos environment.

Faculty and staff who wish to test software applications are invited to send e-mail to help@ncsu.edu. Please specify which applications you need to be tested, and someone will be in touch to make arrangements.

For additional information regarding Information Technology's Y2K project, see www.ncsu.edu/it/y2k/.

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Blind Man Helps Study of Color

A man who lost nearly all of his ability to see when he suffered brain damage after receiving a severe electrical shock has provided new insights into how humans perceive color.

Normal color perception in humans includes a phenomenon known as "color constancy," which allows a person to see a given color as the same under different light conditions. It requires the ability to compare the wavelength composition of light reflected from multiple colors.

Researchers at University College in London, the University of Rome in Italy and the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland studied a patient known as PB. Although he lost most of his vision in the 1985 accident, he was still able to perceive colors consciously.

During a series of tests, the researchers found that his color constancy ability was severely deficient. Brain scans showed that when PB perceived color, the parts of his brain that became active were those known to have heavy concentrations of cells that respond to different wavelengths of light and not those associated with color constancy.

Fox talks tuition at Faculty Senate

◆ At last week's Faculty Senate meeting, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox suggested that to solve all of N.C. State's monetary problems would require more than a \$300 tuition hike.

ASHLEY B. PERRY
Senior Staff Writer

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox visited the NCSU Faculty Senate on Tuesday, Nov. 23, to discuss reasoning for a newly proposed tuition increase. During her presentation, Chancellor Fox also mentioned hopes to raise faculty salaries.

The Chancellor began her discussion by showing the senators a chart which compared NCSU's current in-state tuition expense of just over \$2400 to be fifteenth out of seventeen peer research institutions, such as Texas A&M and Carnegie-Mellon.

"This is far below average for a research university," elaborated Chancellor Fox.

"Student unmet need currently stands at around \$42 million," Fox then explained. "We are also particularly deficient in areas of advising, the honors program,

arts, recruiting, student counseling, financial aid, first-year seminar, and graduate support programs."

Fox showed grave concern for the unmet needs across campus. "These deficiencies create \$62.8 million in budgetary pressure all around the university."

"It has been proposed that we raise tuition by only \$300," the Chancellor explained. "This, however would not help. A \$300 increase would raise only \$6.2 million and would keep N.C. State at the same ranking among its peer institutions. Unmet needs have to be met."

Among other options, the chancellor suggested a twenty percent increase in tuition by four percent each year for five consecutive years. This translates into a total increase of just under \$500 for in-state, undergraduate students.

"This is the first time that we have had the opportunity to increase tuition to improve campus conditions," Fox told the group. Previously, tuition increases were offered by the state legislature in response to average needs across all sixteen campuses in the university system. During their 1998 term, state legislators chose to let each university raise its own tuition based on individual

needs.

The issue of faculty salaries also arose, however Fox emphasized that raising faculty salaries was not a goal of any of the proposed tuition increases.

"Faculty salaries will be a separate issue from a tuition increase," mentioned Fox. "The university will be asking the legislature for an eight percent increase in faculty salaries."

NCSU faculty salaries currently average \$68,308, compared with UNC, whose faculty are paid an average \$73,896.

"Our faculty compensation package also ranks poorly," offered the Chancellor. "We are currently three-tenths out of seven peer institutions."

Chancellor Fox then compared NCSU faculty salaries with those of Duke University, saying, "To be equivalent with Duke, we would need \$14 million in total salary increases."

Toward the end of the meeting, faculty senators elected to adopt, after its third reading, the much argued resolution on modifications to reappointment, promotion and tenure procedures.



New Provost Kermit Hall has instituted a number of changes in his first year at NCSU.

One semester down for Hall

◆ In his first year as provost, Kermit Hall has begun to change things faster than some expected.

JENNIFER GODDING
Special to Technician

One way to get noticed in the administrative hub of any college is to come in, make changes and make them quickly.

Kermit Hall, N.C. State's first year provost, has done just that. Fellow Ohio native Chancellor Marye Anne Fox chose Hall in March to replace departed Provost Phillip Stiles. As such, he oversees operations of the university's 10 colleges, whose deans report to him, and manages all aspects of education and scholarship.

Known for his goal oriented aggressiveness in his former position as Dean of Humanities and Executive Dean of Arts and Sciences at Ohio State University, Hall officially assumed the role of Provost in July and has already made changes at NCSU that make some faculty members nervous — most notably eliminating the position of Assistant Provost for Women's and Gender Studies and revamping the tenure process.

"The concern is that it may fall through the cracks," said Carolyn Miller of the gender studies position that is now under the Vice-Provost for Equal Opportunity, Equality and Diversity. "One of the issues our committee is looking at is whether to recommend that the old position be reinstated."

Miller, who is one of the eight people the provost has asked to be on a committee that reviews his changes, said, "People are uneasy for the simple reason that people are always uneasy when change takes place. However, it's kind of odd that there is so much talk about a system that, at this point, looks as though it's going to be more inclusive of the faculty themselves within the whole tenure/promotion process."

Hall stated that the changes made since his arrival at NCSU have been "orderly, systematic, and fair."

At OSU changes were just as much a part of Hall's program. In the first two years he replaced nine of 15 chairs, implemented budget changes, established their first Baccalaureate program, a raising dignitaries program and raised over \$14.5 million to support endowed chairs, professorships and scholarships. In his spare time he published books and wrote many articles on the history of law.

