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AllCampus changes in spring

Students will be getting new All-Campus cards due to changes in the AllCampus system.

Jessica Horne
Deputy News Editor

Faculty and students were shown the new changes to the AllCampus cards that will be implemented at the beginning of the spring semester during the Chancellor's Liaison Meeting on Wednesday.

Art White, associate vice chancellor of student affairs, introduced the new system that will be implemented on Jan. 7, 2004.

The new system will help to decrease identity theft by changing the nine digit number identifying students from their social security numbers to an assigned number, according to White.

This will help to develop a "cross-walk" between the new Student ID number to a 16 digit account number that is on embedded in the stripe on the back of the card.



Art White answers Sam Edward's question about the new All-Campus cards.

The 16 digit number will help transition the AllCampus card to debit cards, and eventually Visa check cards for students that have accounts with Wachovia Bank.

Expiration dates varying from three to five years, depending on the

student's classification, will also be used on the new cards.

When students return to campus for the spring semester, they will not be able to use their old AllCampus cards anywhere except for the Wolf Copy machines in the library.

Although the cards will be changing, Board Bucks and AllCampus account money will roll over to the spring semester as it has in the past.

All students, faculty, staff and affiliates of the university will receive new AllCampus cards in late December/early January.

Students who live on campus will receive their new cards through University Housing, while students who live off-campus and on Fraternity Cards will pick up their AllCampus Cards at the ticket windows in Reynolds Coliseum.

Departments will be in charge of passing out the new cards to their faculty and staff, as well as photo ID badges that are needed within select departments for restricted areas and for visibility purposes.

Beginning on Dec. 1, publicity will be put out about the new AllCampus system through mass e-mails, press releases, information on pay check stubs and information on the AllCampus

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Students drop off present to trustees

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

Just before 10 p.m. on Wednesday night, two members of the Board of Trustees (BOT) met in the parking lot at the Brownstone Inn.

"You ready for a long day?" asked Tony Caravano, student body president and member of the board.

"Absolutely," Steven Warren said.

It wasn't a late night strategizing before committee meetings today. Far from it. Instead, Caravano - and a handful of fellow student leaders - stopped in at the hotel to give the trustees a package to wake up to.

Inside were testimonials from students across campus about the effects of tuition increases on their lives and a resolution asking the board not to approve a tuition increase. Students also added a "Day in the Life" video that follows an N.C. State student through his own "personal story," starting at 6 a.m. when he hits the gym and navigating through a day of classes, jobs and extracurricular activities.

The students knew that the clock was running down before the trustees, the university's advisory board to the Board of Governors, would vote on a campus-initiated tuition increase for NCSU students. So far, both the Tuition Task Force and the chancellor have recommended a \$300 increase each year for three years.

Those proposals enter the next stage today when they land in the Student Affairs committee in the BOT for a vote. If passed, they will be voted upon by the entire board on Friday.

"Most administrators are having a nightcap right now while these students are working," said Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments as he surveyed the Student Government office where student leaders pieced together the packages and their pitch.

Student leaders spent most of the week calling trustees and circulating e-mails encouraging other students to send their concerns. They also increased the call for submissions to "Personal Stories," a compilation of stories by students, alumni and parents about the effects of budget cuts and tuition increases on their lives.

In addition to their own efforts, student leaders are asking that any concerned students show up to a special meeting on the increase with the Board of Trustees today at 12:15 in the Alumni Conference Room.

"We need people to be faces," said Student Body President Tony Caravano.

Amanda Devore, a senior in accounting, chimed in afterwards "Faces - not numbers."

JUSTICE IS SERVED



Sean Casey, student chief justice, gets pied Tuesday by Jennifer Hice, a freshman in textiles, to raise money for the Wolfpack Student Initiative.

Mmm... Pop!

Michele Popple balances her track career with academics, volunteering and friends.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

Michele Popple has more than enough nicknames to last her a lifetime. "People call me 'Pop'arazzi, Pop Tart, Popster, Pops, Poppy, Pop goes the Weasel, weezah," laughed Popple.

She even "popped" out two months before she was supposed to.

"I was born in Wilmington, N.C. at New Hanover Memorial Hospital while my parents were on vacation in Wilmington - at the beach. This was going to be their last vacation before I was born - they weren't quite expecting me yet. I was born two months early, so I messed up the plan quite a bit," Popple said.

Not much has changed since then.

Popple is always rushing out to get stuff done. She's a junior in chemistry and she still makes

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Michele Popple takes it slow for once on Derr Track. She runs through life on the track team and maintaining good grades.

Conflict in Iraq hits close to home

Students with family or friends in Iraq support the actions of their loved ones, but worry for their safety.

Shannon Holder
Staff Reporter

For Josh Harris, Iraq may be on the other side of the world but it's never far from his mind.

