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Graduate students may see some green

[Editor's Note: This article is part of a four-part series addressing the four areas that will be affected by the proposed campus-initiated tuition increase.]

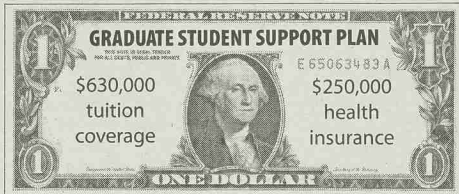
Tyler Dukes
Staff Reporter

For graduate student Faith Inman, coming to N.C. State came down to one thing. "There was funding here, straight up," Inman said. "I mean, N.C. State is a great school and

everything, but there are a lot of great schools."

Inman, a master's student in botany, is covered under the Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP), an aid package structured to assist students who meet certain eligibility requirements within the NCSU graduate school.

The GSSP covers all students who are granted a teaching, research or extension assistantship and are paid a minimum stipend of \$666.67 per month.



It provides full tuition coverage and health insurance at no extra cost for a certain number of semesters. The GSSP does not

cover student fees.

Although final numbers will only be calculated if the current campus-initiated tuition increase

proposal is passed, current percentages allocate 12 percent of generated revenue to the GSSP. The majority of this funding will be utilized to offset the cost of the increased tuition.

Another function of this allocation is to counteract the constantly escalating costs of health insurance.

Although insurance premiums increase every year, there is currently no annual budget increase for the GSSP program to compensate for these rising costs

About 2,100 of the 5,665 graduate students currently receive both tuition coverage and health insurance under the GSSP. An additional 200 students receive only health insurance, having exceeded the maximum number of semesters for eligibility.

According to University Graduate Student Association President Chad Jordan, the support plan can give extra incentive to graduate students currently in the

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Putting together the pieces

Police try to decipher what happened in an apartment where two former students were found dead.

Anna Kroyer
Staff Reporter

Police suspect that three shots were fired in an apartment at the Lodge at Southpoint in Durham, NC, on Nov. 6. Two were fired at recent N.C. State graduate Amena Khan, killing her. The final shot was self-inflicted by Najeebullah Naimee, a former NCSU student, who allegedly harassed Khan repeatedly during her last year at NCSU.

Now police and NCSU students are trying piece together what happened.

Khan had filed complaints about Naimee stalking her in 2002, and Durham police are unclear of when Naimee reappeared, but they believe that he observed Khan in her apartment on Nov. 3 or 4 in a rented van with tinted windows.

"He had threatened to kill her once before. I don't think she thought he was still after her, because she hadn't mentioned him. In fact, I think, she thought he had left the state," close friend Seema Khan said.

In the spring of 2002, Khan began to feel threatened by Naimee, who she had shared classes with since arriving in North Carolina in 2001. At first Naimee began following Khan to classes and then physically restraining her to keep her from walking away.

Mahroo Ahsan, a friend and classmate, said that Khan had been kind to Naimee at first, but she soon started to fear him.

When Khan refused to talk to Naimee and asked him to leave her alone, he began using threatening language and calling her home phone.

During the summer of 2002, Khan finally told a professor about

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Timeline of events leading to Amena Khan's death

Spring 2002
Amena Khan began being harassed by Najeebullah Naimee

June
Naimee attempted to call Khan 82 times according to cell phone bill.

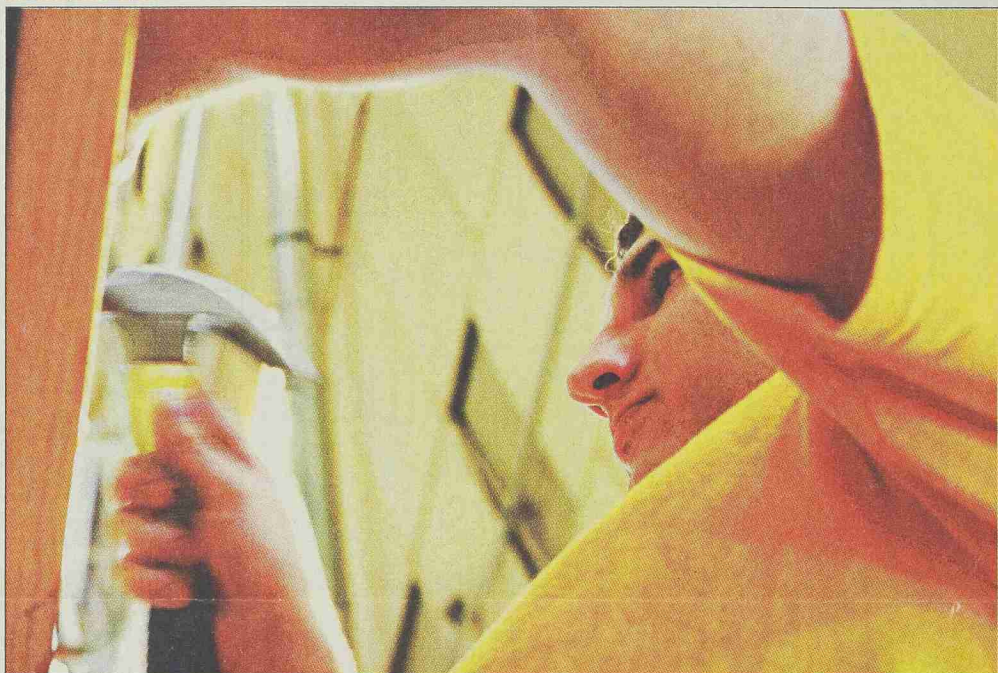
July
Naimee cornered Khan in a computer lab and then later followed her in a parking deck while shouting at her.

