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Foundation elects 1996 officers

Thomas McGowan of Greensboro, president of the Animal Health Division of CIBA-Geigy Corp., has been elected to a one-year term as president of the N.C. Veterinary Medical Foundation.

H.D. Cornelius of East Bend, owner/manager of Logan Creek Farms and a member of the N.C. Pork Producers Association, was elected vice president. Both will take office immediately.

The foundation, which provides supplemental private funds for the College of Veterinary Medicine at N.C. State, was established in 1978 to encourage teaching, learning and research in veterinary medicine.

Elected to four-year terms as members of the foundation board of directors were: Sharon Herring of Newton Grove, Everett James Jr. of Robersonville, Mathew Riemann of Raleigh, Dr. E. Max Sink of High Point, Randall Terry of High Point and Linda Wyrick of Raleigh.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Workshops target damage prevention

Six one-day damage prevention workshops for excavators, construction workers and others whose jobs involve locating underground utilities are scheduled in 1996 at N.C. State's McKimmon Center.

The workshops, sponsored by the NCSU Construction Automation and Robotics Laboratory, will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, March 21, May 16, July 18, Sept. 19 and Nov. 21. The fee is \$30. Participants completing the course, entitled "Basic Cable Locate 206," will earn one Continuing Education Unit Credit.

Participants will be taught how to locate underground utilities in congested areas, abandoned facilities and encapsulated plants, as well as how to identify and properly handle: butt splices, loops and laterals, conduit runs, express cable routes, lead sheath cables, open or cabled tracer wires, fiber optic cables, power primaries and steel gas valves.

Instructor Gary Guthrie of Utility Technical Services will also demonstrate and discuss: sweeping techniques, marking/offsets, manhole safety, plat and atlas map reading, dangers of peak and null antennas, job planning and focus and contractor/excavator relationships.

Courtesy of the NCSU News Services.

NCSU receives Park scholarships

Chancellor Larry Monteith announced Jan. 16 that, in the 1996 fall semester, N.C. State will award full-expense, four-year Park Scholarships to 25 entering undergraduates selected on the basis of merit and leadership potential.

While the scholarships are open to all students who are U.S. Citizens, three-fourths of the scholars will be selected from North Carolina.

The scholarship recipients will be known as "Park Scholars" after the late Roy H. Park, an alumnus of NCSU. Funding will be provided by the Park Foundation.

Senate approves potential fee hikes

N.C. State's Student Senate voted to increase student fees.

By MICHAEL PRESTON
STAFF WRITER

The N.C. State Student Senate endorsed a package to raise student fees by \$27.72 next year, pending subsequent approvals. The package would pay for everything from new computer terminals to improved

health services.

The senate held a four-hour marathon session Wednesday evening to consider six groups' requests for money.

If the entire package had passed unopposed, original requests from the six groups would have resulted in a \$42 fee hike.

One of the increases the senate supported was for the University Student Center. A proposed fee increase of \$5 was endorsed despite the protests of Student Body

Treasurer Carmita Davis. Davis said she was concerned over the center's \$28,000 debt and a \$7 increase approved for it last year.

The Student Center's budget this fiscal year is a little less than \$4 million.

"I kept asking questions about where all of their money was going," Davis said. "Why are they negative \$28,000?"

Davis also strongly opposed the senators' decision to approve a fee increase for Student Health Services.

She said Student Health Services was "just being greedy" and didn't think it "was convenient for the students any longer."

Davis said she was disappointed with the senate's actions and hopes the NCSU Board of Trustees doesn't adopt the increases.

"I thought the senators were going to be more conservative and maybe say no to all of the resolutions," she said.

The senate did reject some proposals.

Senators almost unanimously agreed not to support Athletic Director Todd Turner's request for a \$15 student fee increase for Carter-Finley Stadium renovations.

College of Engineering senator Aaron Maurer recalled that in a 1992 meeting with Turner, senators were told that the only way students would have to contribute to the renovations would be on a

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Class to donate tree spade

The 1996 senior class wants to raise \$10,000 for a tree spade.

By PHILLIP REESE
STAFF WRITER

Soon it may be easier for students to find shade among the N.C. State bricks, thanks to the 1996 senior class.

Their gift to NCSU will be a tree spade, a device that uses four prongs to remove trees from the ground with minimal damage to both the trees' roots and the ground. Also, the tree spade will transport trees onto campus so they can be transplanted.

Senior class vice president Shannon Riley said the senior class council decided upon the tree spade because of its environmental and aesthetic benefits.

"I've been irritated by people talking about how beautiful Chapel Hill is," Riley said. "This will help



See GIFT, Page 2 ▶ Brian Ridenhour, a senior in botany, inspects the \$10,000 tree spade his class will give to N.C. State.

