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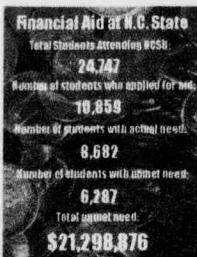
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Unmet financial aid tops \$21m



◆Over 6,000 students did not receive needed financial aid during the 1996-97 school year.

JACK DALY
News Editor

When students graduate from N.C. State, they have a diploma, many fond memories and an average debt of \$13,921.

And those are the students that received financial loans from NCSU.

The total amount of unmet financial aid for students in need topped

\$21 million for the 1996-97 school year, according to Julia Rice Mallette, director of financial aid at NCSU.

"A lot of students are having to resort to borrowing to pay for the costs of going to school," Mallette said. "As those costs go up, if we don't have a corresponding increase in financial aid, there is going to be a great impact on enrollment."

For the 1996-97 school year, a total of 10,859 students applied to the Office of Financial Aid for assistance, according to statistics given by Mallette. Of those, 8,682 students, or 35 percent of the student body, were found in need of assistance.

After financial aid was doled out, there were 6,259 students still in need of assistance, with the unmet need totaling \$21,298,876.

There are two primary reasons why students do not receive aid.

"The first reason students don't receive financial aid is that they apply late," said Mallette. "We run out of money by mid-summer. The second is that they don't make satisfactory progress."

To meet satisfactory progress, a freshman must pass at least 12 credit hours in a year, according to Mallette. Sophomores on up must pass at least 24 credit hours a year.

The UNC-General Administration

also conducted a review of unmet financial need but came up with different figures than the Office of Financial Aid.

The UNC-GA report included students who received gift aid — scholarships or grants students do not have to pay back — in the need column. However, some scholarships such as athletic scholarships or the Parks scholarships might be awarded to students that have no need for financial aid. This would underestimate the unmet financial aid figure.

"I think what the General Administration is starting to do is a worthwhile effort," Mallette said.

"There is the perception that since

tuition is a bargain in the UNC-System, it is easily affordable. I have never had any notion that N.C. students can easily afford to attend these schools. Not all of us can afford to."

Mallette said that rising costs are a big reason why students have a hard time paying for college.

"Tuition is a bargain, and it hasn't increased that much," said Mallette. "But fees have gone way up, housing has gone up, books have gone up, everything has gone way up."

"We need other resources to cover that gap or we are going to lose stu-

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NCSU assesses affirmative action

◆NCSU and the UNC-System are not necessarily looking to make changes, but rather to review the affirmative action policies.

CATHY WILFONG
Staff Writer

In the past, affirmative action has been a term that carried some negative connotations or, at least, an unclear definition. But a statement issued by UNC-System President Molly Broad, N.C. State is seeking to remedy this situation.

Broad's statement, issued last fall, asked administrators within the system to "carefully reassess our own policies and practices to be sure that [the universities] are in compliance with established legal mandates." Noting that the legal issues regarding affirmative action are "constantly evolving," Broad assured the media and the state's citizens that, as members of the UNC-System, "if we find that any of our practices are legally inappropriate, we will change them."

Broad went on to say that such an assessment does not necessarily require a university to change its current policy but simply to review it for any areas that might require more attention or reworking. Such policy changes could potentially affect employment, admission or financial aid goals.

As a federal contractor, NCSU is required by federal mandate to have an affirmative action plan and program, which includes publicly advertising any position openings and making a "good faith effort" to hire minorities and women, especially in areas where there is under-representation.

In terms of employment and hiring, NCSU has had an affirmative action policy in place for "several decades," according to Joanne Woodard, vice provost for equal opportunity. Woodard said, however, that there are often misunderstandings when the topic is affirmative action.

"It's such a loaded term," she said. Woodard explained that NCSU's affirmative action

policy for employment is "simply a tool that we use to offer an equal opportunity within the work force. This means that we advertise widely and consider everyone equally when filling a position."

