

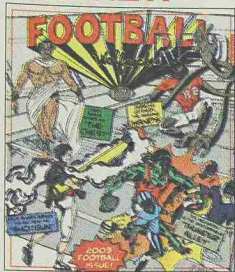
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Race only one variable

Students' opinions vary concerning affirmative action policies at N.C. State, which are unchanged after a recent Supreme Court ruling.

Shannon Holder
Staff Reporter

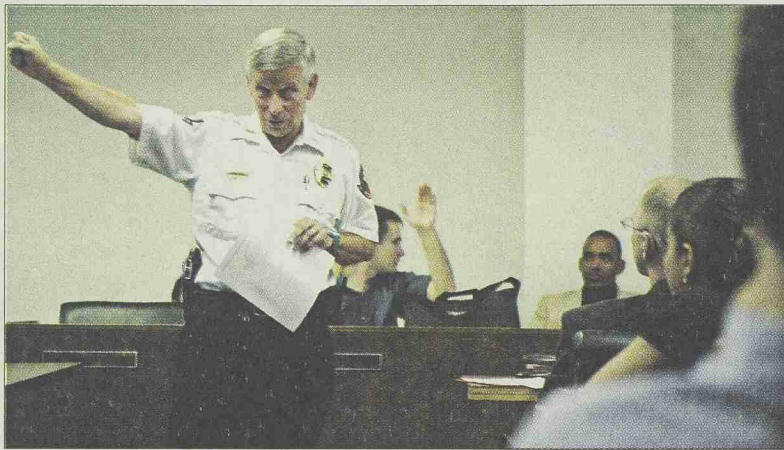
A recent Supreme Court ruling allows universities to continue to use race as a factor in college admissions. The court's split decision in the case concerning the University of Michigan's admissions policies also limits the extent to which race could be used.

The court ruled that the consideration of race in college admissions "is not prohibited by the Equal Protection Clause." However, the court rejected a structured admission policy that automatically assigned extra points to minorities.

The case was brought to the court when several Caucasian students sued the University of

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Senate meeting addresses safety



Thomas Younce, chief of Campus Police, gives a "Fair warning, the goal posts will not leave the stadium," at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

Campus Police cover new safety procedures for football season.

Sam Stern
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's win over Florida State University and the subsequent on-field celebration involving over 15,000 fans will have serious consequences for upcoming football revelry. Last year's regular season's closing game has now opened up a heightened level of security and surveillance at the next NCSU football game. In conjunction with the Athletics Department, Campus Police is increasing the level of personnel and security to prevent further celebrations on the field.

Chief of Campus Police, Officer Younce, addressed the Student Senate Wednesday night on the new policy concerning game cel-

ebration. "That game, the celebration afterwards, it scared the hell out of me. The tone of this thing is to keep people from being injured."

High tech video surveillance is now installed in the stadium. A series of public service announcements featuring football coach Chuck Amato and quarterback Phillip Rivers will also be aired during games. Fans who do come onto the field will be charged with trespassing.

Campus Police ran into a great deal of criticism last year from what some called an overzealous use of force by certain officers during the melee. "Obviously if there's 10,000 people running onto the field we can't get everybody. But we have a video camera and we will be taking pictures," Younce said.

When students attempted to take down the goalposts at the game, officers responded with pepper spray. When Officer Younce was asked about his policy on mace he responded, "We do use mace, pepper spray. I don't know what we'll do, but we will prevent the goalposts from leaving the field."

The addition of Miami and Virginia Tech, and the possibility of upsets will not amend the policy in any way. Miami has joined other schools with the use of dogs and horses to prevent fans from rushing the field. NCSU is not looking

into those options.

Also, on the agenda were two resolutions involving the campaign of Zack Medford. R 26, the Medford Support Act, was co-sponsored by Senator Melissa Price. "I just feel like he is a student pushing student issues, he wants to make Raleigh better, and he has grown up in Raleigh with a strong background in politics," Price said.

The Senate objected consideration of the bill, demonstrating extreme disinterest. This provided for S 28, the Political Independence Act, sponsored by Senator Gary Palin to be objected as well. The purpose of this bill was to emphasize that the senate has no relationship with any current campaigns. The senate's actions led to the conclusion that there would be no formal support or disassociation with Medford's campaign.

GB 25, sponsored by Dustin Choe, addressed students' frustrations with block seating. Added pressure from the athletics department involving season tickets, game novelty, opposing school tickets and a larger marching band put a strain on the ability to provide students with the 4,000 theoretical block seating tickets. The Student Senate and the Campus Community Committee will be updating their system to extend hours that groups can submit their rosters and will be addressing the maximum block-seating limit.

Endowments struggle in rough economy

Decrease in interest leads to university cutbacks.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

More than half of N.C. State's funding is allocated by land grants from the state of North Carolina, and one way to establish NCSU as one of the top competitors in North Carolina is by collecting endowment funds.

"Large endowments are the market of the best universities," David Anderson, Associate Vice Chancellor of University Development, said.

Although endowments benefit both NCSU and its students, endowment values depreciate during economic downfall. Such is the case in the current economy. Because

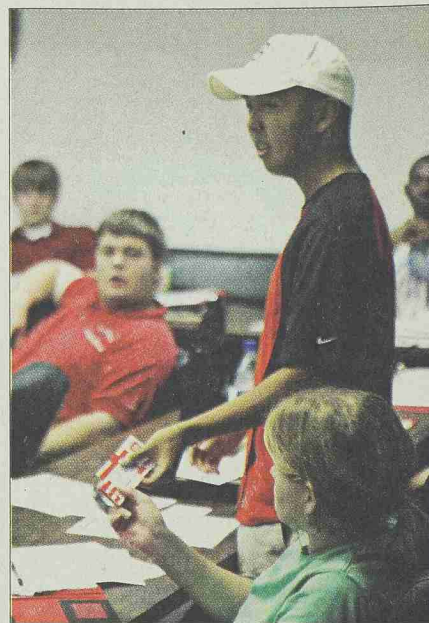
endowments are protected by the spending reserve, many endowments in a turbulent economy will fall under this reserve and restrict the amount of money that the school can receive.