"He transformed humanities at OSU in just a short five years from a college with an \$8 million deficit and a reputation as a 'ser-

vice college' to one with a balanced budget and a respected reputation as a leader in the university for excellent teaching and research," said Cheryl Smoot, development officer for the College of Humanities at OSU.

During the interviewing process, Hall hinted that one of the key factors in his decision to come to NCSU was the college's potential.

"You [NCSU] have great traditions to build on," Hall said. "But you are uniquely positioned to have a key role in defining what higher education will be at its core."

Fox gave Hall's varied background as a deciding factor in his selection as provost.

"[Hall's experience] will allow us to pursue the interdisciplinary cooperation that we need to move forward," the chancellor said.

Indeed, Hall already holds many aspirations for NCSU's future. Impressed with what he called, "an enormous pool of talent," Hall feels that NCSU has much to capitalize on. Letting the rest of the country know that is one of his main goals.

One of Hall's main plans is to get NCSU into the American Association of Universities (AAU), which already includes such universities as Harvard and rival school UNC-CH. Since entry into the AAU is obtained through invitation only, a large part of Hall's work will be to "make noise" and help NCSU achieve greater national recognition.

A large part of his plans for doing this will be "making the basics better" at NCSU. "The basics" include admissions, academics and the graduation rate.

"It's absolutely critical," the provost said. "If you want to move this institution up to where you aspire to be, you have got to retain more of the students you bring in, you need to graduate more of the students you bring in and by a large you need to graduate them more quickly."

Other improvements will come in the form of a stronger honors program, more productive research, greater study abroad opportunities, more money for financial aid and making the first year better for students by creating a small seminar environment.

Much of Hall's focus rests on the students. This is evident in his prompt response to student e-mails. "We have to pay attention to our students," Hall said.

Hall is a 1980 graduate of the Yale University Law School. He received his bachelors from the University of Akron in 1966, his masters from Syracuse University in 1967 and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1972. He also grad-

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Visiting "the big park..."



Stephanie Ford takes her children once a week to the NCSU Arboretum off of Hillsborough Street. Her oldest son relishes the weekly trip to "the big park."

Doctoral student saves national parks

◆ A N.C. State doctoral student received one of the largest fellowships in the country to save America's national parks.

SPRINE STEPHENS
Senior Staff Writer

A N.C. State doctoral student is helping to prevent the demise of several national parks - without leaving campus. Daiven Kang, a doctoral student in marine, earth and atmospheric sciences, is using a \$75,000 Canon National Parks Science Scholarship to study the existence of pollutants and their effects in several Southeastern national parks, includ-

ing Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Shenandoah National Park.

"I am using air quality modeling to simulate the different distributions of chemical compounds in the atmosphere," said Kang. Kang is performing the research after being awarded the \$75,000 grant, which is one of the largest fellowships in the country, according to Viney Aneja, a professor of marine, earth and atmospheric sciences, who is overseeing Kang's research.

Under Aneja's direction, Kang will examine how natural and combustion-processed volatile organic compounds (VOCs) affect visibility and vegetation in the national parks. Not only do the VOCs affect air quality and tree growth, but they lead to the

formation of ozone, which can be harmful to humans and the environment. "Our interest has been examining the formation of ozone in rural environments," said Aneja.

Kang said that ozone pollution has increased in the last few years, resulting in air quality degradation in the national parks, reduced visibility and declining health in the tree and plant population. Kang will conduct measuring and modeling studies using a high-powered, three-dimensional model called Multi-Scale Air Quality Simulation Platform, which is stationed at Research Triangle Park. The complicated modeling research will be done out of Aneja's lab by com-

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Signs, Signs...

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Harvard Medical School finds racial gap in kidney transplant referrals

◆ A study by the Harvard Medical School shows that African-Americans are much less likely to be referred for kidney transplants.

ANDREW S. HOLBROOK
Harvard Crimson

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Black people are much less likely than white people to be

referred for kidney transplants, a new Harvard Medical School (HMS) study has found.

The study, one of many recent efforts to investigate the racial health care gap, found that white people with kidney failure were about 4 percent more likely to want a transplant than are black people. But black people were more than 20 percent less likely to be referred for evaluation and placement on a transplant wait-

list. The study also found that many doctors failed to inform black patients about the possibility of receiving a kidney from a family member instead of going on a wait-list.

One of the study's authors said poor doctor-patient communication is probably largely to blame for the discrepancy.

White doctors are more able to communicate with patients who

are "closer to them culturally," said Dr. John Z. Ayanian, assistant professor of medicine and health care policy at HMS.

"We need to encourage physicians and patients to have more thorough discussions," he said.

Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) officials announced last week that they will step up enforcement of existing rules against racial bias in kidney transplants.

HCFA, the federal agency that runs Medicare, Medicaid and various children's health programs, covers most dialysis and transplant costs for patients of all ages who lack private insurance.

It pays for 80 percent of dialysis costs, which are about \$48,000 a year. It generally funds more than that proportion of transplant costs, which average \$92,000.

For about a decade, studies have found racial discrepancies in the

treatment of kidney failure, heart disease, arthritis, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

The HMS study found that several of the reasons usually offered for the racial gap do not account for the difference. Three common theories are that more black patients do not want transplants, that fewer black patients have private health insurance and that more black patients have fatal diseases that make transplants unnecessary.