"It is not a quota, but a goal," Woodard emphasized. These goals are based on national availability data, which signify average percentages within a given field. For example, if 40 percent of veterinary school graduates were women, which is the case at NCSU, then the vet school would strive to hire a comparable number of female faculty members.

Woodard admitted that many of the colleges at NCSU are slightly below the national average for minority and female faculty and staff.

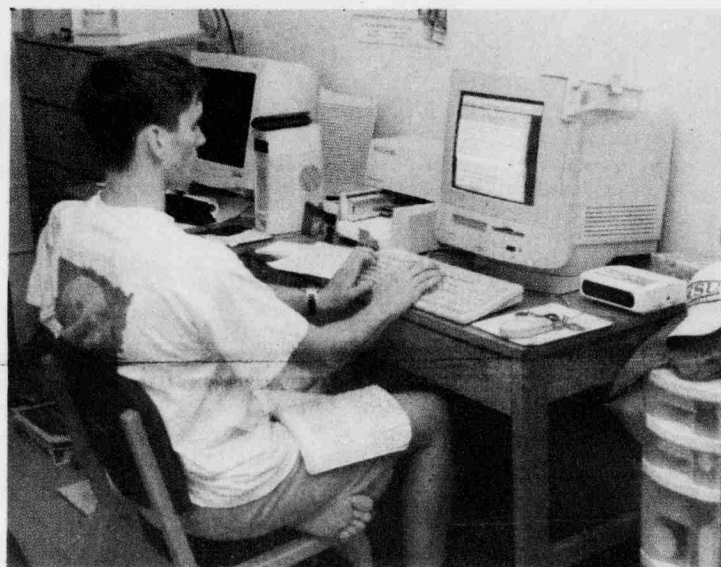
"But this information is somewhat misleading," she said. "We recruit nationally for our staff, but we are in competition with the Research Triangle Park, private enterprise and other universities. We may make someone an offer but still be turned down." Woodard said that such instances, in addition to a slow turnover rate, often account for a somewhat stilted distribution among those hired.

"We are a little bit low in some areas," she said, "but we still make a good faith effort to hire minorities and women."

Woodard added, however, that there have not been many changes in NCSU's policy over the years. Now, in light of Broad's statement, there could be some revisions in the works.

Each of the 16 UNC-System campuses meets at least once a year with the UNC-General Assembly to discuss any changes that may need to be made. According to Broad, each campus will be required to review their policies in terms of gender- and race-based issues. This will be done in order to make sure each university is complying with national guidelines.

"If you review things, you can find changes that need to be made," Woodard said. "If there are things that are on the wrong side legally, you need to examine them more closely."



John Turnour, a freshman in landscape technology, may have to purchase a laptop soon.

Architecture department sets computer requirement

◆ Students in the architecture department will now be required to have their own laptop computers.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
Assistant News Editor

N.C. State's architecture department is the first curriculum in the university to require that students entering their degree program this semester must purchase a laptop.

"Computers came a different way to our discipline than other disciplines," Architecture Department Head Faith Rifki said.

With the use of the computers, Rifki said

the students learn to use a very valuable tool in design that will allow them to take their work to class and to the studios.

According to Rifki, professors have been asking for two years to require computers in order to keep their competitive edge.

"Now was the time to incorporate computers," Rifki said. "It was a bold step. We bit the bullet and said yes."

Even though the university gave the department leeway in deciding to require their students to purchase \$3,000 Win-tell or Macintosh laptops, Rifki admitted that the department was hesitant because of the financial burden on students who might not be able to afford one.

In lieu of the problem, Rifki said the department researched how others like

Western Carolina University and Wake Forest dealt with the issue. The department found out that, if they made it a requirement, their students could receive financial aid to cover the expense, which would be figured into their yearly budget.

In addition, the department also consulted computer manufacturers that have been willing to offer the students a loan and lease program, he said.

Generally, Rifki said he has seen a very positive reaction from the students in the department about the new requirement.

"I haven't had one student to say they can't do this," he said.

