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Students discuss proposed fee increases

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Sam Averitt, vice provost of Information Technology, and other administrators field questions concerning possible fee increases.

Forum provides opportunity for students to speak out about proposed student fee increases.

Kenneth Ball
Staff Reporter

Prompted by concerns about the rising cost of education and changes in the fee increase approval process, Student Government held a Student Fee Forum Tuesday night in the ballroom of Talley Student Center.

The purpose of the forum was to facilitate communication between the student body and the organizations that are requesting fee increases this academic year. Six fee increases were presented and discussed during the forum, including additions to Education & Technology, Athletics and the Physical Education and Recreation Program. But the most contested issues of the night were the Carmichael Expansion Fee, the Student Center Operations Fee and the Student Center Repairs Fee.

"The one [of the six proposed fee increases] we are opposed to is the \$45 fee increase for the Carmichael Gymnasium," said Senator John Small of the Tuition and Fees Committee.

The proposed increase, which would help fund a \$12 million expansion to current gym facilities, did not receive the support of the Tuition and Fees Committee.

Some students raised concerns about the validity of surveys cited by the Carmichael Complex in support of their proposed fee increase. The committee also

took issue with the size of the fee increase and the fact that the debt from the last gymnasium expansion is still being paid off.

But the Student Center Operations Fee, which was previously denied support at a Student Senate meeting, did gain the committee's approval.

"I'd say that it's about time that the arts got their dues," said Darryl Jones, a freshman in engineering who also works for University Theater.

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ELECTION 2003

Students flock to the polls

The Witherspoon Student Center polling site stayed busy Tuesday afternoon, bringing in 613 voters.

Anna Edens
Senior Staff Reporter

Outside Witherspoon Student Center, candidates and their supporters lined Cates Avenue with posters, urging students to go to the polls.

Six hundred and thirteen voters went inside Witherspoon to vote Tuesday, surpassing by 344 from the 2001 turnout of 269 voters.

"We're well ahead of where we were in the last election," said Zack Medford, a student running for city council, at 1 p.m.

Yesterday Medford and other candidates such as Benson Kirkman, who is running against Medford in the city council race, and Traci Griggs, who is running for a seat on the school board, stood outside Witherspoon in hopes of catching last-minute undecided voters.

Medford and Kirkman even teamed together at one instance, taking turns answering questions about their platforms to help a student learn more about the issues in the race.

"I'm just really interested in turning out the vote so that I can get in there and help make a difference," Griggs said.

Griggs came to the Witherspoon polling site in part because her husband, John Griggs, is a calculus professor at N.C. State.

She intended to inform voters about issues facing the school board such as schooling assignments and the school

RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN
Freedom the Eagle stands outside of Witherspoon with other candidates and their campaign staffs, imploring voters to vote for N.C. State student Zack Medford on Tuesday.

board's management of the achievement gap before they walked into the polling site.

Inside the student center, the Multipurpose Room on the first floor had been transformed into a voting poll, with booths to the left side of the room, tables in the middle where representatives from the Wake County Board of Elections could certify voter registration cards and a computerized ballot reader by the front entrance.

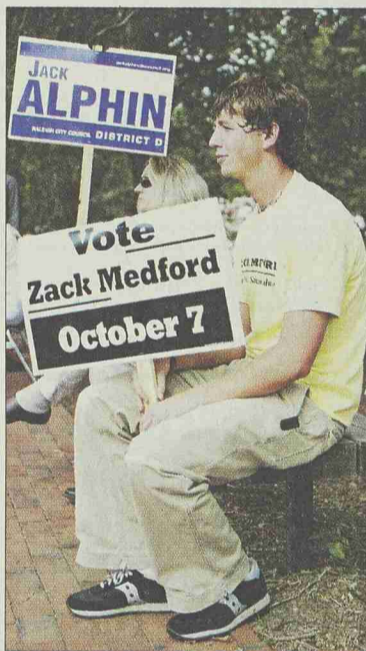
"Things seem to be going smoothly. We have had a rather steady crowd," Chief Judge Paul Siceloff, who was

the chief administrator for the Witherspoon polling place, said.

Siceloff and his team had been at the site since 6 a.m. and planned to stay until 8:30 or 9 p.m., after the computerized ballot reader had been "plugged in" and sent its automatic tabulation of results to the Wake County Board of Elections.

Siceloff explained that the results would not be certified until later in the week, once absentee ballot and any ballots with stray marks (which

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CHRISTOPHER DAPPERT/TECHNICIAN
Philip Bradford, a junior in textile engineering, and Kim Todd, a volunteer, sit outside Witherspoon Student Center advocating for their candidates on Tuesday.CHRISTOPHER DAPPERT/TECHNICIAN
Volunteers help voters at the polling site in Witherspoon on Tuesday.

Faculty support for athletes in sight

NCAA will reward or punish schools based on student-athlete graduation rates and academic success.

Sam Stern
Staff Reporter

Coach Herb Sendek stressed the importance of a "sturdy bridge" between the Athletics Department and N.C. State Academics at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday afternoon. Sendek also assured the Faculty Senate of the character and academic integrity of the program and their athletes.

This message comes in response to an academic reform package mandated by the NCAA to its universities.

