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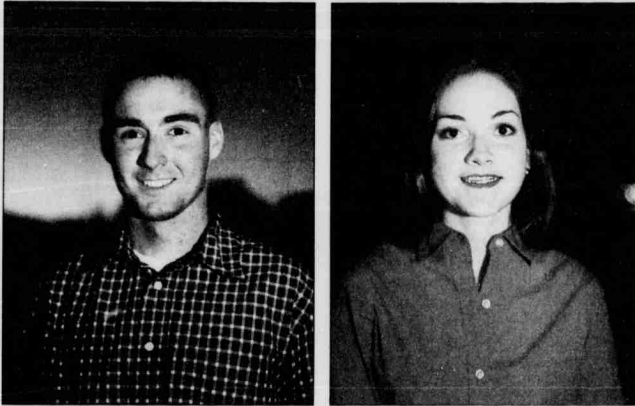
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Leaders of the Pack look to the future and beyond

'Alumni and friends' receive honors from Alumni Association

◆ The Leaders of the Pack were selected at halftime of the Homecoming football game.

Blair Parker
Senior Staff Reporter



Leaders of the Pack Jonathan Spencer and Katie Terry.

Katie Terry, a senior in business management, and Jonathan Spencer, a junior in psychology and parks and recreation management, were awarded one of the highest and most prestigious honors N.C. State bestows as the 2001 Leaders of the Pack Saturday night at the Homecoming football game.

"I have never been so honored to stand with some of the most profound leaders from NCSU," said Spencer.

Students apply for the award by filling out an application and undergoing an interview process. The final decision, however, rests in the hands of the student body.

As expected, finalists are those students who exhibit a favorable academic record. In addition, they must prove they are well-rounded and actively involved in extracurricular campus activities.

Terry and Spencer have both received the honor of Order of Omega, and are both members of the Greek community.

Terry holds the position of personal chair for Chi Omega sorority, and this past Sunday night was selected to be their 2002 president.

"We [Chi Omega] are very thrilled she will be president; she has fully proved herself to the chapter of what she is capable of accomplishing from her past position as personal chair," said Julie Roberts, current president of Chi Omega.

Spencer is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in which he is the Caldwell Cup Chairman, proving to be successful in his role after they received the Caldwell award Saturday night for most outstanding

fraternity. While in school, Terry and Spencer have dedicated themselves to being involved with the university. Terry, a Resident Advisor for University Towers for two years, recently left in order to pursue other curricular activities more vigorously, such as SHRM (Society of Human Resource Management), of which she is co-president, and the judicial board for Student Government.

Spencer admits that most of his time is dedicated to either cheerleading or ROTC, where he is Squad Leader, MWR chair (Moral, Welfare and Recreation) and member of the Drill Team.

Unfortunately, student on-line voting for Leader of the Pack was not completely error proof this year. Students reportedly had problems

voting on computers that were located off campus. However, the problems varied so entirely that they could not be quickly organized.

Tia Doxey, who is in charge of Leader of the Pack process, reported that she only received five calls regarding the voting issue. While still unsure, Doxey presumed that students living off campus may not have had the proper Internet upgrade needed to accompany the system.

Initially, Terry was worried about her chances of winning because she is a senior and assumed many of her voters would be upperclassmen voting off campus as opposed to in the NCSU computer labs.

"I did not set my expectations too high of winning," said Terry.

In the end, all finalists agreed to keep the results as they were because all felt as if they were equally disadvantaged.

Doxey explained that one way to prevent repeated voting problems from occurring next year is to establish a set budget for the Leader of the Pack award. As of now, there is no money set aside for this award and all money is received from fundraising. With the help of Student Body President Darryl Willie and the Student Senate, a bill was passed that allowed the Leader of the Pack voting to utilize the Student Senate's computer system. Willie also

appointed two people to monitor the system during voting since there was no money to pay available students. "Money is associated with any kind of voting and the Leader of the Pack award had a zero dollar budget, and had to therefore rely on the Student Senate," said Doxey.

Now that voting is complete, Terry and Spencer look forward to carrying out the responsibilities that comes with the Leader of the Pack award—planning and organizing next year's Homecoming.

"I would really like to focus on raising school spirit and eliminating controversies," said Spencer.

Spencer and Terry admit that their time spent at NCSU will prove to be a reflection of their lives after they graduate.

Spencer is a ROTC scholarship recipient, and therefore will be obligated to serve four years in the Marines and eight years if he chooses to fly. Spencer said he is not at all reluctant about serving his time, but he admits he is excited, knowing he will be going to be a part of a great institution.

Terry said she is leaning toward going to law school; however, nothing is set in stone and therefore could possibly look for a job related to human resources in December of 2002.

Baptists officially sever ties with Wake Forest U.

◆ Wake Forest is no longer member of the Council on Christian Higher Education.

Elizabeth Bland

CUJ Gold and Black (Wake Forest U.)

N.C. WIRE) WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Baptists from across the state of North Carolina voted Nov. 13 at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum to break nearly all formal ties with Wake Forest University — a move that President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. considers mostly inconsequential.

The Baptist State Convention, composed of 1.2 million members, will now recognize the university as an "historical educational institution" rather than an affiliated institution. The resolution also applies to Meredith College, an all-female institution in Raleigh, N.C.

The new classification results in the university's removal as a nonvoting member of the Council on Christian Higher Education and the school will not be promoted as a Baptist-recognized university, but scholarship money — in the form of the Potat Scholars program — still will be allocated. The Potat scholarships are available to North Carolina resident students who are Baptists.

The Rev. Nathan Parrish, a pastor at Unity Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., disagreed with the resolution to cut ties with the university.

"I spoke against the motion because I felt like it was just one more step in the process of removing Wake Forest from Baptist life, and I think that's regrettable for both sides," he said. "I'm disappointed that neither side seems to be particularly all that concerned."

According to Hearn, the loss of membership on the Council on Christian Higher Education will not change much. He said the university gave up voting privileges in the

1980s; thus the removal now is essentially insignificant in terms of voting practices.

"For the Baptists it's pretty terrible," Hearn said. "It is something more disadvantageous for themselves rather than for us."

Some conservative delegates attribute the break to a same-sex commitment ceremony performed in Wait Chapel in 2000 and to alcohol being served on campus at Shorty's.

The Rev. Jack Homesley, a pastor at Christ Community Church in Hantersville, N.C., explained in a Winston-Salem Journal article, the convention made a wise choice in breaking from the university.

"We have not left Wake Forest," he said. "I believe Wake Forest has left us."

Sophomore Laurie Dimmock represented her Raleigh Baptist congregation at the convention.

"The convention's financial support of the Potat Scholars is in admiration and respect for the history of Baptists at Wake," Dimmock said. "It's important to me for Wake to keep its autonomy (and) not to pull away from the convention, but to show that it's Baptist heritage has given it the maturity to stand alone."

Bill Leonard, dean of the Divinity School, agreed with Hearn's sentiments.

"It simply means that we (the Divinity School) will continue doing what we're doing," he said. "We were never directly connected to the North Carolina Baptist Convention. We've said from the beginning in our mission statement that we are Christian by tradition, ecumenical in outlook and Baptist in heritage."

The convention also elected a new president, the Rev. Jerry Perera of First Baptist Church in Swannanoa, N.C., and a vice president, Bob Foy from Mooresville, N.C.



Dr. Richard Peterson, demonstrates for his students the proper way to sculpt a vase. Dr. Peterson's pottery class, is one of many craft classes that can be taken at the campus arts and crafts center.

Tickets for the Ohio football game will be given out today from 10am to 6pm at Reynolds Coliseum. Guest tickets are also available. This is the last home football game of the season.