SALVADOR FABIAN/STAFF

'Copycat DNA' developed

N.C. State scientists synthesized and designed a DNA molecule.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

N.C. State scientists have designed and synthesized a DNA molecule that can block the production of bacterial proteins, and may lead to a new class of antibiotics to fight drug-resistant germs.

The development of the "copycat DNA," which mimics the protein-manufacturing ability of RNA, is especially timely in light of the recent resurgence of tuberculosis, pneumonia and other diseases caused by organisms that have built up resistance to existing antibiotics, said the NCSU team's lead researcher, Paul Agris, biochemistry professor.

Agris and his team published their findings in the Jan. 1 issue of "Nature Structural Biology." A provisional patent application on their findings has been filed.

"Rather than focus as most

"It's as though there are two cars and only one parking spot into which either will fit."

—Paul Agris,
biochemistry professor

antibiotics do on the [protein-making] process that occurs in the large subunit of a cell's ribosome, we've found a way to disrupt the transmission of genetic information that must take place in the ribosome's small subunit before protein synthesis can occur," Agris said. "Because of this, and because small DNA molecules are easily absorbed by bacterial cells, this molecule may prove very useful in creating new antibiotics to attack drug-resistant mutant strains of bacteria."

Scientists have long known that proteins play a critical role in virtually all biological processes including the development and control of bacterial fungal diseases. DNA

contains the genetics instructions for making these proteins, which are copied onto RNA molecules called "Messenger RNAs," or mRNA. The job of translating mRNA's protein-making instructions in the cell's ribosome where the actual protein manufacturing takes place is performed by another type of RNA molecule called "transfer RNAs," or tRNA. The tRNA chemically binds to a site on the ribosome's small subunit, giving it the instructions it needs to make proteins.

By mimicking certain specifics of tRNA's three-dimensional structure, the copycat DNA can bind to the same site on the small subunit,

subsequently preventing tRNA from binding there. Because the copycat DNA does not mimic tRNA's biological function to translate and transfer genetic instructions, bacterial protein synthesis in the ribosome's large subunit cannot occur.

"It's as though there are two cars and only one parking spot into which either will fit," Agris said. "If the DNA molecule already occupies the spot, the tRNA molecule is shut out."

Agris said that since the copycat DNA affects biological activity on the ribosome's small subunit rather than in its large subunit, where natural antibiotics are targeted, bacteria will have less chance of developing mutant strains with resistance to it.

"It's highly unlikely any mutation could occur on the ribosome's small subunit," he said.

Aside from its potential medical applications, the

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Liftoff



ANDY BARROCKA/STAFF
Freshman guard LySchale Jones goes in for a lay up against Carolina Wednesday.

Phillips resigns from WKNC

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The general manager of N.C. State's student radio station has called it quits.

By JENNIFER SORBER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After two years as the general manager of WKNC, N.C. State's radio station, Chris Phillips has decided to step down.

Phillips said he chose to resign because he will be graduating soon and wants to focus his attention on his classes. He also said he wants to give someone else an opportunity to work in the position he has held for so long.

Phillips won't quit cold turkey. He will remain a position at the station to ensure the

"Chris is the spinal cord of the station... He had his hand in just about everything."

—Andy Cook,
WKNC rock music director

completion of projects he started. These projects include completing a new studio and purchasing a new transmitter to increase the station's power.

"He will still be heavily involved at the station," said Andy Cook, the rock music

director.

The Student Media Authority appointed WKNC program director Alan Watkins as interim general manager in a meeting Thursday night. Watkins will act as Phillips' replacement until March.

Phillips has been an active member at WKNC since joining the station's news department in 1991. He became general manager in 1993.

Numerous duties, including supervising the technical and legal aspects of running the station were included in Phillips' repertoire.

Phillips' colleagues said they valued his experience.

"Chris is the spinal cord of the station,"

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DNA

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 NCSU scientists' research raises intriguing questions about the evolved division of labor between RNA and DNA. Most evolutionary biologists argue that RNA likely evolved first because it contains the same genetic information as DNA yet performs tasks of which DNA is not capable.

But, Agris said, "Now that we can modify DNA to mimic RNA, new questions arise: Could the roles of DNA and RNA have been less distinct at some early date in evolution? Could organisms have tried DNA as well as RNA to function in protein synthesis? If so, did the present-day division of labor result from DNA's inability to function as well, thus putting the evolving organism at a disadvantage?"

They are questions that evolutionary scientists may be asking for a long time.

TODAY

DANCE — A dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in the University Student Center Ballroom.

ORIENTATION — An orientation for students seeking full-time or summer employment will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center, room 375.

MEETING — The Board of Governors will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the General Administration Building in Chapel Hill.

SENIORS — Applications for Phi Kappa Phi fellowships offering up to \$7,000 for full-time, first-year graduate study are available to seniors with 3.75 GPA or better. Applications available in Peele Hall, room 104. The deadline is Feb. 9.

VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers are needed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Festival 1996. Sign up at the African-American

Cultural Center, room 355 or call 515-4516. Leave your name, address and telephone number.

NOTICE — Seniors planning to graduate this semester must apply for a Degree Card from their department no later than Jan. 31.

APPLICATIONS — The NCSU Department of Housing and Residence Life is now accepting resident adviser applications for the 1996-1997 academic year until Feb. 2.

APPLICATIONS — Student Assistants Volunteering in Emergency Situations (S.A.V.E.S.) is continuously accepting applications of students interested in fire and EMS work. For more information, call 515-2568.

PERFORMANCE — The Brickyard Blues Band will perform at C.A.F.E. in Western Lanes Bowling Center from 7 p.m. to midnight.

PERFORMANCE — Thyatra, a christian rock band, will perform at C.A.F.E. in Western Lanes Bowling Center from 7 p.m. to midnight.

MONDAY

PRACTICE — The Water Polo team will practice from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Carmichael Gym pool. New players are welcome. For more information, call Steve Thompson at 852-0095.

MEETING — R.E.A.L. Men and H.E.A.R. Women will have a joint meeting at 8 p.m. in the Women's Center in Nelson Hall.

FILM — Deborah Hoffman, Southern Circuit film maker, will present "Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter," at 8 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center cinema. For more information, call 515-5161.

MEETING — The Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. All interested female students and faculty who are or who think they may be lesbian or bisexual are welcome to attend. Contact the Women's Center at 515-2012 for further details and location information.

FILM — AHS-RTP continues Hindi Film series with "Silsila," at 7:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center cinema. Admission is free. For more information, call Ravi at 460-5915.

WEDNESDAY

PROGRAM — A program on "Understanding Personality Differences" will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Women's Center in Nelson Hall, room B-18. Call 515-2012 for more information.

MEETING — The NCSU History Club will meet at 4 p.m. in Bragaw Activity

Room. Dr. Zonderman will be the speaker.

THURSDAY

MEETING — A group for

international women students will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Women's Center in Nelson Hall, room B-18. Call 515-2012 for more information.

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SATURDAY

TUESDAY

WKNC

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Cook said, "It's unfortunate that he's stepping down. He had his hand in just about everything."

Employees said Phillips' involvement at the station was a key factor in its relicensing last year.

The relicensing process involves organizing data from the past seven years and submitting it to the public for approval. Since Phillips had

been at the station so long, he was familiar with much of the necessary information.

"He made sure that we got relicensed properly," WKNC music director David Lund said.

Along with relicensing, Phillips helped computerize and update the station. These changes improved WKNC's efficiency, Lund said.

Some WKNC workers said Phillips will be missed.

"It will be difficult to find someone that can do so much," Lund said.

Gift

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our landscaping in terms of making campus a prettier place."

Most of the trees will come from the NCSU Arboretum, a test site for plants that has trees available for transportation. Currently there is no safe way to move the trees.

Catherine Knes-Maxwell, development director for the NCSU Arboretum, said the spade will allow the arboretum to relocate trees that are too large to excavate by hand digging.

Knes-Maxwell said trees have a much better chance of surviving if they start their lives at the arboretum rather than on campus. Eventually, however, the trees have to be moved.

"Some of the [arboretum's] plants are the only ones of their kind in the United States," Knes-Maxwell

said. "We don't have room for them to grow to maturity, but the campus will."

NCSU plans to move 50 trees onto campus next year and around 25 trees will be moved each following year, she said.

Lanora Fouts, assistant director of NCSU Annual Funds, said the senior class council hopes to raise \$10,000 for the gift. She said that every senior class member will be called and asked to pledge.

Fouts said that the council will try to get additional support for the gift from local businesses.

Fouts said she hopes sufficient funds will be collected during the remainder of the school year. If so, the tree spade will be purchased at the beginning of next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

The council also considered other potential gift proposals from D.H. Hill Library and Student Health Services before deciding on the tree spade.

years, after which it would be repealed.

Maurer recalculated the SMA's request, minus funds allocated for Agromeck, and came up with \$2.72 as an amended amount, which was passed.

"Unless the yearbook is changed, I think it should be done away with completely," Maurer said. "Right now it's not effective. If the purpose of the yearbook is to have one archival copy, I think we can do that for a lot less than \$72,000 a year."

Before being finalized, the resolutions must be presented to a number of groups, including the Board of Trustees.



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Senate

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 voluntary basis.

But four years later, Turner has changed his mind.

"What it looks like to me is that they [the athletics department] came up short with their funds," Maurer said. "What's the best way to get these funds? Mandate it to student fees."