However, the HMS study found that three-fifths of the racial gap remained after taking all of those factors into account.

Ayanian, who also works at Brigham and Women's Hospital, said he believes results would be similar for other conditions such as heart disease.

The HMS researchers looked at kidney transplants in part because the HCFA's program makes money less of an issue for patients who do not have their own insurance, Ayanian said.

The study was published Nov. 25 in the New England Journal of Medicine.

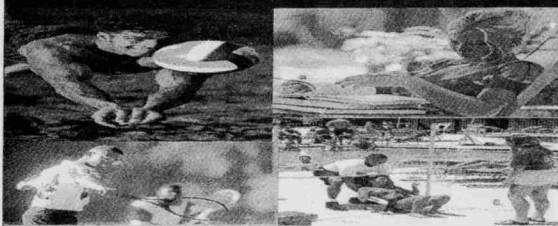
In the same issue of the journal, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine researchers published a study on kidney transplants that found that patients at for-profit dialysis centers are less likely to get on transplant wait-lists than those at not-for-profit centers.

They mainly faulted understaffing. But they also said that for-profit centers might not want to lose patients who get transplants.

The HMS researchers conducted telephone interviews with about 1400 patients from Alabama, California, Michigan, Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. All of the patients had been on dialysis at least 10 months.

Ayanian is currently working on a survey of the physicians who cared for the patients in this study.

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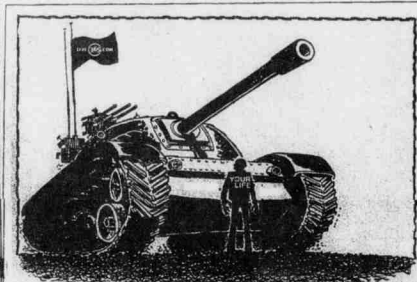
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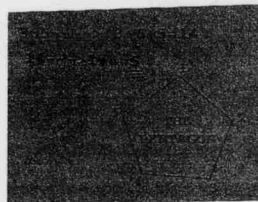
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MYTH 1

"All you're gonna feel is good." Sure, the "tunes" seem good, the DJs seem good, it's all good.!!!!At FIRST!!! But then you're hooked and the turntables turn. Just how "good" are you gonna feel when you have to move what's left of your belongings into a box car??!

MYTH 2

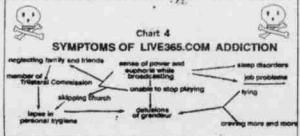
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MYTH 3

"Free music on the Internet is good." That's just what the Tri-lateral Commission (aka the Illuminati aka the Bilderbergers) wants you to believe. Wake up, Nancy! Free music leads directly to Free Love... and next thing you know you're keeping time to the music with a big dose of the Clap!



Parks

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necting to the super-computer at RTP. The high-tech model will enable the researchers to simultaneously observe the transformation and deposition of pollutants in the parks. They will also study how VOCs enter the parks and how they affect formation of ozone.

The findings of the research may contribute to control strategies and ideas for ways to control the degradation of the parks. Kang was one of only eight students across the country to be awarded a Canon National Parks Science Scholarship this year. The program motivates doctoral students to study environmental problems threatening the national parks. Kang's findings will be used by the Park Service to enact plans for preservation and pollution counteraction. Kang and the other scholarship recipients were chosen by a group of American Association for the Advancement of Science scientists and were recognized in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 8. This year marks the third group of Canon National Parks Science Scholarships awarded. To qualify for the scholarship, Kang had to pass a prerequisite exam in August of 1998. His research will likely take two years.

Hall

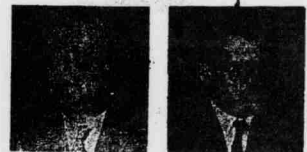
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uated from the Harvard University Institute for Education Management in 1993.

Hall is also a scholar of American constitutional law and history and has written several books on the history of law. He also served on the John F. Kennedy Presidential Assassination Records Review Board appointed by President Clinton in 1994 to review and release classified Cold War era documents on the assassination.

Hall is also a tenured professor in the history department at NCSU and will teach a class next semester on the history of the Supreme Court. "I always remember that I am a historian of law who happens to be an administrator," Hall said.

"I love to teach, and I couldn't think of a better job than having the chance to teach, and, as I'm doing my teaching, be able to research and write," Hall said. "It strikes me as the world's best job. In fact, it's such an incredibly good job that I actually have difficulty understanding why everyone doesn't want to be a college professor."



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GET TO THE GOOD PART.

Harvard grad. student integrates Legos into aptitude tests

◆ A Harvard graduate student has designed a new aptitude test that includes building robots out of Legos, a favorite childhood toy.

RACHEL S. WEINERMAN
Harvard Crimson

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — While most high school students depend on Number 2 pencils and study books to get through the SAT, a group of New York City students will get to use Legos as they face tests for college admissions.

Deborah Bial, a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard's Graduate School of Education (GSE), has designed a new college aptitude test centered around communication skills and small group activities — testing that includes building robots with Legos.

Nine prominent U.S. colleges have agreed to factor scores from the Bial-Dale College Adaptability

Index test into their admissions decisions, and by December, some 700 New York City public school students will have taken the test's inaugural version.

Bial's index is not meant to replace the SAT or any other current standard, Bial said, but is instead a "tool that can be used to help college admissions officers broaden the way they assess and admit applicants."