Lauren Deere
Staff Reporter

In a sea of red and black, many of N.C. State's finest gathered at the Entertainment and Sports Arena on Friday for the 2001 Alumni Association awards dinner. According to Bob Bryan, executive director of the NCSU Alumni Association, the dinner "honors special alumni and friends that have made a difference."

There were five recipients of the association's most prestigious awards. Other alumni and people across campus nominated the awardees.

Emily Mann Peck, applied-mathematics graduate of 1967, received a Meritorious Service Award for her career achievements and admirable service to NCSU.

Peck is currently the associate dean and assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Her credentials include the American Mathematical Society and Phi Kappa Phi. As an active alumna, Peck has been a dedicated member of the board of directors for NCSU's College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences Foundation. In her Illinois community, Peck volunteers for the YWCA and a local shelter for abused women.

Adam Crane Jones received a Meritorious Service Award posthumously. A 1951 graduate of civil engineering, Jones died in April. He served as president of the Alumni Association from 1993 to 1994. Before his death, he helped raise more than \$25 million for the Campaign for Alumni Excellence.

A devoted Wolfpacker, Jones was awarded the Menscer Cup in 1999, which is given to NCSU's most dedicated supporters. Among his many contributions to NCSU, he and his wife, Jane Jones, have sponsored two Caldwell Scholarships.

The Alumni Association's most prestigious honor has only been bestowed seven times. This year, Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton was a Special Citation recipient.

Shelton, a 1963 graduate of textile technology, has led the nation as a four-star general, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and military advisor to the president of the United States. Though he retired this fall, Shelton has had a fulfilling career as the leader of the 5th Special Forces group, 157th Airborne Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, 82nd Airborne Division and the U.S. Special Operations Command.

His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

This year, Richard K. Bryant received the Young Alumnus Award. A 1981 graduate of business management, Bryant is president and co-founder of Capital Investments Companies. He is a member of the board for Arts N.C. State and a lifetime member of the Wolfpack Club. He also serves on the advisory board for the College of Management.

"He loves this institution," said Alex Miller, associate to the vice chancellor for arts programs. "He is a diehard Wolfpacker."

The Award of Merit was given to Patricia J. Lee. This award recognizes a non-alumnus that has made significant contributions to the university. After 28 years of service to NCSU, Lee is retiring next summer from her position as director of merit awards and special scholarships.

In 1993, she was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. In her first position at the university, she worked for the financial aid office, where she helped the Alumni Association choose its first two Caldwell Fellows.

"She is the mother of the Caldwell Program," said Barry T. Ellington, a graduate of NCSU and Caldwell Scholar. "I've never met anyone with more pride in the university, not even an alumnus."

Rupert Nacoste, vice provost of diversity and African American studies, was master of ceremonies at the dinner.

Tom Cabaniss, president of the NCSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, called the award recipients role models to other alumni, noting that they overcame obstacles and worked hard, thereby exhibiting "success, generosity and willingness to give back."

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Federalization of aviation the right move

THE AVIATION SECURITY BILL SIGNED INTO LAW YESTERDAY WILL STRENGTHEN SECURITY THROUGH FEDERALIZATION.

Federalization. The word is supposed to make Republicans cringe and Democrats rejoice. However, yesterday, federalization became a friend of all with the signing of the aviation security bill into law. The much-needed law will heighten standards to do everything possible to ensure safe air travel.

There are always skeptics when it comes to legislation that would give the federal government more power, but in a few situations (nationwide crime prevention, election standards and now airport security), more central control is the best option. According to the Associated Press, the federal government will take over the passenger and baggage screening processes now carried out by airlines. This is the only way to have an appropriate standard for all our nation's airports. This is the way security will be improved.

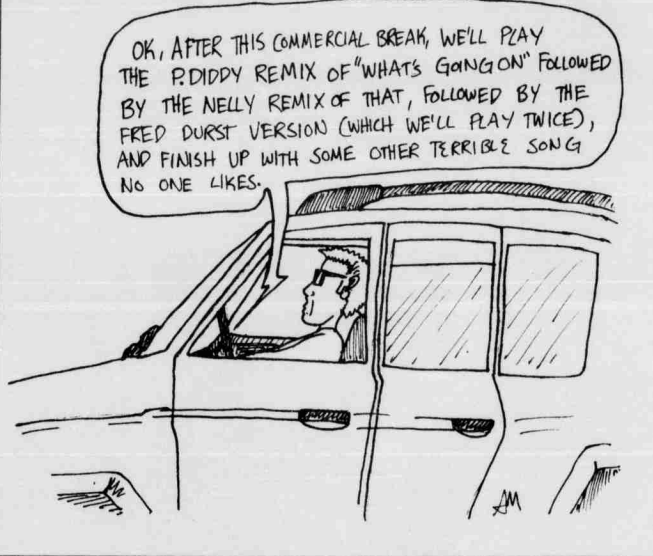
The bill aims at a goal of 100 percent inspection of checked bags and is designed to prevent any potential hijackers from gaining access to cockpits through the presence of air marshals and reinforced cockpit doors. This bill goes just far enough to ensure safety and no further. It allows airports that meet strict federal standards to use local law-enforcement officials or private security firms.

People have been wondering what air travel will be like in the post-Sept. 11 future. Inconvenient. A pain, but as safe as possible. The bill will fund the security improvements through a \$2.50 fee to be paid by passengers every time they board a flight.

The aviation security bill has undergone rapid changes as Congress and the Bush administration strove to get the legislation into action for the holidays. This has not happened, but later is better than never. Airports have 60 days to implement the stricter screening protocols in general and must be screening all checked bags for explosives by 2002.

Perhaps the new legislation will not only increase safety in the public's eye but will also have a Reaganian-esque trickle-down effect. In this time of economic standstill amidst public fears, the airline industry could sure use the boost in business that the aviation security bill may provide.

People may not trust the government with their tax money from time to time, but this bill makes it easy to trust that everything possible is being done to provide safe air travel. A mere five dollars per round trip and a longer check-in process are small prices to pay for peace of mind.



We are family



Kate Lingerfelt
STAFF COLUMNIST

I'm afraid to say the word because, if I do, it will cease to be and disappear. Here it goes: tradition. Yes, we just might have a tradition on our hands. Keep it on the down low though. I don't want everyone knowing or it might just get taken away, but I hope the homecoming tradition will stick around. Although the ending of the football game left a bitter taste in my mouth, everything else about homecoming was better than I could have imagined. The parade, the rally and the all-night bash were pulled off quite nicely. What's more amazing is that many students actually got involved and got off their apathetic behinds. One of the main problems of having a tradition is having enough students to keep it going, but we finally had enough students to start a new one.

Congratulations N.C. State! We did it! For the first time in my four years here, I went to a homecoming game that felt like a homecoming game.

Students and alumni were out in the parking lot all day Saturday getting drunk and eating barbecue, although I think having the game at a time other than noon helped. Yet, the best part was not the male dance team nor the tailgating, but the fact that most people felt like a part of this university.

At a school as big as this one, it's easy to feel lost or out of the loop. Many times, students forget that "Wolfpack pride" means, or they get so upset about what's wrong at NCSU that they forget to see what's good. When you have the "Wolfpack pride," no matter how our sports teams are faring and no matter what decisions the administration is making, you know without a doubt that NCSU is the best damn school in the nation.

After last weekend's FSU win and this past weekend's homecoming festivities, I feel like I have a Wolfpack family that I didn't really know before. The drunk 40-something woman in the Stroud Center parking lot, the 70-year-old man at the rally, and the four-year-old girl (who cheered louder than any other student in the section) at the basketball game all belong to this family. I know they will be there through the hard times and cheer through the good

times alongside me because we share a common love.