"If the endowment falls below the endowment level, no money can be given out," Joan DeBruin, the director of gift planning for university development, said.

A difficult economy also affects endowment scholarships, which is a major problem for NCSU students this year. Each college is taking a hit, so there is less money for them to provide scholarships to qualified students.

Endowments are investments that

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Dustin Choe passes around two forged ticket vouchers for examination at the Student Senate meeting.

Faking it

Thushan
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Staff Reporter

Two attempts to pass off forged student vouchers to obtain tickets to tomorrow's football game were stopped Wednesday according to Dustin Choe, chair of the Senate campus committee.

Ten invalid vouchers were modified via two methods. One attempt tried using a fine tipped marker, another applied a computer printout of a valid number to make the ticket fall within the valid voucher range of this week's football ticket lottery, Choe said.

Distributors staffing the ticket booths told Choe that two different male students attempted to pass a set of six and four vouchers respectively. When distributors realized that the vouchers were fake both students "just ran away," Choe said.

In Wednesday night's Senate meeting, Choe distributed the forged tickets for senators for inspection. Upon hearing the methods attempted to create the vouchers the senate erupted in a short bout of laughter.

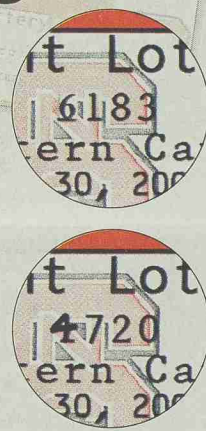
"This is the first time this has been attempted," Choe said while on recess from the meeting. He conceded that attempts in previous years may have occurred but were not caught.

To ensure forgeries are not attempted in the future, ticket distributors will be told to be more vigilant in their inspections of vouchers, "Now lines will move slower because we will be checking vouchers closer. Don't blame us, blame your fellow students," Choe said.

According to Choe, tickets are identical in design to TicketMaster's and have a number of forgery protection methods built in, including a rip-less design when scored by a key, heat printing, along with minor markings hard to mimic.

Choe said that he thought the attempts could be attributed to the increasing demand for tickets surrounding this hyped season.

All students caught at-



TICKET IMAGES PROVIDED BY DUSTIN CHOE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Two techniques were used in attempt to change losing voucher numbers to those of winning vouchers. One tried pasted a printed '6' from a computer onto the voucher (top). Another tried using a fine tipped marker to change a '1' into a '4' (bottom).

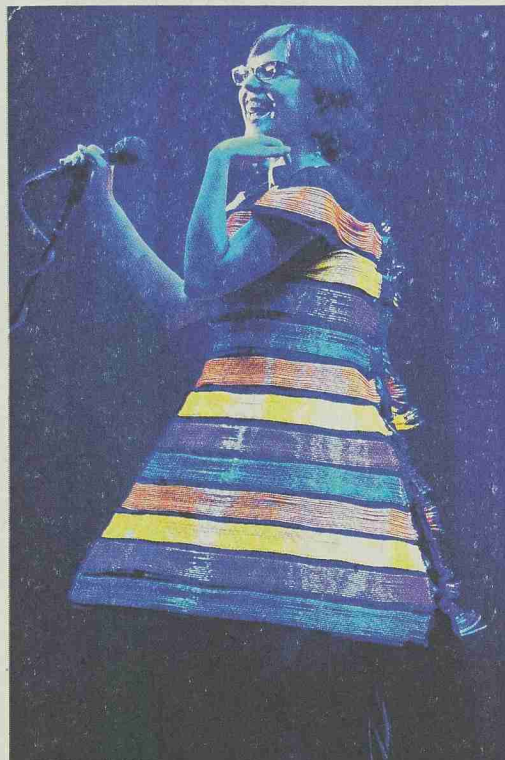
tempting to forge tickets or vouchers in the future will be referred to Paul Cousins, director of student conduct for a hearing, Choe said.

Choe, chair of the campus committee last year as well, said that there are other issues his committee has had to deal with involving tickets for games. The committee has had to investigate some reports of students selling their tickets to alumni still holding student ID's, Choe said.

Nearly 7,000 vouchers were distributed for the 3,424 student tickets available for lottery distribution according to the senate ticket Web site (tickets.ncsu.edu).

Choe voiced some surprise at the demand for tickets as N.C. State will be playing what is thought to be its weakest opponent of the season tomorrow. Projecting ticket demand against larger foes such as the upcoming home games against Texas Tech and Carolina, Choe thought "it could get worse. Demand is going up. It's inevitable — as long as we're winning."

Inside Diversions



Annette Streen, lead singer of Venusum, sports her colorful dress made of lights during the "Blue Man Group" set at Alltel Pavilion.

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involve one principle amount that collects interest over time, and only the interest accumulated is the money used for student scholarships and other funding. As of 2002, NCSU has collected \$297 million in endowment funds, and with a 4 percent payout rate, on average the university receives \$11.9 million to spend on various programs and scholarships.

Not only does the university benefit from these gifts, but NCSU students receive the majority of these endowments in scholarships. Students receive

these endowment funds because individuals, mostly alumni, are looking for a way to give back to the university or to honor their former departments.

"It is a permanent legacy, a piece of immortality," DeBruin said. Along with the gift of receiving an endowment scholarship, most recipients receive a one-page biography about their particular sponsor.

However, in this year's economy, the endowments are not making as much interest as in year's past. This trend hinders NCSU's ability to accomplish important tasks. Without an accurate amount of funding, NCSU must cut back on many resources and students are inevitably affected by these cut-backs. For example, faculty and

staff that usually receive funds to spend on tools to educate in the classrooms now have to settle for the minimum until the economy rises again. There also will be more unavailable classes, less faculty to teach the classes and overall financial resources for the university.