July 15
Khan talked to a professor about a student who was bothering her, but she did not give a name. She was advised to go to the NCSU Office of Student Conduct.

September
The Student Conduct Office recommended that Khan write a letter describing Naimee's harassment. She submitted the letter to the office.

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WEAVING ART



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First year college freshman Jeremy Benson hammers tiny nails into a wooden frame, creating a loom into which he will weave a self-portrait. The loom is a project for a two-dimensional design class, and "we can make them out of whatever we want," said Benson.

Students can dine out to support food banks

Over 200 Triangle restaurants will donate part of their profits today to local food banks.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

Whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner, if students decide to eat out at certain restaurants today they will be helping local food banks raise money that will help feed others. The 15th annual RSVVP (Restaurants Sharing V(5) + V(5) Percent) will collect 10 percent of over 200 triangle res-

taurants' gross for all three meals served today including drive-thru receipts and alcohol purchases.

"The more people eat, the better the restaurants do, and the more that 10 percent will be," Alison Kramer, the Raleigh representative for the Food Bank of North Carolina, said.

All of the Raleigh and Cary restaurants' contributions will go to the Food Bank of NC, but Carrboro restaurants will contribute to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service and the Durham restaurants will donate to the Durham Community Kitchen.

The RSVVP event is just as

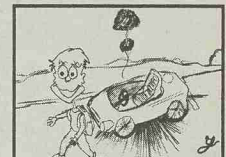
much about raising money for food as raising awareness about people who cannot afford to purchase food.

"We hope that this event will raise awareness about hunger in the Triangle," Kramer said. According to Kramer, nearly 200,000 people in the Triangle are at risk for hunger, and an additional 60,000 children in this area may not be getting enough to eat.

Hurricane Isabel affected many people on the east coast of North Carolina, and the lack of food is spreading to additional families

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Star shines brightly at Kilgore Hall

A bamboo star created by landscape design students is both pleasing and practical.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

Kilgore Hall already has one of the more interesting front yards among N.C. State classroom real estate. Bursts of well-tended flowers mix with colorfully diverse grass patterns and a bamboo lurching and studying spot curls around like an "Elvis toupee."

Now, landscape design students have added another sculpture to decorate the space outside of the building - a hanging star.

The project was the brainchild of the Residential Landscape Design Studio course for landscape design majors. Every semester they create one sculpture, and last year's project, the "Elvis toupee," is still weathering wind and rain in front of Kilgore Hall.

The star, which at this point is unnamed, hangs off a long cable draped between two trees

between Scott and Kilgore Hall. From a construction point of view, many say the 3-D structure is impressive in itself, but it really catches the eye when it automatically lights at 5 p.m.

"It seems to float in midair at night," Jack Templeton, a senior in landscape design, said about the pointed star.

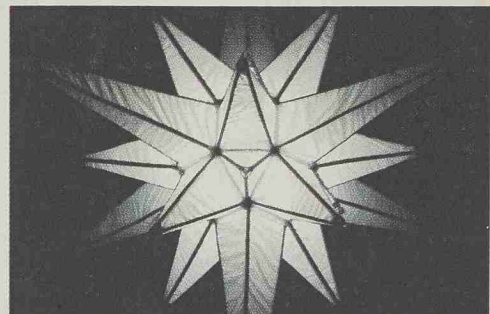
The students used bamboo to construct the star's body. Will Hooker, the professor for the studio class, calls it an "ephemeral bamboo sculpture." This means

that structure is not permanent, but it can last anywhere from six hours to multiple years. He has been helping his students make these sculptures for 15 years. The "Elvis toupee" has lasted a year and a half thus far.

While the project hopes to add an aesthetic element to campus, it had a practical purpose for its creators as well.

"Figuring out how to put it together and keep it together,

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Will Hooker's residential landscape design studio built this sculpture over a week's time. All students in the class participated in the star's construction.

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her problems. The professor advised her to make a report with the Office of Student Conduct.

It was not until Sept. 18 that Khan officially named Naimee as her stalker. In the meantime, Naimee had registered for several of Khan's fall classes.

Khan wrote about six specific incidents where Naimee harassed her, including being cornered in the Nelson Hall computer lab, being followed across campus on two occasions throughout the progress of an entire day, receiving 5-6 threatening phone calls per day, being physically restrained in the stairwell of a school building and being aggressively chased while driving from a campus parking lot to a Durham mall where Khan's husband directed her to security officers.

Seema Khan was a friend with Khan during the time that Khan dealt with the harassment. She said that she remembers Khan feeling afraid and often terrified of Naimee.

"She attempted to get a restraining order from the Durham and Raleigh police, but they would not permit her to; they said that restraining orders are only given out for domestic reasons," Seema Khan said.

