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# Taking the lead on diversity

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### NCSU releases its diversity initiative

Editor's note: The following is the first in a series of eight tories about diversity at NCSU.

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With a final draft of N.C. State's Diversity Initiative now approved, the university is continuing its exploration of how to best increase campus-wide appreciation of diversity.

According to Hank Filmara, director of university improvement programs, the focus now turns to how to best achieve the four goals named in the initiative. These goals include increasing the presence and contributions of diverse groups, creating a working and learning environment where differences are welcomed and valued, incorporating diversity in a significant way into teaching, learning and research and making NCSU's commitment to diversity evident in all its operations. Fiumara said efforts are focused mainly on NCSU's climate and curriculum right now.

In the area of climate, officials are exploring how to best increase appreciation of diversity. Currently officials are looking for an assessment instrument, such as a poll or survey, to ascertain the current understanding and appreciation for diversity on NCSU's campus.

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Changes in curriculum are being explored as well.

"We are looking at how, in the instructional curriculum, we can introduce or means to enhance success and opportunity in both what is taught and how it gets taught." Fiumara said.

The officials' interest lies in interactions that are taking place between faculty members and other faculty members.

Fiumara said increasing diversity awareness will be achieved through more than simply adding courses, like cultural or gender studies, to the curriculum. Awareness will also have to increase through "enhancing the ability to communicate, to transfer knowledge in a manner that would allow all students to better receive it."

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College is a learning experience, Fiumara pointed out. Through a mix of both classroom education and life experience, Fiumara hopes appreciation of diversity will increase at NCSU.

"You may have some students that come in here that will have some set patterns of behavior, but I guarantee that they are not the same person when they leave that they were four or five years carlier," Fiumara said.

While Fiumara stressed the positive impact the diversity initiative would have on life at NCSU, Marcela Musgrave, president of the NCSU Latin American Students Association, seemed less sure.

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"These are lofty ideals, but I don't know if anything is going to come out of it," Musgrave said.

Musgrave initially got involved because she felt the 'diversity planning' was focusing too much on black-white relations. She wanted to make sure more came of it. Musgrave also said she did not feel it was ever clear where comments and concerns about the diversity initiative should be addressed when Fiumara and other officials asked for input back in October.

Jacqueline Hills, president of the NCSU Asian Students



(Above) An Asian mother and child mingle amidst a diverse group of NCSU students. (Below) An African-American lecturer talks with a number of NCSU patrons.



Association, feels a diversity initiative is necessary and appropriate at a public university like NCSU.
Hills believes the four goals seem fitting. She related the diversity initiative to the NCSU Asian Students Association.
"We welcome diversity because we know that we are all different," Hills said.
Hills also thinks an increase in appreciation for diversity in the classroom is going to help students to better understand and

# **NCSU** to build new apartments

Centennial Campus will be open to the general public, as well as NCSU students and faculty.

PHILLIP REESE

News Entor

Next year, for the first time ever, many students and faculty members will wake up on Centennial Campus.

N.C. State is planning to build 150 apartments on Centennial Campus. The apartments, which will be located near the Engineering Graduate Research Center at the end of Capability Drive, will be housed in two separate buildings. Howard Harrell, director of NCSU real estate, said the new apartments are part of a broad Centennial Campus development plan.

Centennial Campus development plan.
"The master plan for Centennial Campus includes academic, corporate, and residential as a third component."
Harrell cautions against referring to the apartments are residence halls. Instead, they will be "market-tate residential apartments" designed to attract the general public, as well as NCSU students and faculty.
"It's not a residence hall," he said.
"It's for everyone."

Currently, NCSU is trying to lease out the land where the apartments will be located to a private corporation. The private corporation. The private corporation will construct the apartment buildings and collect all revenue generated by renting the apartments out. The corporation will, however, have to pay NCSU a partner, and the private pay the pay

Harrell expects NCSU to find an eager development corporation to lease the land out to by the end of

lease the land out to by the end of February.

It is too early to say exactly when the apartment complexes will be completed, Harrell said. But, he added, the university hopes to have them ready by next year.

"Based on the time we're looking at now, I would say [the apartments] will be available by the summer of 1999."

Construction of the apartment complex will begin after the land is eased out to a private development

corporation.

The piece of land where the apartments are to be built is owned by the university's endowment fund. Officials at the endowment fund, Officials at the endowment fund purchased the land a few years ago with the goal of using it to further the Centennial Campus master plan.

# Senior class funds outdoor library patio

■ The 1998 Senior Class hopes to beautify NCSU.

KRIS LARSON

Year after year, each graduating class donates to the university a gift, a momento to be cherished for years to come. This year, the graduating Class of 1998 will team up with N.C. State Facilities and Operations to create "Geographics" a relay ting agest to be "Greenspace," a relaxation area to be located outside of the D.H. Hill Library.

The project, chosen by the Senior Class Council, will be located

between the new and old entrances on the brickyard side of the library. Due to the location, southern exposure will give students a warm, sunny area to converse with friends or to just relax between classes. The patio: in addition to containing flowers and shrubs, will also include an engraved plaque to remind future students of the goodwill of the Class of 1998. NCSU! brough the Denartment of

the goodwill of the Class of 1998. NCSU, through the Department of Facilities and Operations, proved its generosity by agreeing to match the amount raised by the Senior Class Council. The project is estimated to cost about \$12,000 and should be completed by the end of this semester. Jannie Davis, assistant director of

planning and research for NCSU libraries, said, "This project is great because it will benefit students across all disciplines. The library is always thrilled to have the support of our students—this is the fifth senior class thrilled to have the support of our students—files is the fifth senior class gift that we've been awarded. From the Class of 1998 Reading Room to this Class of 1998 Greenspace, it's obvious that with their help, we're improving our campus resources for the benefit of all students."

Josh Hawn, senior class president, added that "the Senior Class Council wanted to choose a project that would leave a permanent impression on the University. We wanted to be sure that in 60 years, future NCSU students

would be able to enjoy the product of the commitment of the Class of 1998. And since we felt that campus aesthetics were an obvious weakness to the university, the Class of 1998 Greenspace should begin to remedy this observable. this shortcoming."

The Senior Class Council will be olding an event to recognize and publicize the project on Jan. 22, from to 11 a.m. at the future site of

"We hope to inform and excite hopefully encourage them to obute to the project," said Hawn.



NCSU students pitch their tents in preparation for the annual Carolina ticket camp out.

# Monday IN BRIEF

### Two grants fund high-tech projects

Two grants worth a total of \$757,000 are allowing the College of Engineering to help fund a high-tech microscope and to open a separate laboratory that provides students with access to modern design equipment.

The National Science Foundation awarded \$600,000 to support the purchase of equipment for the college's new atomic resolution electron microscope.

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The funds will be used to help purchase a field emission atomic resolution electron microscope, making N.C. State the only research institution in the southeast that owns this type of equipment. A separate \$157,000 grant has supported the opening of the William F. Troxler Design Center, which will provide state-of-the-art laboratory space for electrical and computer engineering students. The funding was the gift of William F. Troxler, chairman and president of Troxler Electronic lactor of Research Triangle Park.

### Group guitar lessons to start this week

Learn pop, country and folk music, songs, histories and techniques in beginning and intermediate group guitar lessons.