As for the students who would receive scholarships from endowment funds, DeBruin said, "money must be shifted over from other resources," such as the Discretion Fund, which is controlled by Chancellor Fox.

Other ways that NCSU is dealing with this issue is by asking the donors for more money. It is not easy to explain this circumstance to the donors; however, they have been responsive and most have met NCSU's needs.

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Michigan law school because of a point system used in granting admission.

The ruling did not change policies at N.C. State, according to Interim Vice Provost Thomas Conway.

"What we do is look at each individual application and there is a set of factors that we look at," Conway said. Among these factors are SAT scores, community service, grade point averages, demonstrated leadership and race. "We use as the underlying premise for every admissions decision the student's demonstrated potential to succeed at NCSU."

The Supreme Court decision "validated what we had already been doing," Conway said.

"We had made the switch from the elevated focus on race, and now it is just one of the many variables that we look at," Conway said.

Conway believes that there is "a tremendous amount of diversity" at NCSU. Several students agree.

"Yes [we are a diverse universi-

ty]," Amanda Bate, a senior in sociology and political science, said. She looks at students around the Caldwell Lounge area and smiled. "We're working on it."

She believes that race should be a factor in college admissions. "I think race should be on there, particularly if you are a public school."

"I think it would be nice if the school tried to represent the state. If there is 15 percent of a minority in the state, then the school should try to have 15 percent of that minority at the school," Bate said.

Alex Yao, a senior in political science, had a different opinion.

"Speaking as a minority, I totally agree [with the Supreme Court ruling]," he said. "I have never taken a grant because of my race."

Yao was offered a grant at one point because he is Asian. "I was getting something I didn't work for, it was only because of who I am."

Yao declined the grant.

He thinks that NCSU is a diverse university. "I think it does pretty well here. Of course there is going to be more white people, but it is the United States."

New transfer student Somer

Denkins might not be completely familiar with everything about NCSU so far, but she has noticed the broad diversity of the campus.

"I think it is pretty diverse here," the Denkins said.

Her opinion of the ruling was, "I don't think that race should be the sole determining factor. It shouldn't be the only reason you are admitted."

With so many factors that schools look at, Denkins thinks that intelligence should be the number one factor.

"It should be based on your intellect, and not on what color you are," Denkins said.

Sean Miller, a junior, may not know exactly how he feels about affirmative action, but he is interested in the recent court case.

"It is interesting to see the shoe on the other foot," Miller said. "How far has America come that a bunch of white kids complain about not getting into school because minorities are getting in easier?"

"I'm not saying it's good or bad, but interesting," he added. "Looking back historically, minorities never had it easier."

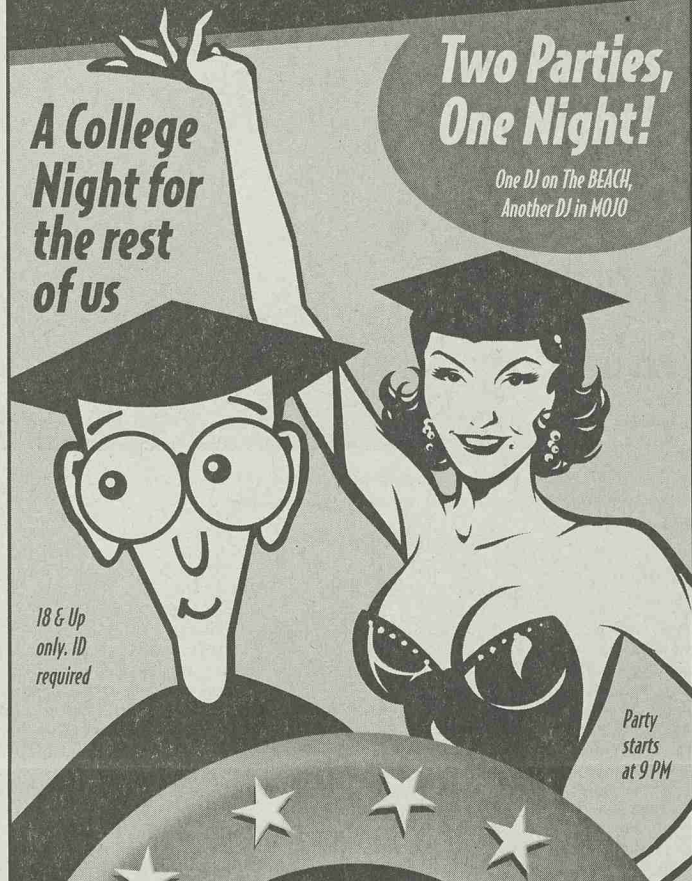
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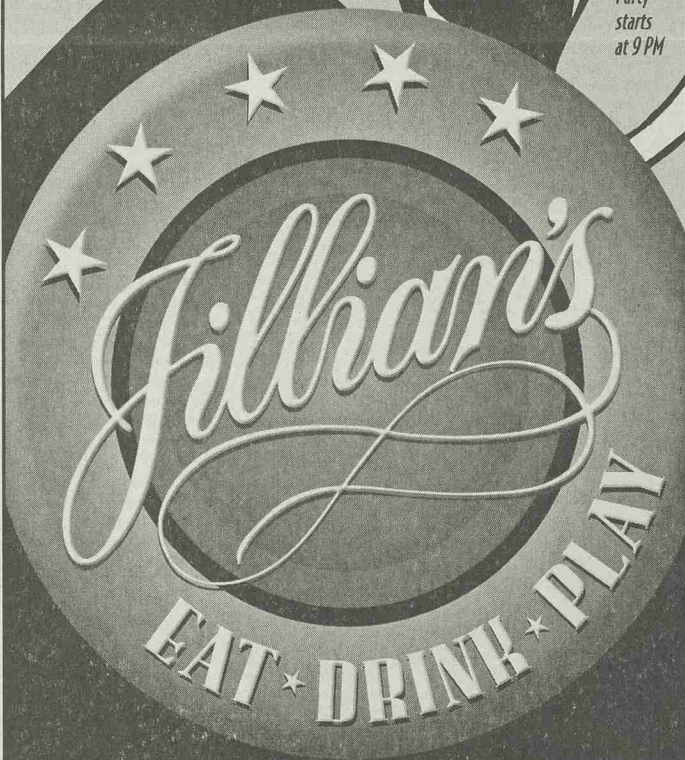
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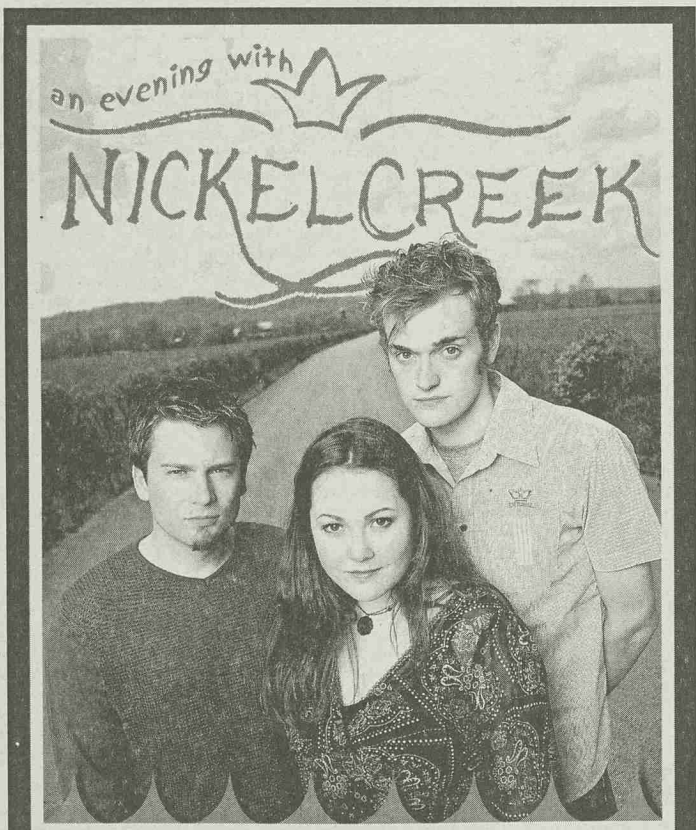
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U.S. NEWS IS RANK