The academic reform package rewards schools for increased graduation rates and athlete retention. It also punishes schools that don't have academically successful athletes. Sendek stressed the dynamics that challenge coaching staffs to graduate their players.

Concerns about the reform package include unfairly punishing academically challenging schools from lower tier universities.

Sendek said, "I can assure you that education is part of the daily structure in the day of our athletes."

Often, at the end of their senior years athletes are busy with NBA tryouts, visits from signing agents, interviews and reviewing offers in addition to their hours of school. Combine this with the fact that people change jobs, schools or goals and one can see the difficulties in keeping players who meet NCAA and university academic standards. Each year more student-athletes decide to leave college early or skip it altogether and head straight to the NBA.

When addressing the plight of student-athletes, Sendek said, "They have a long road to hoe."

NCAA regulations require student-athletes to enroll in 15 hours of credit and can perform no more than 20 hours per week of practice.

Sendek not only called these practices "physically grueling" and would force most of us to "go home and take a nap."

But for players like Julius Hodge and Marcus Melvin, the rest of the evening is regularly spent with tutors and classwork. Often, players come home from road games late into the morning and are expected to attend their 8 a.m. classes.

Faculty support for the athletic department would help alleviate the tremendous

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BEN AUSTIN/TECHNICIAN
Herb Sendek.

Students conduct air quality survey

Survey compares knowledge of air quality between students and the public.

Anna Kroyer
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday in Harrelson Hall, seven students reported on the air quality index used in Raleigh and knowledge of changes in air quality over time.

The general public is more aware of air quality issues than N.C. State students, said one team of environmental statistics students.

"It is important for students

to understand the current situation of the environment and how it can change over time," mathematics and statistics senior Ornella Darlington-Turner said.

Bill Hunt gave his Statistics 495A class an assignment to divide into three teams and conduct a survey-sampling problem.

The problem was based upon answering two questions, how well people understand the air quality messages provided by the state regarding air pollution and how well people are informed regarding the air pollution problem locally and

nationally.

"What we're doing is taking the data from this small sample to draw inferences about the larger population," statistics senior Louise Camalier said.

Each of the three teams used a pre-designed, five-question survey to collect responses to these particular problems based on either student or general populations. Bill Hunt, former ST 495A student, and Meredith Gillian designed the surveys in a combination effort.

Hunt said that two teams used survey C and one team used

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PETE ELLIS/TECHNICIAN
Kimberly Weems moderated the environmental presentations for a statistics class on Tuesday. Members of the class include Jen Lawhorn and Jamie Ridenhour.FAHRENHEIT
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The third team, Jamie Riden-

Among students, there is not

The general population was sampled at area post offices where postal clerks asked customers to participate. The students were sampled in selected areas on campus. Although both were given adequate time to respond to the surveys, concerns were voiced that people might not have understood the questions or taken the time to honestly answer. "People would make comments to us, like 'I wasn't alive when pollution was bad in the '70s.' People would stop and tell us why they may not know answers to these questions," math and statistics

Students seemed to think the

"So many people think that our environment is really suffering. This is a positive survey; it shows the importance of what society is doing as a whole to improve the air quality of our environment," Camalier said.

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Jones cited the importance of art programs in a largely technical university as the reason for his support of the Student Center increase fees.

The committee was initially concerned about the involvement of University Dining in the Student Centers.

However, with the open communication provided by last night's fee forum and subsequent meeting of the Tuition and Fees Committee, a consensus was reached where the committee decided to support the Student Center Fee increase.

The Tuition and Fees Committee approved all other fee increases.

In general, students at the forum supported the proposed fee increases.

"It's unfortunate that we have to pay money, but it's a necessary thing," said Vernon Hunt of the

Inter-Residence Council. "Having been at various facilities across the country, ours are subpar and are in dire need of renovation and repair."

Controversy is to be expected in any issue concerning increases in student fees but Student Body Treasurer Seth Lester was very happy with the turnout of students who came to voice their opinions.

"This was our first ever fee forum, and I'm so happy it went as well as it did," said Lester. "I hope the fee forum will remain a tradition that future treasures will utilize."

"The forum is an integral part of the process right now," said Student Body President Tony Caravano.

Caravano also stressed that this is not the last time students can contribute to the discussion, and encourages students to talk to their senators and administrators about the proposed fee increases.

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are stored within the computerized ballot box) are analyzed by hand.

Students came to vote for a variety of reasons. "I voted because of Zack Medford running," said Jordan Massey, a sophomore in biomedical engineering. Although she doesn't know Medford personally, "I just really like his cause, and it inspired me to vote."

Massey also followed the mayoral race, saying, "it will be interesting to see if students affect the outcome for Meeker, to see if his past platform will be detrimental to his current campaign."

Mike Mitchell, a junior in business management-finance, voted because "I think everyone should have the opportunity to get their voice heard and pick their leaders."

Interested students should have found it difficult to avoid messages to vote. Students wore "I voted" stickers, posters littered campus and "Freedom the Eagle," a mascot for Medford's campaign, wandered around Cates Avenue reminding students to head to

The Witherspoon Student Center polling site for Precinct 01-23 has the largest number of registered voters for any of the Wake County precincts. Here's how the numbers break down: (numbers provided by Wake County Board of Elections)
Registered Voters: 3749

Democrats: 1424
Republicans: 991
Libertarian: 35
Undeclared: 1299

White: 2706
Black: 778
Declared Other: 182

Female: 1572
Male: 2138
Undeclared: 39

the polls.