On Sept. 19, NCSU Campus Police met with Naimee and addressed the harassment and stalking allegations from Khan. He claimed that they were friends and had dated and then agreed to have no further contact with Khan. Naimee was issued a letter of Interim Suspension from Paul Cousins, the Director of Student

Conduct.

The letter stated, "While you are on suspension, you may not attend class, reside in the residence halls or come on to the campus of NC State without permission from myself [Cousins] or the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs."

The Office of Student Conduct told Naimee that he must report the results of a psychiatric assessment to the Vice Chancellor and was given the opportunity to appeal his suspension.

Naimee was given an appeal hearing on Oct. 1. At the hearing, Naimee reversed the roles and claimed that it was Khan who would not leave him alone. He said that they had dated until he found out that she was married and then she had claimed to be separated.

Thomas Stafford, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, rescinded the interim suspension from Cousins on Oct. 1. Naimee was not supposed to have contact with Khan and he was ordered to drop the classes he had with her.

Records show that the Office of Student Conduct attempted for a second time to contact Naimee for an update on Oct. 17 and was unable to find him. At this point Naimee seemed to disappear.

On Dec. 13, a hold was placed on all NCSU records for Naimee failing to contact the Office of Student Conduct.

Khan graduated with a degree in business management in the marketing concentration in May of 2003. She began to work at CK Associates and model with John Casablanca, and as far as most of her friends could tell, she had moved on.

But police believe Khan's plans came to a halt on Nov. 6 when Naimee pulled a gun on her. Her

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Sept. 16
Naimee followed Khan from NCSU to her apartment in Durham.

Sept. 18
Khan reported Naimee to Campus Police for harassment and stalking.

Sept. 19
NCSU Campus Police met with Naimee, giving him a letter of Interim Suspension from the Office of Student Conduct. Naimee claimed they had dated and denied harassment; police instructed Naimee to have no further contact with Khan.

Oct. 1
Appeal hearing: Appeal approved by NCSU Office of Student Conduct if Naimee agreed to not contact Khan and drop his classes with her.

Oct. 17
Office of Student Conduct failed in an attempt to contact Naimee for an update.

Dec. 13
Hold placed on all Naimee's NCSU records for failing to contact Office of Student Conduct; Naimee disappeared and did not return to NCSU.

May 17, 2003
Khan graduated from NCSU.

Nov. 3 or Nov. 4
Naimee sat in a tinted-window rental van outside Khan's apartment.

Nov. 6
Three shots are fired in Khan's Durham apartment. She and Naimee are found dead.

close friend Seema described her as one who knew what she wanted in life and was going after it.

"Amena was a beautiful person inside and out. Anyone who met her would automatically fall in love with her because she treated everyone the same way. She had a great enthusiasm for life. I will really miss her," Seema Khan said.

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process of selecting a college for a master's or doctoral degree.

"They look at schools with programs that give them the most benefit for the time they are willing to commit to the university," Jordan said.

The GSSP allows NCSU to remain in close competition with other institutions for top graduates from all over the nation; and as dean of the graduate school, Bob Sowell explains, the competition is fierce.

"Without this plan, we would not be competitive and would not bring in the top students," Sowell said. "In some [academic] areas, the stipends now are too low to be competitive. Students would not come to this university; they would go somewhere else."

According to Sowell, the quality of graduate students that attend NCSU ties directly into the faculty and the quality of academic programs.

"These faculty and scholars set standards of excellence that will enrich the learning environment

GSSP ACROSS THE SOUTH EAST

	UNC	NCSU	UGA
graduate students enrolled	7,857	5,665	6,462
benefits of support plan	full tuition health insurance	full tuition health insurance	\$25 tuition charge
graduates supported	2600/7857	2300/5665	3000/6462
program value	\$21 million	\$16 million	\$25 million

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not just for the graduate students, but for the undergraduates as well," Sowell said.

Opinions about the proposed increases vary widely, even among graduate students covered by the support plan.

"To keep the same standards of education, prices have to go up, but it's hard for a lot of people to pay more," Inman said.

"One of my biggest concerns is for those without coverage under the GSSP," chemical engineering doctoral student Esther Wilcox said. "When you see tuition increasing and you already have \$30,000 worth of debt, it definitely starts to look daunting."

Jordan, who also served on the Tuition Task Force, recognizes that mixed sentiments from many graduates made his

decision concerning the proposal a difficult one.

"When I voted, I was in communication with a lot of graduate students. I got a lot of mixed feedback," Jordan said. "There are going to be graduate students who can't cope with this increase, especially those that are here part-time. It will price some of these students out."

Despite the fact that less than half of existing graduate students are covered by the GSSP, Jordan remains confident in the success of NCSU's graduate program in light of the proposed increases.

"I don't think enrollment is going to go down," Jordan said. "People will always pursue graduate education."



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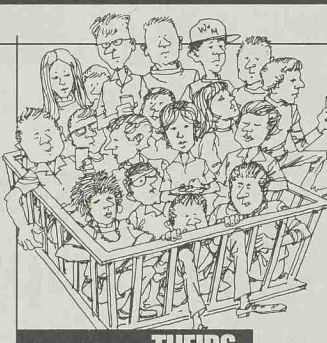
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because of the hurricane's toll on homes and whole communities, which Kramer says makes this year's RSVVP event especially important.