OUR OPINION: N.C. STATE NEEDS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN SEVERAL AREAS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE RANKING IN THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

It is an unwritten rule that universities must sell themselves to the student by accentuating the positive aspects of their curriculums and athletics. But in reality, as with everything, some universities are better than others.

For the high school senior that is shopping around for a college to attend after they graduate, there is a handy scale called the U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges.

This publication gathers data from the universities across America and ranks them according to different criteria, such as average SAT score for incoming freshmen, average graduation rate after four years, class size and alumni contribution rate. This year's report came out this week, and the good news is N.C. State is on the list. The bad news is, we are ranked eighty-sixth out of 125 colleges listed.

All the ACC schools made it on the list. Seven of them were ahead of NCSU. Only

Florida State, which was ranked at 114, was below NCSU. This is not the best news to be hearing, especially in a budget crisis, but all is not lost. Duke and Wake Forest are private schools; comparing them to NCSU would be like comparing oranges to apples.

Let's compare the numbers between NCSU and our rival over the hill, UNC-Chapel Hill. On the whole, Carolina's numbers are much better, but the reasons behind the numbers tell the real story. Carolina has a 95 percent freshman retention rate; State has an 85 percent retention rate, but then again, Carolina freshmen don't have to take CH 101 to get a degree either, like most NCSU students. State also has an acceptance rate of 59 percent compared to Carolina's 35 percent.

There is a gap, though, in the alumni-giving rate, where Carolina has 25 percent of their alumni coughing it up, while State has only a 15 percent giving rate, but we graduate more students.

A few things can be blamed on a budget crisis, such as class size and financial aid, but there is room for improvement. First, alumni giving: the best way to get

alumni to give back to their alma mater is to have a stellar athletics program. NCSU is on its way to building a football dynasty with Chuck Amato at the helm, and Herb Sendek is building a basketball team that can live up to the Wolfpack tradition of excellence.

Second, despite our mandate as a university to accept in-state students, the academic standards for incoming freshmen must be raised in order to compete with other universities of our size and caliber. It is easier to get into NCSU, but more difficult to stay in.

Third, reduce class sizes by having more sections offered. This has been hindered due to budget cuts, but there is no other way for NCSU to compete with huge class sizes. It is bad for students and faculty. Academic success is damaged.

Every organization has its faults, but it also has successes as well. No matter the numbers, N.C. State is still a great value, financially and academically, for its students and for the people of North Carolina. It is, and will remain, an invaluable asset for relearning and research, no matter what the numbers say.

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Gas prices meet record prices

Feeling the pinch at the gas pump? So are we. Ben Kraudel tells why you should turn in your SUV for a bike.

