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Simpkins appointed to Board of Trustees

Peaches Gunter Simpkins, chief of staff and deputy to Gov. Don Sundquist of Tennessee, was sworn in as a member of the Board of Trustees at N.C. State during the board's Nov. 17 meeting.

Simpkins, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., will complete the remaining two years of a term left vacant by Wendell H. Murphy of Rose Hill, who resigned to accept an appointment to the Centennial Authority.

Simpkins has served on the NCSU Board of Visitors since it was created in 1992 to advise the chancellor and the Board of Trustees. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science (1973) and a master's degree in public administration (1974) from NCSU.

She has been described as one of the most influential women in public service in the South. She was the first woman to serve as chair of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, a body comparable to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, and is the first woman in Tennessee to hold her current high-level position.

Previously, Simpkins was executive director of the Hospital Alliance of Tennessee Inc. She also was a senior policy assistant to Gov. Lamar Alexander and director of the Health Facilities Commission for Tennessee.

In 1993, Simpkins was selected as Distinguished Alumna of the NCSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Her father, Daniel C. Gunter of Gastonia, is an NCSU alumnus and a former member of the Board of Trustees.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Engineering professor honored

Vivian Thomas Stannett of Raleigh, Camille Dreyfus Professor Emeritus of chemical engineering at N.C. State, was awarded the 1995 Olney Medal for achievement in textile chemistry at the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists International Conference, held recently in Atlanta.

Established in 1944 in honor of Dr. Louis Atwell Olney, the founder and first president of AATCC, the medal recognizes outstanding achievement in textile chemistry, polymer chemistry or other fields of chemistry important to textile science.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Grad students pay more

It's cheaper for some North Carolina residents to attend an out-of-state graduate school than to go to NCSU.

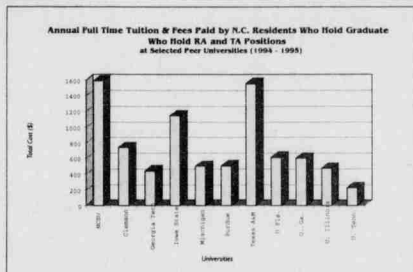
By ERIC WAMPLER
STAFF WRITER

"How much is it going to cost me?" College graduates usually find

themselves asking this question when they choose a graduate school. Unfortunately for many students, N.C. State's graduate school costs considerably more than many similar universities throughout the South and Midwest. "Basically, if you are a North Carolina resident, it's cheaper to go to a number of our peer institutions than it is to go to N.C. State if you have an assistantship," said Debra Stewart, Vice Provost and Graduate

School Dean. At many colleges that compete with NCSU, such as Georgia Tech and Iowa State, tuition is waived for students receiving financial assistance. Both in-state and out-of-state students are exempted from paying tuition at these schools, but NCSU does not waive tuition, even for North Carolina residents. Assistantships and fellowships are

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BRUCE MYLES/STAFF

Gooooaaaaa!



Aspiring soccer star Dylan Ejiali practices his moves while N.C. State students participate in an intramural game of Lee Field on Nov. 12.

JOHN L. BLACKMON II/STAFF

Angelou to visit State next year

A renowned African-American leader will be the feature speaker at a fundraiser for NCSU students who wish to study abroad.

By NICOLE BOWMAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Writer and poet Maya Angelou will visit N.C. State in February to raise funds for North Carolina students interested in studying in Africa.

The North Carolina Africa Educational Opportunities Foundation, which raises funds for studies in Africa, is sponsoring Angelou's appearance on Feb. 4 in Reynolds Coliseum.

The foundation was discussed during a town meeting on Nov. 20. The meeting focused on the next 12-day trip to Ghana and the future of the African-American Studies minor at NCSU.

According to Lawrence Clark, professor of math education and executive director of the Ghana



Maya Angelou
Study Abroad speaker

Project, the foundation was formed by officials from NCSU, N.C. Central University and N.C. Agriculture & Technical State University.

The fund-raiser will also feature Nnenna Freelon, Chuck Davis and

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Computer course eliminates classroom meetings

A new communication course at NCSU meets entirely online.

By KEVIN COLLINS
SPECIAL TO TECHNICIAN

Any number of unforeseen predicaments can prevent students from making it to classes at the arranged meeting times. But a new class offered at N.C. State is laying the groundwork for classes that cater to even the most "punctually challenged."

Robert Schrag's World-Wide Web Site Development class meets whenever one of his students decides to turn on an Internet-connected computer. Anytime, anyplace.

Any NCSU student who has spent time in a computer lab is probably

familiar with the WWW, the global network that teems with images, text, sound and video. This year, an estimated 40-million users will zap from one information site to another by clicking on hypertext links — highlighted words and icons that link electronic documents according to content.

Schrag, interim head of the department of communication, holds occasional face-to-face meetings with his COM 498M students on a strictly voluntary basis. Students attend class by accessing a homepage, or "coursepage," on the WWW. The professor updates the coursepage occasionally with instructions and notices.

The page includes links to a variety of Internet resources that aid students in building their own

WWW sites. It encourages constructive criticism by linking students' WWW sites, allowing them to check the progress of their classmates' projects at anytime.

Many classes on campus use WWW pages to conduct discussions and distribute information such as syllabi, homework and lecture notes, but Schrag's course is one of the few classes at NCSU that meets solely online.

Cliff Arceneaux, a senior in mass communication, said the class is perfect for a busy schedule. In the time he finds between classes that meet in physical space, he's staking a claim for NCSU's Thompson Theater in cyberspace. His site lists schedules and photos of current and upcoming plays. He said he enjoys the class and expects to use his

WWW skills for free-lance employment.

Projects in the class are as varied in their subject matter as the students are in their expertise level.

Cary Knott, a senior in computer science, is developing a prototype for the Automated Undergraduate Plan of Study at NCSU, an electronic outpost of Registration and Records.

Once implemented, the system will allow students to register for classes, print schedules and transcripts, change mailing addresses and develop plans of study — all electronically. Students can already access Knott's page to print their class schedules.

To develop their sites, students learn Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), the set of codes used to control how information on the

WWW is displayed on a computer's screen. But that's not all they learn.

"The focus of the course is to look at how well the medium fulfills needs," Schrag said. "We try to determine what makes a Web site good or bad."

Schrag said people have the tendency to create too many links to other sites. "The challenge of using the Web is to organize and disseminate information while avoiding the ever-present danger of falling down the rabbit hole into a tantalizing and never-ending web of hyperlinks," Schrag wrote on his coursepage.

The links make it harder to hold a student's attention, he said.

"Particularly in applications for K-12 audiences, the temptation to

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Alcohol programs spreading

Alcohol abuse at colleges nationwide have caused universities like NCSU to take action.

By BRENNIA REILLY
THE KENTUCKY KEEREL
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Alcohol remains a problem at colleges and universities across the country. While University of Kentucky is deciding whether to implement "On Campus...Talking About Alcohol," other schools have implemented similar programs.

At N.C. State, students who violate the alcohol policy must go through a mandatory alcohol education program. Drew Smith, assistant of student development at NCSU, said, depending on the student's age and violation, a student could be required to go through anywhere from three to 30 hours of alcohol awareness classes.

"Alcohol is a problem on campus; most things that have gone wrong can be brought back to alcohol use," Smith said. He said 60 to 80 percent of students on

campus are underage.