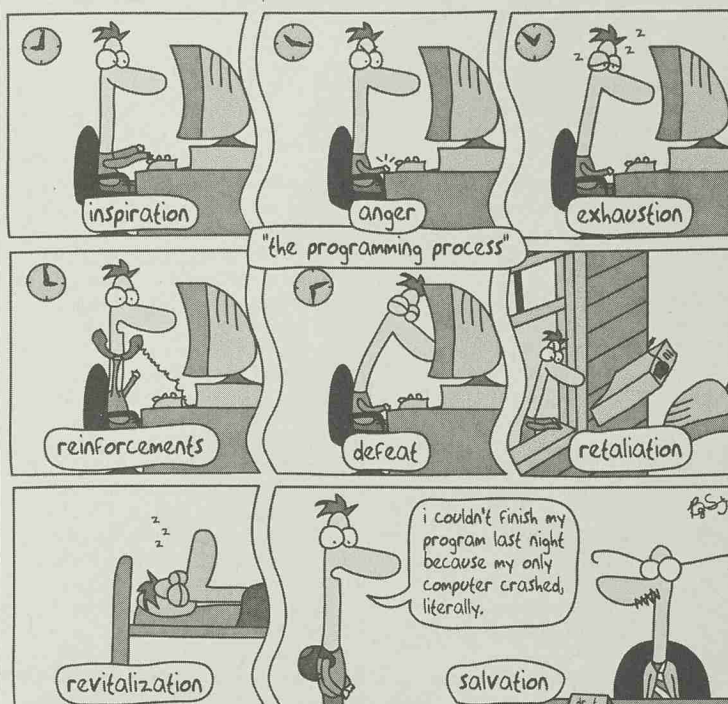
While the Food Bank of NC isn't predicting the amount of money they will bring in with RSVVP, they are planning for a positive turnout.

"We hope this will be our most successful year ever for RSVVP," Kramer said.

RSVVP participating restaurants:

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| Armadillo Grill | Lady Finger's Catering |
| Barbecue Lodge | Leonardo's (Sal's Restaurant) |
| Bella Monica | Lilly's Pizza |
| Ben & Jerry's | Lucky 32 |
| Berkely Cafe | Manchester's Bar and Grill |
| Bloomsbury Bistro | Mo's Diner |
| Boondini's Sandwich Superstore | Neo-China |
| Casa Carbone Ristorante | Nicolas Ristorante |
| Char-Grill | NOFO |
| Circus Family Restaurant | Piccola Italia |
| Crystal Palace | Red Hot and Blue |
| El Rodeo (Wake Forest Rd.) | Seaboard Cafe |
| Gino Russo's Oyster Bar & Restaurant | Subconscious Subs |
| Imperial Garden Chinese Restaurant | Sunflower's Sandwich Shop |
| | The Third Place |
| | Tir na nog Irish Pub |

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how do you glue it, wire it, how does it stay together, what are the materials that you need to make it, these questions are all a part of the process," Hooker said.

The students had to go out and harvest the bamboo from a field near Cameron Village first, and then they had to plan what shape it would take and how they could get the frame pieces to stay together. The students ended up using wire to connect the bamboo pieces and a type of industrious glue to attach the fabric pieces to the frame.

The structure has proved to be durable thus far. It survived the recent windstorm that swept through campus.

"I was a little worried [when the storm came] because we didn't really have a chance to pretest anything. We didn't know how it would stand it, so it was good that it came through," Patsy Cross, a senior in landscape design, said.

The students work on eight to 12 projects during the semester. They help design landscaping for residential homes and they are currently working on designs for the Joslin Garden, a scenic space that was donated to NCSU in 1997.

Hooker's students were able to plan, construct and even climb trees during the weeklong effort to create their star. Templeton was the official "tree guy," and he strapped on safety equipment to scale the trees and hang the wires that would later support the star.

"I do a lot of tree work on the side, so it was a lot of fun for me to do that, but the trickiest part was doing the tedious stuff so high because you don't have much to hold onto," Templeton said.

Now that the star, which Sean Leen, a junior in landscape design, likened to a Christmas star, is airborne, its creators enjoy passing it as they go back to work in Kilgore.

"I think for me, when I'm leaving and I'm stressed because of work, I'll see it in the evening and it is like a symbol of serenity. It's got a really nice cool bluish-white color to it that's very relaxing at night. It brings peace to our minds," Judy Morgan-Davis, a senior in landscape design, said.

Some of the students also hope that projects like the star that the student body can see will help bring new understanding to what landscape design students tackle in their courses.

"A lot of students think we mow grass and they don't think we have artistic ability or any vision about doing something beyond turf. I think it's really cool for us to really step of the box that people put us into and show them what we can do," Nick Waddell, a senior in landscape design, said. "If we can put something up that makes somebody smile, makes somebody's day a little better, that's really cool."

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

KEEP THE NEW SIGNS PRETTY

OUR OPINION: THE NEW SIGNS OUTSIDE OF BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS GIVE THE UNIVERSITY A COMMON IDENTITY THAT IS NEEDED ON A CAMPUS THAT IS ARCHITECTURALLY DIVERSE.