Bial described the test as a series of interactive workshops. One hundred students undergo testing at the same time, in groups of 10 or 12. Each group takes a different test, aimed at measuring skills students need in their college careers: communication, leadership, strategic thinking and organizational skills.

The students are tested in different groups for a total of three hours, and trained evaluators score each student individually.

In one section, students must use a set of Lego building blocks to construct a duplicate of a robot sitting

in another room. Only one student is allowed to view the robot at a time and must orally report his or her findings to the rest of the group.

The goal isn't necessarily to finish building the robot, Bial said, but rather to demonstrate initiative and an ability to solve complicated problems.

To calculate the final score, evaluators also interview students individually.

Bial's inspiration to design the test, which is being funded by the Mellon Foundation, came as she worked to recruit students for the Posse Foundation, an organization she founded 10 years ago that helps New York City public high school students attend college.

The 700 students who applied for the Posse Foundation scholarships are those who will participate in the Bial-Dale College Adaptability Index.

After the Posse students are chosen, the top 100 students will be admitted to nine participating uni-

versities, including Pennsylvania State, Rutgers, the Universities of Michigan and Delaware, and five liberal arts colleges — Beloit, Carleton, Colorado, Grinnell and Macalester.

With a number of U.S. colleges and universities reducing or eliminating their affirmative action programs, Bial said her test was as a way "to help continue to recruit diverse student groups."

The universities will use the results of this index "heavily but not exclusively," she said.

After the students are considered, Bial said she will track their progress throughout their college careers.

Larry A. Griffith, director of admissions at the University of Delaware, emphasized that this test will be used in addition to grades and test scores. He said he sees this as a way to identify promising students by non-traditional means.

"We're pretty excited about participating in this research," he said.

According to Griffith, the research will be used to determine whether "life experience, motivation, potential to work well in groups" can be "measured and quantified."

Although Bial said all the universities involved are excited that there might be a new way to assess students' merit, University of Michigan spokesperson Julie Peterson said that participation in this study will not affect the overwhelming majority of applicants who do not submit results from Bial's test.

Gary A. Orfield, professor of education and social policy at GSE and Bial's academic advisor, said that this program is still "in its very early stages," and questions remain about what value the test will ultimately have in the admissions process.

But, Griffith said, the research made possible by Bial's work is a "wonderful opportunity...that deserves to be looked at very seriously."



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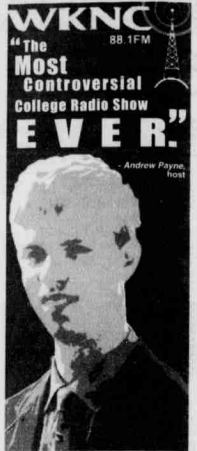
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Listen for Rachael on the Andrew Payne Show, tonight from 7-8 p.m. on WKNC 88.1, where the biology of stress and stress management will be discussed. Also, here is some food for thought: "Develop an interest in life as you see it: the people, things, literature, music—the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forger yourself."—Henry Miller

on for the cultures and world around them. Only through education about various cultures will we begin to reach a point of peace for the world.

Lassiter

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you had to give it away in the first place? Was the decision mutual? What happened after you did it? How did you feel? How long did it take? Are you happy with the decision you made? So many questions, so little

answers. I had truly thought that this column, my last riveting installment of the 20th Century, would be about something pleasant and grandiose. Alas, that hasn't happened. I apologize to those of you who were looking for something uplifting and full of greatness with which to relieve yourselves from the fury of studying.

But hey—who would I be kidding if I wrote about jolly affairs? Sometimes life can be a gutter ball and you have to face that. Besides, I figured that the only way I could help myself was by being shameless enough to solicit the stories of my readers. Either that or consult a shrink. And since the rent is due this week, that ain't gonna happen. And why not consult you folks? If it weren't for the readers, by golly, we

wouldn't have newspapers. This could be sort of like an inverse Dear Abby. Who knows, maybe it could go into syndication.

All I want is to hear from people who have really let go of something that they cared for and then had it come right back to them. I figured that, since I received a cornucopia of mail regarding my Top Five column and the column on the ESA that I would get at least a few souls out there to write me regarding this issue.

So, if you have your own words of wisdom to offer, let loose with them. I'm all ears.

Good luck to everyone on finals. Have a happy holiday season and do something that you'll always remember on New Year's.

Riddick

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another during their careers. Just to name a few, Pete Rose, Michael Jordan and Mike Tyson were all publicly ridiculed just as they were publicly honored.

Another contradiction I want to expose is our claim in walking with God. It is true that everyone falls short of the glory of God. Meaning that we all sin, have sinned or will sin.

If you are a murderer, fornicator, backslider, homosexual, thief, or the like, it does not matter because you can still be delivered from those things through your faith in God.

We make the mistake in conforming to the contradiction of society that tells people it's alright to be all these things and serve God at the same time. That's not true! We can come to God as a murderer, backslider, fornicator, homosexual, thief or the like, but there ought to be a change as we continue to hear, meditate and practice the word of God. We deceive ourselves when we think that we can continue to practice sin and serve God.

It is important that you understand what I am saying. You can be living a sin today, but if you ask for forgiveness from your heart, you can be forgiven within the hour you asked for forgiveness.

In the Bible, Jesus would forgive people, but then He would say, "Depart and sin no more." In saying this, He meant that they were forgiven but that they should no longer walk in the sin they were forgiven for. It feels good to know that we serve a God of love, but He hates sin and any contradiction.