"Students are attracted to [alcohol] because it is illegal," he said.

Smith said he believes NCSU's program, which is conducted through Student Health Services, is effective because students who go through the program do not become repeat offenders.

Since 1988, alcohol has been permitted in lounges on the campus at UNC-Chapel Hill, and it is allowed in residence halls by students who are over 21, but that is about to change.

Dean of Students Frederick Schroeder said UNC-CH is in the process of revising its alcohol policy.

Under the new policy, alcohol would be banned on campus in all public establishments. But the new policy still allows students who are over 21 to have alcohol in their private rooms in residence halls.

"The problem is pretty well documented at most colleges and universities," Schroeder said. "We have that problem



here too — very much so."

At UNC-CH, a student who is arrested or found in violation of an alcohol policy is sent a letter from the Dean of Students Office.

Schroeder said the letter advises the student of the legal services available to them and of the availability of counseling services for alcohol use.

"After a second letter, we will mandate referral to University Health Services," Schroeder said.

Also under the proposed alcohol policy, the office will mandate referral to the University Health Services for alcohol awareness for students who are under 21 and caught violating the alcohol policy. The required course is four hours long.

"We believe it will be [effective]," Schroeder said. "But it is one of the things we evaluate over time."

Schroeder said the director of Student Health Services at UNC-CH is advocating a major cultural change in the use of alcohol by college students.

"It comes out of watching young people coming in blowing a .25 [blood alcohol

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WWW

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navigate over to the Warner Bros. or X-Files site can make structured education fall apart quickly," Schrag said.

In addition to overcoming time and space constraints, online courses alter the way professors and students interact.

"It's bizarre," Schrag said. "From a teaching perspective, it takes a lot of letting go. We're moving away from the model of professors manually pouring information into students' heads."

Although his students aren't required to meet face-to-face, Schrag said he tries hard to facilitate and encourage class discussion through the coursepage. Students can respond to one another's questions through e-mail and a virtual chat room.

Arceaneaux said he hasn't seen much discussion among students in the class.

"It's more like a bunch of independent-study projects," he said.

Schrag said students haven't used the chat room as much as he had intended, but e-mail has been the method of discourse most used in the class.

He said interaction among students may have been hampered by their unfamiliarity with the chat-room interface. E-mail tends to be more direct, personal and text-based, whereas the chat room is more communal and can incorporate the multimedia and hypertext capabilities of the WWW.

Schrag said he plans to incorporate more face-to-face meetings next semester.

Currently, no other NCSU courses teach WWW content development to undergraduates.

Abroad

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the African-American Dance ensemble, Clark said. Tickets for the event are available through Ticketmaster.

Angelou is familiar with Ghana and the educational value a trip to the country offers. During a visit to NCSU this summer, Angelou promoted studying at the University of Ghana.

TODAY

MEETING — A Volunteer Service Club meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in Harris Hall, room 2015.

NOMINATIONS — Nominations for teaching awards will be taken until Jan. 15, 1996. Students and faculty who wish to recommend individuals can compete a recommendation form at their college associate dean's office.

ORIENTATION — Students looking for permanent, summer or internship possibilities should come to the Career Planning's Orientation from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center, Multipurpose Room.

EXHIBIT — "Sowing Fields of Wisdom," an exhibit and auction to support the SAF Migrant Farmworker Scholarship, will be held until Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the African-American Cultural Center. For more information, call 419-8063.

VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers are needed for the Martin

Luther King Festival. Sign up at the African-American Cultural Center, room 355, or call 515-4516.

AUDITIONS — New Horizons Choir is holding auditions for the spring '96 semester. Interested people should contact Elenia Ward at 515-8280 to schedule auditions.

PRACTICE — College Bowl practice will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the University Student Center, room 3121. All students are welcome.

MEETING — The Baptist Student Union meets at 5:45 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Dinner is provided after the meeting and is free for first-timers. For more information, call 834-1875.

PRACTICE — The NCSU Water Polo Club will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Carmichael Pool. For more information, call Steve Thompson at 852-0095.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

MEETING — The NCSU Student Senate will be having a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the senate chambers on the Witherspoon Student Center's second floor.

MEETING — AGC will meet at 12:15 p.m. in Mann Hall, room 216. James Andrews will speak on labor unions in the construction industry. Walk-ins welcome. Lunch will be served.

AUDITIONS — Auditions for "Improv '96," a campus improvisational troupe dealing

with a range of issues, will be held at 7 p.m. in Thompson Theatre. For more information, call Marianne Turnbull at 515-WELL.

LECTURE — Will Hooker will discuss "Using Bamboo in Garden Construction" at 8 p.m. in Boston Hall, room 3712.

THURSDAY

MEETING — The House of Redwolf, a SCA medieval recreation, will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Poe Hall, room 216.

PERFORMANCE — The Meredith Opera Workshop will perform at 8 p.m. in Carswell Hall on the Meredith College campus.

PROGRAM — SAAC presents "AIDS in the African-American community" at 7 p.m. in the African-American Cultural Center.

MEETING — Wake County Democratic Women will meet at 11:30 p.m. in Ballentines Cafeteria. David Price, former congressman of the 4th district will be the speaker. For reservations, call (919)832-9650.

FRIDAY

ORIENTATION — Career Planning and Placement's orientation for students seeking permanent, summer or internship positions will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center, Multipurpose room.

SATURDAY

What's Happening Policy

What's Happening items must be submitted in writing on a What's Happening grid, available in Technician's offices, at least two publication days in advance by noon. Space is limited and priority will be given to items that are submitted earliest. Items may be no longer than 30 words. Items must come from organizations that are campus affiliated. The news department will edit items for style, grammar, spelling and brevity. Technician reserves the right to not run items deemed offensive or that don't meet publication guidelines. Direct questions and send submissions to Nicole Bowman, Senior Staff Writer. You may also e-mail items to TECHCAL@NCSU.EDU.

WORKSHOP — A career-planning workshop for adults or returning students will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To register, call 515-2396. A \$15 fee covers all materials.

SHOPPING — African Marketplace, sponsored by the NCSU African-American Cultural Center, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schools

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the primary stipends given to graduate students. Research assistantships are given to students performing research, while teaching assistantships are given to students teaching a certain number of hours at a university. Fellowships are more like financial awards, with their money coming from the federal government and private endowments.

Some schools base tuition exemption on academic performance. At the University of

Florida, a student is guaranteed to have his tuition paid by the state as long as the student's overall GPA remains above a 3.0.

Stewart said that NCSU's stipends are "middle-range" compared with other institutions. But the cost of a year at NCSU exceeds the tuition and fees of a year at some graduate programs at Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia Tech.

NCSU also does not have as many students on financial assistance as other schools. This semester, 2,100 out of approximately 5,100 NCSU graduate students are receiving stipends. Clemson University, with 4,100 total graduates, has almost 3,700 of those students receiving

financial assistance.

The National Research Council released a 10-year study of a number of graduate schools across the country in September, and NCSU's programs had shown considerable improvement in many departments. Despite these favorable reports, the price issue has many officials concerned about the long-term future.

"We're currently working with the Development Office to get more private endowments," said Robert Sowell, associate dean of the Graduate School.

Dean Stewart said there was still plenty of work to be done if NCSU is to be competitive.