Even students riding the Wolfline couldn't ignore the reminders, "Don't forget it's Election Day for you locals," driver Zackary Calicutt, a 2001 NCSU graduate, said. "I'm trying to remind people because there's been a lot in the papers, but I don't know how many people remember. Either use your voice, or don't have one," Calicutt said.

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WAKE COUNTY BOND REFERENDA
SCHOOL BONDS

Shall the order authorizing \$450 million in General Obligation School Bonds of Wake County for financing, in part, the acquisition, construction and equipping of school facilities be approved?

Approved

LIBRARY BONDS

Shall the order authorizing \$35 million in General Obligation Library Bonds of Wake County for financing, in part, the acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of modifications, renovations, additions, improvements and extensions to existing library facilities and/or one or more new buildings or other library facilities be approved?

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CITY OF RALEIGH BOND REFERENDUM
PARKS AND RECREATIONAL BONDS

Shall the order adopted on August 5, 2003, authorizing not exceeding \$47,250,000 PARKS AND RECREATIONAL BONDS of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for improving and expanding the existing park and recreational facilities of said City and acquiring and constructing new park and recreational facilities of said City, inside and outside its corporate limits, including, without limitation, the acquisition of land and rights of way and the furnishing of incidental facilities and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

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Source: Wake County Board of Elections
Web site: <http://msweb03.co.wake.nc.us/bordelec/>

Can you help identify this person?



Sometime during the late afternoon hours of Sept. 22, 2003 and the early morning hours of Sept. 23, 2003 a wallet was taken from a men's locker room located at the Vet School. A suspicious person was seen in the parking lot that night and was possibly driving a silver SUV. A stolen credit card was fraudulently used at several area Kmart Stores and also at Har-

ris Teeter in Cary. Surveillance cameras captured this subject: W/M, approx. 5'7", having brown hair with the sides either shaved or closely braided.

Anyone knowing the identity of this person is asked to call Campus Police, Investigative Division, Detective Trochum at 515-5940.

This notice was given by Campus Police.

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pressures that the coaches and players feel when representing the university as well as their GPAs.

N.C. State's three freshmen athletes have an average weighted GPA over 4.0 and an SAT at 1200. Sendek actively recruits good students but admits the difficulties in finding 6-foot-11-inch ball-players with those credentials.

Despite academic standards, Wolpack fans view one dimension of the athletes; the necessity of winning games.

Sendek commented on the desire to win. "Each year the monster grows bigger. How many wins did you get? How many points did you win by?"

Senators responded positively to Sendek's consolation that faculty and NCSU men's basketball "have the same goals and the same mission; we need togetherness."



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The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		3
Combined	0.1	-
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD		3
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper-T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. Obstet. Gynecol. 1990;76:558-567.

*From Norplant® package insert.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- If you think you might be pregnant.
- If you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason.

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- If you have had cancer of the breast.
- If you have had a stroke.
- If you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs.
- If you have problems with your liver or liver disease.
- If you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients.

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Irregular Menstrual Bleeding
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unexpected Pregnancy
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Weight Gain
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects

In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by a very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods

During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions

Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers

Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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OUR OPINION: N.C. STATE SHOULD PAY FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS THAT ARE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE.

Last week, UNC-CH announced a program wherein the university would pay for the education of accepted students that come from families that live below the poverty line. This ambitious program, called "Carolina Covenant" would provide low-income students with a free ride to Carolina, provided they work on campus for at least 10 hours a week. The program, once implemented, will cost UNC-CH \$1.38 million a year, to be paid from state and federal grants and from university scholarships.

To qualify for this program, the student's family must be earning 150 percent below the federal poverty level. Translated into simple terms, a family of four with an income of \$28,000 or below, or a single parent with one child making \$18,000 would qualify for the program.

This is the first time a public university has proposed such a plan. The main drive of the program is to attract high-achieving students that are financially disadvantaged to Carolina, which most people think is financially out of reach.

UNC Chancellor James Moeser said, "This program is all the more important because of the financial realities of the state. We have the research that shows that people actually think our tuition is higher than it really is. People think that we're not affordable. We fear that some people may not apply because they don't think the resources are there to support them."

The nation took notice of the plan and other public universities, like University of Virginia, are considering a similar plan.

As the land-grant university in the state, N.C. State has a duty to the citizens of North Carolina to provide a quality education at the lowest price possible. A program like this should be implemented at NCSU and can be

funded through state and federal grants, even through scholarship funds.

The financial situation is dire, yes, but that should not stop the university from fulfilling its mission to the people of North Carolina. As the largest university in the state, NCSU has the resources to implement such an ambitious and progressive program that would benefit the university and the state in the long run.

Even though North Carolina has the third lowest public university tuition rate in the nation, we have a high population that does not have a bachelor's degree. Many people simply cannot afford to go to college, and many that do go to college go into debt.