Harris, a junior in business management, has an uncle that has been deployed for a couple of months.

"I'm worried that he'll be killed," Harris said. His uncle, who is in the Army Reserves, has been moved from various bases throughout the world and will soon be stationed in Iraq. "The guerilla tactics that they're using over there don't lend themselves to the type of combat we train for," Harris said.

Harris, and other students with a personal tie to combat in Iraq, are worrying about the safety of family members who are still overseas. More than 150 US soldiers have been killed in the war-torn country since President Bush

declared an end to active combat on May 1. For Harris, there are a number of concerns.

"People are blowing stuff up left and right in that area," he said.

Harris' uncle has two small children, and he is frustrated that his uncle has had to leave his family behind.

"Most of all, I'm pissed off that he's being forced to abandon his wife and children and risk his life for such a poorly thought out and executed cause," Harris said.

Though Harris was not initially supportive of the Iraqi war, he is supportive of his uncle's decision to go there.

"I love my uncle," he said. "My qualms aren't with my uncle, or any of the soldiers, it's with the people whose lack of foresight and patience ended up putting them where they are now."

Harris has shared his opinion about war with his uncle. "The older I've gotten, the more he's come to respect my opinions."

Harris is adamant that just because he is not

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home page.
The issue of the Campus Initiated Tuition Increase (CITI) was also addressed at the meeting.
Chancellor Marye Anne Fox went over the recommendation that she sent to the Board of Trustees.
She explained that she didn't include exact percentages of where the CITI would be allocated in her recommendation on account of not knowing if there would be a line item for financial aid from UNC System President Molly Broad. If this line item goes through, then there will not be a need to allocate money from the proposed tuition increase to financial aid, thus making it hard for her to establish a percentage to the other proposed areas.
Fox also stressed that although the Board of Trustees will be voting on the proposed tuition increase on Friday, it will still go before the Board of Governors in February.
The Board of Trustees will be

holding an information session on the tuition increase today at 12:15 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room and will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday in 1132 Jordan Hall to vote on the increase.
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Tom Stafford, also addressed the recent problems with the Student Media Authority (SMA).
He said that although he feels the editors have identified and addressed the problems with the past SMA, they still did not follow the proper procedures as listed in the Student Body Constitution.
According to Stafford, a decision needs to be made in regards to the SMA as quickly as possible so that issues within the student media can be taken care of.
Taking into account the changes that will be facing students in the near future in regards to the new AllCampus system, the proposed tuition increases and the SMA situation, Student Body President Tony Caravano said, "It's important that we take into consideration the effects that our decisions will make on future students."

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time for volunteer work, cross country/track practice, good grades and fun.
When it came to college, N.C. State wasn't a sure bet at first.
"I was looking at Carolina, but chose State to meet a new and diverse group of people...People here are very down to earth and likeable, easy to get along with," Popple said. "I've met some of my best friends here and they'll be part of my life after college."
Popple is an academic and touts NCSU's academic record, as well.
"I came to State because of its national reputation in the science fields represented here, and of course because of its awesome running program," Popple said.
She is part of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and has been a Scholar-Athlete every semester since she's been here.
Popple volunteers at her home church, Wake Forest United Methodist Church, HOPE Community Church here in Raleigh

and at the Oxford Orphanage. She also participates in Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Action.
When Popple "grows up," she wants to be a forensic scientist. She plans to work at the State Bureau of Investigation as an intern this coming summer in order to get some quality experience in the field.
Popple has a close-knit family, which was another factor in looking at NC universities. Her parents are Dave and Linda and she has a little sister Jessica who might be headed here next year.
Her friends admire her well-roundedness.
Leslie Jimison, a junior in materials science and engineering and one of Popple's good friends said, "Michele is simply one of the greatest people in the world...she's so easy to get along with, and so easy to have fun with. She has an admirable work ethic and organizational skills."

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supportive of the military actions in Iraq, does not mean he is not supportive of the troops there.
"I think a big problem a lot of people had in this "united we stand" era is that they wouldn't sit down and realize that a person can oppose this war without opposing soldiers," he said.
While Harris' uncle is stationed abroad, Jennifer Sugar prepares to see her friend, John, depart to Iraq.
"He's like a brother to me," Sugar, a junior in biochemistry, said.
"When I start dating someone, he has to approve of them," she said with a laugh. Her friend recently left for training, and will only return for a few days before he leaves for Iraq in January.
"Right now he's in training, so I know that he is safe," she said.

"He's been in a war situation before, in Bosnia, so I feel that he is prepared for this," Sugar said. "Come January though, I might feel completely different."
Before her friend left for training, he prepared for his long stay by getting a new apartment in a safer neighborhood so he would not worry about his wife's safety while he was gone.
"I'm just trying to help out his wife as much as I can, 'cause I'm really concerned with how she feels," Sugar said. "I don't show her that I am upset about John leaving." Sugar is not as candid as Harris is about her feelings about Americans being in Iraq.
"I'm definitely not for John being in Iraq, but I really don't have an opinion on the subject," she said. "Regardless of how I feel about it, we're there. He's going over there. There isn't anything I can do about it."
"I just hope something good comes out of it."