"We need to increase tuition remission for out-of-state students," she said. "Plus, we need tuition fellowships, and we just don't have them."

Another major difference between NCSU and its competitors is the lack of funding for graduate-student health insurance, Stewart said.

"We have had discussions led by our faculty in which there is a hope that the North Carolina legislature will provide health insurance subsidies for our graduate students," Stewart said. "Most [of them] are not on their parents' health insurance; they can't be because they are too old."

The university has taken official

action to address the problem. A task force comprised of representatives from all NCSU colleges submitted a recommendation report to the administration of the Graduate School earlier this May.

Analyzing data from 1993-94, the committee recommended that the minimum number of credit hours for a full time graduate student be increased.

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Students who violate the alcohol policy at the University of Tennessee, which does not allow alcoholic beverages at any time or in possession of anyone on the university premises, must attend an Alcohol Diversion Program.

At the University of Missouri at Columbia, students who violate the alcohol policy must attend an alcohol awareness program.

Alcohol

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level], or alcohol poisoned or literally dead — in ways that it doesn't have to happen," Schroeder said. "A student fell to her death from a ladder, and she had slightly over a .20."

"Those statistics on the abusive use of alcohol say something is wrong here," Schroeder said.

NCSU and UNC-CH aren't the

while students must come up with the other half, he said.

Clark said he told the students to talk with college deans to help find ways to raise money.

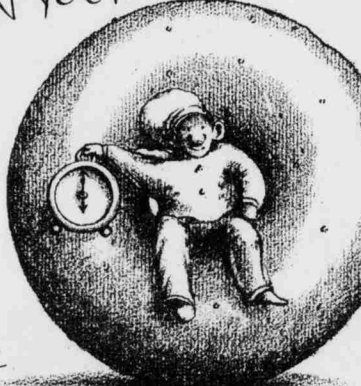
"We can raise funds if we get creative," he said.

Clark said the Ghana Program's ultimate goal is to entice about 100 students to take the trip to Ghana to study.

"This is not a black program in a predominantly white institution," he said.

Clark proposed to the audience that the next 12-day trip to Ghana should be in January of 1997.

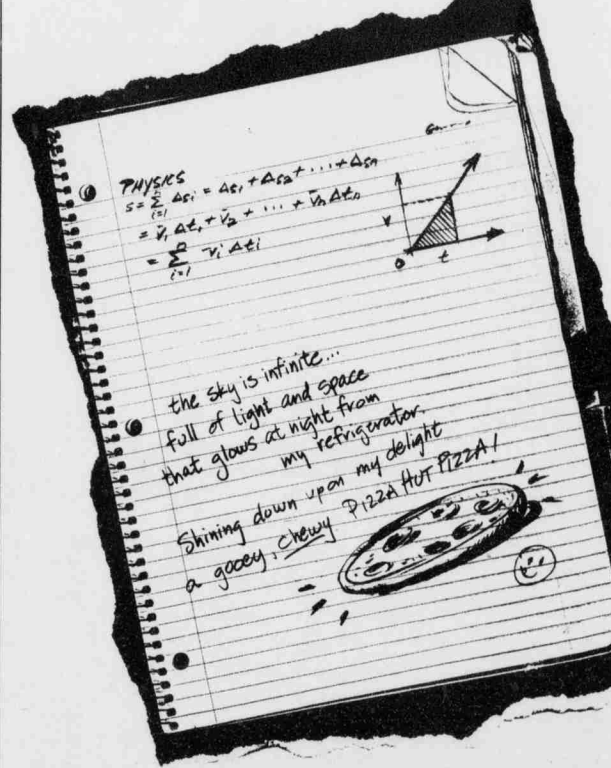
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Third time no charm and Carolina wins again

Two big plays determine outcome

■ A no-call and a no-interception lead to another loss to archrival North Carolina.

By MICHAEL TODD
STAFF WRITER

What might have been. That's what the N.C. State football team must be thinking as they recover from its 30-28 loss to North Carolina.

Two plays were the difference in the contest: the Heels' Hail-Mary catch to finish the first half and State's two-point conversion attempt at the end of the game.

To close out the first half, State scored on a 13-yard draw from Terry Harvey with 27 seconds left to tie the score 14-14. On the ensuing kickoff, State squibbed the kick, which was received by Carolina at their 27 and returned to their 44. After a 16-yard pass play and an incomplete pass, the Heels were on State's 40 with enough time for only one more play.

Carolina lined up with the three wide receivers on the left and prepared for the Hail Mary. Quarterback Mike Thomas hurled the ball to the goal line where it was tipped up by State free-safety Jason Perry and into the hands of Carolina receiver Darrin Ashford for the touchdown.

"It was the difference in the football game," head coach Mike O' Cain said.

But State didn't just crawl back into the locker room with its tail between its legs. The Pack picked themselves up and blocked the extra point attempt, which was huge in the outcome of the game.

If Carolina converts the point after touchdown, the



Not rain, sleet, hail nor the N.C. State defense could stop UNC running back Leon Johnson, whose 139 yards sent State to another loss to its arch-rival.

By MATT LAIL
STAFF WRITER

It was a case of what could have or should have — been Friday as the North Carolina Tar Heels escaped Carter-Finley Stadium with a controversial 30-28 win over N.C. State.

After the Pack trailed 30-14 from midway through the third quarter, Terry Harvey led the Wolfpack to two touchdowns in the last 3:39 of his college football career, only to see the two-point conversion attempt to tie with six seconds left miss tight end Mark Thomas. After Thomas was apparently pushed from behind by Carolina's Fuzzy Lee, no flag was thrown, and the Heels' bowl hopes stayed alive.

"He grabbed me," Thomas said. "[Harvey's and my] eyes met and we felt confident that we would make it."

"We just didn't convert. He hit me in the back of the leg. I was expecting the flag. I'm disappointed."

"So many things happened at the end," coach Mike O' Cain said. "I thought I saw a guy get dragged down. That cost us a tie, but we made mistakes to cost us the game."

The biggest mistake may have been at the end of the first half. After tying the game at 14 off a Harvey 13-yard draw, disaster struck.

Tar Heel quarterback Mike Thomas threw a Hail Mary pass on the last play of the half. The ball was tipped by State's Jason Perry

and it landed in the hands of Carolina's Darrin Ashford as time expired.

"That play was obviously the difference in the game," O' Cain said. "But we weren't gonna let one play defeat us."

The Pack did manage to block Scott Caparelli's point after attempt, a play that would prove to be crucial towards the end.

The Heels got the first possession of the second half and went 34 yards before settling for a 48-yard field goal by Chris Welch — the first field goal attempt of his college career. That made the score 23-14, Heels.

After a stagnant State series, Carolina marched 55 yards before Leon Johnson punched it in from six yards out to increase the lead to 30-14.

But then Harvey went to work. With just under four minutes left, he completed four straight passes before Kevin Mater found the end zone from two yards out. The two-point conversion to Jimmy Grissett was good, and the score was 30-22.

"When we scored that touchdown, we got that rush of adrenalin that helps us to make a comeback," O' Cain said.

Mark Primanti's on-side kick was recovered by Leon Johnson, but the Pack wasn't about to fold. "Our coaches are some of the best motivators I've ever been around," Thomas said. "N.C. State prides itself on sticking around until the fourth quarter. We told ourselves, 'This game's not over.'"