Taking inflation into consideration, the most expensive gas ever got during the gas crisis of the early 1980s was \$2.90, current U.S. dollars. That's what I keep telling myself every time I fill up my car at \$1.65 a gallon. Sixteen gallons later, I have a full tank and am out \$26.40. Gas prices have shot up approximately 18 cents nationwide during the last two weeks. The current national average of \$1.73 a gallon is a record since the AAA started recording prices in 1991. While we aren't enduring the gas crisis of the '80s, we have finally topped out at paying more for gas than anyone in the past 12 years. I'm glad I read this, because for the longest time I felt like I was just

Ben Kraudel
 Staff Columnist

being whiny when I wanted to complain about how much I was paying for gas. People try to assure me that I'm not actually paying for gas when I sit at my pump and watch those numbers roll past. They tell me that I'm paying for political power. I'm paying for America to take control of oil interests and bend them to our will. If this is true, then why am I having to pay for it? Why am I funding a turf war over ole shallow, black and sticky? I think hybrid cars are great. I wish I could afford one. Unfortunately, I'm a college student who finds it gets harder and harder to afford Cup O' Noodles each week and pretty soon I'm going to be eating Ramen again. So I own a 1988 Jeep Cherokee. The Jeep corporation of the late '80s wasn't really forward thinking enough to allow my car to be a hybrid of electricity and gasoline, so I'm

stuck paying \$26.40 at the pump. The majority of the time, however, I can not afford to pay \$26.40 at the pump. What I find myself doing instead, is living by the light. My life is one a constant struggle to see just how far I can drive with the gas light on, how much change I can pull together out of my pocket to add to the six dirty singles I have in my wallet, and how long that will last me until the light comes on again. I tell you friends, it is not a great existence. Living a life according to the gas light does not make you look cool. Perhaps that is one guy somewhere who can pull off some sort of lifestyle where that makes sense, where he looks at his passengers and says, "Yeah, I know the gas light is on, but we'll make it if we're supposed to, man." I am not that guy. I am a nervous wreck even without worrying that my car is going to stop running while I peruse the dollar menu at the McDonald's drive-thru before realizing that I can go home and eat Ramen, saving the McChicken sandwich money for gas. So, I have been told not to worry, that these things always get better, but I don't know that things are getting better. I have no assurances that anything is changing in the world right now that is going to make it easier for me to visit family on Labor Day. I have seen no signs that my light to light lifestyle may soon come to a close. What I see, is more of the same. I see myself paying above the average of 1991 to fill my tank. I see myself wondering if maybe we might hit that outrageous newly inflated number from 1981. Eventually, I see myself buying a bike.

Ben is sitting at the corner of Hillsborough and Gorman with a sign that reads, "Will work for gas." Contact him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



Campaign for John Edwards or John Kennedy?

How many of us remember the 1960 presidential election? With John Edwards running, 2004 is shaping up to be a repeat of history. Abbie Byrom compares and contrasts the two Johns and their children.

By now, everyone knows that North Carolina Senator John Edwards is running for President. In Tuesday's edition of



Abbie Byrom
 Staff Columnist

the News & Observer, Edwards and his family had a headlining article on the front page of the Life, etc. section. The article chronicled the Edwards' recent trip to New Hampshire, where the Senator spent time campaigning by rubbing shoulders with the locals and showing off his family values. When I looked at the spread in the N&O, my first thought was of John F. Kennedy; his fame derived not only from his good looks, but his attractive family and ability to lead. Then I realized that there were striking similarities between John Edwards and John Kennedy, and that sooner or later the American public is also going to recognize these similarities. Both Kennedy and Edwards share the obvious -- they are Democrats. Kennedy was a young, attractive President who championed the

working class and held family values high. He had young toddlers sharing his reign in the White House and a beautiful, faithful wife who stood by her man. Edwards is young, if only by experience measures. Having served only one term as Senator may be a set back in America's mind. Then again, Kennedy served only two terms as Senator. Last spring I wrote an article saying Edwards should serve another term as Senator before considering the Presidency. Although he has a good platform and a way with people, I wonder if he has the experience needed to run our country. Despite all of this, I believe many older Americans are going to remember JFK and the family values he brought into the White House with his young children. Older voters will also remember a time of economic prosperity and morals, something today's first-time voters are unaccustomed to. One man was actually quoted in the N&O, saying "It's been a long time since there's been a toddler in the White House. It'd be nice to see another John-John." Already voters are looking past Edwards, his accomplishments and his plans for our country -- they are disillusioned by the qualities Edwards shares with Kennedy. Americans should

be ready to have a President in the White House who is the all-American boy; one who grew up working hard in factories, is a role model for family values and puts the working class at the forefront of his campaign. The question is: Will America elect Edwards because of what they really see, or what they want to see because he reminds us of a better time -- when our President was as popular as his favorite movie star. If Tuesday's article in the N&O is indicative of the coverage Edwards is going to receive throughout his campaign, then I will be disappointed to see non-stop coverage on what his children are doing, rather than what issues are important to Edwards and his campaign. I think it will be a shame if coverage of Edwards and his campaign are romanticized to a point that it reminds everyone of Kennedy, and as a result overshadows his message, which is what indicates if Edwards is the man for the job -- not the fact that he has two toddlers that can make America fondly remember the days of John-John and Caroline Kennedy.

Tell Abbie what you think of John Edwards and his campaign at viewpoint@technician.com

Campus Forum

Religious symbols should be in public buildings

I have to say I was a little disturbed to read your viewpoint on the monument to the Ten Commandments in Thursday's paper. There are thousands of people across this country that feel the same way your staff does. They feel that any form of religion

should be taken out of the public eye so no one will be offended. Then, these same people ask why God would let something like September 11th happen to us when it does. I can't say that I blame God!