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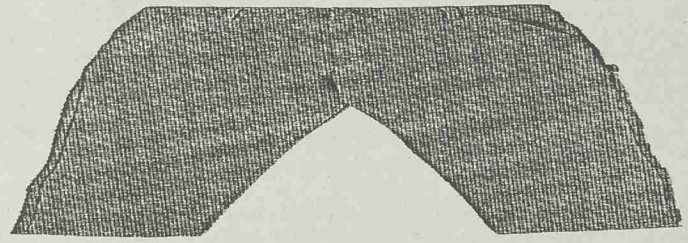
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EDUCATE OUR OWN FIRST

OUR OPINION: DESPITE A REPORT SUGGESTING THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT GIVE ENOUGH MONEY TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO HELP EDUCATE THEIR POOR, AMERICA MUST FIRST LOOK TO EDUCATING THEIR OWN.

A report by the Global Campaign for Education released Tuesday listed 22 countries, deemed "rich," that give aid to education efforts around the world. The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden were at the top of the list, while the United States, Greece and Denmark rounded out the bottom.

The report charged the United States as the least generous giver based on national income and gave George W. Bush 12 marks out of 100 when rating international leaders. This report was based on an agreement in 2000, called "Education for All" where countries pledged funds to give every child in the world a basic education by 2015.

Right now, over 100 million children

do not attend school and 150 million will not finish their elementary education this year. Others at the bottom of the list were Spain, Japan, Italy and Austria. A coalition of rich countries provides \$1.4 billion a year toward basic educations in poor countries, but \$5.6 billion more is needed to educate every child.

"The 5.6 billion...is one-fifth the amount Americans spend on pizza each year and half of what Europeans spend on ice cream," Oliver Buston, of the development group Oxfam, said.

While it is a nice thought to be able to educate all the poor children in the world, the reality is schools in America are struggling to maintain current levels of instruction thanks to state and federal budget cuts and impossible standards set by the "No Child Left Behind" initiative, championed by President Bush.

Yes, there is a need for school in poor and developing countries, where there are not schools. The United States

does give money toward that effort, but we must educate our own children first. Also, when it comes to advanced education in universities, the United States accepts thousands of exchange and international students every year into science, technology and humanity programs.

Right now, there are teams of military and civilian personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq attempting to rebuild those countries' infrastructure, including schools. But the fact remains each country must look to educating their own children in the elementary and secondary grades before sending aid and funding to other countries to educate their poor.

The world does look to America for aid when their economy is down, when there is a natural disaster and when they are being attacked. But when our own children are not being educated, it does not make sense to send tax dollars overseas to educate the world.

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Live your life to the fullest

Johnathan Brunson talks about how life can be taken away at any moment, so live it wisely.

My grandmother used to always tell me, "Live your life to the fullest because you do not know when it is your time to go." I heard my grandmother, but I always thought, "I am too young to die." My mother told me that by the time I would graduate from high school, I would lose many friends. She was right; I lost five friends I grew up with in the course of one year.

After my grand-

situations gave me the understanding that death has no preference. I have heard the phrase, "A bullet has no name on it," and now I know that neither does death. It did not matter what race, age or position any of those who died had in life when they were killed.

Once again, my purpose in this column is to encourage you all to live your lives to the fullest. As Martin Lawrence said in his one-man-show "Runteldat," "Ride it to the wheels fall off." Ride life until the wheels fall off. We waste our time trying to impress people who do not even like us. We get so excited about celebrities and other names except our own. There are two things we all know as far as certainty



Jonathan Brunson
Staff Columnist

mother died, I made it my vow to take her words into account and live my life to the fullest. I was beginning college at the time she died; therefore, I was still thinking, "I am young and in college, my time to go will be many years after I finish college." My mindset was ignorant, thinking I am immune from death because I am young and in college.

We all have experienced the death of a friend or loved one, but generally, it is easy for us to think only the old die. I began to really wake up from this false notion when last year, my fellow student Rose McMillan died. Recently, when six people died in Raleigh after being hit by a drunken man, I was struck and thought "Whoa!" Death is real for all of us. Twin brothers at this university lost both of their parents, a wife lost her mate and many families and friends were all affected by this terrible loss.

Also, last month in my hometown of Wilson, N.C., an 18-year-old female friend of mine was murdered. She was abducted from her car, and her body was found alongside a highway in my hometown.

My heart goes out to all of the people who lost loved ones in the situations I addressed or loved ones period. These

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is concerned: 1) Life is uncertain, and 2) Death is certain.