Another rejected proposal involved an equipment request for NCSU's yearbook, Agromeck. The Student Media Authority asked for a \$3 student fee increase for five

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Michael Preston

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This is the worst way to lose

Just when I thought things were going our way, the truth rears its ugly head in the form of Chris Collins.

My worst nightmare just became reality. Chris Collins took a shot from Durham and won the game. He got to do his silly-happy-juggle dance thing at center court on our floor. And there was nothing I could do but watch. It was the most helpless feeling in the world.

It actually pains me to write this column. An athlete, if you can call Collins an athlete without chucking, fired up the most impossible, impractical shot I think I've ever witnessed. It just sat up there, bouncing all over the place. And the moment before it went down I could swear that it mocked me.

"Not this time," it said, with a maniacal grin spreading across its face. "You'll be talking about this one for a while."

Chris Collins is the anti-christ. I'm not alone in this belief.

Once again, the basketball gods weren't smiling on N.C. State. Somebody was, but I don't think Satan qualifies as a ray of sunshine. And how did a 10 point lead in the second half vanish quicker than Isha Benjamin's game?

During the adventure that was the second half, when everybody in the stands watched the win slowly slipping through our fingers, I heard a question that I found even myself asking.

Just what was Coach Les Robinson doing? Down the stretch, when the lead went from 10 to six to three to none, what was going through his head? Why was Benjamin still in the game?

Personally, I think Benjamin has a great deal of talent. More talent than I'll ever possess in my

Collins' three meant to be

By Matt Lail
Assistant Sports Editor

Oh, the horror!
For almost 19 minutes in the second half the N.C. State men's basketball team had the Duke Blue Devils on the ropes in front of a sold-out, fire-breathing Reynolds Coliseum.

And then it happened. Duke's Chris Collins drained a three from Pullen Park to give the Devils their first lead in over 20 minutes of action. It was all they needed as Curtis Marshall's last-second lay-in refused to stay in the basket and Duke celebrated the 71-70 victory in front of an utterly stunned crowd.

State center Todd Fuller who despite a poor shooting night (7-20), still finished the game with 27 points and 14 rebounds, put it simply enough:

"This is one I thought we should've had."

The loss drops the Wolfpack to 11-5, and 1-3 in conference play. More importantly though, it is a game that State should have won, especially at home, and it is one that will no doubt raise questions about the character of the team.

"I thought it was an unbelievable basketball game... It's a tough loss for them but a great win for us."

—Mike Krzyzewski, Duke basketball coach

But according to State coach Les Robinson, it was a gallant effort nonetheless.

"I thought we played hard the entire game," Robinson said. "But then we got a little tired, a little carried away. At the end we missed a couple free throws and they hit some threes, but I was proud of our team on that last play."

"The whole thing just turned around. Their ball rolls around and goes through, our rolls in and out. But I was proud that with 5-7 seconds left we did what we were supposed to do."

But it just wasn't meant to be as State hit just one shot from the field

during the last 5-47 of the game. And that was a left-handed hook by who else? Todd Fuller.

Fuller had help from the usuals, Jeremy Hyatt (12 points, five rebounds), and Danny Strong (11 points, five rebounds).

But it was a tale of two guards as Marshall stayed solid dishing out five assists to no turnovers.

Conversely, slumping Isha Benjamin had one point on 0-5 shooting, while giving up four turnovers to just four assists.

C.C. Harrison managed to come off the bench to hit 3-4, scoring eight points, one assist and two steals in just 16 minutes of playing time.

The win was the first conference victory for Duke this year, who had lost four in a row and had not won at all in 1996.

"I thought it was an unbelievable basketball game," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "(Reynolds) is an alive place, as it always is. It's a tough loss for them, but a great win for us. I thought they [State] played fairly well, and we played our hearts out," Krzyzewski said. "We could either be crying in there or smiling because we played with a lot of emotion."



Ricky Price starts cutting into the lead by putting up a shot over AI Pinkins (14) and C.C. Harrison (right). N.C. State lost on a last second three-pointer by Chris Collins.

What T.O.'s around, comes around for Carolina

By David Honea
Staff Writer

The N.C. State women played North Carolina at Reynolds Coliseum Wednesday night, but the ending was more than a little reminiscent of the 1993 North Carolina-Michigan men's NCAA championship game.

Only this time, with the lead in the ACC on the line, Chris Webber wasn't there to give it away.

When the Pack's Nicole Mitchell missed the front end of a one-and-one, UNC's Tracy Reid grabbed the rebound. Surrounded by State players, Reid looked at the ref and called for a timeout—a timeout the Tar Heels didn't have.

The resulting technical foul gave State two free throws, which Jennifer Howard made.

With possession of the ball and only 10.8 seconds left, the Pack's 76-72 win was finally secure.

"That technical eliminated a lot of the pressure," Howard said. "But it seems like anything can happen when we play them."