Stephen Walsler
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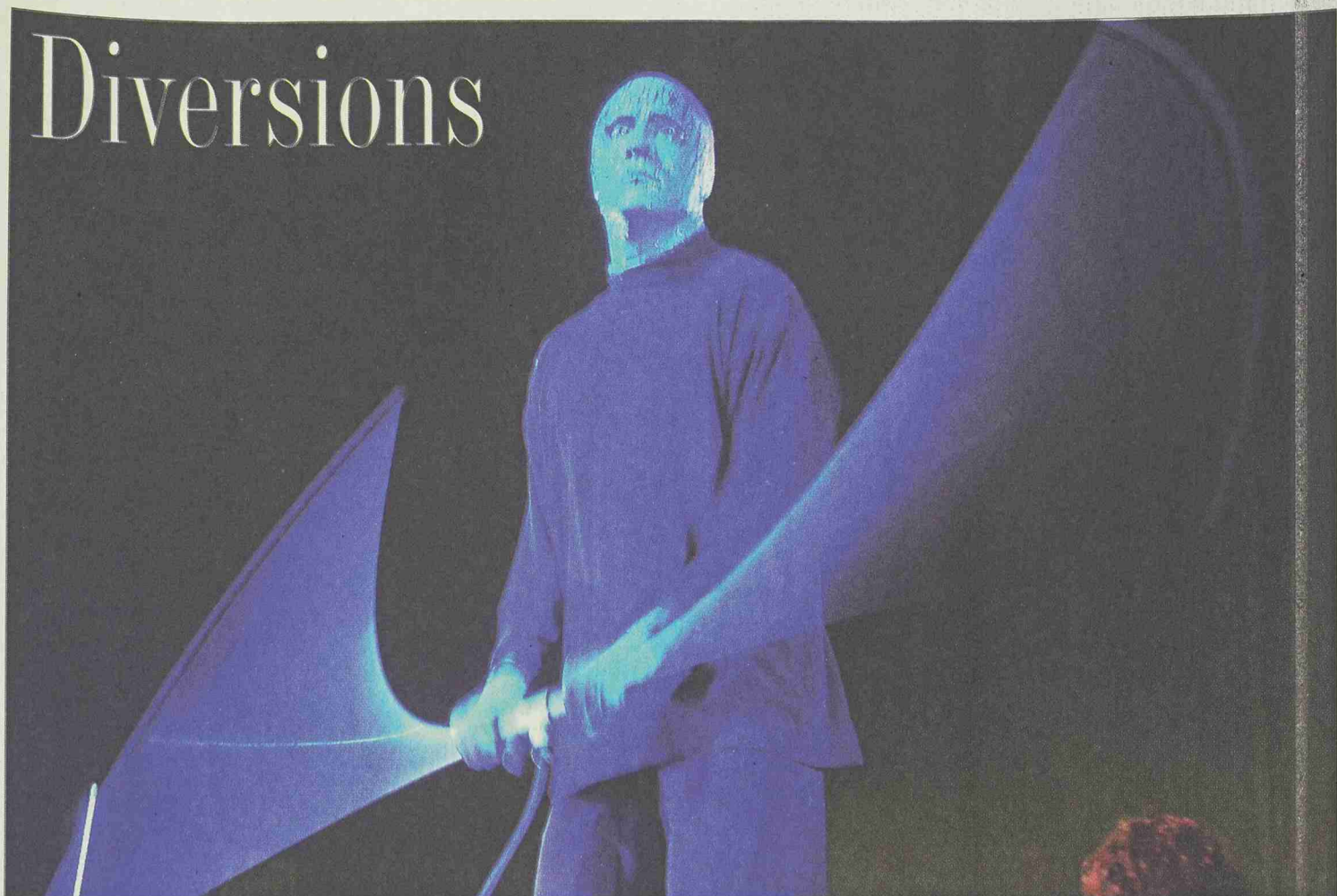
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Diversions



Angel Airpoles are one of the many non-traditional instruments in the Blue Man Group repertoire.

There's **MAGIC** behind all that paint

Joel Isaac Frady
Head Diversion

Tim Lytvinenko
Staff Photographer

It's the initial idea behind the Blue Man Group that probably confuses and turns away most people, and for good reason; there is, admittedly, something very peculiar about three guys who inexplicably paint their heads blue.

When trying to organize people to go to a Blue Man show, the most popular argument against it was, and probably always will be, "Who wants to see three blue guys playing strange percussion instruments ... and why do they paint their heads, anyway?"

Still, the group's been recording memorable instrumental beats for many years now. Their tracks have been so consistently good, in fact, that it just made sense to see how an actual concert was. If nothing else, it'd be nice to finally have a frame of reference other than those silly Pentium advertisements.

It wasn't until the show began that a very important

realization kicked in: listening to Blue Man Group music without seeing their show is like going to a strip club with a blindfold on. Sure, you might get a general idea of what's going on, but it's impossible to see the big picture; and unlike most strip clubs, though, you won't want to miss the big picture at a Blue Man Group show.

The first big surprise was that the actual Blue Men aren't straight musicians. They have a couple of drum sets on either side of the stage and a slew of pipes in the middle that they occasionally pull out and beat on, but there's a band behind them that does most of the playing. And to give credit where credit is due, it was a very talented band that took the stage to provide the evening's musical backdrop.

The Blue Men themselves, as it turns out, are highly energetic, skilled performers of a silent art. It's typically hard enough to keep an audience interested for the hour and a half that most concerts last, and they do it without uttering a single word. Then again, if other artists had as many elements happening

on-stage as Blue Man Group does, they'd probably stop talking, too. Bizarre, humorous animations are displayed on a screen above the band, as well as the images from a small video camera they pull out of a pipe.

There must be a lot of people backstage for this show, if only to pull off the little things; for example, they sent their camera into the mouth of one audience member, which then appeared to travel down his throat and into his digestive track before being "pulled" back out. While this trick is fairly easily pulled off with some expensive video equipment and some quick hands, it's this kind of timing that the entire show relies on.

There are so many little touches added, all perfectly timed, that it becomes quickly apparent that the show has been fine-tuned to perfection. From the lights, to the animations, to the special effects, to the very performances of the Blue Men, the show runs like a machine.

Adding to the fun is the appropriate, off-beat sense of humor that goes along

with the show. It's very understated, as the show goes through musical numbers with no indication of any jokes that are going to follow, but when they let the humor out of the bag – it's very funny, and not just because they have blue heads.