College architecture has changed dramatically since the turn of the century. While many campuses, such as Duke and Carolina all employ the same architecture styles to give the campus a uniform look, N.C. State is a time capsule of the design changes the university has undergone in terms of the styles the laboratories, dormitories and classrooms are built in.

In fact, the plan for building new structures on campus is to design them in the latest architectural style. This gives individual parts of the campus, or neighborhoods, a distinct feel all their own.

For example, East Campus, where NCSU's campus began, has a traditional

feel to it, with its classical style. New buildings were constructed in modern styles as the campus moved westward, and they too have their own architectural feel. While this system of neighborhoods is aesthetically pleasing, it also gives the campus a disjointed feel.

That is where new signs come in.

As some have noticed, outside many of the buildings, new building nameplates, in a modern design are cropping up. These new nameplates not only identify the name of the building, but what academic department is housed there or what residential program is in place.

The new additions replace the older, out-of-date nameplates that have forlornly adorned many of the residence halls, but also adds a modern touch of class and unity to a campus that is architecturally different.

These new signs are bright and shiny and only enhance the landscape around campus, and they follow the same style

used for the street signs on campus. Because the nameplates are new, it would be nice to keep them that way. Some of the old signs were dirty, ugly, or defaced beyond recognition. As a result, visitors to campus had to guess at which building was which. The old signs detracted from the architectural beauty of the buildings themselves.

(But it wouldn't hurt if they were spelled correctly. Talley Student Center is spelled with an "ey", not just "y".)

As the university moves ahead with new construction on Main and Centennial Campus, the neighborhood system is optimally utilized by the University Architect's Office. The buildings are constructed in the latest modern style, which stays true to the overall NCSU architectural plan.

These new nameplates, while detailed, add a great deal to the landscape of each neighborhood and give the campus a unique identity.

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The new SMA Board

New SMA Board illegal

WHILE THE CHANGES TO THE SMA BOARD WERE NEEDED, THE PROCESS USED TO REARRANGE THE BOARD WAS ILLEGAL.

My very first class at N.C. State was Chemistry 101. I'm not sure that I learned anything about Chemistry that first day, but after 50 minutes of sitting in a classroom of more than 200 students,



Natalie Duggins
Special Assistant to the Student Body President

I learned one important thing about NCSU: on a campus so large, it's hard to be known as anything other than a number.

In CH 101, I was seat H-11, at Lil' Dino's, I was order number 49 and in most other places, I was just my student ID number. It wasn't long before I realized that I wanted something more.

My older suitemates understood my frustration and convinced me to define myself through involvement.

One suitemate, in particular, talked about her involvement with the campus radio station and had me convinced that WKNC was the best thing since sliced bread.

The next day, I'd go up to the WKNC studios to apply and, as fate would have it, the door was locked. I ended up walking next door to Technician and, before I left, I had gained a weekly slot as a columnist.

By the time I left Technician some years later, I had served as a columnist, section editor, copy editor, news reporter, page designer and an impromptu photographer. I'd go on to spend some time, however begrudgingly, heading another media and pursuing other interests.

I say all that, not to bore you with the details, but instead to illustrate this point: knowledge of the challenges facing student media isn't exclusive to those who are currently running them.

Did the Student Media Advisory Board need to be changed?

Yes - even when the board was operational, it never really was functioning and it certainly wasn't advising on anything. As an editor, I lamented going to SMA meetings because they were, essentially, a waste of time.

All this talk about conflict of interests is speculative because, with rare exceptions, the SMA has always been a rubber stamp for whatever the individual media were doing.

But while there's little doubt that the board needed changing, that still doesn't excuse the process and the changes that were made, both in contradiction to SMA's own statutes and the student body constitution.

The editors, which by their own admission view their past participation as "incestuous," sat down over the summer to draft, however incestuously, a new board composition.

Thanks to a glitch in the spring elections' server, there were no student members of the board and the old statutes provide for the board's operation in their absence.

What is really puzzling, though, is why the editors chose to leave the student body president and the student body treasurer out of their discussions? Clearly, they knew that both elected officials were members of the board because they knew enough to exclude them from the new board.

By not providing them with notice of meetings, the editors violated their own statutes and ironically, perhaps even the cornerstone of free press in the state, the North Carolina Open Meetings law.

The results of those summer meetings weren't apparent until early October. Instead of having seven elected student members, the board would now have three elected student members and three students appointed by university administrators.

The positions for the Student Body President and Treasurer were gone, as were the voting rights for the media editors. You could argue the semantics of those decisions, but that's another issue...the real issue here is the student body constitution.

Article V, Section 2 of the student body constitution determines the preliminary composition of the SMA, not the group's statutes. Accordingly, the composition of the board should be, at least: one representative from each of the six media, seven elected representatives from the student body, the student body president and the student body treasurer.

In accordance with their popular mandate, the student body elected seven students this fall to the SMA board - three of them have a spot on the newly constituted board, while the other four have been left without a place at the table.

Before the conspiracy theorists out there start suggesting that this is somehow a part of some

Government effort to control the media, one thing should be made clear: SMA's addition to the constitution wasn't a decision made by Student Government control, the one thing should be made clear: SMA's addition to the constitution wasn't a decision made by Student Government control.