Perhaps I am being overly sentimental, and I might be getting a bit overboard. I don't really care because NCSU is more than an institute of higher learning to me. It's a part of my life that will be with me always and will continue to play a large role in the future. It's more than athletics, NCSU is education, friends, good memories and bad memories, and it contains all my life-defining moments for the past four years.

What is NCSU above all else? (Notice how I am driving my point home.) We are family. Not in that cheesy, Sister Sledge way, but in an honest-to-goodness family way. I know that no matter where I am, if I find someone who belongs to the Wolfpack, we already have a lot in common. You are never alone as long as you have someone that loves NCSU and hates Carolina.

After Kate gets rich, she'll use her millions to purchase naming rights to the ESA. E-mail your naming suggestions to her at klinger@unity.ncsu.edu.

College life far from Hollywood's hype

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—For just a brief moment, I would like to thank God. No, I promise I won't quote a Bible verse or any other holy books; I probably wouldn't remember any. But that's not the point. I would like to thank God for next week. Thank you God (and the faculty senate) for a week off. After Friday, all University of Mississippi students will be able to enjoy a much-desired 11-day break from classes and the day-to-day stresses of college life.

For a week, we will be able to leave the majority of our concerns and simply unwind and hang with the folks. Not that sometimes being with your parents is any sort of fun, but it shores up your chances of receiving a nice check to help you make your trip back home and pay the delinquent telephone bill.

I was sitting in my room the other day watching some movies about college. The more I watched such movies as "Dead Man on Campus," "PCI" and "Animal House," the more I realized exactly how different college is portrayed in movies and how it really is.

I mean, yes, there are complete moments of craziness and drunken debauchery. Most of us have gone to wild, beer-filled parties; it's a part of the college experience. Half of what you take away from college is the social experiences.

However, the majority of college experiences are long, drawn-out periods of complete and utter boredom highlighted by class, term papers and Playstation 2.

Playstation 2 has probably done more to the detriment of college students than any other device since the Internet. I myself have spent countless hours playing such games as Grand

Theft Auto III and NCAA Football 2001.

It's a great invention, capable of launching Iraq missiles and such. But, as far as a movie goes, you don't want to sit and watch some jacksass playing a video game.

Unless, of course, it's the epic, 1989 release "The Wizard" starring Fred Savage of "The Wonder Years." If you haven't ever been forced to watch this movie at some sort of summer camp or after-school care when you were 9 years old, it's really just a cheap boyhood version of "Rainman," except the main character has a knack for video games and not blackjack.

Neither would a half-hour shot of a guy looking up Greek and Roman mythology terms make that great of a movie.

However, we all probably had the same preconceptions concerning college in general and Ole Miss in particular. I know I did. Last year, when I arrived on campus for what would turn out to be my first freshman year, I came in assuming that Ole Miss would be a breeze. You don't have to go to class, and it's a party school. All they do down in Oxford is drink and have a grand time. After a lot of hangovers and some academic trouble, I've grown to finally realize that it's not like others say.

But, unlike movies, where everything turns out to be okay in the end, real life is not like that, and how unfortunate. I'm probably not going to be able to get the chancellor fired in some plot twist that involves a whooping crane, nor am I going to convert my car into the "Deathmobile" from "Animal House."

However, watching college movies allows us to forget the worries and stresses of real college life and become involved in the fictional lives of others, no matter the inaccuracies.



Jonathan Smith
STAFF COLUMNIST

Wednesday and Thursday are its arms, to grip with Friday and Saturday are its legs, to give it

foundations. Sunday and Monday are its teeth to bite our bums and chatter. "It's over. You're back." Some students will go home this week and study profusely in order to fight the devil that is Thanksgiving Break. Most, however, will succumb to its lulling promise that we'll escape exams and term papers. The painful reality, though, is that academic stress crouches low, ready to strike upon our return.

Nevertheless, hope exists. For those who suffer a near-fatal blow from the break, practice these rehabilitating methods: 1) Buddy up to your professors. 2) Shell out cash. 3) Assume the "screw it; I won't do it" mentality. 4) The All-Nighter.

This first method may seem more difficult than the rest, but the outcome my friend is truly worth it. This is when you confront your teacher and explain exactly why you missed class all of those days. By getting personal with your teacher you solve two problems: The professor gets to know you and perhaps won't call you Tim instead of Tom in class on Monday, and you can also plead your case. Teachers are people too, and, no matter what they say, I'll die believing that they are really here to help us. Talk with your teacher, and see if you can work out an extension, if only for one day.

The following method, "shelling out cash," is not one I strongly recommend, for several reasons. Numero Uno, it's just wrong. Numero Dos, you think that nobody is getting hurt by

giving your friend that case of beer in exchange for his paper on "The Mexican Bean Beetle," but when your professor comes up to you next week after reading it and would like to discuss the aspect of the beetle being a host of Pediculus, let's face it, you will be screwed. Now that is just a position you want to put yourself in. Nevertheless, in desperation, we students may stoop to the lowest levels, if only in order to stay sane.

"Screw it. I won't do it." Not many people can say they haven't gotten to that point at least one time before their sophomore year. Returning back to your room at 11:30 on Sunday night and facing the fact that you have 3 papers due and a quiz in organic chemistry all for tomorrow spurs this on. This method definitely has its drawbacks, for instance, the big fat zero in the grade book hurts like a b*%&*. Though it may relieve the immediate stress, when it comes time for your finals, guess who's going to have to pull off an A on the final instead of being secure with a B? That would be you!

Ah, The All-Nighter; so many have been attempted and so few achieved. I prefer this method simply because you are the only one being inconvenienced, and perhaps your roommate, but he can still sleep with that constant clicking on the computer, can't he? This method ensures that you get your mess together. Simply drink a cup of strong coffee every few hours, and you're wired. At this point, you're ready to take on the world — and three papers.

I will remind you that a passing grade is never promised by doing the All-Nighter. But, the feeling you get when you finally print out that last paper is ten times better than the way you feel when sucking up to your teacher, or paying someone else for the work. And it's especially better than having to sit down low in your seat as the teacher passes the papers back hoping no one notices you did not get one.

Jonathan pulled an All-Nighter writing this column. Tell him how he did by emailing him at jmsnrl4@unity.ncsu.edu.