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Ivan the Terrible reigns over the Keydets

By MICHAEL TODD
STAFF WRITER

The N.C. State men's basketball team opened its regular season with a convincing 104-78 victory over the Virginia Military Institute Saturday night in Reynolds Coliseum.

The Keydets put up a fight, but they were no match for the Wolfpack.

"This was a tough opener and it was a good opener," coach Les Robinson said. "We're more talented than they are. We beat them at every position. But they made us work."

One thing the Wolfpack worked on was its consistency, which plagued the team last year.

"The game was extremely good for us because we could not afford a five- or 10-second lapse," Robinson said. "They would penetrate, dish and get a three."

Senior Todd Fuller and freshman Ivan Wagner combined to score over half of the Pack's points against the Keydets.

"What impressed me more about Ivan was his leadership. Some little decisions he made."

— Les Robinson,
N.C. State head coach

Fuller led State with career-highs in points (31) and rebounds (21) while Wagner scored 29 points and was 6-9 from beyond the three-point arc.

Also contributing double digit numbers were senior Al Pinkens with 13 points, and junior-college transfer Danny Strong with 10.

State opened the game with a 15-2 run.

By doing so it controlled much of the first half.

State pounded the ball inside to Fuller. Fuller had his way with the smaller Keydets. Fuller had 20 points and 12 rebounds in the first half.

But VMI hung tough with its three-point shooting. VMI nailed six threes in the first half to at least stay in the game.

State knew coming in that the Keydets would put it up from outside.

"They live and die on that three," Robinson said. "Those things started showering in the first half. It can really change the complexion of a game."

Fuller continued to dominate inside to open the second half. He scored 11 of State's first 13 points in the second half.

And when Fuller cooled off, Wagner heated up.

After scoring 13 points in the first half, the freshman nailed four straight three-pointers to put away the Keydets.

Wagner did more for the Wolfpack offense than fill up the basket.

"What impressed me more about Ivan was his leadership," Robinson said. "Some little decisions he made. Some

adjustments he made with the ball. That was more impressive than his shooting percentage."

With the game in hand, the only question left was whether the Wolfpack would reach the century mark.

Luke Buffum's three-pointer and a Geoff Richards free throw answered that question. The game was punctuated by Bill Kretzer and his fast-break slam dunk.

A major difference in the game was State's control of the boards.

Using their height advantage, the Wolfpack dominated the defensive glass and limited the Keydets to only six offensive rebounds, while State had 33 on the defensive end.

"We should have out-rebounded them," Robinson said, "but you don't always out rebound quicker, smaller teams. We executed well. That was the thing we did best this game. It was a key factor in the game."

The Wolfpack returns to action Monday night against Winthrop in Reynolds Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.



Todd Fuller throws down two of his 31 points.

The Pony Express delivers 4-3 loss

By MICHAEL PRESTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

DALLAS — All great things must come to an end.

Whether it was supposed to happen so soon is another question.

The N.C. State women's soccer team lost 4-3 to Southern Methodist Saturday afternoon in the regional finals, which marked the conclusion of one of the best seasons in recent memory.

"We've had a very long season and we've had a very tough season," coach Alvin Corneal said. "And I think at the end of it, I'm pretty pleased with my team. They've shown the kind of spirit and character that certainly would enhance their personalities on the soccer field."

From the outset, State played straight up with the third seed in the tournament.

Fourteen minutes into the game, junior Monica Hall took a pass from Stephanie Sanders and got State on the board first. The score came after a previous apparent goal by the Wolfpack that was disallowed after pushing was called during the shot.

Less than two minutes later, the Mustangs' Danielle Garrett headed a shot past keeper Kat Mertz off a corner kick to tie the score at one.

At the 72:07 mark, State took the lead again. Texas native Sandy

Miller sent a free kick to the near post and past keeper Erin Proke.

What followed was quite possibly the most discouraging three minutes of the season.

In that time, Garrett and Courtney Linex, each 30-goal scorers this season, put shots by Mertz. Then Ryanne Bumps added one of her own to push SMU's lead to 4-2. Hall's rebound off a Miller penalty kick cut the lead to one with ten minutes left, but it was too little too late.

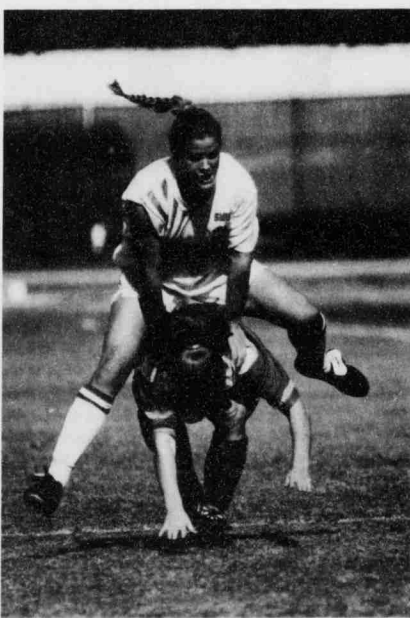
"I'm pretty happy for our team, that all during the course of the season, although we were winning games we didn't get the respect or the ranking that we felt we deserved," Corneal said. "Even the best team in this area, we took them down to the wire and I'm pretty pleased with that."

Despite poor field conditions, the heat, and playing away from home, the Wolfpack nearly landed itself a berth in the Final Four.

Instead, other accomplishments this season will take on more significance. A top-ten finish in the nation, second place in the ACC (6-1), undefeated at Method Road and its best record (19-5-0) since 1991.

All by a team that wasn't supposed to finish above sixth in the ACC.

"This is the type of soccer game that although you lose, the lessons are very clear here," Corneal said.



The game of "Can you top this" got a little out of hand when SMU's Courtney Linex leapfrogged Jeanne Sullivan.

Men and women teams fall apart at NCAA's

By DAVID HONEA
STAFF WRITER

AMES, IOWA — Successful seasons for the N.C. State cross country teams came to a disappointing close at the NCAA championships Monday. Running in heavy winds on a difficult course, the Wolfpack men placed 13th, while the women were 16th.

After a record-breaking win at the ACC meet pushed them to a number eight national ranking, State's men came in looking for a top-five finish. The team had a solid race, but came in near the back of a tight pack of teams between fifth and 14th.

Sophomore Pat Joyce led the way for the State men, earning All-American honors by placing 22nd in a time of 31:24. Arkansas' Godfrey Siamusiye won the race in 30:09, and Arkansas also won the team title.

"I got stuck between two groups and ran alone most of the way in the wind, so the race was tough," Joyce said. "But I guess it's good when you can feel bad and still make All-American."

Senior Jose Gonzalez combined with Joyce to give the Pack a strong front two, hanging close the whole way and finishing 29th in 31:34. But State's hopes for a top-five finish were crushed by the 1:15 gap

between Gonzalez and third finisher Mike Brooks (98th, 32:49).

Freshman Chan Pons (99th, 32:50) came in right behind Brooks, and junior James Bache (128th, 33:15) completed State's scoring. Sophomore Joe Wirgau (130th, 33:16), usually the Pack's third runner, struggled most of the race.

"Joe Wirgau simply didn't have a good day, and I think Mike Brooks had a little trouble because he and Joe usually work together, so that cost us at the third and fourth spots," Coach Reggie Gieger said. "But Jose and Chan had their best races of the year, and Pat did really well as usual. It was just a very tight race and being off a little bit cost us several places."