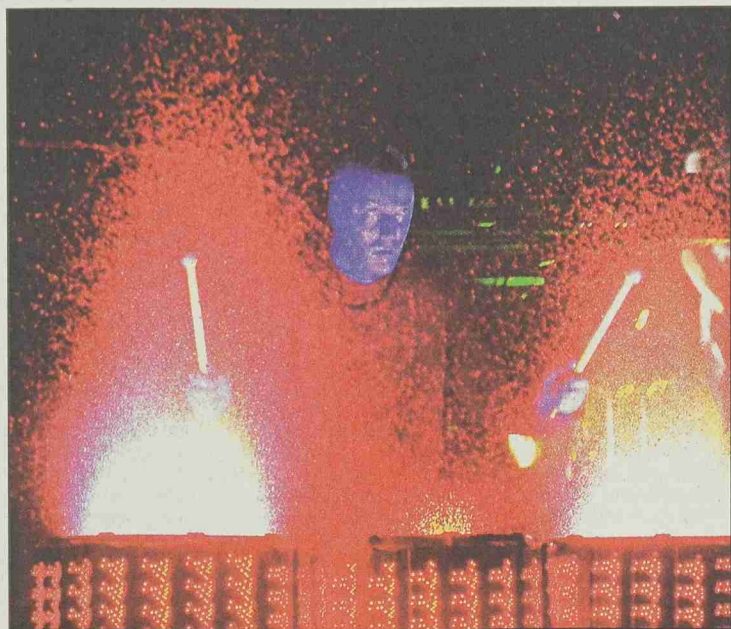
The guts that goes into the show was displayed in the finale, when two of the three came out with strange, large pipe-contraptions strapped to their bodies that they used to start off a very excit-

ing rendition of The Who's "Baba O'Riley," a song that's already half-impossible to pull off. But when guys playing on cut-up pipes manage (or appear to manage) to hit every little note – and this activity is accentuated by the band, the impressive vocals of Tracy Bonham (who was one of two opening acts) and silver confetti flying past your head – it's pretty amazing.

The only thing that the show didn't seem to fulfill, really, is an answer to that

burning question: Why do they paint their heads blue, anyway?

On a side note, one of the biggest complaints newspaper readers have – especially in the Arts and Entertainment section – is that flying recommendations for shows always seem to come after the event happens. So for those of you thinking that right now, please note that the Blue Man Group will be hitting Charlotte, N.C. on November 7.



Drums are a huge part of the show. Ranging from six inches to six feet in diameter most of the drums are tuned to exact notes so that the percussion can follow the chord progression of the songs.



The Backpack Tubulum allows the Blue Man to move around while playing, like a lead guitarist.

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Rule of thumb

Man paid for lost penis

A settlement has been reached in a case of a North Texas man who awoke from bladder surgery and found that his penis had been amputated without permission. A spokesman from the hospital says this is completely unrelated to a case of a man waking up from

bladder surgery with a spare.

Plywood prices skyrocket

An order for plywood by the military, bound for the Middle East, has driven prices to record heights, possibly adding thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes. And with fewer people

able to buy homes, fewer people will have second mortgages so they can afford gas.

Gates Foundation pays high schools

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced Wednesday that it will provide at least \$11

million over the next five years to more than 40 small, innovative high schools. The majority of the money, however, goes to installing huge LED boards that post messages like 'Apple sucks!' throughout the day.

UN not endorsing Iraq

President Bush is having trouble with his administrations efforts to have other nations contribute peacekeeping troops to Iraq by having the UN endorse the operation. We've all decided that our plywood prices are high enough, said one UN spokesperson.

TSA keeps Labor Day safe

Officials of the Transport Security Administration displayed items that had been seized from carry-on in a press conference addressing Labor Day travel plans. Among the items were guns, knives and chainsaws. I guess I won't be traveling this weekend, said one Hollywood favorite from behind his hockey mask.

North Korea goes nuclear

Disregarding U.S. disarmament demands, North Korea announced Thursday it will prove itself by carrying out a nuclear test. Shortly afterwards, South Korea announced a going out of business sale.

Clay comes home

After his sold out concert on Wednesday, Clay Aiken stood silently before saying, "Thank you so much. There's no place like home." And after a moment, he corrected himself, Well, L.A. and New York are a lot of fun. I mean, that's where the money is. You know I mean Raleigh it ain't New York.

Young kids stressed out

A new study shows that the youngest children in any school year face more stress and a greater risk of developing mental illness. Those kids that skipped three grade years just continued to twitch and drool when read the report.

Prime Minister did not exaggerate

Tony Blair told an inquiry Thursday that his office did not exaggerate about weapons of mass destruction Saddam Hussein might have had. He then smiled and said, My teeth and my ears, these are exaggerated by comparison, what we said about Saddam is pretty tame.

Swiss man fights wasps

A Swiss man trying to battle wasps with insect spray and a cigarette lighter burned down his apartment and two others. Thank goodness it wasn't a rat of the whole town might have been incinerated, said one neighbor.

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:20 Timeout with Justin Branch



A junior from Cary, Branch started 16 games for State last season.

Favorite professor: Professor Drehmel, Spanish
Who is your favorite soccer player? Zidane
What's in your CD player right now? The new Guster album "Keep it Together."

Mode of Transportation: '88 Jeep Wrangler, it's for sale
If you could have any three people from history over for dinner, who would they be: "I'm gonna have to go with Jesus, lets throw Will Ferrell in there and Abraham Lincoln."

Better NCSU Landmark, Tucker beach or the Bell Tower? Bell Tower

Favorite TV show: Seinfeld

Favorite Non-State Team: University of Arizona

Best movie you've seen recently: "Old School"

Funniest person on the soccer team and why: "Kyle Fragakis...for too many reasons"

The team does yoga after practice now, how are you liking that? "It's so relaxing, we take off our shoes and relax all our muscles, it's great."

Who is David Thompson: "Basketball player from the '83 squad, hit the game winning shot?"

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Wolfpack Weekend

Men's soccer

State will open the 2003 season by hosting a pair of tilts this weekend at Method Road Stadium. On Saturday Georgia Southern will try and spoil the Wolfpack's season opener for the second straight year. GSU downed the Pack 2-1 in the first game of 2002. State hosts Liberty Sunday and both games will begin at 2 p.m.