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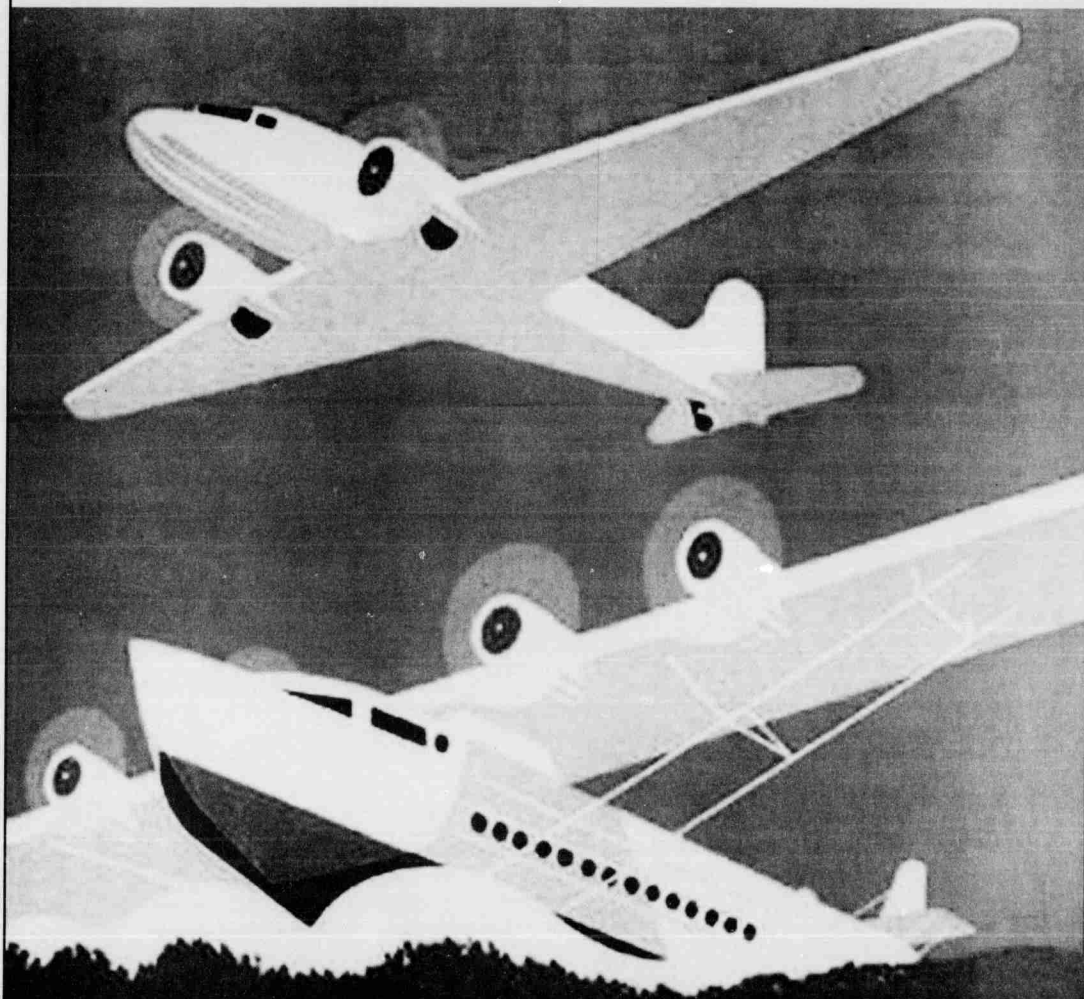
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THE ENDING THAT WASN'T THERE

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"THE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE"

★★ 1/2

Starring:

Billy Bob Thornton
Frances McDormand
Directors:
Ethan and Joel Coen

Whether their movies work or not, the Coen brothers have a style that is always unique and fun to watch. No matter if they're playing with comical dialogue in "The Big Lebowski," perfecting the dark comedy with "Fargo" or crafting a biting thriller like "Blood Simple," no two projects are anything alike. They've found various ways to make each film different, but always different in a Coen brothers' way.

This time, they've decided to shoot entirely in black and white to achieve the film noir feel, which is what "The Man Who Wasn't There" tries to emulate, and for the majority of the film, they succeed. The first 90 minutes of the picture runs smoothly, with great performances and eerie music to fit the tone.

Then there's a long shot followed by five seconds of nothing, and everyone was ready to clap a few times and leave after enjoying a very good movie.

Instead of credits, pictures came back up, and we realized that the movie wasn't over yet.

Ten minutes later, there is another spot of nothingness, and people again started to get out of their seats, ready to leave after seeing a pretty good movie. And yet again, instead of credits we get pictures and are surprised that the movie still isn't over.

Twenty minutes later the *d—* credits are finally rolling, at which time much of the audience is squirming, thinking of dinner and finally getting to go home or have a cigarette after seeing a decent film.

This is sad, because was in place to make a great film. It stars the gifted Billy Bob Thornton ("Bandits," "Sling Blade") as Ed Crane, a barber whose life has an equal cigarettes-smoked-to-words-spoken ratio. He is married to Doris (Frances McDormand, "Almost Famous"), who might be his polar opposite, always talking, laughing, drinking and flirting... something that makes him wonder about how well she really knows their friend Big Dave (James Gandolfini of "The Sopranos").

The plot continues to take many more twists and turns; some might say it takes too many twists and turns. Between the twists for plot, the twists for humor and the twists thrown in just to confuse the audience, the filmmaker starts to forget to develop the film in between the twists, making for more confusion as the film moves on.

The cast really does what they can with the material, with Thornton and

Gandolfini soaking in the characters and making the black and white seem as real as the color modern audiences are used to. Tony Shalhoub (making redemption for "Thirteen Ghosts") is hilarious as a lawyer who speaks in strange metaphors, and Jon Polito steals scenes as a toupee-wearing businessman.

The visual style of the film is gorgeous, with the usual mix of Coen style and humorous visuals that no one else would do. One particular shot that sticks out is one following a car wreck, as a hubcap is rolling down a hill, and the camera follows alongside it for a good 20 seconds. Others might find different ways to highlight this scene, but for the Coens, something as simple as a hubcap rolling down a hill, and the camera follows alongside it for a good 20 seconds. Others might find different ways to highlight this scene, but for the Coens, something as simple as a hubcap rolling down a hill, and the camera follows alongside it for a good 20 seconds.

The only real problem here is the last half-hour, which has no better reason for being other than to make the audience feel worse and worse about what has happened. This ending seems out of place, almost like a different second feature that was supposed to come before the main attraction but was forgotten and tossed in afterward.

Unfortunately, instead of the stellar first three-fourths, this needlessly long ending is all most people will remember after seeing this movie. So the best advice you'll get is probably to leave when you notice the big pause, enjoy the stellar part and skip the confusing end. Most people who have seen it wish they had.

IMAGE FROM USA FILMS



Local band a 'Dead Ringer' for success?



Ghassan Hamra
Staff Writer

Fin Fang Foom Texture, Structure, and the Condition of Moods

★★ 1/2

Chapel Hill's music scene has always enjoyed a good deal of success. Bands like Superchunk, Archers of Loaf and Ben Folds Five have put this city on the map and made it a hot spot for artists on tour. In fact, most artists make sure to emphasize just how much they like Chapel Hill when they play there.

Music fans are always looking out for the next big thing to come out of there, and a lot of people have looked to the White Octave for this. But there's another band out there that might be good enough to take the spot as the next big thing, and that band is Fin Fang Foom.

If you have ever been to Go! Studios in Chapel Hill, you've probably seen two of the guys from the band before. Eddie Sanchez, bassist, is sometimes seen running the bar, and guitarist Michael Triplett is often seen running the clubs in the upstairs portion of the band. Not to be confused, Michael Glass provides the drumming power behind the band.

The band recently played a show at Go! Studios with their friends the Mercury Program and Engine Down. This was their CD release party for their newest album, "Texture, Structure, and the Condition of Moods." The release party was quite a success, and Fin Fang Foom provided a show that left some audience members confused, not knowing what to think.

This CD is the band's first release on Lovitt records, and it's definitely nice to know that a band like this will be getting a helping hand from a quasi-local band. Lovitt is located in Arlington, VA. Andy

Baker, who has also recorded albums for bands like the Mercury Program and Japaneaux, recorded this album.

Musically, the chaotic structure is the most defining characteristic of Fin Fang Foom's music. Moving from bass-heavy chaos to melodic beauty with flute and piano, it's often hard to follow the band's music, and this is often a turn-off for fans.

Listeners should not turn a deaf ear to Fin Fang Foom for this. For once you get used to it, you see the intricate guitar parts, amazing bass lines and almost jazzy drum beats that make the band great. Track two on the new album, "Dead Ringer," is a perfect example of this.

The track starts off heavy, doing a 180 soon after by pushing the emphasis to piano and flute, along with a laid-back guitar riff, which is quickly followed by a return to the chaotic noise that the song started with. This is especially entertaining at shows because you get to watch folks bopping around completely unsure as to how they should act.