"It tells you how far this team has come that they can win the ACC and qualify for NCAA's and still be disappointed," Gieger added. "We have five of our top seven back, so it bodes well for next year that they are setting their sights so high."

The N.C. State women were ranked 12th after winning the ACC and tying for the district title, leading to hopes for a top-10 finish. Instead, the team ran its worst race of the season, finishing 16th with 381 points. Providence won the meet with 88 points.

The Wolfpack was hurt badly by

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Win

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The State defense forced Carolina to punt, and with 56 seconds left, Harvey had one last chance.

After an incomplete pass, Harvey found Mike Guffie on the sidelines for 19 yards. The next play, Harvey kept it for 13, and a late-hit penalty moved the Pack to the Carolina 34.

Two plays later, Harvey hit Grissett for the 14-yard touchdown.

But Harvey's last college pass and his last college comeback fell just short.

The incompleteness of the conversion seemed to mirror the season for the Pack.

"For the seniors, we knew that we were a better team than this record showed," Thomas said.

One thing overshadowed by the season was Harvey's pursuit of the

record books.

When the game and his career were over Friday, he had managed to break six State records.

But despite the ending and the season, O' Cain feels that the Pack is going in the right direction.

"I'm not discouraged," he said. "We've got some things we need to do better. When we line-up on Sept. 7 against Georgia Tech, we'll be a better team."

Just without Terry Harvey.

Wolfpack Notes

HONOLULU — The N.C. State women's basketball team opened its season this weekend in Hawaii.

The 13th ranked Wolfpack women lost their opener to 18th ranked Oregon State, 63-59. Umeki Webb scored 29 points in the losing effort. Webb hit only eight of 20 from the field, but hit 13 of 16 free throws. Jennifer Howard and Rosalyn McClendon each added 10.

Last season's ACC Rookie of the Year, Chastity Melvin, scored five.

In State's next game against Northern Arizona, Melvin came away with 16 points, 10 rebounds and six assists in the Wolfpack's 84-71 win.

Howard scored 19 and added five assists while freshman Lyschale Jones scored 12 and dished out three assists.

LOCK HAVEN, PA — The N.C. State wrestling team finished sixth in the Mat Town USA tournament at Lock Haven University.

The Wolfpack did not have any individual champions, but had some impressive finishers. Seniors Mike Miller (second place, 118 pounds), Dan Madsen (third place, 190 pounds) and Ken Johnson (fourth place, 167 pounds) were State's top scorers.

The Pack is ranked 30th in the nation as a team, and some are ranked individually as well: Miller (13th), Madsen (fourth) and Troy Charney (18th).

The Wolfpack will travel to Bethlehem, Pa. next Saturday for the Lehigh Invitational.

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Heels would have been up by three after State's final touchdown, not two. The two-point conversion would have been a moot point.

As the end of the game approached, the Wolfpack pulled together as they made a comeback bid.

Down 30-14, State scored on a two-yard touchdown run by Kevin Matier and a two-point conversion pass from Terry Harvey to Jimmy Grissett.

With 2:34 left in the game and down 30-22, the Pack's onside kick attempt was covered by Carolina. But State's defense held the Heels to three-and-out and forced Carolina to punt.

Starting at their own 20 and with no time out left, State drove down the field behind Harvey to score on

a 14-yard pass to Grissett, making the Heels margin only two.

Trying to tie the game, tight end Mark Thomas was apparently dragged down from behind by Carolina cornerback Fuzzy Lee as Harvey threw the pass. The throw landed short of receiver Mike Guffie, but on line to where Thomas would have been if he wasn't tackled.

The referees judged that no infraction had occurred and did not call a penalty.

"The officials said that two players ran together," O' Cain said. "I thought I saw a guy get dragged down. That cost us a chance to tie the game."

Thomas doesn't quite agree with the referees.

"He grabbed me," Thomas said. "I was expecting a flag. I was disappointed."

The ensuing onside kick was recovered by Carolina, who ran out the clock and escaped with a win.

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poor races from their two most experienced runners, juniors Kristen Hall and Heather Hollis. Hall, who placed 17th as a sophomore, was in the top 10 in the first mile but struggled the rest of the 3.1-mile race, finishing 68th in 18:18. Hollis was never near her sophomore result of 47th and eventually finished 153rd.

Freshmen Jackie Coscia (54th, 18:11) and Meredith Faircloth (72nd, 18:20) ran well for the Pack. Ami Herrman (130th, 18:47) and Jennifer Lakas (142nd, 18:56) were the other runners in State's scoring five.

"Our freshmen had good races, particularly Meredith Faircloth," assistant coach Laurie Henes said. "For some reason the rest of our team did not run well. When two of your top runners have their worst races of the season, you're not going to finish well as a team."

Technician Sports:

Congratulations to the N.C. State women's soccer team on a great season. Durkan, you're a great sport.

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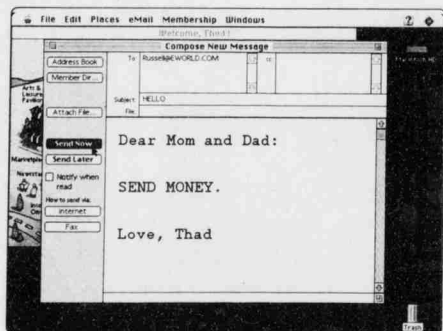


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'Toy' looks cooler than it is

Disney's "Toy Story" is memorable only for being the first fully computer-animated motion picture.

By CLARENCE MOYE
ASSISTANT ET CETERA EDITOR

Disney has done it again. Now, with that opening, you're expecting a glowing review of the newest Disney movie as most other critics have gladly provided. Not so — sorry to disappoint.



Disney has again created a movie aimed at kids, whose humor can only be understood by adults. But this time, the humor falls flat for all age groups.

Clocking in at 80 minutes, "Toy Story" seems padded at best. The film explores the secret lives of toys while their owner is away. Every toy in this film, no matter the shape, size or color, has a human personality. Too bad they're some of the most boring humans you've ever seen.

Woody, a cowboy doll voiced by Tom Hanks, is the chosen favorite of Andy. He leads the toys in a mini-society, holding staff meetings and setting up reconnaissance missions to spy on Andy's birthday presents.

Enter Buzz Lightyear, a space man with the voice of Tim Allen, who has no idea he's a toy. Buzz, with his laser light and mighty wing span, is immediately favored to the more traditional Woody. This plot is highly symbolic of the entire film.

Disney is very proud of releasing the first fully computer-animated motion picture, and, for a while, that's really nice. But to anyone who has seen "Myst" or "The 7th Guest," computer graphics and animation are no big deal. The classic animation, like the Woody doll, is more interesting than the new-fangled computerized animation, represented in the film by Buzz Lightyear.

In fact, Disney was so caught up with adding scenes just to show off its computer prowess, it forgot to add story, or humor or to give the audience a reason to care about many of the toys — or the humans for that matter, which are poorly

conceived. With all that computer animation, Disney should have done better.

The character of Woody is the only toy that we can sympathize with, since everyone feels the fear of being replaced or seen as no longer necessary. But the character of Buzz Lightyear is so arrogant and haughty that we just want him booted off the screen. The supporting characters aren't much better.