While the game didn't match last year's double-overtime thriller in Reynolds, which State won 88-86, it did give the 5,000 fans in attendance their share of twists and turns.

The Wolfpack had actually mounted a

"The last two games I sort of lost myself as far as what kind of player I am... I got it back tonight."

—Chasity Melvin, N.C. State center

comeback of its own to take control in the final minutes.

State trailed 54-46 with 10 minutes to play, but center Chasity Melvin sparked a 19-5 run that put the Pack ahead to stay. Melvin broke out of a two game slump to score 16 of her game high 24 points in the second half.

"The last two games I sort of lost myself as far as what kind of player I am," Melvin said. "I got it back tonight."

"The last 10 minutes we took the ball inside more to Peace (Shepard) and Chasity," coach Kay Yow said. "We didn't move the ball well or make a lot of good decisions on offense before that."

It was a sloppy game on both sides of the ball. The two teams combined to commit

47 turnovers and 46 fouls. State also struggled with rebounding, allowing the Heels 17 offensive boards, 13 of which came in the second half.

The two teams stayed very close in throughout the first half, and the Heels took a 33-32 lead into the locker room. Junior Umekei Webb scored 14 in the first half, on the way to 20 for the game, to keep State close.

Reid, who was coming off the bench after missing several games with an ankle injury, led Carolina with 19 points, including eight straight early in the second half as the Heels built their lead.

Reid also played a crucial role in the closing seconds as Carolina attempted to come back.

North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell called the team's final timeout with 25 seconds left because "they looked like they had given up."

During the huddle, Hatchell made it known that it was the teams' last one. Reid twice rebounded missed Tar Heel free throws, hitting a three-pointer after the second.

She grabbed the N.C. State miss before calling the timeout which led to the technical foul.

The win gave State (13-2-5-1 ACC) a half-game lead over North Carolina and Virginia in the ACC. UNC (9-5-4-1) saw a nine-game ACC winning streak end.



Chasity Melvin (44) broke out of her recent slump and started one for Sheheika Walker on the way to the Pack's win over UNC, 76-72.

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A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. College life without its journal is blank.

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Student senate: the good, ...

■ The Student Senate did some good for its constituents Wednesday night.

Wednesday night's student senate meeting was a milestone in N.C. State history. For the first time, proposals for fee increases came before the full senate rather than being hashed out in a subcommittee before debate and voting. The meeting had its good points and its bad points.

First, the good news. A handful of rude senators walked out before the debate, before the vote, even before the presentations reached the halfway mark, but those who remained did an admirable job. They debated most of the issues well and carefully made what they thought were the best decisions for NCSU students. More than once, the words, "let's keep our constituencies in mind" were heard.

Here are the good decisions your senators made:

- By a unanimous vote, the senate voted to pass a resolution to give the Student Media Authority \$2.72 per full time equivalency (FTE) for five years for capital improvements.
- This money is sorely needed. Nubian Message does all of its editing

and design on one Macintosh. Windhover also has one computer. WKNC's 20-year-old transmitter is so antiquated the station's signal is in danger of being drowned just a few miles from campus. Technician's computers and photo-equipment are decade-old dinosaurs that need to be put out of their misery.

- Another good move was made when the senate decided to appropriate funds for Student Health Services. The service is in danger of losing doctors, and one position, that of Rape Crisis Counselor, has already been indefinitely left vacant.

The facility had to cut back its hours to relieve budget pressures, and students just aren't getting the quality of health care they need and deserve.

- Thankfully, the senate refused the athletics department's request for \$1.5 a year from students' pockets to make Carter-Finley Stadium pretty. The athletics department can go to the alumni for that gift, or maybe they can find out a way to siphon some cash from that \$1.5-billion debacle in the making, the Entertainment and Sports Complex.

Medicine and media have a little more significance for students than shrubs and a coat of paint.

... the bad, and the ugly

■ Although the senate did some good things for students, there were some flubs.

Some good decisions were made at Wednesday's meeting as mentioned above, but there are a few places that the senate could have considered, debated and amended a little more.

- The senate made a rash decision when it approved a resolution to raise student fees by \$5 to bail out the Student Center. They are in debt, but should the bail-out be at the expense of students? No. Recently, the Student Center had to pay \$100,000 in damages to a person who was injured in a bathroom there. Mismanagement in the Friends of the College Program has made it a money-leech for years. The program is gone now, but students are still paying for it, and they shouldn't have to anymore. Like the Athletics Department, this organization should look elsewhere to solve the plagues it visited upon itself.

- There was little debate before a raise in funds for computer labs was approved. Of course students need more computers, but couldn't the senate at least have discussed the issue? Are there other sources for funding? Deciding blindly to spend other people's money is neither

prudent nor wise.