How do we all live life to the fullest? It takes a spiritual connection to God. Everything we do is uncertain. Working to get that A in a class is uncertain, because we may end up with a C in that class. Driving a car to work everyday is uncertain, because one day that car may break down. I used to worry about dying young or just worry

period. Now, having that spiritual connection with God, I do not let troubles in life worry me like they used to. Most people pray before meals because they understand that prayer is power. How can we live life to the fullest without God in it? You may believe in God or not, but most of us pray one time or another. We may just pray when bad things happen, but most of us do pray.

Who, other than God, knows our fullest potential? I know that I cannot put my trust in anything else in this world because I may get my feelings hurt. I had people in my life that I thought were my friends, but they talked behind my back. Being in touch with God is like being in touch with a connection that will always have my back.

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Needed Senate reform

Zack Medford is pushing for reforms to be made in Student Senate, like decreasing the number of senators.

I think it's about damn time for some Student Senate reforms. As illustrated with the tuition hearing scandal of the year, Senate is not doing its job to represent the student voice the way it's supposed to. The majority of students have no clue who represents them on Senate, and now that is starting to reflect in policy. People have suggested publicity campaigns and

Zack Medford

Senior Staff Columnist

e-mail lists to broaden the general knowledge about senators to the student body, but that's not going to cut it. There is a fundamental problem with the system when students are elected to senate positions with only a handful of votes.

Student Government is a representative democracy. We have a huge student body; we need representatives to make the policy process efficient. Somehow, the United States with its 650 million people only need 50 senators to represent them. Our Student Senate has 64 members and over half of these senators were elected by less than 200 votes in the Spring of 2003. In fact, at least eight of these elections were won by write-in candidates with a mere handful of votes. Don't get me wrong, many of our senators actually do their damndest to represent every single one of their constituents, but when you have senators winning with 30 votes, I'm sure constituency is hard

to keep in mind. Besides the "BLING! BLING! Big Willy Style" senate campaign this fall, (which I enjoyed), when was the last time you saw a senate candidate working hard to campaign to the general populace? It's not that they don't want to, it's simply there's no point in it - there's no competition. We do not need a 64-member senate. Period. There are only 29,000 students here at NCSU. When our student body president is voted into office by thousands of votes, we can't simply blame voter apathy. Students will never know who

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their senators are until the senate is made efficiently competitive. Only then can we make sure that the people who we elect are actually going to work for our causes.

The solution lies in no less than cutting the entire senate in half. If a 64-member senate can't get through a tuition meeting with outside input, maybe a 32-member senate can. Senators should still be elected pro-

portionally, but there should be less emphasis on the age level. Instead of designating between years, maybe we should define between upperclassmen and underclassmen. Give each college a specified number of seats, and let the general college elect the representatives.

Downsize senate and you will have candidates actually campaigning for votes. You'll have less "resume whorers" simply running to pad their metaphorical resume bra. You'll make sure people have some idea who actually represents them. You'll have a Student Senate that can efficiently represent our entire university. You'll have the power back in the student's hands. Maybe you will even have a strong candidate to defeat annual write-in candidate "Krzyszewski sucks."

It won't be an easy road of course. Some senators won't be too eager to give up their seats in the name of student power. But I believe that there are many more senators who would agree to the reforms, and would fight to bring Student Senate back to where it was originally supposed to be. The senator's who care about their students would not have anything to fear - their records will easily prove that they are working for the common good. It will take strong leadership, and an even stronger cooperation between members of the senate to cut their own ranks, but it's for the common good.

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Response to yesterday's Technician's View editorial

The Technician editors in Wednesday's Viewpoint article defending same-sex marriages defended the practice using a disturbingly incompetent argument. They say morals, what we should do, change from person to person and are irrelevant to the argument, while in the same paragraph they claim that we have a moral obligation to treat everyone equally. To say, "everyone should be treated equally," is a moral imperative, but if morals are different for everyone why

should I treat everyone equally? Aren't you forcing your morality on me? In logic, we call such an argument as this, "unsound." This logical blunder would almost be laughable if it weren't for the fact that so many Americans believe it. Legalizing homosexual marriage is a logically, socially and morally indefensible position and Wednesday's editorial only goes to illustrate this.

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Sign #3 you're in France: Satin cargo pants on cops

So there's this girl in my study abroad group who is just a pain in the ass. I mean, she's okay in small doses, she's just, you



Callan Polmer
Correspondent in France

know... the kind of person who has "La Bamba" playing on her cell phone. She whines a lot, and this whole study abroad thing can give many, many reasons to whine. Stereotypes aside, she's in a sorority and is very used to the closeness that it brings her. She's used to an easily accessible network of people. She strikes me as a little low on the self-confidence as well, and decides to try to make up for it, not by glorifying herself and emphasizing her good points, but by putting down anything and everything that's around her.