Beginning classes are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4:30 and 5:45 p.m., while the intermediate class will be held on Tuesday from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Classes meet for one hour per week for 12 weeks in Pirce Music Center, room 201, starting Jan. 13. The cost is \$125, and guitars are available for those who need them.

The art of guitar playing is ancient, dating back many throughout of years. It has been used in everything from religious ceremonies to popular culture, and has gained many proponents due to its heavy utilization in rock and roll.

Many people use traditional guitar playing as a means of self expression. Songs for the classical guitar orthen compare favorably to the beauty of other instruments.

For more information, call Bett Pagett 834-4636,

### Insructional grant offered

The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and the University Teaching Effectiveness and Evaluation Committee invite faculty members to submit one funding proposal for up to \$3,000. Funds will be provided through the Instructional Grant Program. The program is designed to encourage and support innovative and cerative activities that improve instruction and learning in undergraduate courses and curricula. Proposal guidelines are available from the assistant provost's office, 202 Holladay Hall (phone; \$15-7528; email: rebecca\_leonard@nesu.edu] or from the World-Wide Web at http://www.Znscu.edu/nesu\_provost/info/announ ce/minigrt.html. Copies of proposals previously funded in each grant program are also available for review in 202 Holladay Hall.
Proposals will be evaluated and recommended to the provost. Funds will be available July 1 for the 1998-99 fiscal year. The deadline is March 20.

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# **Diversity**

relate to teachers and classes. Fiumara continues to emphasize the importance of members of the NCSU community becoming involved at an individual level.

"I would hope that people would take an active role individually because there are things students can do individually to break down barriers and increase appreciation," Fiumara said.

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Involvement is a matter of how active a student wants to be in his or her own growth. Finnara said activities from volunteering for Habitat. For Humanity to participating in the classroom can have aspects that will help increase or diversity.

"There are opportunities that are present that we can each take and design our own diversity plan," Fiumara said.

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The answer, at least in this single case, may lie entirely in Tom Clancy's fame. He's one of the globe's best-selling authors. More than 50 million Clancy books have shipped in 14 years and he's a principal in Red Storm Entertainment. Clancy's name on anything almost insures success, and "Power Plays: Politika" is perfect for merchandising Clancy's game. That's because his novels are invariably political and intricate, their target audience at least theoretically extremely high demographically. That means high computer literacy and the presumption they're likely to try a computer game

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requiring Internet online chat. Requiring Internet online chat. Required is the key word (though a version in which one plays against the computer is due). To "win," it's necessary to exercise the international diplomacy and intrigue so well depisted in Clancy's novels. They include:

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\* Forming alliances, and

\* General backstabbing

As many as eight can play. Red Storm supplies a no-charge Internet area, and you're able to "meet" prospective allies and enemies before beginning. Similarly, you can play "Politika" with only those you bring the book from Red Storm's web site, too (address below).

But is the game worth playing? Absolutely, if you're a strategy or Clancy fan! Hint: study his novels! Though play isn't standard-setting, it's better than acceptable. "Coordinating" sometimes feels atypicab the it's actually just a variant of the "death matches" popularized by the discussion is attractive; for the isolative the opposite's True.

Contact Red Storm at http://www.redstorm.com, e-mail politik.ag&a@redstorm.com, or call 1919-460-1736.

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Health & Nutrition by Judith Sheldon

The outbreak of a new form of influenza in Hong Kong has alarmed health authorities around the world. This strain of virus was previously thought to infect only poultry. But it unexpectedly "jumped" to several people, some of whom died. This has led to fears that we may be seeing the teatr of a global outbreak of a potentially fatial form of flu, perhaps similar to the strain that caused the epidemic of 1918 in which 21 million people some from the same than the same the representation of the same than the same tha

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# Wolfpack shatters Cavalier's streak

■ N.C. State's women's basketball team picks up its first win in 16 tries against

K. GAFFNEY

Charlottesville, Va.-Feb. 24, 1990.
That was the last time that Wolfpack women's basketball coach Kay Yow walked away from a match-up with Debbie Ryan and the Virginia Cavaliers with a win. Until yesterday of course.
The Wolfpack, ranked No.13 in the country and No.1 in the ACC, walked into University Hall on the campus of the University of Virginia with an eight-year 15-game losing streak on its back. But the Pack walked out three hours later with a 67-59 win and the mark as the conference's team to beat in 1997-98.

'It was a very emotional game for e," Yow said after the win. "We felt a "It was a very emotional game for me," Yow said after the win. "We felt a tremendous pressure coming into the game because of the 15 losses and because about six of those had come on last-second shots. We have had our battles, and our seniors hadn't beaten Virginia. We have a great team, if there was a team that I ever wanted to win today, it was this team."

The Cavaliers jumped off to an early lead, forcing turnovers in the N.C. State backcourt. The Pack committed 16 turnovers in the first half while forcing 12 on the Cavaliers, who converted State's miscues for 16 points. State battled back behind the play of junior guard LySchale Jones, who led the Pack again following a strong showing against Clemson just three nights before.

Down 14-8. Jones hit two shots in the paint to help bring the Wolfpack back, as State fought to a 29-28 deficit as the shalf came to a close.

In the second period, the Pack's offense got started with three early baskets from senior all-American candidate Chasity Melvin.

The Cavaliers railied, with veterans of Mimi McKinney and DeMya Walker putting points on the board. Jones set up her Pack teammates once again, however, sinking two shots in the paint. State sophomore Nailah Wallace and McKinney traded three point baskets down low from Peace Shepard opened up a 7-0 one minute scoring run by the Pack.

The Cavaliers made one final comeback, taking a 59-56 lead with 3:35 left to play in the game.

State's Tynesha Lewis

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with 3:35 left to play in the game. State's Tynesha Lewis was three for four from the free-throw line in the last two minutes and put in a lay-up as the final buzzer sounded to seal the Pack's 67-59

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"We weren't doing some of the things that we needed to do — we had a rash of early turnovers — but the team really stuck together," Yow said. "They are a pretty tight team, and they have a really excellent chemistry. They did a great job in keeping their composure and maintaining their poise and made some absolutely big plays down the stretch."

One Pack player who came up big in the final few minutes was junior Kristen

Gillespie. While the 5-11 guard finished with just four points and two rebounds, Gillespie is one of the players who provides the Pack with the "intangibles" that have proved so successful in State's 14 wins this season. In the final minute, Gillespie, who finished with five assists, picked up a steal on the defensive end and then converted two free throws for the Pack.

Walker finished with a game-high 20 points for Virginia, while freshman guard Erin Stovall added 12.

Jones finished with a game-high 22 points, as well as four rebounds and two steals.

Melvin played all 40 minutes for State, collecting 13 points and adding five rebounds, three assists and two steals. I ewis, the two-time

ally excellent mistry."

- Kay Yow, Women's basketball coach with the back finished with 14 points and three rebounds, playing 26 minutes off the bench

for the Pack State's in-conference record improves to 5-0, which is the Pack's best start in the conference since the 1988-89

The win reinforces the stronghold that

The win reinforces the stronghold that the Pack has on the No.1 spot in the conference but not necessarily the respect that the Wolfpack will get from its opponents or the media. In the second post-game press conference in a row. Yow and the Wolfpack players were asked if the wins would finally earn them some respect. But State is unfazed by the respect or lack thereof; they want the wins

respect or lack thereof; they want the wins.

"If people want to talk about us, that puts more pressure on us, and that makes me more proud of the way that we played because we did have so much more pressure to handle," Yow said.