Women's soccer

The Wolfpack travels to Charleston this weekend for a tournament hosted by the College of Charleston, who State will open its season against tonight. The team will also challenge Temple Saturday before returning home. State beat the Owls 7-1 at home last season behind two goals from Adrienne Barnes.

Volleyball

The Wolfpack volleyball team will begin its season in the Empire State at the Western New York Tournament. State will play four games at the tournament: versus Seton Hall and Buffalo tonight, Canisius on Saturday and Siena on Sunday. State went 1-3 to open the year last season at a similar tournament hosted by Florida Atlantic.

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Men's soccer vs. Georgia Southern, 8/30, 2
Women's soccer @ Charleston Tournament, 8/29-30
Women's volleyball @ Western N.Y. Tourney, 8/29-31
Cross country in Raleigh Invitational, 9/20

TECHNICIAN



A much-awaited opening

N.C. State will open its season Saturday against 1-AA opponent Western Carolina.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

After a summer of hype and hope, the most anticipated football season in N.C. State history begins Saturday night against...

Western Carolina? A Division 1-AA team? A team whose best hope to win is if the Wolfpack gets lost on its way to Carter-Finley Stadium for the 6 p.m. kickoff?

Though anticlimactic, State could have opened against the Raleigh Pop-Warner All-Stars and still filled Carter-Finley to its extended maximum capacity of 53,800. Fans still would have gathered miles around the stadium with their pig cookers and coolers hours before kickoff. And State players — who have hit nothing but themselves and tackling dummies the past month — would have been ready to put some poor 9-year-old on his back.

But the Western Carolina Catamounts will have to do. And no one in red and white is paying any attention to that team's status as a 1-AA school.

"That doesn't make a difference," Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato said. "Wasn't Connecticut a 1-AA last year? Maybe it was two years ago — but look at the what they did toward the end of last season with Iowa State and some of the teams they played?"

Still, the scheduling of a 1-AA school is open to criticism. Last season, the



Manny Lawson (right) and Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay wrap up a Virginia runner. Both linebackers could start tomorrow's game.

Wolfpack's schedule — which included 1-AA teams East Tennessee State and Massachusetts — drew laughs from the opposition and criticism from the media. With a non-conference slate that includes defending national champion Ohio State and Texas Tech this fall, such

talk shouldn't surface again, says athletics director Lee Fowler.

"With the teams we're playing, our schedule can't count against us this year," he said.

Fowler, in charge of the football schedule, said Western is getting a guaranteed

payout of \$190,000 to come to Raleigh. That's a significant amount less than what would be paid to a typical 1-A school. Plus, most 1-A schools demand a home-and-home series at the least, which results in the loss of a home

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Western Carolina at N.C. State

Carter-Finley Stadium
6 p.m. Kickoff

Last time out Some eight months ago, the Wolfpack capped the most prolific season in school history with a 28-6 win over Notre Dame. The Catamounts concluded their 2002 season on Nov. 16 with a 24-14 home loss to Appalachian State.

Series record State is 4-0 all-time against WCU with the last meeting being a 38-13 Wolfpack win in 1994.

Matchup to watch N.C. State's defensive line is widely considered the team's biggest question. Two of the four new starters, ends Mario Williams and Renaldo Moses, will debut against WCU All-America tackle Jason Whaley.

Walking the walk Chuck Amato will unveil a new tradition at tomorrow's game called the "Walk of Champions." Approximately two hours before kickoff, the team's bus will drop the players off at Gate B on Trinity Road, where they will be greeted by the band, cheerleaders, dance team and fans and walk to the stadium.

Worth noting WCU is the third Division 1-AA team State has played in the last three years...The Catamounts lost 56-0 last year to open the season at Auburn and will play Duke next weekend in Durham...The Pack hasn't dropped a season opener since 1996 when it fell 28-16 to Georgia Tech, while most of the area was still recovering from Hurricane Fran...WCU is 0-20 all-time against ACC teams.



Lamont Reid returns a kickoff for a touchdown. Reid and Greg Golden will reassume kick-returning duties this season.

The ties that bind

Catamounts and Wolfpack share some common blood.

Jay Kohler
Senior Staff Writer

You might think that the only thing Western Carolina and N.C. State have in common is the fact that both schools are located in North Carolina.

But think again.

Ok, the head coach of the Catamounts, Kent Briggs, was an assistant coach for the Wolfpack for 11 years from 1989-99. Not only was he an assistant, he was the defensive coordinator. Once Chuck Amato was hired, Buddy Green was brought in and Briggs departed. So Briggs was a coach for the Wolfpack. Anything else?

There's more.

Two more coaches on the Western Carolina staff,

Todd Varn and Rodney Redd are also familiar with Raleigh. Varn, the offensive coordinator for WCU, was a running back with State from 1986-1989, during which the Pack played and defeated WCU twice. Redd was instrumental for State in the 1998 upset win over Florida State when he intercepted one of six Chris Weinke passes that were picked off.

So there are a few more connections there and that's the end of that, right?

Wrong again.

There's also the fact that Briggs recruited Sean Locklear, who has started 14 games on the offensive line for State and is now back for his senior season. Another of the Catamount coaches, Allen Mogridge, played for North Carolina, so he already has a personal grudge against the Pack.

The relationships aren't even limited to former coaches and players.

"My wife actually taught [Philip Rivers for] his first

class at N.C. State," Briggs said. "It was a sociology class. She told me as soon as he came into class, 'Man, this guy's a winner right here. He's going to be good... just because of the way his personality is. And he's a leader.' She was really high on his character and how he presented himself."

Briggs was still coaching at State for the two most recent match-ups between the Wolfpack and the Catamounts. He considered himself fortunate that he was on the Pack sidelines for the game during the 1990 season.

"It was a hot day...we played at one o'clock and I think about the second play of the game was a safety," Briggs said. "I remember because I was on the defensive side of the ball. It was tough on Western in that game."

"I know [former Wolfpack coach Dick] Sheridan wasn't trying to run the score up. We put our second

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