As I was mulling over this mini-problem in a cafe, the waiter kindly asked if I would like my coffee with the meal as Americans like, rather than after, which is the French custom. He was very sweet about it, not presumptuous or condescending at all, and I began to think of how polite the country is overall. It occurred to me that practically everything negative that I've ever heard about the French has turned out to be very wrong.

I was told that if the staff in a

French restaurant found out I was American that they would refuse to serve me. I was told that if I spoke French, no matter how hard I tried, the people would just scoff at my efforts and pretend not to understand, or else just speak in English. Honestly, this hasn't happened once. I'll be the first to admit that my French is horrible, but the only comments have been on how well I speak, and how nice it is to meet an American who is at least making the effort.

And then the Carrie Bradshaw in me thought, "Is America the whiney sorority chick of the world? Instead of pointing out everything we've got going for us, do we just make ourselves feel better by putting down the rest of the world?" I mean honestly, what good does it do to scream at the top of your lungs that the entire population of a country (that you've never visited) smells unbelievably bad, hates all the inhabitants of your country for no reason and munches on frogs all day? They don't, by the way, because I have been diligently looking for fried ribbet legs everywhere. Yum.

I must still be in my honeymoon phase because France is absolutely wonderful. They seem to have a totally different outlook on people around them and life in general. I went to a beach a couple weeks ago and so wasn't a big deal. They just aren't as prudish about the human body or its functions as we are.

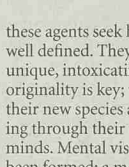
Just last night my girlfriends and I picked up a couple things from the grocery store before heading out for dinner and a movie. We didn't have time to run back to the apartment, so I had to carry a 16-count package of toilet paper with me to a nice, sit-down place and a busting movie theatre to see "Dirty Pretty Things." I fully braced myself to be harassed by the public, but fortunately, one of my good points is my enormous ability to make an ass out of myself. Nobody even batted an eye. I know that if I had done that in the United States, I most certainly would have had small groups of giggling teenagers pointing out my cumbersome package of butt-wipe, but here the people were just sort of like, "Well, maybe she just needed some TP and didn't have time to run back home." Brilliant I tell you, brilliant.

I'm sure that people who have had nightmare experiences in France and surrounding areas will now bombard my e-mail. To them I say: Look, I'm sorry about your sad, sad adventures. Maybe it was a misunderstanding. Or maybe it really was the other person's fault. All I can say is, there are jerks everywhere in the world, and personally, I've had more experience with rude people in NYC - a city that I love - than I have anywhere in France. Ciao, mes petits! I'm off to Barcelona tomorrow...

Tell me why I'm wrong:
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Missionary: Impossible

A manhunt has commenced and the stakes are high. The abundance of available fish in the sea may be more than colossal, but rest assured that the agents involved have no qualms about deep-sea diving until the proper shark emerges. The image that



Liesl Clouse
Sex Columnist

these agents seek has been well defined. They desire a unique, intoxicating man whose originality is key; vivid ideas of their new species are swarming through their thirsty little minds. Mental visions have been formed: a modern product, a line of something so fresh, so clean, so "never before," that the agents don't know if the world is ready for them.

Put your keen sense of creativity to work and attempt to imagine this rare species being hunted down by female predators: He's confident. So confident that he's on the verge of being arrogant, but that's just the "sure of himself" appeal that gets our hawking agents shaken and stirred. He runs and bonds with a pack of similar men, but this aspect only makes it slightly easier to spot him and even more difficult to reach him because his crew is somewhat of a protection force.

However, the group is not a big deal, really, because the agents know and practice the necessary skills that seduce the pack into an easy willingness to give him up, and he's always ready and willing to go.

And now, the crucial importance of this cutting-edge target: his appearance. He takes sizable risks in looking so good, conspicuously standing out

among the bland choices that the man-hunters can't help but ignore. His style is impeccable, with a keen sense of which khakis best accord the tan, Rainbow flip-flops. He realizes that in order to attract the best of the agents, he must throw on something extraordinarily innovative, like a multi-colored Lacoste, or a striped Polo!

Sometimes, he even wears an additional accessory: sunglasses. Sunglasses attached to Croakies. The agents realize that although the species takes great care in creating a one-of-a-kind facade, this task of actually seeking and

for the best - that we discover something to spark an exciting diversion in our mundane lives.

Take into account the long-term girlfriend, or the typical housewife, who perhaps has experienced nothing but missionary, jackrabbit sex. She doesn't orgasm. She doubts even that her G-spot truly exists, and if it does, it must be well disguised, and she seems unable to decode the message. She vaguely recalls hearing somewhere that the ultimate pleasure of sex should go both ways but knows only that her situation involves his contentment.