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State was picked to finish fifth in the conference in the pre-season polls, while Virginia, on the other hand, was picked to finish in the No.2 spot.

The Cavaliers came into the match-up fifth in the ACC, with a 2-2 conference record, but are ranked No.9 in the national polls, a ranking that now seems to have been proven to be based, at least partially, on reputation.

The Cavaliers now stand in the bottom half of the conference after picking up their third loss in the ACC. And the losses seem to be a product of the Cavaliers' personnel losses. Not only is point guard Tora Suber gone, who was the emotional spark plug for the 1996-97 Cavaliers, but Monick Foote, Tammy Gardner and Tiffany Bower, two of whom were starters for the Cavaliers last season, will not suit up for Cavah Ryan for the remainder of this season.

for Coach Ryan for the remainder of this season. The situation has led Ryan and the Wahoos to add a walk-on, not only to the roster, but also to the rotation. Freshman guard Katie Tracy, a walk-on from Richmond, Va., was one of three Cavalier reserves to see action against the Pack.

N.C. State women's basketball is #1 in the ACC!



# Wolfpack falls again

conference game Saturday afternoon against Maryland.

Three inches from a miracle.

That's probably the best way to describe C.C. Harrison's last-second three pointer that would have sent Saturday's matchup with Maryland into overtime. Following an incredible court-length pass from Kenny Inge and a spectacular catch on Harrison's part, the senior guard's off-balance, turn-around three pointer missed the center of the basket wide right of by just about three inches. What would have been a tie score at the end of regulation ended up as a 68-65 win by the Terps and the Pack's third straight loss.

"Kenny did a good job of just making a great pass," Harrison said after the game. "I caught it, came down with it, had a good look at the basket. I just missed it."

The heartbreaking miss by Harrison

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The heartbreaking miss by Harrison overshadowed an impressive run by State to get back within striking distance at the end.

With about three-and-a-half minutes left in the game, State found itself down by 10 points and in dire need of serious point production.

Stepping up to the challenge was Harrison, who promptly nailed down two quick three pointers to narrow the Terps' lead to just 60-66. Harrison had been relatively quiet in the game offensively up until that point, but when the time came, he proved why he is State's leader on the court. Following some free throws by Maryland's Rodney Elliot, Harrison again knocked down a quick trey to bring the score within five.

With some good luck (freshman Archie Miller's clutch three with less than a minute remaining and several missed free throws by Maryland). State found itself with 2.8 seconds left to pull out the improbable. Harrison got an open look at the basket and barely missed the final shot by a margin of inches.

"Keeping our composure and coming back"

inches.

"Keeping our composure and coming back—we did a pretty good job of that," Miller said. "We got a great look at the last shot, and it just didn't go down."

But while the game came down to the final seconds, State's problems stemmed from much earlier in the contest.

The second half opened with Maryland finding itself down 31-30. After trading shots for the first five minutes of the second period, the Terps employed a tactic that produced a win against then No. 13 Florida State three

days earlier.

Maryland literally shut down the Seminoles' offense in that game, giving up just two baskets over a span of 12 minutes.

While not quite to that extreme, State nevertheless found itself at the end of an 11-1 run that spanned over five minutes and allowed Terps to build a lead that the Pack would never surmount.

"They did a good job in the zone," coach Herb Sendek said. "During that time when we weren't scoring against the zone, I think they also were having a pretty good spurt against our defense. It opened up the lead for them."

Maryland spread its offensive production around very well, with three players reaching double figures. Sarunas Jasikevicus led all Terrapin scorers with 18 points, with Laron Profit just one point back at 17.

State still had trouble diversifying the scoring, with Harrison (20 points) and Inge (12 points) still accounting for the majority of the Pack's offense. Sophomore Tim Wells continued to add an offensive spark off of the bench, recording nine points in his reserve duties.

### In search of a loved one

K. GAFFNEY

"Someone, somewhere, knows something."
Those were the words of Allison Modafferi, an N.C. State undergraduate who spoke at ahalf-time of the N.C. State/Maryland game on Saturday. Modafferi, whose sister Kristen has been missing since June, addressed NCSU fans at the nationally televised ACC match-up to spread the word about her sister? disappearance and thank those who have already aided in the search efforts that are being carried out.

already aided in the search efforts that are being carried out.
Modafferi thanked Coach Sendek, Athletic Director Les Robinson, Sports Marketing Director Tom Brooks and "the entire N.C. State family for the support they have shown" to her family.
Yellow ribbons were passed out on State's campus on Friday and outside of Reynolds Coliseum before Saturday's game. The ribbons, which were visible throughout campus for the entire weekend, were worn by the NCSU coaching staff, the support staff,

Chasity Melvin (44) battles for the ball underneath against Virginia's Mimi McKinney (21). Melvin finished the game with 13 points.

# Wolfpack

### Football schedule released

The N.C. State football schedule for the 1998 eason was released earlier last week. In addition to the eight games against conference opponents, the Wolfpack will be facing three non-conference opponents.

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Those games include the home opener and first game of the season against Ohio University, an away match-up with Baylor University two weeks later and a rematch with Syracuse at home the following week.

In addition to the Ohio and Syracuse games, the Pack's other home games will be against Georgia Tech, Duke and Wake Forest.

Georgia Tech, Duke and Wake Forest. The Pack will face a tough task as they look to improve upon last year's 6-5 record in the new 1998 season. The Virginia, Clemson and North Carolina games, which have traditionally been tough ones for State, will all be road games in the 98 season. Last year's record was the program's first winning season since 1994.

### Florida State predicted to finish first

The Seminoles from Florida State were the conference coaches' favorite when the heads of all of the ACC teams submitted ballots for preseason baseball standings this week.

FSU received three first-place votes from the nine coaches, and received a total of 73 pointes. They return six starters from last year's team which won the ACC Championship and earned its 20th consecutive NCAA tournament berth. The 'Noles edged out both Georgia Tech and Clemson, who tied in second place, by just three points. The Yellow Jackets, last year's regular season champion, tied FSU with three first-place votes, with the Tigers picking up two of the remaining first-place votes.

The Wolfpack, the fourth team from the ACC selected to the NCAA tourney last season, finished fourth in the voting with 45 points.

Wake Forest picked up the remaining first-place vote and finished fürth with 44 points.

### **ACC** basketball action this past weekend

Saturday was a big day for men's college baskethall in the ACC. Three games in addition to the Wolfpack's match-up with Maryland were played this weekend. Down the road in Chapel Hill, No.1 North Carolina hosted Virginia following the Cavaliers' loss to Liberty University. Despite the records and expectations, the Tar Heels had their troubles with the Cavaliers, winning by just eight points, 81-73. Over-achieving Georgia Tech hosted the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest in Atlanta but didn't prove to be very gracious hosts. They knocked off the struggling Deacons by seven points, 70-63.

No.2 Duke traveled to Tallahassee, Fla. to take No.2 Duke traveled to Tallahassee, Pla. to take on No.13 Florida State. The Seminoles, still reeling from their loss Wednesday against the Terrapins, were unable to hold off the surging Blue Devils. They fell to the nation's No. 2 team by 12 points, 75-63.