This chaotic nature not only defines the band, but it allows the album to have a sense of flow that few other bands could get away with. This is not to say that the whole album is chaos, melody, chaos, melody, etc. The final track on the album, "Crying, But Without Tears," is a piano ballad, supplemented by the vocal stylings of Sanchez, which may require a little getting used to but is well worth it.

Though many of the bands coming out of Chapel Hill have warranted later bands being described as having "that Chapel Hill (early '90s) sound," Fin Fang Foom avoids this at all turns, providing one of the most unique sounds to come out of any band in a while. Then again, the band is originally from Jacksonville, Fla.

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Insane Interview and the cold November drought



Chad Butterworth
Staff Writer

Technician talked to Scott Frederick, a freshman in communications, and Duane Barnes, a freshman in business management, about the drought that North Carolina is suffering.

TECH: North Carolina is in the middle of a drought. How has the drought affected you so far?

SF: It's made me sleep a lot in class. I need rain; I study more when it rains. There's too much to do. When there's nice weather outside, I find other stuff to do. I find myself falling behind in a lot of classes.

DB: It just makes me tired.

TECH: What's the most memorable drought you've ever experienced?

SF: I skipped school for like a month. I started growing sideburns; I didn't shave. I didn't sleep well at night. I became a recluse; I sort of looked like a hobo in my room. I didn't want to go anywhere until it started raining again.

TECH: How old were you at the time?

SF: I was 13.

TECH: Is there any natural disaster you would fear more than a big swarm of locusts enveloping the city?

SF: That'd be scary. That would probably be the worst thing that could happen, unless a volcano just randomly popped up — that would be kind of scary too.

TECH: Even if it didn't erupt, just having it show up all of a sudden

would be really scary... What kind of video games can help us get through this drought?

SF: I think "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" for Nintendo could. That always helped me through my stress days when I was growing up. When I was depressed, I would pop it in and start playing that. "Battletoads" is another classic game.

TECH: Do you think it would be best if there were no rain this month so that we wouldn't be reminded of the Guns & Roses song "November Rain"?

SF: Yeah, just a tribute to Guns & Roses, it shouldn't rain at all this month. I wish it would snow though. This weather kind of sucks.

DB: Nobody likes rain, anyway. Everybody hates the rain, so I guess people wouldn't really care if it rained or not. All I do is sleep on rainy days.

TECH: In the summer of '92, did you watch MTV enough to get sick of "November Rain"?

SF: In the summer of '92, I was 8-years-old. I don't even think I knew what MTV was.

DB: I didn't really watch TV when I was younger. I played a bunch of sports — football, basketball and baseball — so I wasn't ever at home really.

TECH: Let's say you did watch MTV back then. How would you cope with "November Rain's" dominance of MTV's programming time?

SF: I don't even like Guns & Roses, first of all. That doesn't offend you, does it?

TECH: No. Actually the summer of '92 was hell for me because I hated that song. For some reason though, I watched a lot of MTV that summer, and that song was No. 1 on their countdown every day.

SF: I would have found another band to listen to. I would have found something better to do with my time than watch MTV.

TECH: If another terrible song becomes as popular as "November Rain," what you would suggest doing?

SF: I'd kill myself. I'd probably stick forks in my eyes.

DB: I'd turn it to BET. They don't play any rock 'n' roll.

TECH: What's your bet take on the guy in the video who dives right through Axl and Stephanie's wedding cake?

SF: I think that was pretty inappropriate. That cake might have been good.

TECH: Why do you think he did that?

DB: I just think it was pointless. I mean, why would you want to jump over a table and go through a cake when it was just raining? Rain isn't going to hurt you.

TECH: I guess it must have really been some "cold November rain."

TECH: Do you think that Stephanie Seymour would have pulled through if that guy hadn't ruined the cake?

SF: Nah.

TECH: Do you have any theories on what it was that killed her?

SF: It might have been a broken heart that killed her.

DB: If it rains on your wedding day, you're doomed from the start. That's bad luck, really.

TECH: There was that whole trilogy of Guns & Roses videos consisting of "Don't Cry," "November Rain" and "Estranged." After the first two videos, the band assured us that everything would make sense when the third video came out. Did seeing Axl jump overboard to swim with the dolphins clear anything up for you?

SF: No, I thought I was having a nightmare or something. I didn't really know what was going on. That video made me feel like I was high, but I wasn't high at all.

TECH: I would hope not if you were only 8-years-old.

SF: No, I'm straight edge. I don't do anything; I'm a clean kid.

DB: I don't understand how a guy could drive a car off a cliff, and then a guy can get married and his wife dies, and then a year later he's swimming with dolphins — unless he dies and then that's what he sees when he dies.

SF: Which still doesn't make sense though, because you've got those dolphins. Maybe that was his calling: to go with the dolphins.

DB: When he's swimming with the dolphins, wasn't he asleep and dreaming or something?

TECH: Recently, I've been thinking about that, and I'm realizing that more of that stuff probably happened in dreams than I thought. I'm not sure if Stephanie Seymour really died or if that was just a dream... Do you think it would do more harm than good for me to watch those videos again for the sake of analyzing them?

DB: Are you a Guns & Roses fan?

TECH: No.

DB: Well, then don't worry about it. Just watch MTV, and watch P.O.D.

Thanksgiving: Insane Style



Chad Butterworth
Staff Writer

Technician talked turkey with Jesse Lambertson, a junior majoring in history and film studies, and Jude Des Noyer, a freshman in textile technology.

Tech: What do you look forward to most about Thanksgiving?

JD: I used to work in retail so I was never big on the mall. I've never set foot in Abercrombie & Fitch in my entire life. But for some reason I love going shopping the day after Thanksgiving at 6 in the morning. Last year I got a DVD from Best Buy for \$50; they only had a few in the store. The line went into the street and then doubled back in and back out.

JL: I think food is the thing. The rest of it is sort of stuff that I can take or not take. It's not as important to me as the food. The funniest thing would probably be going to see "Amelie," the new French film coming out.

Tech: Have you ever had a really awkward moment at Thanksgiving?

JL: Probably the most awkward experience, there was this dude who lived down the street from us who was kind of lonely and not very well off, and we had him over for dinner. It was just a little weird. Here I am this 8-year-old kid and then there's this 70-year-old guy ... who smells bad.

Tech: Do you think that the pilgrim fashions will come back into style, or do you think it's just a passing fad?

JL: I don't know anything about this. I've never seen this. Is this actually happening?

Tech: Just among elementary school students in the month of November.

JL: I think for awhile elementary school kids will probably keep doing it, because that's what elementary school kids like to do. They're thinking in terms of United States history; they might as well go ahead and live it up. I don't think I will ever don a feather-capped hat.

JD: I think it will stay in style. I don't think it's in style except for during Thanksgiving. It probably went out of style hundreds of years ago and it's still been going on since then.

Tech: Do you plan on buying any hats or shoes with big buckles in the near future?

JD: Hell no. If it was going to be back in fashion it would have already come back by now. I don't ever see anybody wearing that stuff. The Amish people wear that stuff, but I don't know if you'd really say they are in style.

Tech: In the early days of the country, Benjamin Franklin was big on having the wild turkey as the national bird because he thought the bald eagle was immoral. It was a ruthless predator who would often steal other animals' food. If the turkey were the national bird, what would we eat for Thanksgiving?

JL: I think the alternative is always ham. Ham seems to be what we do on the side. We've been having ham slices on the side. Some people might break aside and do more quail, maybe pheasant, a horn of plenty, full of small birds.

JD: If everything was the same, probably duck. No, I bet

it would be buffalo. Back in the day there were a lot of buffalo. We killed them all, but before that there were a lot. I would think it would be something exquisite, kind of like a turkey. You don't usually have a whole turkey as a regular meal. That's why I think the turkey was a special meal. They would have to have something that you don't eat a lot. Of course, you couldn't eat buffalo today because all the buffalo are dead.