We either serve God or we do not serve God, but there is no lukewarm (contradictions) accepted.

Send your comments to Eric at erickdick@mtsu.edu.

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employees come from NCSU than UNC-CH. As far as the sports department is concerned, only one member comes from UNC-CH, while the others, including NCSU graduate Jeff Grawley, come from other universities. They are not Communists, and they do not hate the WRAL. Along with Lassiter's other slanderous remarks, he referred to the WRAL sports department staff as "worthless losers", because they do not "focus primarily on their very own university and athletic teams right here in Raleigh!" Well, I hate to break it to you, but WRAL's viewing area spreads over much of the state of North Carolina, and to solely cover or even give extra attention to NCSU simply because it is across the street would be biased and unprofessional. As NCSU students, sure, we want to see as much coverage of our school as possible. But WRAL must cover news that happens across the state in order to meet the needs of all of its viewers, not just people in Raleigh and not just NCSU students. Well, with that I think I am through defending WRAL against the ridiculous comments Lassiter made. Oh wait—there's one more thing.

As far as the misspelling of Reynolds Coliseum goes... Well, misspellings can be attributed to the graphics people in the television business. I am sorry that he "bitched them out" rather than merely calling and bringing it to their attention, because they are human like the rest of us and they make mistakes. Lassiter, of all people, should understand this, as he misspelled "MISPELLED" in his article, so bold capital letters, so that all of campus might see that, while Lassiter likes to place judgment on others, he has his flaws too.

Melissa Holliday
Sophomore
Mathematics Education

Increase needed
I have just about had it with the tuition debate. I am going to focus on Ryan Avent's Nov. 22 editorial ("Chancellor's Aspirations"). Avent typifies the attitude of many students at this school, and I plan on lambasting him for it.
In my experience as a TA, I have come to find this type of student who wants to slack off all semester and then pass and moan when it's time to turn in the projects. Case in point...Mr. Avent. I suppose we are all in hot pursuit of the MTV dream: I—, partying and occasionally showering. Well guess what kids...it's a ruse. No one lives that lifestyle for very long with any great success. The industries are benefiting from your insatiable greed for the next best buzz though, the pants, the shoes, the cars...all that crap they tell you is going to make you cool and feel great. The beauty of it is that they are also selling drugs...not actual

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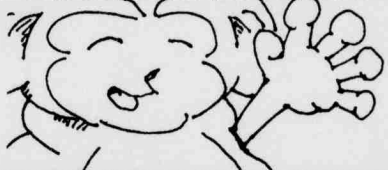
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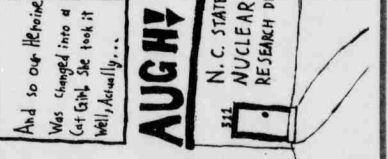
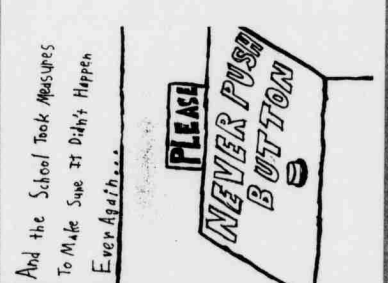
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The Poet and the Stoner



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drugs, but the idea of drugs...and once you're sold on the idea, you can get it yourselves. With the dope in the vein, you're too stupid to see them robbing you blind with a dream whose fruition is nonexistent.

Stop right there... Stop thinking I am some right-wing anti-drug freak. I'm not anti-drug, nor pro-Christ, nor do I have a cause. It is as simple as this: I am alive and vivid and sober and seeing clearly the hypocrisy and malevolence of a lifestyle that makes a few wealthy and a great many poor.

So it is this lifestyle that is also depriving many students of the passion and mental capacity to pursue a course of study. In the last three months, I have been able to assimilate my prior studies and create a new model for looking at architecture. I have been able to put sculpture and machines at opposite ends of a spectrum and then follow a course of designers from one extreme to another. This is exciting; no one else has thought of looking at architecture exactly this way (as far as I know), and I have never felt smarter and more able to contribute to a stagnant profession with positive work. I was able to do this by pursuing all of my desires with a certain amount of passion; to pursue life with a great deal of passion, and to flush out the truth from the lie. Admittedly, I am a B student for the most part, but my mind has become like a whip. Having made a solid connection with two particular professors, we have driven these ideas to fruition.

My point is: If you want to party, then take a semester off, go on a cruise or get a job with MTV. Enjoy yourself, and when you are done, come back to school and attack your passion with all the energy you've got. The world is a

place, and it is not getting any better when tuitions can't support quality professors and reasonable facilities.

The tuition here at N.C. State is one of the lowest in the country...and the salaries probably are, too. When you get back from your sabbatical of joy riding, you'll be grateful to have a professor as fired up as you are about your interests. But in order for them to be here, NCSU needs to be able to make a competitive salary and benefits offer. Without it, they'll go somewhere else, and this public learning institution will become a dumbed-down look-alike.