### ACC

Men's Basketball (conference standings)

) North Carolina	4-0
) Duke	4-0
) Maryland	2-2
) Georgia Tech	1-2
) Clemson	1-2
) Wake Forest	1-2

7) Virginia 1-2

8) Florida State 1-3 9) N.C. State

# Clinton orders prison drug tests

concern as Clinton attempts to "rip the habit out of them."

ELIZABETH SHOGREN

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LOS Angeles Trees

WASHINGTON - In an effort to break the link between drugs and crime. President Clinton plans Monday to order the states to assess the prevalence of drug use in their prisons and chart their success are reducing it, according to a senior White House official and a draft of the presidential directive.

Last year, as a condition of federal prison grants, Clinton and Congress gave the states until March to spell out their plans for combating drug use behind base to the first president is expected to sign Monday would require the plans to include a study of the current level of drug use in prisons and annual progress reports so that the public - and the federal government - can judge how well the states are doing.

The evidence is conclusive that criminals continue abusing drugs and alcohol while in prison and, once released, "go back out and commit crimes to feed their habits," said Rahm Emanuel, a top Clinton domestic policy adviser.

The president's goal, Emanuel added, is to "rip the habit out of them" while they are in prison and rought a combination of mandatory drug testing and

■ Paula Jones's \$2 million figure nearly triples the original demand for

WASHINGTON - Paula Corbin

WASHINGTON - Paula Corbin Jones, who is suing President Clinton in a sexual harassment case, has nearly tripled her demand to about \$2 million to settle the case without a trial, sources familiar with the matter said Sunday.

The new settlement amount, up from-the original \$700,000 damage figure contained in her 1994 lawsuit, is so "outrageous" as to make settlement of the case before trial even more remote, according to a source close to Clinton. it increases the likelihood that the case will go to trial.

Jones is also demanding a full apology from the president for his alleged sexual approach during her tenure as an Arkansas state employee in May 1991, while Clinton was governor. Clinton missists the incident never occurred.

Attorneys in the case declined comment Sunday because of a gag order imposed by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, First

an out-of-court settlement. ROBERT L. JACKSON treatment. "Convicted offenders who undergo drug testing and treatment while incarcerated and after release are approximately twice as likely to stay drug- and crime-free as those offenders who do not receive drug treatment." Clinton said in a draft memorandum to Attorney General Laport Reno.

Jamet Reno.
The presidential action follows by a few days the release of a national report driving home the connection



between heavy drug and alcohol use and crime. The study by Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse shows that alcohol abuse and addiction played a part in the crimes committed by 80 percent of the 1.7 million men and women now behind bars in the United States.

States.

The White House had been working on the directive, but the president decided to announce it now because of the Columbia report, which is expected to increase pressure for mandatory substance abuse treatment for immates while they are behind bars and on parole, Emanuel said.

Jones reportedly ups settlement demands

word of the new settlement offer was reported by CBS News.
Last August, Jones parted company with her previous Washington lawyers after rejecting their suggestion that she should settle the case out of court for \$700,000, without an apology from Clinton. Jones said at the time that her dispute "was not about money" and an apology was more important. One legal expert not involved in the matter said lones' new demand may purposely be "off the charrs" to guarantee that the lawsuit goes trail, as scheduled, on May 27 in Little Rock, Ark.
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trial, as scheduled, on May 27 in Little Rock, Ark.
"It may also be a tactical move to show the White House and the public that Paula means business," this expert said.
Some of Clinton's advisers have said that even without an apology, any large settlement would be objectionable because it would leave the public with the impression that he was guilty.
Jones has said in court papers that a state trooper summoned her to Clinton's hotel suite during an Arkansas trade show where she was working. She alleges the governor exposed himself and asked her to perform a sex act, which she says

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The White House also plans to renew its effort to press Congress to let states use their prison funds for drug testing and treatment.

In his draft memo to Reno, Clinton asked for legislation to esubmitted to Congress that would enable states to use their "federal prison construction and substance abuse treatment funds to provide a full range of drug testing, drug treatment and sanctions for offenders under criminal justice supervision."

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Although Congress and the president agreed to require the states to come up with plans, the GOP-controlled Congress balked allowing states to use prison funds for this purpose.

The president's memo also directed the attorney general to work with states on legislation to create "stiffer penalties for drug trafficking into and within correctional facilities."

Clinton is also expected to announce that he will ask Congress for \$192 million in his fiscal 1999 budget for a series of initiatives to promote what the White House calls is "coerced abstinence" programs and treatment in the criminal justice system.

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she refused.
Attorney Donovan Campbell, who took control of Jones' lawsuit in September, heads a five-member team in a Dallas law firm that has specialized in conservative causes. Their legal expenses are being paid by the Rutherford Institute of Charlottesville, Va., a nonprofit organization that has expoused issues supported by the refligious right.

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Campbell's entry into the case has led to a toughening of positions on both sides. Earlier this month the Rutherford. Institute, which recruited Campbell and is raising funds to pay his expenses, claimed in court papers that Clinton's lawyers are attacking its tax-exempt status in retaliation. In addition, Campbell and Jones held a news conference in Long Beach, Calif., last week to disclose that the Treasury Department's inspector general has opened an inquiry to determine why the Internal Revenue Service began an audit of Jones' income tax returns only days after she rejected a potential settlement of the lawsuit last year.

### 1997-98 N. C. State Mens Basketball Schedule

e	Opponent	Time
6.4	Marathon (Exhibition)	8 p.m.
1.5	California All-Stars (Exhibition)	7:30 p.m.
. 11	Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic Vs. Georgia	7:30 pm.
. 12	Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic Vs. Princeton or Texas	7 p.m.
. 12	Coaches Vs.Cancer Classic Vs. Princeton or Texas	9 p.m.
.17	Wofford	7:30 p.m.
. 25	North Texas	7:30 p.m.
. 29	at Penn State	5 p.m.
. 4	at Georgia Tech	7 p.m.
.7	Maryland-Baltimore County	2 p.m.
. 18	Sam Houston State	7:30 p.m.
. 20	South Carolina State	7:30 p.m.
. 22	Hampton	7:30 p.m.
. 31	Morehead State	7:30 p.m.
3 7	Flroida State	1:30 p.m.
7	at Duke	9 p.m.
10	Maryland	12 p.m.
14	Memphis	7:30 p.m.
18	at Virginia	1:30 p.m.
21	North CArolina	7 p.m.
25	Georgia Tech	1 p.m.
28	at Florida State	7 p.m.
31	at Clemson	4 p.m.
4	Wake Forest	9 p.m.
8	Duke	3:30 p.m.
11	at Maryland	7:30 p.m.
14	Norfolk State	7:30 p.m.
18	Virginia	7 p.m.
21	at North Carolina	4 p.m.
26	Clemosn	7:30 p.m.
th 1	at Wake Forest	3:45 p.m.
h 5-8	ACC Tournament (Greensboro, NC)	TBA

## State

the cheerleaders, dance team and many of the fans. In a compelling gesture, the Maryland coaches and support staff also wore the ribbons on the lapels of their sport coats. The ribbons, which were put together and distributed by the Parks Scholars and are a sign of the united efforts to find information about the disappearance of the State sophomore, were also worn by the Wolfpack women's basketball team and support staff in State's win over Virginia on Sunday.

Sunday. ESPN, which televised Saturday's game, aired Kristen Modafferi's picture during the broadcast and explained the family's efforts to find her or anyone who might have information about her, in attempts to help nationalize the search.