What a sad, sad circumstance. When this girl finally comes across a Kama Sutra book or the latest edition of "Cosmopolitan" during her monthly perusal at Barnes & Noble, just imagine the wonder and giddiness bubbling inside of her!

As if she grew up her whole life assuming (with no fault her own) that the Wal-mart she frequented was the only place to shop, and then suddenly, someone drives her to a mall. Not just any mall - a gigantic, Mall of America type, stocked full with an enormous variety of designer merchandise to select. Woooooo, shopping spree! Give this girl an unlimited Visa because it's about damn time she came home loaded with colorful bags of goodies!

A girl shouldn't have to dress in black, scale walls and search high and low for fluctuation in her life! The challenge of finding something new isn't Classified Information, For Your Eyes Only or Top Secret. The only challenge is daring to get out there and do something different.

So, your mission, as you choose to accept it: don't settle for ordinary. Make missionary impossible. This message will self-destruct in 5.4,3,2...

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accomplishing such a rare goal is close to impossible. Oh, wait! There goes one now.

After a good, hearty intake of one certain thing, be it a favorite snack, joke, T-shirt, image or even a habitual way of doing things, the fixation becomes repetitive. Redundant. Borrrrrring. Don't get me wrong here; I thoroughly enjoy the plethora of frat boys on campus and I am a forever-devoted fan of the little alligator logo, but even a slight change in basic scenery consistently produces tremendous attraction.

Due to curiosity of the new, boredom of the old or a combination of the two, we are driven to explore the territory, hoping



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Schedule

Football vs. Maryland, 11/22, 3:30
Men's basketball vs. UNCA, 11/21, 8:30
W. basketball vs. Loyola Marymount, 11/21, 6:30
Volleyball vs. FSU (ACC tourney), 11/20
Wrestling at Campbell, 11/19, 7
Cross country at Nationals, 11/24
Swimming and Diving in Nike Cup, 11/21-23

TECHNICIAN

Defining No. 17

Philip Rivers drives a 1996 Ford Taurus, and if he's lucky enough to be drafted, he says it's the car in which he'll drive to some NFL training camp in the summer.



Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

Picture that. Here's a guy whose bank account will likely grow by hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, and he's going to go to camp in a Ford Taurus? What, is the Datsun in the shop?

Meanwhile, the player parking lot will look like a scene out of MTV Rides — full of rimmed-out SUVs, BMWs, Benzes and limos with swimming pools in the trunk. With all the Hummers in the lot, Rivers might be lucky to find a spot for his Ford, which might not make it anyway because it has 120,000 miles.

Simple, easy. Gets the job done — that's Rivers. So if the Taurus gets him around town, why change? It's the kind of attitude that's gotten him through a life too perfect for Hollywood.

Think about it. We're talking about a guy handsome enough to model Ralph Lauren, smart enough to get a college education with two other major responsibilities — family and football — and lucky enough to marry the girl of his dreams and father a daughter.

Oh yeah, he's also the greatest player in school history, maybe in the history of the ACC.

What's he going to do for an encore? Walk on water?

Truth is, it's not time for an encore yet, and Rivers isn't even thinking about one. He has one game left against a team he's never beaten, and a bowl game after that.

It's that first game, the one Saturday against Maryland, that's getting all the attention. It's the last time Rivers will take snaps at Carter-Finley Stadium, the last time he'll run out of the tunnel as a player, the last time he'll put on pads, helmet, hear wolf howls and see 53,000 of his closest friends in one location.

In the coming years, Rivers will take a mythical place in Wolfpack lore. People will speak of him with the same reverence they speak of David Thompson. According to legend, Thompson had so much hang-time he could replace a quarter on top of the backboard with two dimes and a nickel. Rivers doesn't have much hang-time, but don't be surprised if in five or so years, Rivers' throws were so hard they injured his receivers, or so accurate the only defense against them were SCUD missiles.

Instead of thunder sticks, NCSU marketing people should place tissues in every seat. That'd be more useful on a day in which emotion will flow like the memories of No. 17.

Memories like:

A freshman-nobody getting a standing ovation after throwing a 40-yard incomplete pass the first play of his career...when he moved to wide receiver for one play in Chapel Hill in 2000, and caught a touchdown pass in the first Pack victory over North Carolina in seven years...the comeback against Minnesota in his first bowl game, the rally that epitomized State's season that year...when he danced around like a kid in his living room following a 34-28 win over Florida State in 2001...when he turned into John Elway in Columbus, Ohio, and led his team to tie Ohio State in the closing seconds of regulation...two straight games his senior year against Virginia and Florida State, his two best career performances.

Forget those games, though. Forget those moments. Remember the person. Rivers is old-school. He's the type of tough that would play with a broken leg as long as he had a band-aid. The type of leader that could motivate an orchestra to play without instruments, and still get it to sound like Beethoven. He's the type of quarterback that could make a play with two 300-pounders hanging on him like Christmas ornaments.