Erik Domaeer
Master's Student
Architecture

Increase not needed

I am not for the tuition increase presently being considered. Fifteen hundred dollars, a doubling of our tuition, is excessive and, in my opinion, unnecessary. I know of people who cannot afford such a large increase and they will have to find other schools or jobs to make it. Secondly, the idea of such an increase to pay for our professors is ridiculous. I realize that, in order to improve, we must be willing to invest some money, but until you give me a TA that speaks English, I don't want to waste my money. Furthermore, I'm tired of not knowing where my money is going and how it's being used. We should have a say in how the university prioritizes. Ask us what we think needs fixing, what can be improved and what really pisses us off. Just by sticking one person in the Brickyard for a day, I'm sure the administration would get an earful.

With all that said, I do think we need an increase. North Carolina does have some of the lowest tuitions in the nation, yet we have been able to hold our own against other institutions. This will not always be the case, especially when the state provides less money each year and other schools' tuitions are rising. Unless we improve, we will find ourselves falling behind in-state rivals such as UNC-Chapel Hill, both academically and financially. The students must be willing to fork a little bit more of this bill. Now, I don't think that tuition needs to go up by \$1,500, and I don't think we should give it all to our professors, but the increase, if used right, can help NCSU catch up where we've fallen behind and even improve beyond our expectations.

Unless we're willing to help pay for this, our degrees will be worthless in the future. So, rather than fighting the increase, perhaps we should be fighting for a smaller increase and more of a say. It's our school—let's tell the administration what we want.

Jennifer Riehle
Junior
Business Management

Who are we?

I would first like to pose this question: As an institution of higher learning, who are we? I can tell you that we are not Duke. And we are most certainly not Chapel Hill. So why should we constantly be compared to them, as if we emulate them and are somehow in their shadows? We shouldn't and we won't. The fact is that we have our shadow, which encompasses all of North Carolina.

To answer my earlier question, we are a university for the people of North Carolina. N.C. State was set up as a land-grant university in order to educate the sons and daughters of this great state. By accepting a proposal to increase student tuition, you are, in fact, denying the opportunity of those very same people to earn an education. What makes NCSU so great is its overwhelming diversity. I do not mean just diversity of race or cultural background, but every possible aspect of the world. If the increase is to take affect, won't we be denying ourselves this basic value that we hold so dear? How would you like to go to a school composed of people no different from you? I know that I wouldn't, and I think I know that neither would you.

I would like to thank SBP Raj Mirchandani for being so steadfast in the Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday afternoon. It was apparent to all who watched that he was willing to do anything in his power to let the Trustees, as well as Chancellor Fox, know that the student body will not allow ourselves to be inflicted by this increase. It was commented in the meeting that Chancellor Fox has bent over backwards for the us to present alternate proposals. I have but one thing to say to Chancellor Fox and the Board of Trustees: I am tired of bending over for you.

Nate Wigner
Junior
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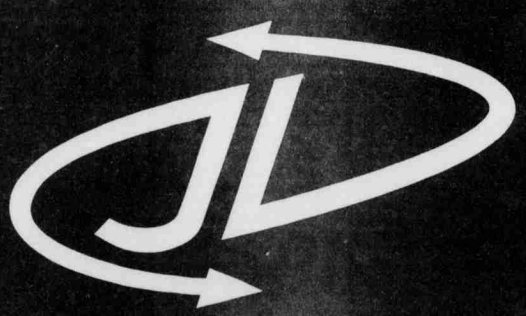


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Great Expectations

JACK DALY

For Mike O'Can, it all boiled down to six inches. If Chris Coleman had dragged that UNC defender six inches further, O'Can would still be employed as the head football coach at N.C. State.

Instead, Chancellor Marvye Arne Fox got involved and decided that a 6-6 record this year, and 41-40 overall, wasn't good enough. One thing about this chancellor is that she is results-oriented. Forget mediocrity. Fox expects the football program to win big and often. She wants to win national champi-

FOOTBALL

onships. "Our academic programs are esteemed," Fox said, "and we need an athletic program which also performs at that level."

One could debate whether our academic programs are truly esteemed, but that is a different argument for a different day. It is instead a point of



Les Robinson.

interest how this football program plans to win championships of national importance any time soon. To start with, N.C. State doesn't really have any football tradition. It is a basketball school (really, its most noteworthy athletic program is cross country, but that's beside the point) in a basketball conference.

For football, there was the "White Shoes Defense," Lou Holtz, Bill Cowher and that's about it. Keep in mind that the last two are known more for what they did after they left NCSU.

But, to play the devil's advocate, there is the case of Virginia Tech this year. If you can compete for national championships, why can't the Wolfpack? Good question. Maybe tradition doesn't mean all that much.

Unfortunately for NCSU, there are other factors aside from tradition that contribute to whether a school is a football power. Facilities is one of them. And the facilities for NCSU football are at the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference, let alone the country. Carter-Finley is antiquated, the fieldhouse pales in comparison to anything the major programs have and the practice field isn't even a full football field.

To be fair, both Fox and Athletics Director Les Robinson know that the university needs to improve its facilities. At Wednesday's press conference, Robinson said, "We need to step up to the plate and to get to the next level, we're going to have to make strong commitments. There's no question about that."

Plans for improving the football facilities include enclosing Carter-Finley with seats and adding luxury boxes and a new, five-story fieldhouse. Robinson hopes most of this will be finished by 2002.

So, clearly, there is a level of commitment to improving the football program. "I believe that our donors are ready to support an enhanced athletic program and we intend to draw on these resources going forward," Fox said.

Herein lies the problem. Chuck Amato and the other candidates to replace O'Can are probably wondering what took NCSU so long in the first place. All of the plans for the football program are really just to bring it up to where other programs are now.