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Nov. 9	BB Travelers Exhibition	2 p.m.
Nov. 16	Howard	2 p.m.
Nov. 19	Charleston Southern	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	at George Washington	2 p.m.
Nov. 25	at East Carolina	7 p.m.
Nov. 29-30	DePaul Classic	0.400000
Nov. 29	vs. Yale	3 p.m.
Nov. 30	Consolation/Championship	3/5 p.m.
Dec. 3	Florida State	7 p.m.
Dec. 6	St. Joseph's	2 p.m.
Dec. 14	UNC-Greensboro	2 p.m.
Dec. 20-21	Seattle Times Classic	- p
Dec. 20	vs. Santa Clara	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	Consolation/ Championship	4/6 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Georgia Tech	7 p.m.
Jan. 8	Clemson	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Virginia	12:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Maryland	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Duke	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	at North Carolina	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Florida State	2 p.m.
Jan. 30	Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	Georgia Tech	2 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Clemson	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	Virginia	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	Maryland	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Duke	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	North Carolina	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 26 -		
Mar. 1	ACC Tornament	TBA

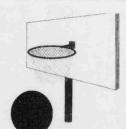
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### Editorials

# **Expanding into** the future

Usually, when you see or hear construction on and around campus, you know that it's going to be months, nay, years, before the construction is completed.

But now we all have something to look forward to within the next

year.

Apartments are going to be on campus, That's right, apartments and not a sardine can-like room.

Many students have heard tell of these seemingly mythical apartment-type places on other campuses, such as UNC-Charlotte, Now, N.C. State will have its own on Centernial Campus (2007).

campuses, such as UNC-Charlotte, Now, N.C. State will have its own on Centennial Campus.

The apartments will be located near the Engineering Graduate Research Center and will be housed in two different buildings.

These apartments will not be residence halls, but rather real apartments that the general public can reside in, as well as students, faculty and staff.

This is probably one of the best building projects proposed on campus, considering that it will have the convenience of on-campus housing combined with all the amenities of an apartment. It will also have the academic atmosphere

that residence halls have that students often find lacking when hey move off campus. But, it won't be just for the traditional collegage student, but rather for everyone. To build these apartments, NCSU hopes to lease out the land to private corporation, which will have to pay rent on the land. Building new places to live is just about the best thing that can be done with all the empty space on Centennial Campus that just sits there going unused as main campus becomes more and more crowded. This way, hopefully, fewer students will be forced to move into hotel rooms and residence hall lounges until housing has spots available. Also, this will make more people aware of Centennial Campus and what is has to offer-not only in the area of housing, but with its huge research buildings. Centennial Campus, with the addition of these apartment buildings, will continue to ride into the future and become the shining jewel in NCSU's crown, representing a world of the future where education and the community come logether.

### Campus

### **Forum**

### Another opinion on racism

Congratulations are due to Dr. M. Iyailu Moses for her astuteness in pointing out (Campus Forum, Jan. 9) the obscene degree of racism purposely and maliciously integrated into the Jan 7 issue of Technician. Moses did not cordine the argument to the individual articles as separate entities, but keenly read between the lines in identifying the blatant racism sent through the selection and placement of various pieces in the issue. pieces in the is

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Just as an example, Moses
references the front-page story
"Survey: most students work" and
points out that all the students
identified in the article were white.
Nowhere does the story even
slightly allude to the race of the
interviewees or to any racial trends
in the number of students who
work. Technician is obviously
trying to advance its racial agenda
by relivating to incorporate race into
stories where race is completely
irrelevant. Without Moses' search
analysis, no one else would have
discovered this.

Moses also compares the inclusion
of this story to the issue's opinion
cartions some three pages later of an
African-American who has just shot
Santa Claus and robbed him of a bag
labeled as textbooks for Spring '98.

Moses' conclusion: "(The message implied) is that whites work to gain an education while black people kill and steal in order to get theirs."

Technician took a story about working students, cunningly neglected to tell us anything about the races of the students, and then coupled the story with some unrelated political cartoon to send us the message that white students cam their education while black students kill for theirs. And all without mentioning race. Amazing.

Moses further exposes Technician's underlying racial agenda through is choice to include on page one an article about an African-American and a Hispanic who shot at an unidentified victim on campus. Of the dozens of shootings that occur on campus every day, Technician decided to run on the front page the

thindentified Viction for charpos. The dozens of shootings that occur on campus every day, Technician decided to run on the front page the one story about a shooting allegedly involving an African-American. How dare Technician place Public Safety above racial tolerance!

In such an age of racial diversity, it is refreshing to note that we have people like Dr. Moses to expose the true underlying racial agenda of such seemingly colorbind stories. Without people like Moses, society might be inclined to believe the myth that some people actually do examine the substance of truth without regard for the races of the people involved. And if society actually believed this myth, we can only imagine the chaos that would result.

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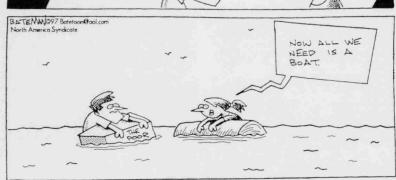
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# **Bringing gradual changes**

LARRY MARSHBURNE

Once there were weeks with no holidays that rated a day off after New Year's Day. Some things change. Some things of the New Year's Day. Some things change. Some things don't.

In 1975, I graduated from a mostly white institution. I plan to graduate again in 1999 from a mostly white institution. Some things change. Some things don't. In 1955, I asked my mother why we had water fountains for colored people. Her response seemed to make some sense at the time, but I didn't really understand it. It was one of those things that I thought I would understand when I grew up, but now I can't remember anything of what she said.

and "ma'am" to all adults of all races and to treat all of God's children with respect. She carried me to Sunday school, where I learned to sing, "Red and Yellow, Black and White, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world." She taught me that the word for Negroes was "colored." She taught me that I should never use the other word (now euphemistically called the N-word). It was disrespectful and wrong, no matter whom I heard use it.

it.

When she taught me how to read the words "men" and "women," she also taught me how to read "white" and "colored" so that I could find the correct public bathroom by myself.

myself.
I can still find what is correct now.
I still don't understand why it is correct. I know that affirmative

action was a necessary and good thing in the 70s, when blacks made up less than four percent of the graduates here at NCSU. I know from my Republican friends that although blacks have peaked at less than eight percent of the graduates here, affirmative action is no longer a necessary and good thing.

I still don't remember what my mother said when I asked her about the water fountains. I won't ask her again because I don't befieve she'd remember the conversation or what she said. More importantly, I won't ask her because she taught me to respect people of all races, and it would be a pointless, disrespectful question for me to ask her.

She taught me enough to figure out the answer to the question myself. I now know why we had water fountains for whites and water fountains for colored people.

It was because we didn't have Martin Luther King Jr. Some things change. Some things don't.

NCSU now has a web page (www2.acs.ncsu.edu/upa/degcof/de grace.htm) where one may review the progress made since water fountains and universities have been integrated — or at least the progress since 1975-76, when 49 blacks received bachelor's degrees here. The statistics don't go back far enough to determine when the first black graduated from NCSU or if he drank water from the same fountains as the other students. Some things change. Some things don't.