Tech: What are some immoral animals?

JD: So immoral meaning that they take stuff?

Tech: Whether they take stuff or whether they are just promiscuous.

JD: Rats, flies.

JL: I think cockroaches are immoral; they shouldn't exist. If you want to say there is an immoral thing I'd say ferrets are immoral. They're really cute, they're really fun to watch and they're somewhat intelligent, but they always like to steal stuff. If you've got any pennies or marbles lying around, or some little piece of your stereo that you've been looking for for six months, they're probably behind your couch. That's where they like to hide stuff.

Tech: There are a lot of things that Ben Franklin is remembered as: a diplomat, a scientist, a ladies man. What do you most remember Benjamin Franklin for?

JD: He's one of those famous guys you learn about when you are a kid. He was the one with the kite and the key and the electricity. I remember that he, John Locke and Voltaire had a group of people that they discussed their philosophical ideas with. I don't know why, but that's what sticks out.

JL: When I think of Ben Franklin, I think of "The Farmer's Almanac," the key, the lightning and the kite, and I guess I see him always doing things in an old style three-piece suit.

Tech: What are you thankful for?

JD: I'm thankful that I'm alive. I'm thankful that I have a family to eat dinner with and friends that I can share my thankfulness with. I'm thankful that I don't live in Afghanistan or any country that we're bombing right now. I'm thankful that I'm able to do new exciting things, meet new people and hang out and enjoy meeting new people.

JL: I like being in college; this is really fun for me. I like being able to learn, read, write and think through things rationally. I also like playing guitar; that's probably my biggest pleasure actually. I'm probably happiest when I get on my six-string acoustic and pick out some blues. Besides that, just general things, being able to have clothes, a place to live and a car.

Tech: What are some things you are ungrateful for?

JD: My sight. I don't like wearing glasses, but I'm glad I can see.

JL: I'm ungrateful that I don't have a parking space.

Tech: What would you like to have so that you could be thankful for it?

JL: Money. That would be great. You can buy everything else with money.

Tech: Have you ever tried to

become a vegetarian?

JD: No, never. I'm very carnivorous. What really gets me are the vegetarians who wear leather. They say they're against the killing of cows, but then they wear leather shoes, leather belts and leather jackets.

JL: Yeah, vegetarian life is good. I was a vegetarian twice in my life. I'm not addicted to meat. I eat it because it's relatively inexpensive. It takes a little bit of work, so that's why I don't do it as often, but I like

soy stuff. I like tofu and raw vegetables are just total happiness in my mind.

Tech: Were you ever vegetarian during Thanksgiving?

JL: No. That would be hard.

JD: My sister is a vegetarian. Usually she has salad; she just won't eat the turkey. We have lots of fixings and extra stuff, and she likes the stuffing and the bread, but there's no kind of turkey substitute for her.

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or whoever else happens to be on there. Or pick a band that you like, and look at their videos.

Tech: Axl Rose is going to make a comeback with Guns & Roses, except none of the original members will be in the band. He's assembled an all-star lineup of people who have played with The Sex Pistols, The Replacements, Tom Waits and, most oddly, Cirque du Soleil.

SF: He's going to ruin

Guns & Roses' name. They sucked anyway, but he's going to ruin the name they had. With all that talent, they're still going to suck.

Tech: Do you think Guns & Roses should adopt some of the elements of Cirque du Soleil, like having contortionists balancing themselves in the air on poles?

SF: Yeah, that would be entertaining, maybe one of them would get hurt. I would laugh if that happened. I find that kind of stuff funny.

DB: I don't even like Guns & Roses, so I don't even care.

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Wrestlers take fifth at Navy Classic

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Seven N.C. State wrestlers recorded top-six finishes to lead the Wolfpack wrestling team to a fifth-place finish Saturday at the 2001 Navy Wrestling Classic.

Senior Pierre Pryor, who won Outstanding Wrestler at the 1999 Navy Classic, took second place at 165 pounds, and senior Ngoy Collins placed third in the heavyweight classification to pace the Pack. Sophomore Dustin Kawa finished fourth at 174 pounds and freshman Kevin Gabrielson took fourth place at 157. Sophomore Jake Giamoni won fifth place at 141, and sophomore Jon Godwin (184 pounds) and senior James Gore (197 pounds) came away with sixth-place finishes for State.

Giamoni, who improved to 5-2 on the season, won four matches for the Pack, with one of his two losses being a 3-0 decision to second-ranked Sean Graf of Virginia Tech. Gabrielson, Pryor, Kawa, Godwin and Collins each won three matches for the Pack, which will return to action in two weeks at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Tournament, held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Pryor recorded his 20th career pin with an 83-second fall over Brian Hanifin of James Madison in the first round at 165. With his three victories, Pryor improved to 65-26 for his career at State.

State recorded three pins in addition to Pryor's. Freshman Dave Miller pinned Anthony DelProrre of The Citadel in 1:24 at 149. Kawa defeated Ryan Adams of James Madison by

fall at 3:23 at 174, and Godwin pinned Keith Collins of Navy at 4:49 at 184.

Swim teams compete at Terrapin Invitational

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The N.C. State men's and women's swimming and diving squads completed competition at the Terrapin Invitational Sunday evening.

The Wolfpack women took second in the competition at the meet with 928 points, while the men took third with 955 points.

Jared Bench led the way for the Pack with victories in the 1- and 3-meter diving events. Bench's score in the 1-meter was 299.75 after a score of 258.45 in the preliminaries. Later in the meet, Bench captured the 3-meter competition with a total of 546.50 after a 544.90 showing in the prelims.

Freshman Jack Deal continued his fine rookie season with a victory in the 500-yard freestyle in a time of 4:31.03, bettering his prelim mark of 4:37.11.

Sophomore Cristian Rojas took first-place in the men's 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:53.21. Rojas edged Breelan Curtin of James Madison (1:54.99).

Freshman Rob Yeager qualified for the U.S. Opens in two weeks by virtue of his triumph in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:05.37.

Erin Bailey won the women's title in the 1-meter diving event with a score of 251.30. Bailey led all divers with a 255.00 score in preliminary competition.

as the Pack's sixth runner, just three spots and three seconds behind Fonner.

Jose Lauber was State's final runner, finishing in 22:50 in 141st place in the team standings.

"It's great being a part of this," said Lauber, a freshman who ran fourth on the team at last weekend's district finals, playing a vital role in the team's victory. "The four seniors were such a big part of this team, and we're going to miss them a lot next year. I was really glad that I got to contribute at districts and help get the team here. It's great being a part of a team like this."

Assistant coach Laurie Henes praised the efforts of her athletes.

"We thought that if we ran well, we would have a shot at placing this high," Henes said. "Placing our top three in the top 20 was just incredible. That was just great. You can't ask for better than that. The big thing on the team this year was having these four seniors. These seniors have done a great job for four or five years, and to have

averaging just less than five minutes per mile. Christian ran 31:00 for 77th place, followed by Woods and Dugan at 83rd and 86th place in 31:04 and 31:05. Dugan had been sick the previous week and suffered during the race because of it.

Sophomore Andy Smith was State's final runner, placing 119th in 31:28.

"It's really disappointing on the men's side," said Geiger. "There were two things that we didn't do right. One, we went out too hard — we had talked about not doing that. Two, we didn't pack up. We did a little near the 2-mile, but by that time, our runners were already so tired from going out too hard that they couldn't stay together. It's like a ball of twine that just keeps unraveling. It's great that Chad and Chris [Seaton] made All-American, but we should have had five guys right there like we have all year."

Eastern Michigan junior Boaz Cheboywo set a fast pace early

day after day, everything gets done, and usually, there is a little bit of time to spend with friends watching TV and doing the things that your parents would not let you do on a school night.