In 2002 or 2003, when NCSU is finished with its renovations, where will the schools of the Southeastern Conference and the Big Ten be? For any of the candidates looking for jobs now, they could look around to the vacancies at schools like Louisiana State and compare them to NCSU.

There is no comparison. The total package of \$500,000 per year that NCSU will offer its next coach would buy you a nice office coordinator in the Big Ten. The Pack can't compete with that and it

Women open ACC schedule

◆ N.C. State's women's basketball team is still undefeated as it opens the ACC slate against Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

ROB GODFREY

Staff Writer

After a perfect 5-0 start, most recently edging Kansas State 73-72, the N.C. State women's basketball team takes on Georgia Tech (3-0) Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Alexander Memorial Coliseum in Atlanta to open the ACC season. The Yellow Jackets won the Georgia Tech/Atlanta Marriot Northwest Basketball Classic over Thanksgiving

weekend with wins over Elon and Hofstra.

Defensively, No. 7 NCSU will have to watch junior Jaime Gruppa, who netted 21 points in the first half of the Jackets' game on Sunday. She finished with 26 points and was 14-17 from the free throw line.

Complementing Kruppa in the post, Tech's Candice McCallum, who posted in 14 points in the final against Hofstra, will also test Wolfpack

defenders.

NCSU enters the game after sustaining a scare against unranked Kansas State over the weekend in the Cansu Tournament of Basketball. Playing from behind for most of the game, the Pack was able to rally and win 73-72 behind the marksmanship of Tynasha Lewis at the free throw line.

The high scorers for the Pack in the final with 15 points each were Summer Erb and Kayla Chones.

Another superb showing on both ends of the floor for Chones is fortifying her case as the ACC's most promising freshman. Erb's 15-point performance made up for a sub-par seven-point outing in the Drake game Friday.

Prior to the burn-burner against Kansas State, the Pack struggled to score in its first Canean game, a clash with Drake. Three-point field goals were difficult for the Pack to come by in that game as the team went just 1-10 from behind the arc.

Both NCSU and Georgia Tech share a common goal: a berth in the 2000 NCAA tournament.

Coming off a second round loss to Texas Tech last season, the Pack aims to return to the Regionals and punt them NCSU red the way that the 1998 squad did when it beat Old Dominion for a berth in the Final Four.

Meanwhile, Georgia Tech seeks a



Summer Erb and the Pack take on Georgia Tech.

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Conference Supremacy

◆ The ACC/Big Ten Challenge will unofficially determine the best conference in college basketball.

JEREMY ASHTON
Assistant Sports Editor

For years, the ACC was unquestionably the toughest basketball conference in the country. That title has been the source of some debate recently, however, after the ACC sent only three teams to the 1999 NCAA tournament.

In contrast, four Big Ten teams made it to the Sweet 16 of last season's tournament, and two, Michigan State and Ohio State, ended their seasons in the Final Four. Due to the Big Ten's strong showing, many experts feel that it has surpassed the ACC as the nation's premier conference.

ESPN decided to settle the question of which conference is better by organizing the inaugural ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The two-day event will feature nine games, all of which will be televised by the ESPN networks, between teams from the ACC and the Big Ten. The conference that earns the most wins will be presented with the Commissioner's Cup and unofficially earn the title of the nation's best conference.

The Challenge has coaches in both conferences excited about the chance to test their squads against tough competition early in the season.

"I think the reason for doing it is very obvious. It's a great way to start the college basketball season," said Wake Forest Head Coach Dave Odom.

"We're looking forward as a member of the ACC to play the Big Ten," added Maryland Head Coach Gary Williams. "Having coached in the Big Ten, I have a great deal of respect for that conference. I know how tough it is to go through that conference schedule just like it is in the ACC."

Odom's Wake Forest Demon Deacons (3-0) open the Challenge tonight with a home game against Wisconsin (3-1). This matchup will feature two teams with outstanding defenses.

This is the Deacons' first real test of the season after breezing through three relatively easy games. Conversely, the Badgers have already had a couple of tough games, including a 68-49 loss at No. 14 Syracuse.

The second game tonight is a showdown in Baltimore between No. 24 Maryland (4-1) and Iowa (1-2).

Both teams come into the game with some momentum after garnering big wins in pre-season tournaments. The Terrapins began their season with a third place showing in the pre-season NIT that included a 61-58 loss to No. 13 Kentucky and a 72-67 win over Notre Dame. Meanwhile, Iowa pulled off one of the biggest shocks of the young season with a 70-68 win over then-No. 1 Connecticut in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

"Anybody that can go into New York and beat Connecticut there, especially since that is always a Connecticut crowd, that's just a tremendous win, especially for that time of year," said Williams. "I know that's going to be a very difficult game for us even though it is in Baltimore."

The third game of the night is a battle of ranked teams in Chicago between No. 16 Illinois (2-0) and No. 17 Duke (3-2). After enjoying a tremendous amount of success last season with a talented veteran lineup, Duke Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski has had to change his approach with a roster that

features six freshmen.

Illinois did not enjoy quite the same success that Duke did last season but nearly played its way into the NCAA Tournament by pulling off three consecutive upsets in the Big Ten tournament. The Illini return a very talented squad and much is expected of them this season.