There's a stinky dog that's cute and an Eich-A-Sketch pad that needs more screentime. The T. Rex is so neurotic and annoying that he should be a regular on "Seinfeld." But he pales in comparison to Mr. Potato Head, who is loathsome in every way. He spearheads the entire campaign to kick Woody out of the toy room when all the toys think Woody killed Buzz. And let's not even bring up Bo Peep. After "Pocahontas," this puts the sexism back in Disney flicks.



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"Space command? Call my agent."

Instead, there is one funny scene in the whole movie. Buzz and Woody inadvertently end up in the arcade game that grabs toys from the bottom with a mechanized claw — whatever that thing is called. When they get inside, they are greeted by a board of alien dolls who consider the claw their master.

When a human claws one of the dolls, he says while being pulled up, "I've been chosen! I can pass to the next world!" That was the only original moment in the whole movie.

"Toy Story" could have been great but like the human, Andy, with his Buzz Lightyear, Disney was so caught up with its new toy that they forgot what first made them great: interesting stories, humor and characters that you will remember on your way home.

Grade: C

Drive-ins back in

Staff as many of your friends as possible into the trunk of your car and head off to the Starlite Drive-In.

By BETSY STROUD
STAFF WRITER

The Starlite Drive-In movie theater in Durham offers people a chance to recapture a little of the past.

In operation since the '40s, the Starlite is the only drive-in movie theater in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. The final show of the season was "The Wizard of Oz" last Thursday night.

The drive-in, which has the largest screen in the Triangle, shows classic and alternative movies beginning in early spring.

The Starlite has a couple of other advantages over a regular theater. The snack bar offers hamburgers and fries, plus the popcorn and candy you see in regular theaters, but at more reasonable prices.

Besides the food, the picture on the screen is fantastic. Having seen "The Wizard of Oz" twice yearly since I was four, I really didn't think there was much left for me to pick out, but I saw a lot of details I had missed.

A wave of nostalgia hits you as soon as you pull into the driveway and see the large, pink neon Starlite sign. After being greeted by the Starlite sign and seeing all the cars lined up, you really feel you could have easily stepped back in time (if you're able to ignore the Lexus parked beside you).

However, the theater has some modern conveniences that make viewing the movie a little easier. Instead of having to put a sound device in your car, you can pick up the movie on an FM radio station. This can be a definite perk when it's cold outside.

The Starlite, which is operated by C & E Entertainment, may offer several more options to movie buffs next year. [Fifties camp beach-party movies with bands playing before the movie starts is just one of several plans for the theater.] Holding up to 400 cars, the Starlite's admission charge is \$10 per carload. However, there is no limit to the number of people allowed in the car, and you can bring pick-up trucks and lawn chairs. Getting a little piece of the past can turn out to be a real deal.

Gibb Droll Band shakes its groove thing at Lake Boone

It may be a funny name for a band, but you can't beat the music.

By ERICA HINTON
STAFF WRITER

Saturday night, Lake Boone Country Club was host to a new sound on the local music scene.

The Gibb Droll Band, with a jazzy, bluesy sound and, at times, even reminiscent of Phish, definitely lent a unique twist to what Raleigh usually has to offer.

Opening for Gibb Droll was the Columbia, S.C.-based band Rearwindow. Although its sound was a

little more mainstream, it was clear and resonant and attracted a small, lively crowd. Beginning with a surprisingly good rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner," Rearwindow played a range of old and new songs during its set, which lasted about an hour.

The new tracks can be heard on the band's new album, due out in January, which it just finished recording in Seattle. At the conclusion of its set, with the crowd yelling "one more song," it was clear I hadn't toppled onto the regular opening band.

Having been disappointed by openers in the past, I didn't expect too much from Rearwindow. If there is one thing I have learned, it is that there are actually some decent bands that frequent the area —

you just have to go out there and find them.

With Lake Boone about two-thirds full, The Gibb Droll Band came on to a welcoming crowd around midnight. For the duration of the set, it played songs off both of its albums, the older "Dharma" and the latest, "Narrow Mouth Jar." Songs from "Narrow Mouth Jar" show the versatility of the band, with a combination of faster and slower tunes and even a couple of instrumentals. Although the songs tend to vary, a mellow tone seemed to override the whole set.

Lead singer Gibb Droll seemed to have his vocals and guitar down to a science, and with the accompaniment of bassist Gary Look, pianist Pete Mathis and

drummer Mike Williams, the group played its unique mix for about two hours. Its nontraditional sound and return to a more soulful approach to music really paid off.

While Lake Boone was not packed full on Saturday, I'm sure that the more Gibb Droll plays, the greater the crowds will grow. Many bands today have a sound that will only give them a few minutes in the spotlight, but The Gibb Droll Band produces a sound that won't come and go in a heartbeat.

The next time The Gibb Droll Band appears on the line-up at an area venue, it is definitely worth the price of admission to catch this up-and-coming act.



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Use the tool you are given

Put the brakes on pathetic professors with a No. 2 pencil.

The end of the semester is fast approaching. Along with due dates for term papers, seven days of final exams and never-quit dead week is yet another important aspect of a student's career — teacher evaluations.

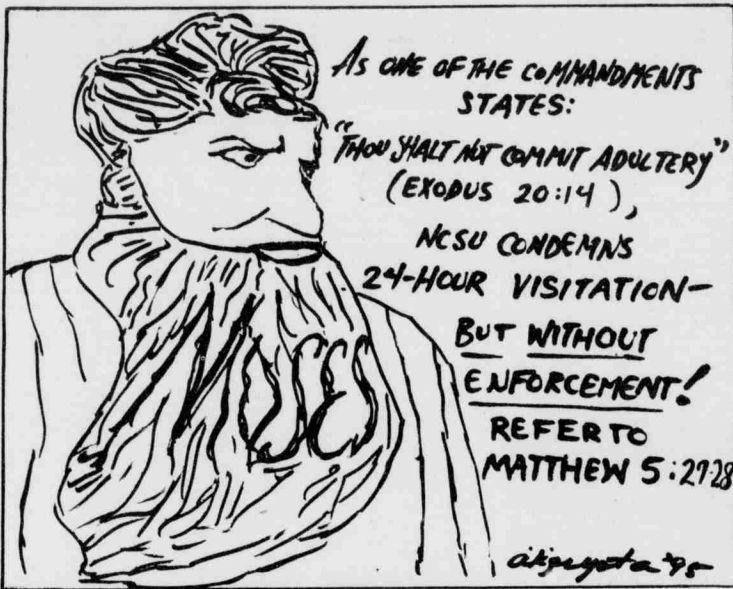
Semester teacher evaluations provide students with the opportunity to have the grading pen in their hands. Therefore, students should utilize this chance to inform department heads of the performance of their instructors. Students are provided with an opportunity to rate how well or how poorly their instructors perform and should take the chance to reflect sincerely on their responses.

Most students find themselves filling in bubbles, but simply filling in bubbles is not enough. Taking the time and the energy to answer the written portion of these evaluations is important as well. Go beyond the bubble sheets with Likert-scale

questions to the open-ended essays. Fight the first urge of a resounding groan, as this is just another strain to put on the overworked brain of students at the end of the semester. Most students find themselves wondering why they should bother and thinking their response doesn't really matter.