Despite the fact that NCSU gave out \$99 million in student financial aid this year through scholarships and grants, many students slip through the cracks because of a lack of money. A program of such magnitude must be considered and implemented if NCSU wants to remain a competitive institution in North Carolina.

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The end of the road for Blair?

The political world is still waiting to see if British Prime Minister Tony Blair can survive the political fallout that ensued after American and British failure



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to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Blair's popularity continues to deflate, falling like the value of the Argentine currency, and his party continues to revolt on him. And, so it seems, a piece of damning information is revealed about the

prime minister each week.

This week's colorful revelation comes from Blair's former Foreign Secretary who asserts that the former confided to the latter that he knew Iraq had no real and useable weapons and that the battlefield munitions Hussein did have could not be assembled for immediate use because "all the effort he has put into concealment."

Even worse for the Blair, Robin Cook speculates why his old boss was so quick to offer British troops against a threat Cook believes Blair knew not be imminent. In Cook's published memoirs he writes "I am certain, the real reason he went to war was that he found it easier to resist the public opinion of Britain than the request of the president of the United States."

Cook also espouses that Blair had been worried about the unilateral approach of a post-September 11 America, and the prime minister told his cabinet a year ago (when Cook was still a part of the cabinet) that Britain must remain in line with the superpower or the country would lose influence on what America does, and hence, lose even more power in total world affairs.

It seems logical that a former world affairs giant like Great Britain would do almost anything to maintain the little power she still holds, but Blair can't let his public realize that what he is doing. "We are not America's poodle" Blair famously said last week in a speech to the Labour Party Convention. Evidence is pointing otherwise though.

As President Bush rekindles his relationship with the German head of state, and continues to tell the world of the good he sees in Vladimir Putin's eyes—Bush's closest ally continues to roast by the British public and media with little our leader can do to save him. Bush had Blair address joint chambers of Congress, an honor bestowed first to Winston Churchill and then later to Margaret Thatcher, and the speech Blair gave was really quite moving. He spoke of American ideals, the desire to decimate the threat of international terror, the good the Anglo-American alliance did when they overthrew Saddam and the Baath party, and how Britain will always provide support to her former colony.

And even though Blair used that same speech as a vehicle to present

British world concerns to America, like say the environment (Britain eagerly signed onto the Kyoto protocol, while America refused), the British public was not excited that was giving lofty speeches to another nation's congress. And since that time to the present now, more and more undesirable information has been revealed about Blair and his government.

So what is Blair's recourse? As his party continues to weaken and braces for upcoming elections, Blair is beginning to be seen as a threat rather than an asset. For sure, his tenure is longer than many prime ministers that have served in some time, and his domestic policies still continue to be very popular (barring the effort to adapt the Euro), but it almost seems as though Blair's time has come.

Some say, if Blair wants his party to do well in the coming election and by virtue of a good performance maintain a majority in Parliament (and Blair can keep his job), the leader must lay low, so to speak. Perhaps, the public can forget their anger against Blair, and at least not let their sentiments reflected in the election.

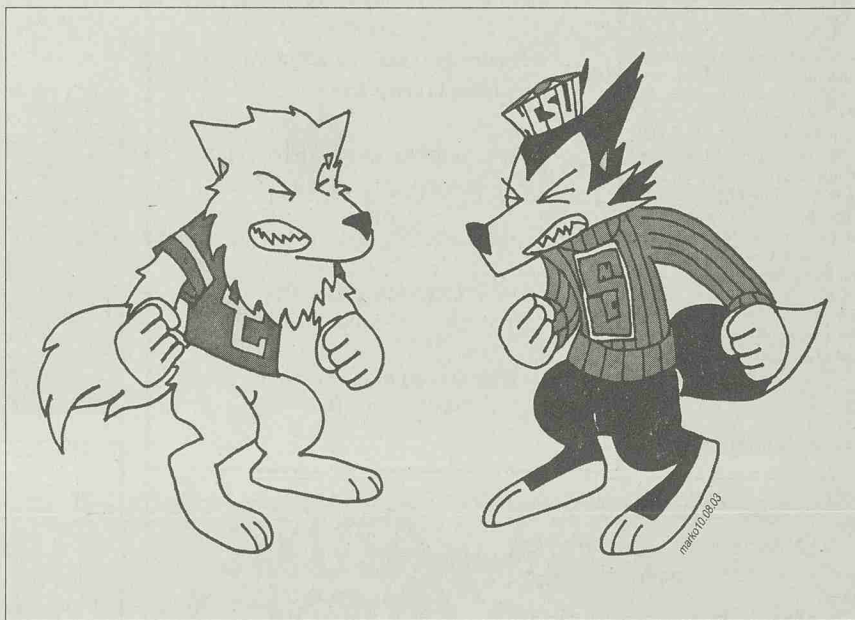
But Blair has always been a hard man to shut up. The prime minister continues to run around the country, delivering well written speeches and trying to make the country understand his decision considering Iraq, not to mention stir up some spirit for the Euro. Blair has made some concessions to his political opponents—when Blair met with the leaders from France and Germany he stated that he wished that Iraqi authority would quickly be turned away from the U.S. and British troops to the United Nations (he had said otherwise in earlier comments)—for the most part, he continues to be resilient and unflinching in his convictions.