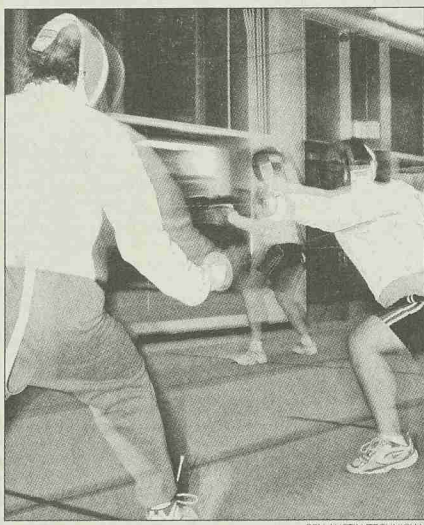
But he wouldn't have it any other way. Rivers has more guts than Spam. More football smarts than video Madden.

And he, too, has more memories than a Polaroid camera.

When his parents drove him to Raleigh from his Athens, Ala., home four years ago, Rivers knew himself and his

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En Garde: team wants varsity



Drew O'Flaherty (right), a junior in English literature, lunges at Daniel Meerkamper, a freshman in film. They are two of 25 members on the club fencing team.

The club fencing team is hoping to regain varsity status for the first time since it was dropped as a varsity sport in 1995.

Ryan Reynolds
Staff writer

The rivalry between N.C. State and North Carolina is one of the most bitter in ACC history. But for a change, the two schools' fencing teams are working together in hopes of restoring the varsity status of the N.C. State fencing team, something that might once again make the ACC a strong fencing conference.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the Wolfpack had one of the most dominating varsity fencing teams in the country. Between 1977 and 1980, N.C. State, UNC and Clemson made the ACC the best fencing conference in the nation.

The fencing team remained a consistent program through the

1980s and '90s until 1995, when the program was stripped of its varsity status and made into a club team.

"N.C. State's program is sorely missed in the ACC," UNC fencing head coach Ron Miller said. "It was a big blow to fencing in the Southeast and nationally."

Over the last year, the Wolfpack club fencing team has made several efforts to get the fencing team back in order so it can apply for varsity status in the next couple of years.

"Right now we're trying to get organized," N.C. State fencing president Edward Distance said. "We're a club of about 25 members. We're trying to get money flowing through fund raising, so we can get equipment. We've been having a strong showing at tournaments at other colleges."

Miller, the long-time coach of the Tar Heels, is also looking to help the N.C. State program by offering the team some practice and training.

"Ron Miller has invited the N.C. State fencing team to go to UNC to see how they're fencing," said Distance, a senior majoring in Chemistry. "Hopefully I'll get a large enough group to go down there and see how he teaches his fencers and get some pointers from him because he is an awesome fencing coach."

Distance is confident the fencing team's progress over the last few years will help it obtain varsity status when it applies to the N.C. State athletics department.

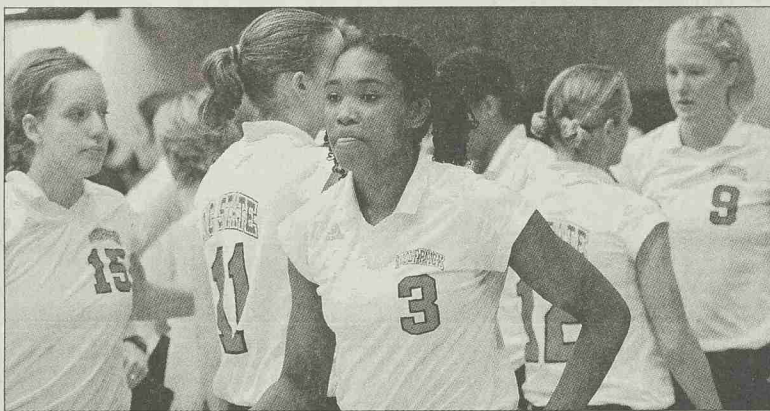
"The chances are pretty good," he said. "N.C. State had a varsity team up until 1995 and we were one of the best, and I want to get that title back for N.C. State."

But the NCSU athletics department isn't as optimistic.

"We're not looking at adding any sports teams in the next few years," assistant athletics director Shannon Yates said.

The athletic department

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Smiles have been tough to come by for the volleyball team, but it has another chance in the ACC Tournament.

Keeping the faith

DESPITE THE OUTCOME OF THE SEASON, THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM REMAINS IN HIGH SPIRITS AND FOCUSES ON THE POSITIVES AS IT ENTERS THE ACC TOURNAMENT.

Deandra Duggans
Staff Writer

The volleyball team took to the court for its scheduled practice Tuesday afternoon, its heads held high, faces filled with smiles and the sound of happiness heard through laughter.

The team has put a disappointing season behind it and began preparation for a "new beginning."