Truth is, these evaluations are used by department heads: one way is for merit pay increases. According to the Provost's Office, student evaluations are taken as a means to judge faculty performance. So this semester, write for a change. The explanation you provide will give more insight than your "excellent/good/fair/poor" ever could.

By the same token, administrators should pay closer attention to evaluations and take definitive action to weed out teachers who receive poor evaluations semester after semester. If students take the time to answer all those questions, something should come of it beyond denying merit raises.



Commentary

Stipends small, tuition high

Graduate School needs to give more to its students.

NCSU has a great graduate school. Ranked as one of the best engineering graduate schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report, NCSU draws some of the finest students from across the country and the globe. And don't forget a top-notch vet school or the agriculture department.

But for a school that attracts the talent and passion that it does, NCSU does a lousy job helping students. First, the tuition, regardless of the Board's decision to raise it, is extremely high compared to other schools in the region. The engineering program at Georgia Tech, long renowned as one of the finest the country has to offer, is much cheaper

than NCSU. At many schools, tuition is waived completely for students who receive financial aid.

Second, the money that NCSU does spend on its graduate students is meager compared to the money some schools heap on their students. Fewer than half of all graduate students receive stipends, compared with 90 percent of students at some schools.

As if fewer stipends weren't bad enough, the stipends students do receive are no better than average. One might assume that if a school is giving fewer stipends away, it would at least make those stipends big.

Spending money on graduate students is not money thrown away. The better the students, the better the program. And the better the program, the more money private industries will grant our school.

Think before drinking

There's more at stake in bingeing than a hangover.

Alcohol is synonymous with college life — Animal House and the ivory tower are as seemingly inseparable as peanut butter and jelly. Though the various forms of liquid grain products will never be completely absent from the college experience, a disturbing habit needs to be changed.

Binge drinking is a big problem. A substantial number of students go out partying on weekends consuming large amounts of alcohol (defined as five or more drinks) in a short amount

of time. A recent study showed almost half of all college students are binge drinkers. Not only is this dangerous in and of itself, it is also the first step in a chain of events that could prove to be catastrophic.

Many students wind up blitzed beyond all rational thought and find themselves in bad situations the morning after. One could be mugged, raped or passed out on the other side of town.

The message is simple — don't binge drink. Chugging a six-pack can lead to a lot more than a big headache in the morning. Your grades, your health and even your life may be at stake.

Even though Thanksgiving has passed, I think I need to discuss some things we all should be thankful for —

American society and American culture. Somehow, in all the talk about what makes this country great, our own culture seems to slip our mind. We are so inundated with liberal rhetoric from feminists, Afrocentrists and homosexual groups telling us how bad American society is or how oppressive European culture is, we forget how privileged we are to live in this country.

Can you name one country on this planet that has taken more strides toward equality or tolerates what the United States tolerates? You can't do it. Western culture and our society are the most fair and tolerant in the world.

This is not to say that there are not some very serious blemishes on this country's history (slavery, denying women the right to vote) or that there is not a long way to go before we achieve equality, but so far this country is on the right track towards meeting our goals.

To give you an idea of how far we've come and how lucky we all are to be here, let's take a trip around the world and see how some of America's "civil rights" groups would fare in non-Western nations.

It's early one morning and the Iranian chapter of the National Organization for Women is rising for a morning protest for

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abortion rights. Assuming your husband has permitted you learn to read and decides to let you out of the house, you plan to meet your other sisters in the town square in downtown Teheran. Hope it's not a long walk — women aren't allowed to drive a car in Iran.

Once you meet the sisters, you begin to chant and march around the square — that is, until the police tear down your signs and arrest you. For those who manage to escape the police and escape going to jail, it's back home to your husband to submit to his every whim. Even though the rally wasn't a success, you can't help but think back to all the progress you've made for civil rights in the Middle East. After all, slavery was legal in Saudi Arabia until 1960 — you've come a long way, baby.

Ahhhh! Another beautiful spring morning in Havana, Cuba. What a great day for a march on the capital in favor of gay marriages. You meet the rest of the guys downtown to do some sodomy role-playing; everything is fine until the state police show up. Just as everyone starts to get into the swing of things, the police kill all of you.

Castro sure runs a tight ship, and to think the guys in Tirana, Albania got only jail and forced labor. Too bad the Communists are so narrow minded, but I guess they're just following in the footsteps of Iran. There they just throw open homosexuals

off steep cliffs. Sick of Eurocentric culture dominating America and its culture? As you head down to the cultural center to attend "How to Afrocentricize America" make sure you get your notes on modern Africa in order. In your attempt to bring African culture to the United States, don't forget to get a word in for the country of Mauritania where, as we speak, women and children are being captured and sold as chattel slaves. Maybe mentioning Mauritania will bring up a discussion of the Sudan, where Islamic extremists sell children into slavery every day — even to the president. Too bad the NAACP is too busy dealing with tearing down American culture to return any of the human-rights groups' phone calls.

There's more than one way to skin a cat, though. Maybe a human-rights representative in Somalia can alert U.S. troops (read: Western oppressors) to the slavery problem before they finish baiting the country out of famine and leave.

Thank God for America! This country has problems — there is still inequality, there is still racism, but isn't it incredible how far we've come? Euro-American culture is the shining light of tolerance and equality. Each day women and minorities across the planet face horrible persecution, even from their own governments.

Before you decide to protest black "slavery" or "oppression" of women or "intolerance" of homosexuals, think about how lucky you are to be a part of a society where equality is even a possibility. It is for that very reason that I am thankful for the United States.

Grawburg's logic is twisted

Chris Grawburg's comment that "Women who dress in skimpy clothes... are asking to be put in potentially dangerous situations" is, for lack of a better word, interesting. Nice logic, Chris! I wonder if this train of thought can be applied to other areas. If I get in my car, am I asking to be in an accident? By walking to class from Avert Ferry Road, am I asking to be run down while crossing Western Boulevard? Does leaving my house constitute grounds for being mugged and/or killed? Please forgive me, but I'm having a little trouble stomaching Grawburg's postulation. Open your eyes, Grawburg.

Women are raped every day by dates, friends, family and strangers, and guess what — quite a number of these women aren't strutting around drunk while wearing short skirts and halter tops. Correct me if I'm wrong, but doesn't this lead to the conclusion that the rapists are the problem?

Oh, but simply denying the fact that a woman's attire has nothing to do with the fact that she is still at risk of being

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opposing the violation of their bodies while not persecuting those whose sexuality differs from theirs. Thanks so much, Chris, for making every date rapist's dream come true by reinforcing the position that it's all her fault.

Sherry Brown
Sophomore, Chemistry

Aras should stick to judging own culture

I was greatly perturbed by the comments of Yasemin Aras regarding marriages in America, perhaps much like she might be when someone "criticizes your culture." My main concern is how she stated some of her opinions as if they were facts, without qualification or reference, and then referred to her marriage as the standard by which marital bliss might be measured (specifically, she cited a utopic description of what a makes a happily married couple, then stated "Now, if we can do that, anyone can!")

Who is she! On what basis did her relationship become the measuring stick for marital success? How dare she try to define

what marriage should be! Would she really like me to challenge her to qualify her relationship with her spouse based on the unrealistic description that she herself doesn't believe?