Matt Griffith, a graduate student in the Tracks-3 architecture program, said he

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More paperwork



Junior Kelly Andrus (left), freshman Matt Greeson (middle) and freshman Adam Ward fill out some forms Tuesday.

Chancellor goes 'back home' with students

◆ NCSU student ambassadors escorted Chancellor Fox to Pinetops and Greenville.

SPRINE STEPHENS
Staff Writer

Marye Anne Fox is giving her job as Chancellor of N.C. State a whole new meaning.

Fox is taking part in the Back Home Tour, which is enabling her to accompany 16 student ambassadors to their hometowns to get to know the students and their communities better, while also learning more about the students' progress at NCSU.

After an extensive interview process, the students, who represented each curriculum, were notified that they would be participants in the program. On Aug. 21,

NCSU held a "meet and greet" session where the ambassadors met the chancellor and each other.

On Sept. 3, Fox embarked on her first of eight trips with Tynesha Lewis of Macclesfield, N.C., a sophomore majoring in chemistry, and Amanda England of Greenville, N.C., a senior electrical engineering major.

The morning was spent in Pinetops, N.C., at Lewis' alma mater, Southwest Edgecombe High School. Lewis addressed the student body about the progress of NCSU and her goals and expectations for the school.

Fox then took the lectern and spoke about her plans for NCSU and its students. She stressed that students are the foundation and the future of the university and emphasized that they must be willing to get a

good education and do what it takes to be successful.

Lewis, who is a member of NCSU's women's basketball team, enjoyed getting to know Fox on a more personal level.

"She's a great person, down-to-earth, very approachable," she said. "I even taught her how to make a jump shot."

The group spent the afternoon at J.H. Rose High School in Greenville, N.C., Amanda England's alma mater. They met high school students, the Greenville city manager and other local officials and the chancellor of East Carolina University. England introduced to students her work on "Thumper," a multifunctional robot that makes lunar habitation possible. England went on to explain how HELIOS

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(Habituation Exploration Leaders in Outer Space) and NCSU are advancing the possibilities of lunar activity.

"I was privileged enough to get to go back to my high school along with the chancellor and show high school students what N.C. State is doing in the field of science," England said.

Fox is showing incredible enthusiasm toward the program, Lewis and England said. They were impressed by the fact that her schedule is busy and she has a job to perform, yet she is taking time out to listen to the concerns of students and their communities.

In the seven remaining trips, Fox will travel "Back Home" with Fern Ann Paterson, Amy Reeves, Valerie Johnson, Susanna Stevens, Eric Bryan, Lauren Piche, Walter Ward, Allison Hale Fox, David Motley, Ray Starling, Brandon Locklear, Patrick McGowan, Jeremie McGowan and Elizabeth Winstead. Both England and Lewis felt the program brought them closer to a person they otherwise may never have even met.

Lewis remarked, "Marye Anne Fox is a strong woman who knows what she wants from life. She is definitely breaking down barriers every day."

likes the idea of getting a laptop. "It gives us an excuse to get one," he said.

Griffith said the importance of computers in the field is growing, and the new requirement will help keep NCSU's Design School on top.

"Especially in architecture, you have such an advantage communicating your ideas to a client through a computer," Griffith said. "There's no question if we need them."

The only disadvantage, Griffith said, was that the class found out at orientation that they would have the additional expense of \$3,000. However, he said that having to buy a laptop would not have made him reconsider entering the curriculum.

"It wouldn't have made a difference whether or not to go," he said. Although Griffith said he and his classmates were a little apprehensive of the cost, they will prefer the convenience of a laptop to late nights at the studio. "I prefer to work at home," Griffith said. "I get to be with my family, and it gives me more flexibility."

Despite the department's advances towards incorporating technology in the architecture curriculum, Rifki said they still value paper and pencil.

"It's [the laptop] not an alternative to traditional means, just another one," he said.

Following in the architecture department's footsteps, Rifki said he foresees the graphic design department requiring computers as well.