That beginning starts today at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla. as the team begins competition in the ACC Tournament. The ninth-seeded Pack (7-24, 0-16) will face eighth-seeded Florida State (15-15, 5-11) in the first round.

"The ACC tournament gives us a chance to have a fresh start and a chance to accomplish a goal to at least go after a win in the first round," coach Mary Byrne said.

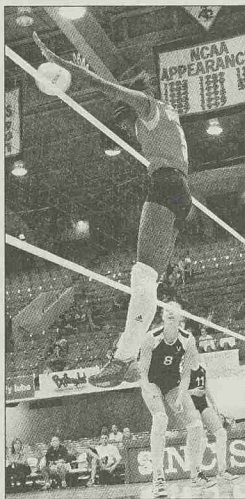
The goal of the post-season success is one of a few goals the Wolfpack still has an opportunity to achieve.

Coming into the 2003 season, the ultimate goal was to move up in the ACC. A frustrating and disappointing tail of events, however, swept those ambitions away. Although making some progression, State suffered loss after loss, making its goal of moving up in the conference just a dream.

"Everyone is working so hard and we are not coming out with the wins," sophomore middle blocker Kelly Althaus said.

Throughout the season, despite the continuous losses, the team remained the same confident bunch it was in the beginning of the season.

"You have to face every match as a challenge even when you are not winning," said junior outside hitter



Adeola Kosko soars during a recent match.

Melanie Rowe.

All of the players agree that the season has been frustrating, but at the same time, many performance goals were met and it was a valuable learning experience.

Maya Mapp has continued to be an outstanding player and goes into the tournament as the Pack's second leading player in kills with 241, and leads the team along with Paige Gilliam in blocks with 186. Mapp also leads the Pack with a .295 attack percentage.

"Each of us has become stronger and our skills have improved," Adeola Kosoko said. "All around, we are

becoming better athletes."

Kosoko and Rowe have 145 and 138 kills on the season, while senior setter Crystal Shannon leads the team in assists with 774. Senior libero Caroline Frede leads the team in digs with 356 and ranks 13th all-time in N.C. State history with 939 career digs.

"We are all just trying to look for the good in the things that have happened, we have made strides and we're dealing with it well," sophomore hitter Amy Cochran said.

The freshmen have also made a name for themselves and have helped the team in many ways. Melissa Rabe is second in assists with 264 on the season. Bruna Maraccini has combined with Rabe for more than 140 assists and more than 40 digs.

And before tearing her ACL in the Oct. 28 match against North Carolina, Julia Reis was the team's leading scorer.

The Wolfpack has continued to work hard despite the losses and continued to play each game with intensity. Not all the hard work, though, has resulted in wins.

"It is really frustrating when you work so hard and you do not get the benefits from it," Rabe said.

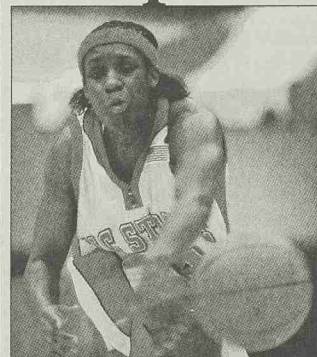
Byrne realizes how the players have been affected and credits their ability to continue to work hard.

"It is very difficult on the players," coach Byrne said. "It doesn't show on paper, but I think they know they have gotten better as a team."

The players and the coaches realize that there is work to be done during the off-season. The volleyball team will take this season as a learning experience and observe what went

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V Classic awaits women's hoops



Nanna Rivers and the women's basketball team will play a tough Texas team Saturday.

The second annual women's basketball event will take place Sunday at the RBC Center.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

For eight years, the men's basketball Jimmy V Classic has been a staple of the college hoops season, playing host to high profile matchups while raising money to support cancer research.

Starting last year, The V Foundation staged its first Jimmy V Women's Basketball Classic. This year the classic will be returning for its second year, and once again will be hosted by N.C. State at the RBC Center.

The foundation is named after the late Jim Valvano, a cancer victim who coached N.C. State to a national championship in 1983. Last year the event raised money for a grant given to Duke Medical Center. This year The V Foundation hopes to raise over \$50,000 to give to cancer research at The University of North Carolina.

State coach Kay Yow plans to use the opportunity to talk with her players about Valvano.

Yow was coaching the women's team during Valvano's tenure as the men's coach, and she will be using the classic as a chance to educate her team on his legacy on and off the court.

"I just hope they will know more of who he was, how he was so motivated, the passion he had for the game and I just want them to know that this is a special event," Yow said.

This year's games will feature three teams ranked in the top 10 nationally, as N.C. State will play No. 2 Texas Sunday at noon, followed by No. 4 Duke taking on No. 5 Purdue at 2 p.m. Yow looks forward to the opportunity to play

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