- Carmichael Gymnasium needs money to fix the multi-purpose room, commonly referred to as the fencing room. The concrete floor has to be replaced because it isn't good for aerobics, and some exit doors have to be walled-over. It would be nice to make improvements in the older parts of the gym, but is this really so pressing? And do the students need to foot the bill for this?

Nobody wants to pay more money for an already expensive education. Next year students face a \$400 tuition increase, and jacking up student fees in the wake of this will only add salt to an already sore wound.

But sometimes, the only way to fix a problem is to throw money at it. For good or bad, the rumors that the student senate would not put its stamp on any fee increases did not pan out. Of course, senate approval is only a gesture, supposedly a reflection of how students feel.

Now it is up to the administration, then Board of Trustees and then the Board of Governors. They may not agree with the senate on some of the good points, and, sadly, they may feel bricking up a door or making Carter Finley pretty is more important than doctors and computers.



Commentary

Junk and stupidity - six days a week

Alex Storey



COMMENTARY

Mail - gotta love it. The piles of catalogs, money mailer-type things, endless junk mail and bills that just won't go away - all brought right to your mailbox six days a week by the lovely folks at the U.S. Postal Service. Gosh golly, what a country! A wonderful waste of paper, just 20 yards from my front door.

The processed tree carcasses that cross my palms take many forms. I won't trouble you about the volumes of fan mail (because there isn't any) or the sacks full of love letters from adoring female readers (see above), but I will tell you a little bit about the rest. In September, I moved from my two-bedroom firetrap near Gorman Street and took up residence in a warm and toasty three-bedroom duplex off Western Boulevard. One of the many rituals of the moving process involved having my mail forwarded from my old address. I managed to get all of my mail with little difficulty. Problem is, I got the mail of the previous residents as well.

From what I saw of the previous inhabitants of my abode, they seemed to be a tad bit slovenly and classless - attention to details like mail delivery didn't seem to be at the top of their list. We get all sorts of stuff intended for them - newsletters, eye exam reminder cards,

catalogs, IRS forms, you name it. Some of this mail came from Virginia Tech's Alumni office. After sending some mail back to them, we received a nice little post card from the Hokies addressed to the former tenant. It said the post office has informed them that So-and-So doesn't live at that address any longer, and they would like his new address! My

opinion of Virginia's higher education system has never been the same since. Something that amuses me greatly is some of the junk mail I get. I recently received a post card addressed to a Mrs. Alex Storey. Last time I checked, there was no Mrs. Alex Storey - my left ring finger shows no distress from the presence of a shiny golden shackle - but some mass marketing firm thinks so. The card, which was forwarded from my old address, reads, "Dear Mrs. Alex Storey, we haven't a clue as to why you haven't sent for your FREE SAMPL E pair of Silkie's pantyhose, Mrs. Alex Storey, so we thought you might need to take a closer look!" They should probably take a closer look at the list they bought.

No junk-mail review would be complete without mentioning sweepstakes - the ones with Ed and Dick's picture on them or the one that hands you a big-ass check on live television after the Super Bowl. Be

forewarned - if you place an order with these folks (and I know the four monthly installments of \$3.97 on a subscription to periodical gems such as Soap Opera Digest or Barney magazine is awfully tempting), more will come. I ordered subscriptions to Consumer Reports and Guns and Ammo (how conservative of me, I know) and damn if the things just don't keep coming. I only got two last year, now I've gotten six. They now give me a form to pick out which suite in the Waldorf Astoria I'd like to have in the unlikely event that they would fly me to New York to start giving me the real checks. But they pale in comparison to one I received last summer.

My mailbox had a fat red envelope from Reader's Digest with lots of stuff printed on it like little boxes with check marks by them signifying that I'm eligible for the grand prize and a neon-orange sticker saying this was an entry for the final stage. I think they went overboard with the friendly note to the postmaster that says they'll seize his first born, his left arm and subject him to hours of endless Hoovie and the Blowfish videos if this little parcel is not delivered.

Inside the package I found two stamped metal keys and an audio tape. Two days later I received a letter from the bank in Godforsaken, N.D. that handles the contest's account with business cards from the bank's vice president and Reader's Digest's assistant treasurer. Oooh, it must be important then.

HRL director responds to article

Please accept a point of clarification on your Jan. 17 article regarding the changing employment conditions for Resident Advisers. RAs have been and always will be encouraged to be involved in campus activities, and to hold leadership positions in campus organizations. Involvement in campus activities enables RAs to know more about the university and, therefore, to help their residents to get involved. Campus leadership positions help the RAs to develop important skills for their own personal development.

The only limits on involvement in the future will be on major, time-intensive leadership positions and on the amount of outside activities. Resident directors will work with RAs to make sure they are not over-committed to the detriment of their residents or their academic/personal lives. By the way, the RA compensation package for 1996-97 will total more than \$5,000, averaging more than \$7 per hour, based on 20 hours per week.