It is in this light that one can be sure that this election will be the final marker on whether Blair can in fact survive this crisis. The world would be sad if the leader goes, he continues to be America's favorite politician, even against the American president. More importantly, Blair has led the Western alliance in many honorable causes, like helping the elimination of debt and poverty in developing nations. Certainly, Blair has been the best British prime minister since Margaret Thatcher, that Iron lady.

The American public was quick to dismiss the failure to find Iraqi weapons, which had been cited as the reason for going in the first place.

Americans take pride that some good was created out of the situation, however it may have come to be. The British public has proven to be different from their American counterparts in many respects, but Blair better pray that the two come to see eye to eye on this one. Otherwise, the free world's favorite leader may become another admired citizen.

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John Edwards: Me, myself and I

John Edwards has had his eye on the White House since he was elected Senator of North Carolina. But is he really good for the country? Christin Liverance questions his motives.

John Edwards has been compared to John F. Kennedy as a young, charismatic and handsome political figure. Edwards even won the vote as "sexiest politician."



Christin Liverance
Staff Columnist

These qualities are nice enough, but are they the qualities one looks for in a potential U.S. president? Edwards is a very ambitious individual, but his ambitions seem to be geared more towards himself than anyone else. The media

has splashed his name and image all over the local newspapers lately, but it's not because of the great job he's doing as North Carolina's senator. He has left that job far behind as he pursues his nomination for the presidency.

The means by which he obtained his position as Senator in the first place are being called into question as of late, and I think there's cause for concern.

Edwards presents himself as that "average small town boy" who can relate to everyday Americans on a personal level. It bears mentioning that Edwards is actually a former trial lawyer and a current multi-millionaire. Yet, he is using this "average Joe" platform in his quest for the presidential nomination, and he used it during his run for the Senate.

While vying for his Senate seat, Edwards took a moderate stance on most issues. North Carolina, a traditionally conservative state, liked what they saw and elected Edwards. However, once in position as Senator, Edwards has failed to adequately represent the state that elected him.

First of all, Edwards has quickly shed his moderate image by voting right along with some of the most liberal senate members. In fact, he voted Democratically 94 percent of the time in the year 2000.

Tell me how someone who says he is out to help the average American votes no to reducing federal income taxes, no to a temporary suspension of gas tax, and no to a bill that would reduce taxes on married couples. Edwards also voted no to a ban on partial birth abortions.

I read about this procedure and it was almost enough to make me cry, it's so terrible. Most Americans oppose this grisly operation, performed during the second trimester of a pregnancy, but Edwards failed once again to represent "most Americans."

The main problem I see with all this is that Edwards presented himself in one light in order to be elected to the Senate, but once there, changed his colors. We wouldn't want to elect someone to run our country who says he feels one way, then once in office changes his mind.

I know a lot of politicians lie, but that is just ridiculous. Edwards' run for Senate was his first attempt at public office, by the way, and he has made it very clear he has higher ambitions. He is using his prestigious position as a U.S. senator to further his own ambitions, rather than the best interests of his constituents.

In pursuit of his goals, Edwards has practically forgotten about that little job he has as Senator. He has put it on the back burner time and again to further his own best interests as a presidential hopeful.

In the month of September, Mr. Edwards made more trips to other states to campaign for nominations than he did to the Senate floor. He is neglecting his business by not being there

to vote and present his agenda, our agenda. Edwards missed 38 out of 42 roll-call votes since August when the Senate returned from its recess.

Let's just imagine that he is an average employee with an average company and he missed 38 out of 42 business meetings. He would be terminated on the spot; that kind of disregard for one's job is intolerable.

Edwards has already stated that he won't seek re-election to the Senate in 2004 but I think it would be wise for him to step down now. He's already alienated many North Carolina citizens who wonder whom they voted into position to represent their home state.

Edwards is making himself look like someone who will say anything to be elected so he can step on the little people in order to gain more power.

Today, many people are products of what is being called the "Me" generation. It's bad enough that most individuals are only out for themselves; we don't need a leader who is also that way.

John Edwards has made it very clear that the most important person to him is, you guessed it, John Edwards. If you really care so much about the typical citizens, do your best to represent them. Be honest with them, and do the job they elected you to do in the first place. John Edwards is definitely not someone I'd want to give a shot at running the country to.

This country needs someone who is more self-sacrificing. We need someone who really can relate to us, the people of this country. We need someone who will take on any job, no matter how trivial, and do it to the best of their ability, no matter what other ambitions they have for the future.

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Terps down Pack

Wolfpack loses fourth-straight ACC game.

Sports staff report

Freshman outside hitter Julia Reis finished with a match-best 14 kills, but it proved not to be enough, as the N.C. State volleyball team remained winless in the ACC, suffering a 3-0 defeat to conference foe Maryland Tuesday night at the Comcast Center Gym.

The Terrapins took the match by the scores of 30-27, 30-23, 30-17. With the loss, the Wolfpack is now 6-12 overall, 0-5 in conference play, while Maryland improves to 15-4, 4-1 in the ACC.

Reis tacked on nine digs as well for NC State, while senior libero Caroline Frede recorded a match-high 12 digs of her own. Junior middle blocker Maya Mapp was second on the team in kills with seven off a .176 attack percentage, and senior setter Crystal Shannon ended the match with 22 assists.