Unlike a lot of freshmen, though, I jump into bed early so that I can try to recover from all the craziness of the day. Though this may mean that I go to fewer parties, movies or clubs, it allows my body to get ready to keep this pace up for weeks at a time.

Despite the long days, being a

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hold on for the 64-61 win. Moody improved on her previous performance, scoring 21 and grabbing eight boards to win tournament MVP honors.

"That's what we're working on right now, to find that combination and the rotation we can play," Yow said. "Hopefully, we can get all of us on the same wavelength. We need to concentrate on keeping our cool, especially in the tough situations. We don't want to lose our heads. We are doing a few things like we really do more. As we continue to do more things that we need to, we will just become a better and better team."

With starting point guard Terah James out for the season

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faces, it was hard to know what to expect."

One of those new faces, Josh Powell, had an excellent start to his freshman year, only missing four shots the entire tournament. Powell is ranked seventh in the country in field-goal percentage with a mark of .765 (13-for-17).

Powell was part of a lively State offense that broke the century mark in game one of the tournament and allowed a different player to lead the team in scoring each game, an idea of freedom that Sendek is stressing to his team.

"Each game we're trying to reduce the number of bad shots ... but at the same time, I want our guys to feel the spir-

them end their careers with a race like this is great."

Georgia Tech's Renee Metzvier, second at the ACC Championships last month, finished second to Chaplin in 20:31. Stanford's Lauren Flesham finished one second in front of Price to take the individual bronze.

BYU placed its top three runners in the top 10. They were led with the fifth-place finish of Michaela Manova, who was closely followed by Jessie Kindschi in seventh and Tara Northcutt in ninth.

Virginia's Jennifer Owens finished sixth to give the ACC third of the top six runners in the meet.

Following State in the team scoring were Georgetown, Arizona and Stanford.

crossing the mile in 4:25, a pace which made Alabama's title contender David Kimani drop out of the race before the finish. Cheboywo destroyed the field from the beginning, winning with a new course record time of 28:47. Colorado's Jorge Torres followed him in second in 29:06, with Arkansas' Alistair Cragg four seconds back in third. Colorado freshman Dathan Ritzenheim was the first freshman to cross the line, finishing one second behind Cragg in fourth.

Colorado won the meet by only one point over Stanford, 90-91. Last year's champion, Arkansas, finished third with 118 points. Northern Arizona and Wisconsin rounded out the top five, scoring 118 and 193 points. State narrowly edged Providence for ninth, 293-294.

student-athlete is an opportunity that I am glad that I have. Just by being on a team and surrounded by so many wonderful people I have learned things that could never be taught in a classroom. It teaches me how to be more disciplined and allows me to work on qualities that I will need later on in life, such as perseverance and respect. So for all freshmen out there, I would recommend getting involved so that you can have a good experience like I have had.

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after knee surgery and Ivy Gardner out for another week or two, the Pack could ill afford another injury to a guard. Simpson, however, sprained her ankle in the first half against Drake and is questionable for Tuesday's game.

Prior to the season, George Washington was selected by the Atlantic 10's coaches to finish at the top of the West Division of that conference. Six Colonial players were named to the preseason all-conference teams.

Junior forward Erica Lawrence and sophomore center Ugo Oha were named to the All-Atlantic 10 first team. Last season, Lawrence led the Colonials with a 54.8 field-goal percentage for a team-high 13.6 points per game. Oha proved her dominance in the paint from the start and went on to set George Washington and Atlantic 10 records with it of freedom," said Sendek. "There's a lot of freedom in our offensive system."

The Dukes are a veteran team that will challenge that system and, in all likelihood, are the best team the Pack has faced to date. JMU returns all five starters from last year's team that advanced to the finals of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament.

Two of those returnees, forward Tim Lyle and guard David Fanning, were voted preseason first-team All-CAA. In addition to returning a bulk of last year's team, the Dukes will also have the services of 6-10 Charlotte transfer Kenny Whitehead.

Ron Anderson, who wore a No. 15 State jersey for two years, returns to Raleigh tonight, this time wearing No. 15 for the visiting team. Anderson transferred from State to JMU after the 1998

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66 blocked shots as a freshman. Her average of 2.4 blocks a game ranked 12th nationally.

Colonial Elena Vishniakova was named to the second team after averaging 10.5 points and 4.8 boards per game. Junior guard Lindsey Davidson, who nearly averaged 10 points a contest while dishing out 4.7 assists per game last season, made the third team.

The Colonials also feature some talented freshmen in Liz Dancause and Greeba Outen Barlow, who were selected to the all-rookie team. Dancause averaged 17 points a night, as she helped lead her team to its third-straight championship at Nashua High School in Nashua, N.H. At the same time, Barlow was named the Howard County MVP twice at River Hill High School in Columbia, Md., and racked up 1,233 points in her prep career.

Last weekend, the Colonials had their first test of the new season, battling Hartford. George Washington fell down by as many as eight points in the second half but gradually began to come back. With less than five minutes left to play, Lawrence connected on two layups that would send the Colonials on an 8-2 run. Oha finished strong for George Washington, adding 17 points and grabbing seven rebounds, as her team went on to win 70-61.

In order to be successful, the Pack will try to correct its errors defensively and in the turnover column in its short period before game time.

"We still have some improvement to go on defense," Rivers said. "We can play better defense than we have been, but that will come."



Clifford Crawford and the Wolfpack take on a James Madison team that returns all five starters.

season and averaged 5.5 points last season for the Dukes.

The game is the second part of a doubleheader with both the men's and women's teams

playing schools named for ex-presidents. The Pack women will challenge George Washington at 6:30 p.m. with the men's game to follow.

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Sabino, one of four seniors on this year's team, was overcome by emotion.

"I don't even know what to say — this is just incredible," Sabino said. "To go out like this in my fifth year, with four seniors on the team, is incredible. I am completely speechless."

Seniors Christy Nichols and Beth Fonner rounded out State's scoring five with 41st- and 72nd-place finishes in the team scoring with times of 21:41 and 22:06, respectively. Nichols returned to the State team for her sixth year of eligibility, but she suffered through injuries and hardship over the season.

"This completely makes up for the many times I've cursed this sixth year of eligibility because of injuries," Nichols said. "I have never been happier. It was completely worth it. You couldn't ask for a better group of fans and runners."

Beth Kraft was the final senior on this year's team. She finished

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"We didn't get done what we wanted to today," said Seaton, a transfer from Virginia Tech and consistent front-runner for the Pack. "We thought we were a top-four team, and maybe we were, but still, getting top 10 is nothing to be ashamed of by any means. It feels good to get my personal goals. I came here to be an All-American, and I did that, but I'm sad that we didn't accomplish our team goals. This is my first time at Nationals, so it feels great being an All-American."

Following Seaton was a pack of four State runners, but their efforts were a little too late. Devin Swann, David Christian, Ryan Woods and Chris Dugan all finished within eight seconds of each other between 74th and 86th place.

Swann finished in 30:57.

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The rest of the night usually becomes a blur. Dinner and studying are usually done in a tired state of mind that sometimes I wonder if there is any use in studying because I doubt that I will remember anything. Some nights, there are meetings to go to and activities that make homework just a little bit harder to actually sit down and do. But

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Price, seniors carry women to second

◆ The women's cross country team exceeded its own expectations with a second-place finish at the NAAs.

Todd Lion
Staff Writer

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The N.C. State women's cross country team entered Monday's NCAA Championships as the fourth-ranked team in the nation. The team members would have been happy with a finish that merely mirrored their ranking, but they ran like a team with dreams of winning.