I say these things because I am an American born & bred in the American way... whatever that means. I am married to a wonderful man whom I have known since middle school and dated all through high school. In a sensible manner, we took a break through my college years and have been married for five years since!

We have had many issues to address during our marriage, which might have resulted in the deterioration of most — it was knowing each other so well and knowing what being in "other" relationships was like, as well as consulting with our parents, which has helped our foundation grow stronger and not weaker.

I would speculate that if we had only known each other for a short time (one year) that we might not have been so lucky!

Aras speaks of the American divorce rate. I would like to try and defend it, but I can't. However, I will say that many

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 of us believe that we deserve happiness (so defined by us!). It is not a successful marriage if the only reason that you remain with your spouse is because of the shame that you would bring to yourself and your family should you choose to divorce. Think about that!

Dannellia B. Gladden-Green
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Anyone could be "asking for it"

In general, I agree with Grawburg's assertion that some groups are trying to make the definition of rape dangerously broad. However, that is where our common ground ends.

If Grawburg proposes to define rape as being only forced penetration, then how would he deal with cases (involving both sexes) where consent to sex was used to keep a job or placate an abusive authority figure? In those cases, I would say that rape is obvious, but it certainly does not satisfy Grawburg's criteria.

Additionally, I'd like to take Grawburg's example about the improperly dressed woman and see if it makes sense in any other context. Suppose I am crossing the street and I am struck by a car that runs the red light.

By Grawburg's logic, I am as much to blame as the car. What could I have been thinking to put myself in such a dangerous situation? Didn't I know that cars used that street? The way I was dressed (no reflective clothing), I was asking to be hit. I should have

known that car couldn't control itself.
 We, as men, have to step up and be more responsible in our behavior towards women. A real man would not use the excuse of being drunk to pass off his own misguided actions. We need to remember that we are separated from the rest of the animal kingdom by more than just an opposable thumb.

Scott Jackson
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Republicans are not really cutting anything

I am responding to a column James Ellis wrote in the Nov. 17 issue of Technician, and, of course, he sounded like the north end of a south-bound horse. It seems that Ellis has disdain for the entire democratic process when he asks "Is the screaming, name-calling and litany-of-horroring getting anything done?" What Ellis calls screaming and name-calling is merely the debate of the budget. I believe that this is what the founding fathers had in mind when major changes are proposed.

I will give Ellis credit for bashing the bastion of liberalism (socialism, communism, any of these labels will do), the Democratic Party. However, he is definitely out of line for bashing the Republican Party. At least they have the great ideas, and they actually have a balanced budget to propose. Ellis, only the Democratic Party has lost sight of the problem.

Much of Ellis' column is based on a false premise. Ellis claims that there are cuts in welfare.
 Welfare is not getting cut!
 Medicare is not getting cut!
 Student aid is not getting cut!
 Spending in

these areas is being increased!
 Now, I am one of those "evil" Republicans, and the problem I have with welfare is not that it is theft, but it is legalized armed robbery.
 It makes the recipients dependent on welfare and takes away their dignity. A person tends to appreciate things, including food, more when it is earned and not handed to them on a silver platter.
 When the government is able to give a citizen something, then someone else has to pay for it. Of course, the government is going to look at anyone who has a legitimate income to pay for the benefit given to the citizen. And taking involves force (i.e. armed robbery) and a loss of freedom. This is why it can be concluded that liberalism is a lot like communism.

Ellis seems to have a problem with anyone who gets to keep more of the money they earn instead of paying it out in taxes. He makes it sound like the millionaires and "captains of industry" don't earn their money, rather, it is given to them. These millionaires, however, earned their money. They put their own capital at risk and got a good return on their investments. Instead of lambasting them, Ellis ought to be praising them because through the captains of industry and the middle class, the heist called welfare is able to continue.

Ellis did make a good point — he did say that if we break citizens down into different classes and treat them differently, then a nation cannot thrive. Ellis, what in the hell do you think liberals have done these past 40 years? They have impugned the rich and made it noble to be a welfare queen sitting down on her lazy butt watching soap operas all day!

To summarize, the only way we can maintain our standing as a first-

class nation is to have a nation of self-reliant people. We are not going to achieve this goal if we have people depending on the government for their very existence!

We won't be a first-class nation if our income is confiscated at the 40-plus percent rate that some people have to pay. Send a message to the liberals in '96. Get rid of Bill "didn't inhale" Clinton and his tax cronies.

Mathew Hamby
 Sophomore, Textile Chemistry

All-night vistingation would be anarchy

I have many problems with the overall message of your editorial regarding 24-hour visitation, but there is one thing that stands out as completely absurd. The editorial states, "the Board of Trustees should change the current policy to reflect... the wishes of the students... also to conform to the current practices."

Are laws made to conform to those who break them? Of course not. Just because a lot of people are breaking the rules does not mean that the rules should be changed. Rather, it means that the rules should be more strictly enforced so that those who were planning on breaking them might be discouraged from doing so.

If all laws and rules were made in the way that the author of that editorial wished, we would have nothing but anarchy. Lawlessness would reign supreme, and the innocent would suffer. If those who want 24-hour visitation were such a majority of the people, then how did John O'Quinn become president?

There are checks and balances put in place so that a minority of the people who just happen to have a louder voice can't force legislation that a majority of the people don't want.

Joshua Carr
 Freshman, Textile Engineering

Ellis misses the flaws of the welfare system

Once again, we have been blessed with commentary by James Ellis that isn't worth the paper it's printed on. In Friday's paper, Ellis wrote a piece on his views on welfare. My intention is to shed a little more light on the ideas Ellis presented.

First, let me explain something. Republicans, along with the majority of people in this country (i.e. last election) aren't discouraged that "poor people might get something for free." They simply feel that the welfare system is being abused, and recipients are not encouraged to break free of their financial constraints.

Second, the richest one percent pay the largest chunk of taxes in this country. Ellis states "If you're poor, you get told to get a job." Oh, the horror! Those nasty Republicans are so inhumane. How dare they!

Third, Ellis says, "the people who have nothing, get nothing."

Sorry, the topic is welfare reform, not an end to welfare. Reform is needed to discourage generation after generation from being dependent on the government.

Fourth, Ellis discusses how we treat our citizens. The fact is, the poor in this country live better than anywhere else in the world. Also, the United States has one of the highest set income levels for an

individual to be considered "poor."
 The major idea is to reform welfare and cut the waste, not to annihilate it. The purpose of this reform is to help people make a living for themselves and to promote self-reliance. This is the principle that welfare was created on and it seems to have been lost.

Tony Spencer
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Ellis' ideas are simply asinine

This letter is in response to James Ellis' commentary on welfare printed in last Friday's technician. Ellis' comment "A nation is rich because of the way it treats its own citizens," depends on what kind of wealth we are talking about. If we are referring to wealth of humanity, yes, the way a nation treats its citizens is important to that nation's richness (in humanity).

But, if we are referring to economic wealth, Ellis' statement is not true.

Like it or not, economic wealth does not depend on kindness; it depends on competitiveness. A nation's economic wealth depends on the productivity of its citizens, especially its blue-collar workers (notice that these are the jobs most welfare recipients qualify for).

It is true that eliminating welfare entirely may be inhumane to those who have grown to depend on it, but the argument to cut the rate of increase in welfare spending, as the GOP would like, would "undercut our standing as a nation and as an international power" is simply asinine.

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