Tim Luckadoo
Director of Housing and Residence Life

The Campus FORUM

Ellis simply hasn't done his homework

I am responding to the gross exaggerations and inept arguments of James Ellis' column in the Jan. 10 edition. It is quite obvious that Ellis took absolutely zero time researching or even reading about the issues of which he wrote. The current events in Washington have been severely misrepresented. When Ellis said "Newt [Gingrich] and his high-on-power pals were not in it for the revolution... [H]ey were in it purely for the power." What? Hey Ellis, where have you been for the past twelve months? If by chance, you weren't under a rock, "finding yourself", or in a cave somewhere in Antarctica, you would have noticed that this Republican Congress has been working longer hours and passing more legislation than any Congress since the "New Deal" era. It sounds to me like Newt's "high-on-power pals"

are really "in it for the revolution." If they weren't, then wouldn't the Republicans simply be as sloven as the past liberal-Democrat controlled Congresses? That's what I thought.

Ellis goes on to say "What really gets me is the gule these people... have on denying the Democrats for lying, for concealing, for evading, for doing anything less-than-legal," and goes on to compare these accusations to the Iran-Contra affair of the 1980s. What?

How one can compare Iran-Contra, a design by the Reagan administration which has been proven as intended to stop the threat of Communism, to the Clintons using power to make money on a shady land deal, and some interesting investments in cattle futures. The accusations against the Clintons misdeeds have been proven, although the total numbers of laws they have broken has not been tallied yet. Now it doesn't take a genius to figure out that one act was patriotic, with the primary concern being the nation, and the other was just individual greed.

It's not worth the time and energy to get into the Clintons' involvement in the whole Vincent Foster affair. No offense Ellis, but facts often time help support opinionated claims.

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Preston

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 existence on this earth. But if he's not on, he's not on.
 A one point game against your arch-rivals isn't exactly the time to let him shoot out of his slump. Did you see Jeff Capel's eyes when Ishaq got the ball with 34 seconds left?

Got big as saucers, I'm telling ya. I have no idea where Benjamin's confidence has gone. But C.C. Harrison's is there, at least it was against Duke last night.
 Off the bench, Harrison went 3-4, including a 2-2 clip from behind the arch, and finished with eight points. Why not leave him in the game?
 And where was Ivan Wagner during this whole ordeal? Ask Harold Deane and Virginia about Wagner's quickness and defense. I think they can vouch for the fact that he could be a force on both ends of the floor.
 This is assuming he ever beats out Jason Sutton on Robinson's twisted little depth chart. If someone can explain that one to me, I'd be appreciative.

What troubled me most is that the Wolfpack played not to lose and it exploded in their faces.
 Over the last eight minutes of last night's disaster, State managed only one field goal and missed two key free throws in the last minute. The operative word being key.

If Benjamin and Curtis Marshall make those two free throws, that equals 72 points. Collins could throw up threes until he wet himself and it wouldn't have mattered.
 And it shouldn't have mattered. There is no reason we should have lost this game. None whatsoever and that is why I am so upset.
 This team has a world of talent. I truly believe that. We played straight up with Massachusetts until the five minute mark of the second half. We should've beaten Illinois, Virginia and Duke.

Tonight during the pre-game introductions, we walked out with the arrogance of a winner. Benjamin's little stutter-step and Danny Strong's chest pump was exactly what the crowd wanted to see. I know it's what I wanted to see.

The crowd, by the way, once again played a huge role. It was like being in Philadelphia when the Rowdies booed Greg Newton and called him a "cheater" while he was writing on the floor in pain.
 The only difference is Philadelphia would have pelted him with batteries.

I don't know what to say. A coach has to tell his players to play their game and he has to make the proper decisions to ensure everything runs like clockwork.
 That didn't happen against Duke. You can draw your own conclusions.

TECHNICIAN SPORTS:
Chris Collins
 (That one stung real bad. We won't forget.)

Breakdown of "The Breakdown"

Over the final 8:19 of Thursday night's game against Duke, the N.C. State Wolfpack surrendered a 10 point lead.
 In that stretch, State hit only two field goals, none of which were three-pointers.

The Blue Devils, on the other hand, nailed four of them, one of which broke the Pack's back.
 The three man show of Chris Collins, Jeff Capel and Ricky Price outscored the Pack 21-10 over that stretch.
 Collins accounted for half of those points and the game winning three-

pointer, his third, which he shot from just outside Cameron Indoor.
 "What can I say. Chris Collins is an amazing player," coach Mike Krzyzewski said afterward. "That wasn't even the play."
 Here's the play-by-play of eight minutes of infamy.