More importantly, some people change, some people don't. Have a changed Martin Luther King Day and enjoy the cool sweet water

### Liberals make ridiculous demands

Матт Намву

Liberals are always greedy for money that doesn't belong to them. For years, they have sought to steat money from taxpaying citizens for use in futile "great society" programs. As a result, the general public is overtaxed, and taxes can no longer be raised in order to fund these great society disasters. Now liberals attempt to loot major corporations and interest groups under the guise of lawsuits, hoping to help defray the cost of health care the corporation's product has allegedly caused.

A prime example of this is the

A prime example of this is the attack on the tobacco industry. Greedy liberals saw a pile of money waiting for their grubby hands, so

they claimed that cigarettes were causing Medicare costs to skyrocket, and the cigarette manufacturers should pay for the resulting health care costs. Of course, these antisemoking Nazis don't point out that there have been warnings printed on cigarettes for several years. The argument basically is that the individuals who smoke are not responsible for their actions. If cigarettes are as bad as these crusaders say, then they should be banned. However, if this were to hope the cigarette manufacturers.

Because liberals have an unquenchable thirst for other people's money, this crusade will not end with tobacco. No one really knows the extensive list of products and activities that they will go after, but we now know that the next

target will be gun manufacturers.

Philadelphia's mayor, Edward G. Rendell, wants to hold gun manufacturers responsible for the skyrocketing crime rates. The mechanism would be to argue that guns have an inherent design flaw—they shoot a projectile at a speed that can kill. Then, Rendell would argue that gun manufacturers should be held responsible for the criminal acts committed by their weapons. There is a problem with this whole argument. If Mayor Rendell is successful, then this would only serve to keep guns of any kind from being manufactured. There would also have to be an assumption that gun manufacturers can control the end uses of the gun, which is ridiculous. Common sense would dictate that you hold the individual responsible for their criminal acts.

not the person who manufactured what they used for their crime. Doing otherwise would set an absurd precedent. For example, if someone committed a hit and run on a person walking down the street, should the car manufacturer be held responsible for that person's death? I don't think so.

Make no mistake. This proposed lawsuit is not about making the streets safer in Philadelphia or

lawsuit is not about making the streets safer in Philadelphia or obtaining redress for victims of gunfire. This is nothing more than a money-grab by big government liberals. They are running out of money and they are desperate. When liberals are desperate, no wallet is safe.

wallet is safe.

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## Coverage you can count on

If you are a concerned member of the community like me who wants to be in tune with your area, then you, for a reason that can only be called inherently masochistic watch the local news. Now, if you live in a residence hall, one of the two possible channels you can actually get to come in clear is the carring Newschannel 11, WTVD, "Your Heart of Carolina News Source."

This never made sense to me This never made sense to me, since they're in Durham, and WRAL TV 5 "On Your Side" comes in like crap, even though it is right across from campus. This is most unfortunate, as any conscientious member of the community is forced to deal with the clear reception of Miriam Thomas and Larry Stogner competing to see who can use the phrase "Heart of Carolina" more than the other can.

has the other can.

Newschannel 11, "Your Heart of Carolina News Source", is the absolute worst, and they just haven't seemed to pick up on it. This station thinks the way to a viewer's heart is to make everything vague, yet elaborate names and drill them into your head so you become nothing more than a desensitized concerned-member-of-the-community-in-the-heart of-Carolina-who-watches-their-news-source-newschannel-11. And just where is the Heart of Carolina? Here, of course. And here is wherever you are. Everything is the leart of Carolina: "A Heart-of-Carolina man was killed today."

Though it was a brisk 72 degrees

"Though it was a brisk 72 degrees today, you can still count on some snow tonight in the Heart of Carolina." 'A disgrantled Heart-of-Carolina toden tresorted to childish insults in a Heart-of-Carolina university newspaper..."

Who in the world came up with the clever idea of associating geographical locations with body parts? I can just picture ol' Larry and Miriam chatting during commercials, 'So, Miriam how was Christmas? Did you leave the Heart of Carolina?"

"It was wonderful. My brother's

of Carolina?"
"It was wonderful. My brother's stationed at Camp LeJoune, so first we stopped at the Armpit of Carolina, then went to the beach at the Kidneys of Carolina, before we drove across the liver, stomach and intestines back to UNC, the Upturned Nose of Carolina."

Not only is hearing "Heart of Carolina" annoying, it's like six syllables — that's a lot of work to pronounce! With the conservative estimate of 20 "Heart of Carolina" references per half-hour broadcast, multiply that by six seconds time for each reference, and Newschannel 11, "Your Heart of Carolina News Source", loses a solid two minutes of news each show! Surely a viewer's time can be better respected.

Newschannel 11 is one of those

be better respected.

Newschannel 11 is one of those stations that just can't admit it really has a simple, useful, yet boring name — say, "WTVD, Channel 11." No, it insists that it is Newschannel 11, "Your Heart of Carolina News Source", so you'll remember that channel 11 has not

### Your Horoscope

Aries (March 21 to April 19)- You could receive 19)- You could recouseful financial tip this week. An intellectual project may be less time consuming than you had thought. You'll want to go places and do things this weekend.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Communications skills are tops, but you may have to wait a bit before you can get the ear of a higher-up. Shopping for home and family is a plus over the

and family is a plus over move weekend.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20).

It's a good week for buying and selling. It would be better to go out for good times than to have guests over later in the week. Place a special emphasis on leisure interests.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22). Creative interests are

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Leo (July 23 to August 22)-Judgement is excellent this week about job and family interests. You're able to help a child out with an endeavor. Couples will enjoy a weekend out on the town

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)- Couples will reach an understanding with a child. You could receive financial backing for a project. Extra momentum may cause you to put in some overtime toward

weekend favors partnership interests.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Partners will be in mutual agreement this week about mutual concerns. In business, you'll meet with extra responsibility, but you'll laid have extra initiative and drive.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Talks with those in authority positions are favored. A friend may ask you for advice. Plans for travel fall into place. Social interests highlight the weekend.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Couples will be making important plans for the future this week. You'll also be devoting extra time to a career project. Behind-the-scenes moves bring positive results.

Aquarius (January 20 to

project. Behind-the-scenes moves bring positive results. Aquarius (January 20 to February 18). A private business talk will give you key insights. You'll fulfill a social obligation this week and may plan a party. You project confidence and authority. Pisces (February 19 to March 20). A talk with a friend is especially meaningful. You're able to bring a difficult project to a successful conclusion. It should be a good money-making week for you.

This is a loving reminder to all Features staff that we have a staff meeting today at 5 p.m. Be there and no bodily harm will ensue.

# In the spotlight



N.C. State student, Allison Modafferi, spoke at halftime at this past Saturday's game against Maryland. Her speech was the highlight of an intensive effort to garner national media attention for her sister, Kristen, also an NCSU student who has been missing since June. These efforts, which included a massive yellow ribbon distribution campaign on the Brickyard Friday and before the game, resulted in active local media coverage and Kristen's picture being featured in ESPN's broadcast of the game.

# Technobabble

### ■ The resident geek returns with inters on getting help with your hi-tech gifts.

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Last month, many of you received new computers, games or software as gifts. This month, many of you are still trying to get you are tweet to get your new toys working. This first Technobabble for 1998 will attempt to point you in the right direction for getting help and answers with a minimum of fuss.

answers with a minimum fuss.

When you have a technical question, or a problem with your computer, the first place to turn is always the manual that came with the computer. Unfortunately, computer and software companies are trying to save money by printing smaller, less complete manuals, which often include nothing more than the installation instructions and minimal troubleshooting information. The remaining information that used to come in printed form is usually included only in online help.