"I do see this spreading like wildfire," he said.

dentists." A freshman entering NCSU can only borrow a maximum of \$2625 from the Office of Financial Aid. Mallette estimates that the all-inclusive cost of an in-state student attending NCSU is \$8,900, after a tuition cost of \$2,300.

"Tuition is only about 26 percent of the final cost," said Mallette. NCSU is not the only school in the UNC system that has a problem with unmet financial aid need. UNC-CH has \$42 million worth on unmet need.

"Of the UNC system, NCSU has the largest scholarship endowment," Mallette said. "Chapel Hill doesn't have many merit scholarships beside the Morehead scholarship."

Out-of-state students have a much greater burden in regards to tuition, but Mallette said some are more concerned with in-state students.

"I feel that out-of-state students add quite a bit to our system," Mallette said. "Often, other fees that since they haven't contributed tax money to the system, if they want to come here, they are on their own."

The Office of Financial Aid does have a work study plan that employs students in need, but Mallette said that it often does not make a dramatic difference.

"Our work study allocation is only \$700,000 a year," Mallette said. "We probably employ 700 students a year, but that isn't enough extra money for the students."

Loans at NCSU make up over half of the financial aid, with \$38 million of the \$74 million going towards them, according to Mallette.

Upon graduating from NCSU, the average in-state undergraduate is \$13,392 in debt, while the out-of-state student is \$19,558. In-state and out-of-state graduate students are \$28,401 and \$24,892 in debt, respectively.

"The bottom line is, does NCSU want to be a school where only those who can afford to can go?" Mallette asked.

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APRIL MORRIS
Staff Writer

Riding on the back of a camel through India, visiting a remote town on the coast of Venezuela and sketching the beautiful garden of Villa Lante in Italy sound like the stuff dreams are made of, but some N. C. State students lived the dream.

Each year the Department of Landscape Architecture sponsors international design studios. The studios are open to students of all disciplines but are usually made up of design students. This year about 40 students, graduate and undergraduate, in landscape architecture, architecture, industrial design, product design, textile design, graphic design and forest resources traveled to Italy, India and Venezuela.

The trip to Gubbio, Italy in May and June 1998 was led by Professor Angelo Abbate. Eight students spent five and a half weeks there. Landing in Rome, the students traveled to Gubbio where they met with local planning officials and the mayor to discuss designs for refurbishing two areas of the city: an urban plaza at San Pietro, Saint Peter's Church and a five acre park at Santo Domingo, a former monastery. The students worked



Sarah Little and Omar Lamm check out exhibits from international design studios.

every weekday, meeting in the mornings, taking lunch and then working on the project in the afternoon. They had the weekends to explore the countryside on their own. Working in two groups of four, the students talked with townspeople through an interpreter and came up with four recommendations for each site.

Professor Abate commented, "We got to communicate with another culture, and in turn they returned their ideas to us. We had to interpret those even though we did not speak the language. I think it is pretty incredible."

After three and a half weeks in Gubbio, the students spent two weeks traveling to about eight towns, including Spoleto, Todi and Villa Lante. Professor Abate hopes that they can return later to see

their plans implemented but returning takes a lot of time and money.

For 10 days over Spring Break of 1998, Professor Art Rice took a group of eight students to Venezuela as part of a short course in eco-tourism for three credit hours. The department has been sponsoring the course for about four years.

The trip started in Caracas, Venezuela, where the group attended lectures on the environment of Venezuela at a local university and met with landscape architects and city planners for about five days. Another five days were spent in a small coastal town, which was the focus of their design project. The town was once a fishing village and was involved with cocoa production, but had recently been discovered as a festival town. Normally

sustaining a population of 3,000, the town had to deal with an influx of 30,000 people for several days during a carnival.

The students worked on a plan to accommodate the tourists while promoting permanent growth and protecting the natural environment.