The Wolfpack soundly defeated the first- and third-ranked teams and



Kristin Price finished fourth Monday at Nationals to lead the Wolfpack to a second-place finish.

brought home State's first silver trophy since 1987. Brigham Young was the clear winner, placing all five scorers in the top 21 positions in the team scoring and totaling an incredibly low 62 points. The Pack was second with 148 points, significantly ahead of third-place Georgetown's total of 180. State was led by the amazing finishes of its top three runners, who all placed in the top 20 in team scoring.

Sophomore Kristin Price, in her first appearance at the NCAA Finals, was the fourth runner to cross the finish line, only 12 seconds behind race winner Tara Chaplin of Arizona. Her time of 20:36 for the 6-kilometer course was only 10 seconds off the previous course record.

Sophomore Megan Coombs and senior Katie Sabino joined Price near the front, finishing 13th and 18th in team scoring with times of 21:00 and 21:08.

"I was going to go out conservatively with Katie and Megan, but right from the gun, Megan went out," Price said. "I wanted to stay just behind her and let her lead me because she has more experience than I do, but I was feeling good, so I went for it."

Coombs competed at the NCAA Championships her freshman year, but she redshirted all last year with hopes of improving. Her finish on the Furman Golf Course showed the benefits of her year of hard work and improvement.

"In my head I knew I wanted to be top 20 even though I was saying I just wanted to be All-American," said Coombs. "I have been feeling good all week. My legs have been feeling great, and I knew I was ready to roll today. From the gun, I just went for it. We were supposed to run as a pack, but I got out really well at the start, and I was feeling really good, so I just kept going. I just stayed tough and hung in there all race."

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The women's cross country team claimed its highest finish at Nationals since taking second in 1987.

Men place ninth at NAAs

◆ The men's cross country team finished an impressive ninth in the nation even on a disappointing day.

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GREENVILLE, S.C. — The most consistent men's cross country team in the nation faltered only once this season, but it happened to be on the most important date.

The N.C. State men entered Monday's NCAA Championships as the No. 5 team in the nation, but a mix of illness and poor races dashed

the team's hopes of making a trip to the award stand. Even after what could be considered an extremely disappointing race, the team still finished ninth in the nation.

"I guess the good news is that we finished top 10 in the nation on a bad day, and this was not a good day for us," head coach Rollie Geiger said. "We are a better cross country team than this."

Junior Chad Pearson led the Wolfpack with his 28th-place finish in the team standings. His finish improves on his 93rd-place finish at last year's championship and earns him his first All-America certificate.

He finished the 10-kilometer course in 30:04.

"I'm happy with my finish, but if this was track season, I would be a lot happier, but cross country is a team sport," Pearson said. "The team is the number one thing. I'm happy with my finish, but overall, this isn't what we came out here to do. We were looking for a top three finish, but we didn't get it done, period."

Senior Chris Seaton followed closely behind Pearson in 35th place, running 30:06. This was Seaton's first trip to the national finals and also his first All-America run.

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The Athlete's Diary *Ginger Wheeler*

LEARNING THE ROPES

Ginger Wheeler is a freshman on the cross country team from Winston-Salem. As a senior, Wheeler won the North Carolina 4A State Championship. She was also the MVP of the state indoor track championships, winning the 3,200-meter title.

Ginger Wheeler
Cross Country

So it is your first time away from home for more than a week, and you have absolutely no one telling you what to do or when to do it. A dream come true, right? Well, not exactly.

Normal freshmen have quite a time adjusting to the new college lifestyle. No longer do you have parents to cook your meals and wash your clothes, but at the same time you are your own

boss. You can stay up late, go out whenever, but you also have to decide when to stay home and do work. Sounds pretty normal, huh? Well, a freshman student-athlete has all these adjustments and a few more to make college life a little harder.

So what makes a typical freshman athlete's day so complicated? Well first of all there is the alarm. It goes off way too early because it is time to go to my 8:05 class, which unfortunately for freshmen is quite a regular occurrence.

So I grab my breakfast and head to my first class. Most of the time, all I can think about is crawling back in bed so I can rest my already tired body, but my professor's glare reminds me that I must pay attention.

And just when the agony of that class has ended, there is another to head to. By this time it is easier to be a normal zoned-out student, and when I think that there is no way that my eyes

will stay open or my brain will continue to think it is time to go.

Lunch time, code for a break to make your body feel better, is a time where the food is not nearly as good as the simple comfort of the dining hall, where absolutely no thinking is required allowing you a moment to breathe. Here, I am often joined by other freshman athletes, who I laugh with or talk about my latest struggles in life. This is one of the best things about being a student-athlete — there is always someone who is going through or has been through the same struggles as you, and they are willing to help you with yours now. But soon, it is time to leave this safe haven and head back to class.

After a couple more classes filled with information that probably will not stay with me for more than a few hours, it is time for practice. By this time, school has drained me completely, and all that I can think about is how much I do not

really feel like that 8-mile run this afternoon.

Not only has the schoolwork load intensified, but the training has also. Normal runs are now done at a greater pace, and no matter how much I think that I have recovered from yesterday's practice those first few steps remind me of how wrong I was.

But just when I think that things could not get any harder and I am struggling to find a reason to smile, a teammate comes a long and says just the right thing. To be a part of something that brings so many unique and wonderful people together is what makes the pain of practice worthwhile. For an hour and a half to two hours, all the stress of school and change of life is lost in the simple task of running. It is something that allows me to remember what I love about my life and myself. After I have given everything, practice is over.

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Pack makes early mark

◆ The N.C. State men look to stay undefeated on the season against a veteran James Madison team.

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Last week, N.C. State managed to avoid the upset bug that bit several top-25 teams, including ACC

WHAT: M. BASKETBALL rivals Maryland and North Carolina, and ran its way to the championship of the Black Coaches' Association Invitational while averaging 81.3 points per game.

The early season nonconference schedule continues tonight for the Wolfpack (3-0) when it plays host to

James Madison, which will be opening its season at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Freshman Julius Hodge said the three blowout wins were a result of the team being unhappy that it was picked to finish seventh in the preseason poll conducted by the ACC media.

"They have us predicted for being seventh in the ACC [preseason poll], and we really took that to the heart because we think that we have a very good team," said Hodge, who is tied for the team lead in scoring, averaging 13 points per game. "We wanted to win by a lot of points and make a big statement that the Pack is back."

Pack head coach Herb Sendek was pleased that his team was able to capture the championship when even he didn't know what to expect.

"It was a chance to start the season at home and to win a championship," said Sendek. "With so many new

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Women play GW at ESA

◆ The N.C. State women's basketball team goes for its third win of the season against George Washington.

Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

The N.C. State women's basketball team will get to do something Tuesday night that it has never done before.

WHAT: W. BASKETBALL VS. G. WASH. Instead of playing where it normally would at Reynolds Coliseum, the Wolfpack (2-0) will make a short trip over to the Entertainment and Sports Arena for a switch of atmosphere. The women will host George Washington (1-0) in the first

game of a doubleheader with the men's team.

Despite some early injuries going into the 2001-02 season, the State women's basketball team managed to put together a pair of victories to open its season, winning the GlaxoSmithKline Invitational last weekend at Reynolds Coliseum.

The Wolfpack started slowly in its first game of the tournament, especially defensively. But all it needed was a little time to warm up before it rolled on to defeat Radford 84-47. Coming up big for State was Carisse Moody, who dominated the whole night, finishing with 19 points and six rebounds. Also contributing were Kaayla Rivers, Amy Simpson and Nanna Chones, who each scored 10 points.

On the second day of action, the Pack turned the ball over 22 times, but the Pack defense allowed State to



Amy Simpson, who hurt her ankle against Drake, is one of a few Pack guards dealing with injuries.

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