I remember when my family purchased its first computer. It was an AppleIIc, and it came along with a box full of books that almost outweighed the machine itself. When I purchased my first computer a couple of years ago, it came with only one manual—around 150 pages in length—that had some setup and installation instructions, and a few troubleshooting tips. For any other questions or problems, the manual suggested I call the toll free tech support (the number was printed at the bottom of every page) or visit the manufacturer's web site.

Toll free, unlimited telephone support is great, if you don't mind waiting on hold for hours at a time. To most people it seems like a great resource, and some people call for every problem that arises. What some people that a first it was to the support of the seems like a great resource, and some people call for every problem that arises. What some people don't realize is that, especially at this time of year, everyone in the Western Hemisphere is calling that same number. In the time it takes to get a human voice on the other end, your computer has become

get a human vouce on the other end, your computer has become obsolete.

There are several other options open to you, that should be explored before risking your sanity by calling tech support.

As I've mentioned, there are the manuals and online help for most programs. In addition to the standard printed materials, I suggest buying a good set of reference books for the software you use most often. Books about troubleshooting and optimizing Windows 95, for example, are hard to miss—they take up a lot of shelf space in any bookstore. One series of books that I have found especially helpful in explaining complex topics without much jargon of oublespeak is the Dummies series of books from IDG. In myopinion, every computer should come with at least one big, yellow volume for Dummies. So maybe you've exhausted all your printed reference material, looking for the solution to your problems, without satisfaction. What next? The Internet, of course! A skide from a good friend that knows more about computers than Bill Gates knows about anti-trust legislation, the Internet is your best bet for curing your ailing computer.

Software and computer manufacturers nearly always

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Software and computer manufacturers nearly always include updates, bug fixes, and the latest information on their web sites before incorporating them into their distribution. For that reason, it's a good bet that you'll find some sort of answer on the official web site for the product you are having problems with. Www.microsoft.com or www.windows95.com can answer many of your questions about Windows, and www. apple.com has extensive resources for Mac users.

The web has its advantages, but it also has drawbacks, in that its information can be outdated,

and you have no way of knowing it. Besides, unless you have a fairly common problem, you aren't likely to find an answer specific enough to guide you through to a solution. This is when I like to turn to USENET.

Newsprouss like common me.

is when I like to turn to USENET. Newsgroups like comp.os.ms-windows.win95.misc and comp.sys.mac.system are the Internet's best places to send in your computer questions and problems. The people that subscribe to those groups include experts and others knowledgeable enough that they will assally be able to help you out through their own individual experiences or expertise. Employees of the various computer manufacturers are known to lurk in these groups gathering information and sometimes helping out when they can. If you've just about given up

they can.

If you've just about given up hope, and all the answers people from comp.sys.schmoo are sending you aren't helping out at all, you just might want to hunker down and call that 800 number. Be ready to give them your credit card number, though.

More companies these days are

your credit card number, though. More companies these days are following the example of MicroSoft and others, by charging customers for phone support, often after 30 days of purchasing their product. Getting the answer to a question you could have found in a manual or on the web is not usually worth the \$25-35 charge on your credit card.

For this, and other reasons, I

on your credit card.

For this, and other reasons, I suggest you call tech support only after you have exhausted all the other options, and only after you have taken the following steps:

1) Write down all the appropriate serial numbers. I have my computer's serial number, model number, date of manufacture and other technical specifications all written down on the inside cover of the manual that I mentioned before. If you don't have a critical piece of information within reach, it of information within reach, it will be the first thing they ask

for.

2) Be able to describe the problem in detail. Just like when taking your car in to a mechanic, you need to be able to describe, in detail, just what isn't doing what it's supposed to, and under what circumstances. Also, don't try telling the person on the line what you think the problem is, since they (hopefully) will know better, and besides, you don't want to influence their diagnosis.

3) Clear your calendar. This

diagnosis.

3) Clear your calendar. This soon after the holidays, when so many people purchase new computers, the tech support lines will be clogged. I've found that a speakerphone and a pile of laundry to wash can make the time on hold go faster. Otherwise, you'll end up with blisters on your ears and a kink in your neck from holding the phone for so long.

4) Take an assnirin, Once you.

4) Take an aspirin. Once you finally do get to talk to a real person, you still need to be patient, and answer all their seemingly pointless questions without getting angrey. without getting angry. Remember these people are working with you, not against you, and are only following procedures

procedures.

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And every station, not just Newschannel 11, "Your Heart of Carolian News Source" (if is just as annoying to read, huh?), has to remind you how well they covered Hurricane Fran. More than one year later, each station assaults you with commercials about the "Ferry of Fran," and how they gave you can count on." As if we couldn't have just looked out the window to see the reason why we shouldn't have parked our car under an oak tree behind

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yelling inaudibly into a microphone in swirting rain while small frame bearing creatures blow past her, but all I can think is, "You idiot." And what about the action shots, showing some poor soul floating along and clinging to the roof of his car destined for oblivion? All I can think is, "Drop the camera and help the poor guy!" I suppose they don't because that's the price for "coverage you can count on."

The poor local stations are so insistent about how much they are in tume with the community, they practically force-feed you news. Every day from 5 to 6:30 p.m., you get an hour and half of rehashed murder and robbery, with an occasional rescued kitten to balance things out. Fox news gives us the news for a whole hour at ten o'clock every night. Yes, these are the brilliant ones who brought you the commercial message, "It's ten o'clock, do you know where your children are?" You can easily picture a mom suddenly remembering, "Oh, no, my children are still in the oven! Thanks, Fox News!"

But the cruelest trick of all thanks, Fox News!"

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But the cruelest trick of all that But the cruelest trick of all that Fox plays on its viewers comes every weekend, in the middle of the day. Fox cuts out the half-time shows of football games to get in that vital extra 10 minutes of hot local news. I just can't imagine any middle-aged, beer-gutted sports-fan member of the community who really cares about the two extra cents gas went up more than he cares about what happened at the end of the first game, which, by coincidence, Fox pre-empted to show a more 'locally appealing,' if not lousy, game.

snow a more "locally appealing," it not lousy, game. Does that much really go on here? I suppose if you live in the Heart of Carolina, you have to expect the area to be furiously pumping with news.

The overall number of patents increased by 2.1 percent last year, said Harry Allcock of IFI/Plenum, from 109.763 in 1996 to 112,091 in

We have developed a tight focu "We have developed a tight focus over what we're patenting," said Marshall C. Phelps Jr., IBM's vice president of intellectual property and licensing, "If we determine the research is not relevant, we abandon it." He said about 30 percent of this year's patents already are being used in products that are on the market. IBM also receives \$600 million a year in royalty payments from companies that have licensed these inventions for their own products, Jones said.

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### **IBM** receives most U.S. patents in '97

■ 1.742 patents heats such companies as Canon and Motorola.

MARK LEIBOVICH

This annual game will never outhype the Super Bowl. But International Bussiness Machines Corp. continued its dynasty this year in a closely watched context in the realm of corporate patients and intellectual property. For the fifth consecutive year, the Armonk, N.Y., computer company received the most U.S. patents of any company in the world, according to the annual Patent Intelligence and Technology report released Monday by the FIFIPHenum Data Corp. of Wilmington, N.C.