"To play against Lon [Krugier]'s team will be quite a game for us. We're going to be a developing team throughout the year, but especially early on. These kids need to get time on the court, and all of them need to time together," said Krzyzewski.

In the final game of the night, Virginia (3-1) heads to Minnesota (3-0) to take on the Golden Gophers.

These are two teams headed in completely opposite directions. The Cavaliers should be one of the most improved teams in the ACC this season and have already picked up wins over Providence and Arizona State. On the other hand, the Gophers have started the season undefeated against weak competition and are ineligible for postseason play this year due to academic violations.

The final five games of the Challenge will be played on Wednesday. The marquee matchup is a battle of top 10 teams that features No. 2 North Carolina (3-0) and No. 8 Michigan State (3-1).

The Spartans are still without the services of star point guard Mateen Cleaves but have, thus far, played well without him. Michigan State did take a loss on Saturday to No. 9 Texas, however, and still has an incredibly tough schedule ahead with games at Arizona and Kentucky before Cleaves returns.

"I know they're going to be without Mateen Cleaves, but they've got a lot of other very good players, too," said UNC Head Coach Bill Guthridge. "We're certainly looking forward to a real battle. Tom [Izzo] always has his team well prepared regardless of who he has in there."

UNC comes into the game on a roll after winning the Maui Invitational. The Tar Heels clinched the tournament with a win over No. 19 Purdue, who is playing N.C. State earlier on Wednesday in the Challenge.

In other action Wednesday, Michigan (3-0) travels to Atlanta to take on Georgia Tech (3-1). This is the Wolverines' first trip away from home this year after winning their first three in Ann Arbor, Mich., including a 66-62 victory over a tough Detroit team. Georgia Tech enters the game coming off an 84-70 loss to No. 6 Kansas.

N.C. State (3-0) also gets its first chance to prove itself away from home when it takes on Purdue (2-1). The Boilermakers are coming off a successful trip to Maui that saw them upset No. 11 Florida and push UNC to the limit.

In the other two games of the Challenge, Clemson (2-3) takes on Penn State (3-0) and Florida State (2-1) visits Northwestern (1-3).

ACC SOCCER NOTES

#1 Duke Falls To #18 Santa Clara In NCAA Men's College Cup

DURHAM, N.C. — The No. 1 ranked Duke University men's soccer team ended its season today with a 4-2 loss to the visiting Santa Clara Broncos in the second round of the 1999 NCAA Men's College Cup. After getting down 0-3 with less than 17 minutes remaining, Duke started to make a comeback, but could not get any closer than a two-goal deficit as Santa Clara was able to answer the Blue Devils' first goal with a goal of its own.

"It was an unbelievable season," said Duke Head Coach John Rennie. "We were very tentative and nervous today in the first 20 minutes. I give [Santa Clara] credit for finishing the job and they will do well the rest of the tournament."

Santa Clara took a 1-0 lead in the 25th minute on a goal by Sean-Michael Callahan with an assist from Jerrus Roxas. Less than a minute later the Broncos struck again when Shawn Percell scored the first of his two goals taking a pass from Eric Denton and shooting it by Blue Devil goalie Jeff Hayward. The score remained at 2-0 at the half.

Percell struck first in the second half on an unassisted goal in the 74th minute. Duke was finally able to get on the scoreboard



Only one ACC school remains in the NCAA Soccer Tournament.

five minutes later when Scott Noble scored with an assist from Trevor Perea. The Broncos were able to answer that goal with

one of their own just three minutes later as Michael Goehring found the back of the net off a pass from Art Rodopoulos. Duke's Robert Russell was able to sneak the ball past Santa Clara goalie Rusty Johnson less than a minute later, but it proved to be too little too late as that was the final goal of the game.

Wake Men's Soccer Falls To Furman, 4-0

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The fifth-ranked Furman Paladins men's soccer team advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament with a 4-0 win over the tenth-ranked Wake Forest Demon Deacons here at Spivey Stadium Sunday.

Furman grabbed the lead early with two quick goals. The first was scored by Paul Leese just 1:50 into the game. Carl Junot made the score 2-0 with his goal at the 6:03 mark off an assist from John Barry Nusum. Neither team could score the rest of the first half and the two teams headed to halftime with Furman holding a 2-0 advantage.

In the second half, Nusum increased the Furman lead to 3-0 with his goal at the 52:25 mark. The game's final goal was scored at the 69:48 mark by John Michael Waite.

With the win, Furman improves to 21-1-1

and will advance to play the Connecticut Huskies in the quarterfinals next weekend. Wake Forest ends its season with a record of 13-3-5.

UVA Downs Brown, 3-1

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The Virginia Cavaliers and Brown Bears men's soccer teams began play in the second round of the 1999 Men's Division I Soccer Championship. The Cavaliers advanced to the second round by defeating Princeton 3-1 in triple-overtime, while Brown topped Rhode Island 2-1 in overtime in its first round matchup.

In today's contest, Virginia scored three unanswered goals in the first half of play before Brown posted its lone goal of the contest in the second half, as UVA held on for a 3-1 victory in front of 2,284 spectators at Klöckner Stadium.

Virginia didn't waste any time getting its offense in gear, as the Cavaliers took an early 1-0 lead just 1:43 second into the contest when Ryan Gibbs gathered a pass from midfield and sent teammate Kenny Arena and score the first goal of the game. Gibbs collected Arena's pass, beat his defender and fired a shot that avoided Brown goal-