The then-chair of the SMA requested that the student media be added to the constitution, the Senate obliged by putting it on the ballot as a referendum in April 2002.

The effort passed, with the overwhelming support of the student body. This isn't a question of Student Government control; it's a question of popular control.

So let's summarize:
Did the SMA board need to be changed?
Yes.

Did the editors make those changes properly?
No.

Are the changes to the SMA legal, as determined by Constitution?
Absolutely not.

We can continue to waste time arguing about what structure is better, but the fundamental facts remain the same. The SMA can't continue to operate in violation of the student body constitution, so it's incumbent upon everyone, at this point, to go back and make the necessary changes legally so that the media and its advisory board, can operate fully and freely.

The Society of Professional Journalists has a stringent Code of Ethics, which says, in part, "Journalists should abide by the same high standards to which they hold others."

For weeks now, Technician has condemned the Student Senate for not adhering to the will of the student body on issues concerning fees.

Now, the challenge for Technician and the five other media will be whether they can abide by that same high standard to which they hold everyone else.

New SMA Board needed

A LACK OF PURPOSE AND INTEREST MADE A NEW BOARD NECESSARY TO BETTER SUPPORT THE STUDENT MEDIA OUTLETS.

One time when I was 20, I wrecked the plumbing in my family's beach house. I went down for a weekend over the winter and tried to empty the water pipes before I left like I had been told to do.



Jamie Proctor
General Manager
88.1 WKNC-FM

When I went down the next time, all of the pipes had frozen and busted. Other than ruining my spring break plans, the most frustrating thing about this was that I had listened to my dad a little more, none of this would have happened. I thought I knew what I was doing and I thought I was doing the right thing.

Another thing that happened when I was 20 was that I became the general manager of WKNC, the student-run radio station here at N.C. State and was placed in charge of an \$85,000 budget. It also became my job to make sure WKNC followed the endless maze of rules that are part of media law. Just like taking a class at NCSU, being a media head in SMA is a learning process. I knew this coming in and was excited to be a student of radio management; the problem thus far is that

I've been a student without a teacher.

The SMA Advisory Board exists as a means of oversight and supervision of the student media. The media are student funded property of the university, so it's natural that there would be a mechanism to prevent some agenda set student from unilaterally managing a medium. The media board also

serves as a resource for the managers, providing advice and insight from its more objective perspective. The problem with the media board as it existed earlier this year was that it was not serving either of these purposes.

The media board, as it was arranged, consisted of seven elected students, editors of the six media and the student body president, each with voting privileges, as well as the student body treasurer and student media adviser, both without voting privileges. Elected students had a majority of the seats as well as the chair, and quorum required their attendance for a vote to occur. The problem was a lack of interest by these elected students. At best, students would be elected to the seats and not come to the monthly SMA meetings; other times, there were not even enough students to fill the seats and they had to be appointed by Student Senate.

Eventually, the SMA board became nothing more than the student media editors and the SBP giving advice and voting on media issues like budget and editorial selection. In other words, the editors of the newspaper and the yearbook were voting on the issues of the radio station; the editor of the Nubian Message and I were voting on the issues of Americana. Now, if there's anyone at SMA who knows slightly less about FCC regulations than I do, it's the editors of other media, and if there's anyone who knows less about print advertising issues than the editors of Tech-

nician, it's me. It is the job of the managers of the media to manage their media; they should not also have to oversee the other media.

That old arrangement of the SMA Board also allowed for serious conflicts of interest. There is an obvious conflict when the president of a body has control of its media - imagine if George W. was a voting member of the board at the Associated Press. There was also a conflict in the ability of the editors to vote on their own advisory board. That conflict became clear to us at our first SMA meeting as media heads, which happened to the April budget meeting. One of the duties of the SMA Board is to approve the budgets of each of the student media and for SMA as a whole. When the SMA board consisted of nothing more than the editors of the media the budget meeting could be nothing more than infighting by each of the media heads for their share of the money.

We decided after that meeting that it was time to devise a new board arrangement, and with the help of our adviser, a new board was designed. In general, that board was designed so that it would eliminate the conflicts of interest and be capable of serving its own goals.

The new board eliminates conflicts of interest by removing the position of the student body president and student body treasurer and makes the heads of the student media non-voting members of the board. In their stead, the new board attempts to bring in professionals - two academic and three unaffiliated with the university - whose perspective and advice have already proven to be valuable. These are people familiar with real world media and have years experience.

The new board design also seeks to improve the role of students, who maintain the majority of votes and the vast majority of seats on the new board. The dean of CHASS is able to appoint two students to the board and the communications department head has one appointment. The idea here is that students in these colleges are likely to have relevant education about the topics of student media. However, just as the student media are not exclusive to these colleges, (I began at WKNC as an engineering major, and one of Technician's editors-in-chief is in computer science.) nor does the SMA board intend to be. There are still three at-large elected positions to the board, and it is our hope that by reducing this number, the students are elected will be interested enough to actually show up at our meeting.