Time	N.C. State (Scoring)	Duke Blue Devils (Scoring)	Difference
8:19	HYATT LAYUP FROM BENJAMIN		+10
8:03		PRICE SHOOTS 2FT, GOOD, WIDE	+7
6:27		COLLINS BASELINE JUMPER FALLS	+4
6:03		COLLINS GETS STEAL AND HITS A THREE	+6
5:47	FULLER HITS A HOOK SHOT		+3
5:18		CAPEL SCORES, FOULED, 1FT-GOOD	+5
5:03	FULLER HITS TWO FREE THROWS		+2
4:32		CAPEL HITS A WIDE-OPEN THREE	+4
4:16	BENJAMIN 1+1, SHORT		+3
2:51	FULLER SHOOTS 2FT, GOOD, GOOD		+5
2:13		PRICE SHOOTS 2FT, WIDE, GOOD	+2
1:20	FULLER SHOOTS 1+1, GOOD, GOOD		+3
1:28		COLLINS HITS RUNNING THREE	+1
34.5	BENJAMIN SHOOTS 2FT, NO, GOOD		+2
17.9	MARSHALL SHOOTS 2FT, NO, GOOD		+1
5.5		COLLINS HITS THE THREE	-1

FINAL SCORE:
DUKE 71, NC STATE 70

Horror

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 The Pack was up 60-50 with 8:19 left, but Duke, led by Ricky Price and Collins, went on a 9-2 run to cut the lead to three.
 Always reliable Fuller nailed two free throws, but Jeff Capel was wide open for the easy three.
 The two teams exchanged free throws to put the lead at 68-63, State.
 But on a sloppy Duke offensive play, Collins made a diving save rescuing the ball for a quick three.
 Duke fouled Benjamin on the in-

bounds, but he was only able to hit one free throw.
 A Capel lay-up and Marshall's going one-of-two from the line gave the Devils the ball and the game down two with 16 seconds left.
 The Pack will now have to regroup and head to College Park to face the Terps on Saturday.
 "It's gonna be tough," Robinson said. "(Maryland is) another team that hasn't won a conference game. But that's this conference. (State) is a team with a lot of fight and we will bounce back."
 "We gotta learn from tonight."

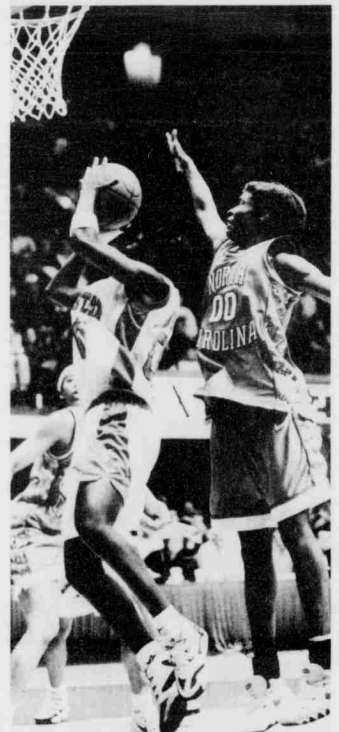
Men's Basketball

vs. Duke Blue Devils

Blue Devils 71, Wolfpack 70	FG		FT		Reb	A	PF	Pts
	M	A	M	A				
Duke	33	56	11	14	3	2	12	71
Price	3	3	2	4	3	2	4	8
Wallace	2	6	0	0	1	0	1	12
Newton	2	2	2	2	4	0	4	6
Capel	3	8	1	1	1	1	20	20
Collins	3	7	1	2	3	0	4	8
Burke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Djordjevic	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Vojtechowski	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	200	25-59	15-19	20-40	19	12	70	

North Carolina (72)		N.C. State (76)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Wright	4-11	1-2	2-7
Jackson	3-6	0-0	2-5
S. Walker	2-4	1-2	0-5
Cooper	1-3	0-0	0-2
Gaspard	5-12	3-4	3-5
Gear	1-3	0-0	0-1
Reid	6-15	6-9	5-8
Sadler	1-7	2-2	0-2
N. Walker	3-4	2-2	2-6
Totals	26-65	15-21	17-42

Close, but not quite



Freshman LySchale Jones goes up for two of her three against UNC's Tracey Reid. Later in the game, Reid would get her Chris Webber impersonation and call a timeout that they didn't have. The ensuing foul shots tied the heels.

#11 North Carolina State 76, North Carolina 72

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Three-point shooting: 5-17 (Reid 1-1, Gear 1-3, Sadler 1-3, Gaspard 1-4, Wright 1-5, Cooper 0-1) Blocked Shots: 2 (S. Walker 2) Turnovers: 24 (Gaspard 6, Reid 3, Wright 3, Jackson 2, S. Walker 2, Cooper 2, Sadler 2, N. Walker 2, Gear) Steals: 10 (Reid 3, Wright 2, S. Walker 2, Jackson, Gaspard, N. Walker) Technical Foul: Reid 0:10 8 second half.

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