Leading the Terps was outside hitter Lynnsy Jones, who ended the night with 11 kills off a .320 attack percentage. Teammate Stephanie Smith tacked on another nine kills to help spark Maryland's offense. Meanwhile, setter Aimee Huddleston dished out 38 assists to go with five digs and four block assists on the match.

The Wolfpack heads back home to prepare for its match with Virginia on Saturday in Charlottesville. That match is set to begin at 5 p.m.

Wolfpack Weekend



The men's team travels to Duke.

Men's soccer

The Wolfpack begins its stretch run of ACC contests with a trip to Durham on Friday to take on Duke. It will be the team's first game since falling to Wake Forest last Saturday. During that contest, key defender John Queeley was issued a red card, meaning he cannot play in Friday's match with the Blue Devils.

Duke has fallen on hard times, having not won a game since Au-

gust and is also without an ACC win (0-2).

The match between two great coaching friends - State's George Tarantini and Duke's John Rennie - will begin at 7 p.m.

Women's soccer

Just six or so miles away from Duke, the women's soccer team will be in Chapel Hill Friday to take on North Carolina, one year after shocking the women's soccer nation with a 2-1 win over the Tar Heels. Senior Lindsey Underwood scored the game-winner in that contest.

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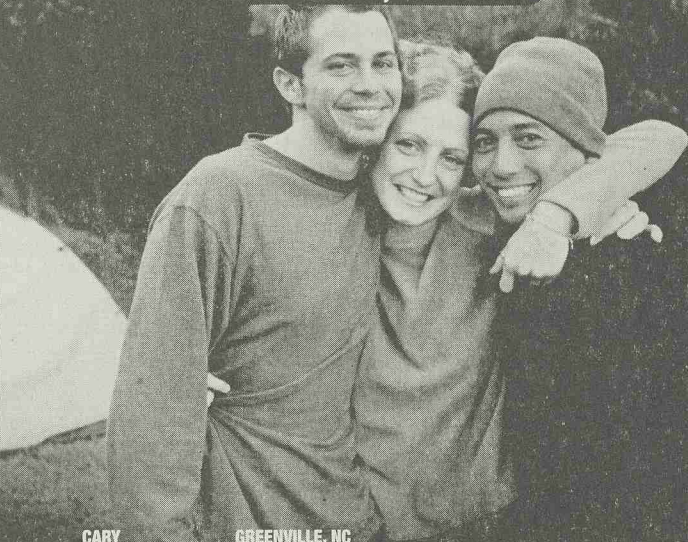
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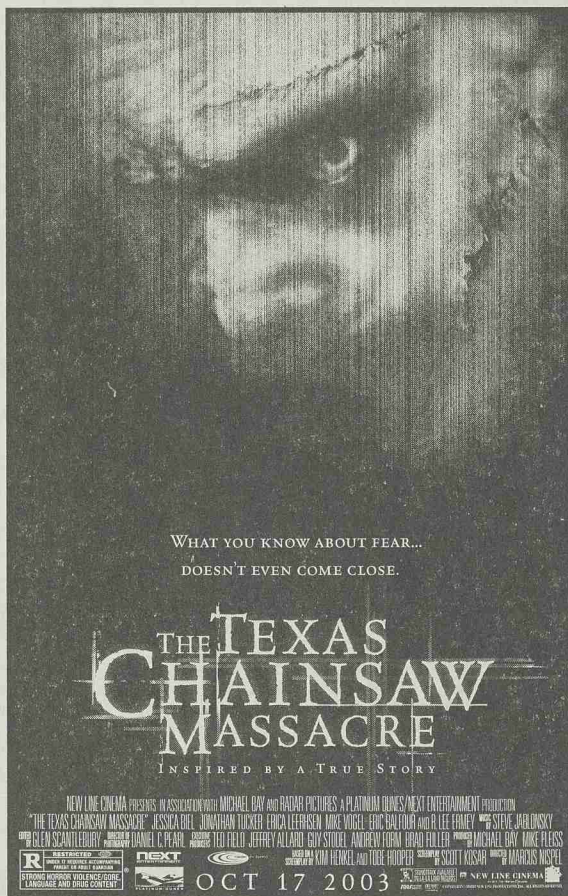
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Particular tips he's learned from Koren Robinson and Torry Holt films, the two great State receivers that preceded him.

"When Jericho was a freshman, he looked at films of Torry Holt and watched Koren, because Koren was a fabulous receiver," Amato said.

Now he's passing them along to guys like Clark. Whether it is when to break on a particular route or to never bend over and show fatigue.

"He sees Jericho as a great example," said Oliver Hoyte, Clark's current State and former high school teammate he's known since first grade. "If I was

a receiver I would follow Jericho, too."

While Clark is flattered by the comparison, he insists he wants to be himself and "try and do all the things Jericho did for this program."

But there's also someone else he yearns to prove his worth to.

Like Hoyte, Kevin Hayes was a defensive high school teammate of Clark's at Tampa's Chamberlain High. Hayes excelled at defensive back and was constantly battling with Clark during practice. Often, their exchanges would become heated and the two would trade verbal barrages, but they still remained tight-knit friends off the field.