One criticism of the new board design is the power it gives to administrators and professionals in what is intended to be student media. I liken that power to the power of a student's academic adviser. SMA is an educational experience just like classes are. A student is required to have his plan of study approved by his academic adviser, yet this doesn't prevent students from making their own decisions about their education.

SMA gives a similar supervisory to the SMA board, the majority of which is students, but the media are still managed and operated by students.

The meeting of the new media board that occurred Tuesday evening, or at least the first hour of it, was the most productive SMA meeting anyone remembers.

The problem is that we in SMA are not politicians, nor were we ever meant to be. We were chosen to manage our respective media, and I hope that sometime soon we can get back to doing that.

There is a new SMA Board in place to manage Student Media. But is it legal?

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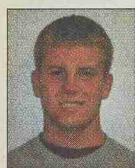
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 Cross Country in Nationals, 11/24

TECHNICIAN



Heartbreak revenge

It is beyond me how Philip Rivers had the strength to muster a smile as he shook Bobby Bowden's hand after the game on Saturday. How



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Staff Writer

can someone who just put his heart and soul into a grueling four and a half hour game, only to come up short in double overtime - smile?

I couldn't stand to see the look on his face. For the second time this season, State lost by inches to a powerhouse in overtime. Rivers made a valiant effort to be respectful and smile to the opposition, but I knew his heart was shattered. I can't imagine what that felt like.

I consider myself lucky. Only a handful of things had ever really broken my heart in college. Only simple stuff, really. Like the cancellation of the Wayans Brothers' show, not scoring tickets to the sold-out Clay Aiken concert at the RBC Center, and the constant rejection from Mandy Moore at my date proposals.

Wolfpack fans have had their share of broken hearts over the past couple of years. The main culprit? A foe some 300 miles to the north — Maryland.

In my three years at State, no team has given the Wolfpack so much anguish as Maryland. The Terrapins always fool State fans into thinking the Pack has certain victory. State will be up late in the game and it seems as if only a catastrophic collapse could spoil the win. Then right at the last minute, the dagger sets in. Some clutch call or busted play goes against State's favor.

Here are a few:

Nov. 17, 2001 — Carter-Finley Stadium
 My nerves were fried like a bucket of chicken from the Colonel. Carter-Finley was in utter pandemonium. One could probably hear the roar of the crowd from Blue Ridge Road. State had just about sealed a victory in a classic nail-biter. Lamont Reid chased down Terp receiver Rich Parson and stripped the ball moments before he could cross the goal line for a touchdown.

Levar Fischer scooped up the loose ball and it seemed victory was certain. Up 19-16 with under three minutes remaining, all State had to do was get a first down, take a couple knees and the game was over. Sounds simple enough. But what happened? A three-and-out. Maryland had the ball back, but no timeouts. A timely "injury" to an offensive lineman, who came back on the very next play, afforded the Terps an extra timeout. They drove 61 yards down the field to score the winning touchdown. The once raucous crowd had the silence of a graveyard. State fans stood motionless, in utter disbelief as Maryland fans pelted oranges onto the field.

Nov. 9, 2002 — Byrd Stadium. College Park, Md.

My buddies and I took a seven-hour bus ride to College Park, leaving Raleigh at 5 a.m. After State went up 21-7 in the third quarter, my suitemate stripped down to his briefs and busted out his "party-boy" routine on some Maryland fans. I thought that was as good an omen as any.

But once again, I was wrong. The Terps put on a late charge, scoring two quick touchdowns to tie the game. A bomb from Scott McBrien to Steve Suter put the Terps on State's 14-yard line with under a minute remaining. I got that sinking feeling in my stomach. Not the one when you've had too much El Rodeo, but the one when you know something bad is about to happen.

I bit my lip and threw my hat down in disgust. I said a few color-

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Amato campaigns for Rivers

WOLFPACK COACH CAN'T BELIEVE HIS QUARTERBACK ISN'T AMONG TALKED-ABOUT HEISMAN TROPHY CANDIDATES.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

For as long as Chuck Amato has been around, there's been one name — and one name only — that has been synonymous with N.C. State football. Ask the coach at any point during the last three years who the greatest player in Wolfpack history is, and "Roman Gabriel" would have come off his lips as if he'd read the mind of the interviewer and knew the question before it was asked.

After the career and season quarterback Philip Rivers has put together — arguably the best season any quarterback has ever had in ACC history — Amato was asked again Monday if he still thought of Gabriel as the best ever to wear a Wolfpack uniform.

"Unfortunately not," the coach said. "And I don't mean that as a slight to Roman Gabriel. He did so many great things for that era...Just look what Philip did to some of the top defenses in the country. It's amazing."

Over the course of spectacular senior season, Rivers has broken every N.C. State and ACC passing record worth having. He has set several national records, too, and if Rivers manages to start Saturday against Maryland, he will break Donovan McNabb's NCAA record of 49 straight starts.

"Unless he gets with T.A. this week, he has a very good chance of starting his 50th," Amato said.

Rivers this season is doing things never done before by a college football player in the history of the sport. He's passed for 3,740 yards, 29 touchdowns and owns a completion percentage — 72 percent — that's better than a lot of free throw percentages.

Despite the great numbers and even better character, Rivers is overshadowed by dust on the Heisman Trophy radar screen. He's not even a faint blip.