For the third studio, Professor Shishir Raval led eight students on a trip to the cities of Gujarat, Rajasthan and New Delhi in India. They traveled around the country on buses, trains, elephants and camels — a rough ride to say the least — attending lectures and touring. The students also had to learn some of the customs of the culture and act accordingly. Proper attire was required to fit in, like a Sari, which is traditionally worn by



◆ Our resident chef reviews a local restaurant.

Hey chef, I'm getting tired of the same old food. Is there any place different I could go this weekend without the meal costing an arm and a leg?

There sure is. ChefIAm suggests J. Gilberts' Wood-fired Grill, located at the corner of Tryon Road, and the Cary Parkway in Cary. As one might suspect from the name, J. Gilberts' does indeed sell steaks, but they also sell quite a bit more from their scratch kitchen. Appetizers run from \$5.50 to \$16.95 (platter for three or four people). Entrees start at \$11.95 (chicken penne) and go to \$25.95 (24-ounce porterhouse steak). Appetizers include smoked chicken quesadillas, crab cakes, homemade chips topped with a bleu cheese sauce (or get a combo of all three), smoked chicken and tortilla soup with guacamole and shrimp durango.

Each and every one of these appetizers is extraordinary. Even the chips? Yes, even the chips. The cheese sauce makes it quite tasty. ChefIAm's favorite is the crab cakes. With three crab cakes per order, one also gets a pico de gallo infused mayonnaise and a healthy portion of tacos tumbledown (mixture of cooked tortilla strips, onion, bell peppers and a tangy dressing) garnished with fresh Cilantro. My plate is always clear of any food when I'm done.

Salads include their house salad (variety of lettuces, with tomato, onion, roasted bell pepper, croutons and choice of dressing), a traditional Caesar salad, though I don't like anchovies on my Caesar salad — too fishy; and a roma tomato salad (mixed greens, fresh roma tomatoes, onions and its own dressing). Any one of these is a great warm up for your entree.

Now for my favorite part of any dinner — the entree. For being considered one of the better steakhouses in the Triangle, J. Gilberts' has a great variety of entrees. However, as a meatatarian, I'll start with the steaks. There are two sizes of USDA Choice grilled filets, as well as certified Angus beef Kansas City strip steaks. Simple steak, some Montreal steak seasoning, a mesquite fired grill — delicious. Both steaks come with

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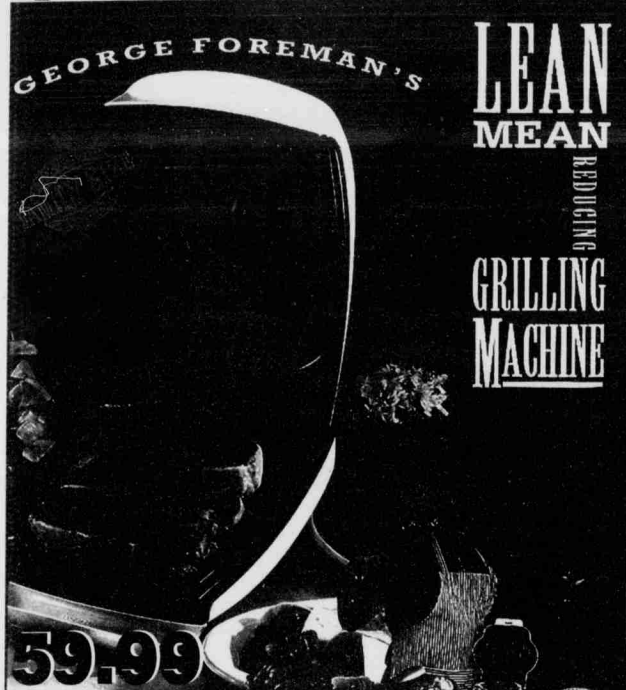
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Chef

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the chef's choice of vegetable and a choice of starch.