Before their junior year of high school, Clark was over at Hayes' house when Hayes offered to give Clark his facemask to replace his

junky one. It was then Hayes told Clark how he truly felt, how he believed Clark was a big-time receiver; how Clark was "strong and fast and going to do big things with his career."

Clark was taken aback at the sentiments, not really thanking Hayes for what he said because his macho-ism interfered.

Two days later Kevin Hayes was dead. The 16-year-old was shot to death in a nightclub.

"I didn't fully understand what that meant to me then," Clark said, his eyes gazing into the distance as he searches for words to put the memory into.

Today he does. Before every game he makes sure he has a rubber band on his wrist with the inscription "I promise K.H. #9."

He promises to do something

with his career. Promises to be the best receiver he can be and promises to return to the grave of Kevin Hayes when he finally makes it big.

"Whenever I make a mistake I try and remember what he would say to me," said Clark.

What he might say to him now is to keep following the lead of Cotchery. Clark, nicknamed "Hollywood" in high school for his showboating and trash-talking tendencies, has also mimicked the stoic Cotchery in his on-the-field demeanor.

"I've diffidently toned down big time since coming here," said Clark. "I still talk a little bit now, but our job is to catch the ball, so I shouldn't have to celebrate."

"It's a sin to drop the ball, if we do that, we're not doing our job."

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to Feldeisen, who also has caught two touchdowns. And if the passing attack was not lethal enough, Cauley was averaging 150 yards per game on the ground before a torn ACL against Virginia Tech Sept. 27 put an early end to his season.

Both of the Huskies' losses came at the hands of Big East foes - Boston College and Virginia Tech - and UConn will join the league as a full-time member next season. The Huskies will conclude their regular season with a road date at Wake Forest.

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Halfway home

Approximately halfway through the 2003 football season, N.C. State finds itself looking down at just two teams - North Carolina and Duke



Matt Middleton
 Sports Editor

- in the ACC standings. The Wolfpack's disappointment notwithstanding, the league has pretty much played to pre-season expectations, as evidenced by the frontrunners for the league's annual awards.

Offensive player of the year

No matter his team's record, the award is still **Philip Rivers** to lose. Averaging almost 350 yards per game passing (fourth in the nation), the only thing that's keeping the Downtown Athletic Club from reserving a chair with his name on it is his lack of touchdown passes in relation to the number of yards he has thrown for, which is not necessarily his fault.

Defensive player of the year

Take your pick from **Florida State's unit**, which leads the ACC in four of the five primary defensive categories. A lot of guys like Michael Boulware, Allen Augustin and Darrell Dockett don't jump off the stat page at you, but one of the three should set themselves apart in the second half of the year and claim the award.

Coach of the year

Easy. Despite redshirting nearly his entire freshman class, Wake Forest's **Jim Grobe** has already led his team to a brief stint in the top 25 after a quick start. If he can go a very realistic 4-4 in the league, Grobe will lead his team to a second-straight bowl game, something the Demon Deacons have never done in the history of their program.

Rookie of the year

Georgia Tech's **Reggie Ball** is the biggest surprise out of this set of superlatives. The true freshman took over the job from incumbent A.J. Suggs and has the Jackets, slated to finish eighth in the league, contending for a bowl birth. Even more remarkable is the fact Ball led the Jackets to a near-upset at Florida State, where the Seminoles have lost exactly one ACC game ever.

Game of the year

The drama. The ending. The comeback. **N.C. State at Ohio State** had it all. Who knows, with a win over the defending national champions at their stadium, maybe the Pack's year would have played closer to script. There's still time to resurrect the season, but it won't be easy, especially when one considers Chuck Amato's pedestrian 6-6 November record.

Predicted final standings

1. Florida State 8-0
2. Maryland 6-2
3. N.C. State 5-3
4. Virginia 5-3
5. Georgia Tech 4-4
6. Wake Forest 4-4
7. Clemson 3-5
8. Duke 1-7
9. North Carolina 0-8

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Clark making his mark

Sophomore wideout Brian Clark is the third-leading receiver on the nation's second-ranked passing attack.

Matt Middleton
 Sports Editor

Brian Clark holds his colossal right hand up, stretching his fingertips until they reach their pinnacle.

"I've never met anybody with bigger hands," he says.

"Well, maybe my dad."

It is with those mammoth, inherited hands that Clark has catapulted himself into N.C. State's starting wide receiver spot as a sophomore after catching a mere two passes a year ago. Clark has already pulled down 20 passes for 271 yards this year, trailing only Jerricho Cotchery and Tramain Hall in receiving yardage.

Standing at an almost lanky 6-foot-3 inches with cropped hair, Clark doesn't appear to resemble the shorter, corn-rowed Cotchery. Yet head coach Chuck Amato has called Clark "the next Jerricho Cotchery" on multiple occasions, likely because the Tampa Bay native has already developed a Cotchery-like penchant of making key third-down catches.

And, oh yeah, the naysayers ring down much the same, too.

"Everyone says he doesn't have that much speed...but he does really," Cotchery said.

Sounds familiar?