And that has Amato seething. "He's having a spectacular senior season," Amato said. "And you know what



Philip Rivers shrugged off Florida State's pressure and played one of the best games of his career Saturday. His performance — 422 yards and four touchdowns against one of the nation's top pass defenses — barely garnered any national attention.

the sad part is? It's that it's totally going unnoticed. In the national spotlight, it is absolutely going unnoticed."

The coach then began to peddle Rivers, and made fun of the voting ideology that usually decides who is awarded the

Heisman. Typically, the more losses a team suffers, the more unlikely it is that a player from that team is recognized. State has four losses on the year, but two have been in overtime on the road against teams — Ohio State and Florida

State — that have spent the majority of the season ranked in the top 5.

"There's no reason in the world that he shouldn't be part of this Heisman [race]," Amato said. "It's just like last year, in the Virginia game. If a young man makes a catch in the end zone of the last play of that game, for a touchdown, and we win, [Rivers] is first-team all-ACC and he's player of the year. One play — give me a break."

"You mean if we kick one extra point on Saturday night, and we win, then he's in the top three of the Heisman Trophy — and guess what? He would be."

Instead of Rivers — who has the best numbers of any quarterback in the country this season — the top three Heisman candidates at this point appear to be Oklahoma quarterback Jason White, whose team is No. 1 in the country, Pittsburgh wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, whose team has three losses, and Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning, who has passed for roughly 1,000 yards less than Rivers and has thrown six less touchdowns.

Amato seemed offended that Fitzgerald is among the Heisman frontrunners and Pittsburgh has three losses, while Rivers is hardly mentioned and State has just one more loss.

"You know what?" Amato asked. "They're not wiping the wide receiver from Pittsburgh from it, and they've got three losses. That's wrong."

Though the Heisman Trophy appears to be a long shot for Rivers, Amato made sure the media knew his feelings on all-conference teams and player-of-the-year voting.

"Philip Rivers in four years has broken every ACC record and he's never been first-team All-ACC," Amato said. "And guess what, if you all don't vote him for it this year, they need to put you up against the wall."

"And I'll have the gun that has the bullet." It was unclear whether the coach was joking.

Wolfpack club makes ends meet

But the latest tuition increase will put a strain on an already limited ability to raise money.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

Even with an increasing contingent of out-of-state student-athletes coming to N.C. State, athletics director Lee Fowler isn't worried about the university's latest proposal for a \$300 tuition increase.

"If you've got a situation where you can't raise the money, you might have to look at limiting the number of out-of-state student-athletes, [among other things]," Fowler said. "But I can't see that happening in the near future at State."

Bobby Purcell, executive director of the Wolfpack Club, shares Fowler's confidence that the club will be able to raise sufficient funds to cover the costs of academic scholarships for the Wolfpack once again.

"We're very confident we'll be able to do it," Purcell said. "It's increasingly difficult with the economy like it is and with the cost of all the construction projects that we are overseeing, but we've got to get it done and we'll find a way to get it done."

In October, an N.C. State Tuition Task Force voted to recommend a \$300 hike in tuition for each of the next three years. Scholarships at N.C. State are 100 percent funded by the Wolfpack Club. In-state tuition this year costs the Wolfpack Club just under \$3,000 while out-of-state tuition currently exceeds \$14,000. Last year's budget was up to \$5.2 million — a \$400,000 increase from the year before. The current budget sits at \$5.7 million, but next year's budget is expected to experience another major increase.

However, Fowler said that the athletic department cannot estimate what next year's budget will be as of now. That figure won't be definite until after the spring signing period when there will be a distinction between the number of in-state and out-of-state students.

Purcell admits that it will be hard, considering current efforts by N.C. State to boost its facilities. The Wolf-



Santiago Fusiellier is fouled by Ian Odway of Maryland during the Wolfpack's 2-1 loss to Maryland in the ACC Tournament. State will be back in action Friday.

Pack back in NCAAs

The men's soccer team earns first NCAA Tournament bid since 1994 and will play Old Dominion in the first round.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

Members of the men's soccer team piled into an equipment room in Reynolds Coliseum Monday afternoon to await their fate as NCAA Tournament invitations were announced. They sat and waited, watching ESPN News to see if their season would continue.

After waiting for nearly an hour and watching nearly every spot become filled in the brackets, N.C. State finally heard its name. In the last bracket announced, the Wolfpack discovered it would be heading to Old Dominion to play in first round this weekend.

"We were just waiting," goalkeeper Jorge Gonzalez said. "We saw Clemson was in so we thought we had

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Lee Fowler (center) isn't too concerned over the rising cost of funding athletic scholarships.

pack Club is in the middle of the \$50 million Goal Line Drive campaign to renovate Carter-Finley Stadium, is near completion on improvements to Doak Field and construction of a new tennis center.

In addition, the men's basketball team is moving into a new practice center and plans are underway for a new women's softball field in conjunction with renovations to make Derr Track the new home for men and women's soccer.

Members can pay as little as \$20 to join the club, while "Lone Wolf" members pay \$18,000 a year. Purcell said the recruitment of new members is vital in raising additional funds.

"A big key for us is trying to maintain current members, but we've been able to attract a significant amount

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