IBM received 1,742 U.S. patents in 1997, followed by Canon Inc., which received 1,381 patents, NEC Corp. with 1,101 and Motorola Inc. with 1,065. Of the top 10 companies listed, seven were based in Japan and three in the United States.

The IFI/Plenum Survey, which began in 1975, is seen within technology circles as a measure of a company's commitment to research and if its ability to translate research

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and of its ability to translate research into products:

IBM's five-year run of supremacy is especially impressive because it began when chief executive Louis V. Gerstner Jr. joined the company and cut its research and development operation by about \$1 billion. The company's research and development budget shrunk from about \$6 billion to \$5 billion five years ago, said company spokesman John Bukovinsky; since then, it has climbed back to about \$6 billion. IBM had sales of almost \$76 billion in 1996.

in 1996. In 1997, the number of U.S. patents liven to the world's top 25 orporations increased 1 percent

1997.
"The patent race is a good indication of what companies control their own destiny in the technology war," said John B. Jones Jr., a computer-industry analyst at Salomon Smith Barney in San

# FBI: Foreign spying against **U.S.** companies increasing

■ Other countries may be causing over \$300 billion in losses a year to America.

WASHINGTON - Despite passage of the 1996 Economic Espitonage Act, the FBI says foreign spies have stepped up their attacks on U.S.-based companies, and a new national survey estimates that intellectual property losses from foreign and domestic espitonage may have exceeded \$300 billion in 1997 alone. Governments of at least 23 countries, ranging from Germany to China, are targeting American companies, according to the FBI. Urging U.S. companies to notify the FBI if they suspect espitonage, Larry Torrence, deputy assistant director of national security, said: "The odds are not favorable for any American company when they are targeted for clandestine action by some country's intelligence service."

More than 1,100 documented More than 1,100 documented incidents of economic espionage and another 550 suspected incidents that could not be fully documented were reported last year by major companies in a survey conducted by the American Society for Industrial Security. The Los Angeles Times obtained results of the survey, which is scheduled to be released Wednesday. The society's periodic surveys, which FBI Director Louis Freeh has cited in congressional testimony, provide the federal government with its only estimate of potential damage from economic espionage.

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The 1997 survey disclosed that high-tech companies, especially in California's Silicon Valley, were the most frequent targets of foreign spies, followed by manufacturing and service industries. Among the spies' most sought-after information were research and development strategies, manufacturing and marketing plans and customer lists.

As a matter of policy, the FBI does not identify governments that sponsor economic espionage. But in a recent article in an academic journal, an FBI agent who works in the field named some of the countries and provided a rare look into commercial spying by foreign intelligence services.

France, Germany, Israel, China, Russia and South Korea were named as major offenders in the article by Edwin Fraumann, a New York-based FBI agent who teaches at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. His article appeared in "Public Administration Review," published by the American Society for Public Administration Review," published by the American Society for Public Administration Review, published by the American Society for Public Administration Review, and the production of the property of the production of the production of the production of the production of the bureau are more than 700 foreign counterintelligence investigations involving economic espionage. It

said economic spying by countries considered friends as well as adversaries of the United States has been increasing. French intelligence, according to Fraumann, has spied on U.S. companies by wiretapping U.S. companies by wiretapping U.S. range of the work of the property of the prope

of business personnel and communications inside France including telephone conversations

and faxes.

The Directorate General of the External, France's equivalent of the CIA, and the Directorate of Surveillance and Terrorism, its equivalent of the FBI, continually use their databases to target foreign companies and personnel, Fraumann wrote. When they identify a particular target, he said, individuals are sometimes placed in 'deep cover' within a foreign firm without revealing their true allegiance."

allegiance."
As recently as 1995, five Americans - four of them CIA agents - were expelled from France after being accused of economic spying against the French government. U.S. sources said the bungled operation forced the CIA to temporarily suspend virtually all of its operations in France. In addition, sources said, it made U.S. intelligence agencies much more conservative in their overall approach to commercial espionage.

# **Bumps in the First Ad Libber's show**

Clinton makes use of his silve tongue in a series of informal

WASHINGTON - At a luncheon fund-raiser in New York the other day. President Clinton dropped a casual reference to the famous White House pets, citing a little girl's observation: "It was not necessary for Socks and Buddy to like each other, but they did have to get alone."

necessary for Socks and Buddy to necessary for Socks and Buddy to get along."
"Maybe," he added, "that should be my policy in Bosnia."
It's a safe bet that comparing the recent domestic disharmony in the Clinton household to Europe's most deadly conflict since World War II was not a line drafted by the National Security Council speech writers. But it was far from the only remark to cross Clinton's lips in recent days that left some in the audience scratching their heads.

A frenetic swing through New York and Texas at the end of last week showed Clinton in full retorical flight - occasionally on a zigzag path. In seven speeches in 36 hours, he migled philosophical reflections on technology and global change with charty popculture references.

These wandering remarks, at fund-raisers and other events where Clinton speaks without benefit of a prepared text, regularly yield offsheat comparisons and

metaphors. Although these presidential riffs usually are not thetoric for the ages, Clinton aides say they often are more revealing of what is really on his mind.

Lately, "Amistad" is on Clinton's mind. He mentioned the movie twice in recent days. Once it was to make an abstract point about national unity during "a period of profound change." Later it was to quote the film's hero, John Quincy Adams, about how there is "nothing so pathetic as a former president."

"All I can tell you is, I hope to find out," Clinton joked. "I hope the good Lord has got that in mind for me, and I'll try to beat the

odds."
While Clinton's relevised speeches, such as his State of the Union addresses, are often self-consciously formal, his style at evening fund-raisers - when he usually has no expectation of making news with a speech - is surprisingly colloquial.
Thus, in Texas, he paraphrased the views of conservative Republicans: "If we just had less government, everything would be hunky-dory."

reference to Pope John Paul II - "a very persuasive fellow", and his impending visit to Cuba: "He, after all, is the voice of God for those of us who believe that." For a moment, some listeners wondered whether Clinton was announcing his Catholicism. But he already had addressed his own faith a few minutes earlier when discussing a major contributor who insisted he was not really a insisted he was not really a Democrat. "I'm a Baptist," Clinton said. "I believe in deathbed

said. "I believe in deathbee conversions." It was George Bush who was famous for lacing his speeches with strange non sequiturs ("Don't cry for me, Argentina," he told one bewildered audience) and occasionally goofy turns of phrasu-("Whine on, harvest moon."). But, when fatigued, even the more silver-tongued Clinton has

occasionally gooty turns or pmase ("Whine on, harvest moon."). But, when fatigued, even the more silver-tongued Clinton has occasional slips. While he often finishes speeches by saying "God bless you." at a rally in Brownsville, Texas, Friday he gave that line an egocentric twist. "God bless me." he bellowed.

Last week also showed Clinton's love of scientific metaphor. "The real problem with the Middle East peace process," he said in New York. "is if s' like a living organism that gets sick if it doesn't move." The next day in Texas he called the Internet "the fastest-growing social organism in history."

Clinton's informal remarks often show him road-testing themes that later appear in major addresses, just two weeks away, he seems to be brooding over the right words for a speech that one aide said Clinton wants to be "more historically grounded" than previous speeches. Last week was replete with references to "a new millennium, something that only happens every thousand years."

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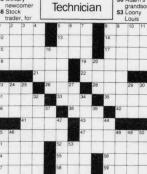
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