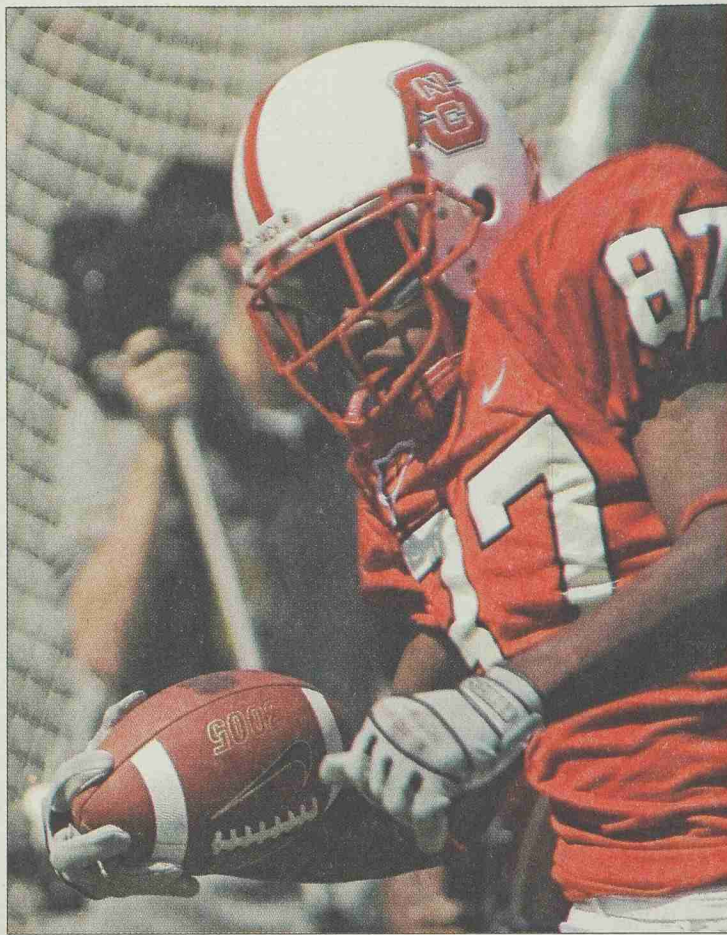
"He's just like me, he wants to prove those people wrong," Cotchery added with a slight smile.

And to prove them wrong, he's learning from the man they say he most resembles.

"He really watches Jerricho, and he's trying to emulate him - that's his role model," said Amato.

Cotchery, who said he's part teacher and part player at times, tells them the little things.

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Brian Clark hauls in one of his four receptions against Georgia Tech. After catching just two passes a year ago, Clark already has 20 grabs this year, while starting opposite Jerricho Cotchery at wide receiver.

Huskies are dangerous



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Dan Orlovsky takes a snap; LeAndre Dupree blocks.

Andrew Tanker
 Staff Writer

Quick, N.C. State or Connecticut?

The No. 4 passer in the country, the leading rusher in the nation before injury, and a receiver with just as many receptions as Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald, who many believe is the best player in the country.

Answer: Connecticut.

That aforementioned trio isn't State's Philip Rivers, T.A. McLendon and Jerricho Cotchery, rather Connecticut's Dan Orlovsky, Terry Caulley and Shaun Feldeisen, a talented offensive group that has led the Huskies to a 4-2 record in just their fourth season as a

member of Division 1.

"Unfortunately they've [UConn] been throwing the ball quite a bit," State coach Chuck Amato said. "Until their tailback got hurt in the Virginia Tech game, he was leading the country in rushing."

Orlovsky has 1,716 yards passing and 16 touchdowns, which is second best in the country.

"They have a quarterback that has an awful lot of experience as a junior," Amato said. "He's kind of like Philip [Rivers], he's 6-foot-5, not quite as heavy and he knows their system, and they do a lot of good things."

Thirty-two of Orlovsky's passes have been thrown

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Connecticut at N.C. State

Carter-Finley Stadium
 1 p.m. kickoff

Series record This is the first ever meeting between the two teams.

Last time out N.C. State lost for the eighth consecutive time at Georgia Tech, falling 29-21. Connecticut downed Division 1-AA Lehigh 35-17 at home last Saturday.

Match-up to watch Let's say it one more time, N.C. State's pass defense is ranked next-to-last in the nation. This week, it's sure to be tested again. Senior Dan Orlovsky has started 18 games under center and is among the school's leaders in most passing categories. His 16 touchdown passes are second in the nation and he threw for over 300

yards against Virginia Tech's stingy defense.

Did you know? Earlier in the season, Connecticut received its first votes for the top 25 in school history when the Huskies garnered six votes in the Sept. 1 poll. UConn is in just its fourth year of Division 1.

Worth noting Huskie running back Terry Caulley was leading the nation in rushing before he tore his ACL against Virginia Tech on his second carry of the game...State is leading the ACC and is eighth in the nation averaging 39.7 points per game...T.A. McLendon has dressed in full pads the last two games, yet has yet to step on the playing field...State goes for its 500th win as a program again this week.

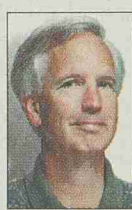
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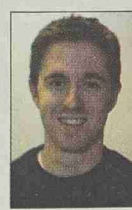
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