For those who insist 16 ounces isn't enough, they have a 22-ounce cowboy steak (bone-in ribeye) and a 24-ounce porterhouse steak. The cowboy steak comes with home-made mashed potatoes and Cajun onion rings-yummy. ChefAm's favorite (as well as the staff of J. Gilberts') is the Louisiana skillet seared fillet. This eight-ounce fillet mignon is seasoned with garlic butter and blackened seasoning. Then it is seared on a piping hot skillet until done (I love medium rare). The steak is served over a portion of pablano-pepper flavored au gratin potatoes, and topped with sauteed mushrooms in a sherry/port wine sauce. Are your taste buds now going crazy with anticipation? Mine are.

For those of us who just can't do the beef thing any more, get a load of these delectable delights. Pastas include chicken penne with a roasted red pepper cream sauce and shrimp and lobster linguini with a shrimp sauce. Poultry selections are the Jamaican chicken (10-ounce grilled chicken breast, seasoned with blackened seasoning, served over a spicy orzo with a grilled wedge of fresh pineapple) and roast-

ed barbecue chicken served with roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes and Cajun onion rings.

For those who like a fresh catch of the day, there are several great choices. Barbecued salmon salad (grilled five-ounce salmon over mixed greens and vegetables, topped with Cajun onion rings), 10-ounce barbecued salmon (served with mashed potatoes and a smoked black bean and corn relish) and marinated fresh yellowfin tuna (served with spicy orzo, roasted vegetables and garnished with fried leeks) are all great choices.

If you're still hungry after all that great food, try some of the home-made desserts. They include chocolate velvet cake, fresh fruit cobbler, kahula cheesecake and a cookie taco (ChefAm's favorite).



The cookie taco includes a home-made desert taco filled with freshly made whipped cream and a variety of fresh fruit, then topped with a raspberry sauce.

J. Gilberts' is a great place to try a variety of foods every day, and they run one or two specials every week and prime rib on the weekends. You'll want to go back in a hurry. The restaurant is open for dinner (soon for lunch - can't wait) seven days a week. Please call for hours, reservations and directions. Bon Appetite!

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females to weddings.

After three and a half weeks traveling and absorbing the culture, the group worked on their design assignment, the Vishwamitri River project.

An exhibition of the students' work from each international studio opened Friday, Sept. 11, in the Brooks Hall Gallery. Gorgeous sketches, exquisite Indian clothing, maps and design plans are on display.


Trips like these are important in the development of a well-rounded individual and professional, as Professor Rice explains, "To be successful in the world 10, 20, 30 years from now you really have to be sort of culturally competent and able to work in different environments with different people."

The students also understand the impact of these studios on themselves and others.

Bill Madden, a third-year landscape architecture student, describes the experience best in saying, "It will broaden your mind."



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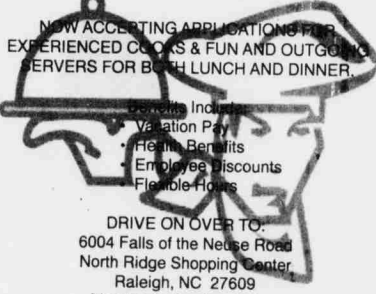
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Technician's view

A shady proposal

◆ Students need concessions if required to buy their own computers.

As N.C. State prepares to move into the 21st century, it becomes necessary for its students and faculty to embrace the modern advances that will help pave the way. Unfortunately, such technology is not always cheap.

For the 1999-2000 academic year, the department of architecture will require students entering its program to have laptop computers, which will be used both in class and for out-of-class assignments. This initiative originated with the idea that the equipment would benefit students by allowing them to stay at the forefront of new programs, designs and technology. In addition, the ability to bring their computer work to class will give students ready access to homework and other assignments. Using this direct approach, corrections and problems can be worked out in class rather than later that day or week in a computer lab setting.

And this is a great idea. In addition to providing convenience for students, it will help give NCSU's architecture department a competitive edge over comparable programs. Other universities, such as Western Carolina and Wake Forest, already have similar requirements of their students, and UNC-Chapel Hill will put theirs into effect next year as well. But, as is usually the case with any new concept, there is one small problem. In this instance, that problem is money.

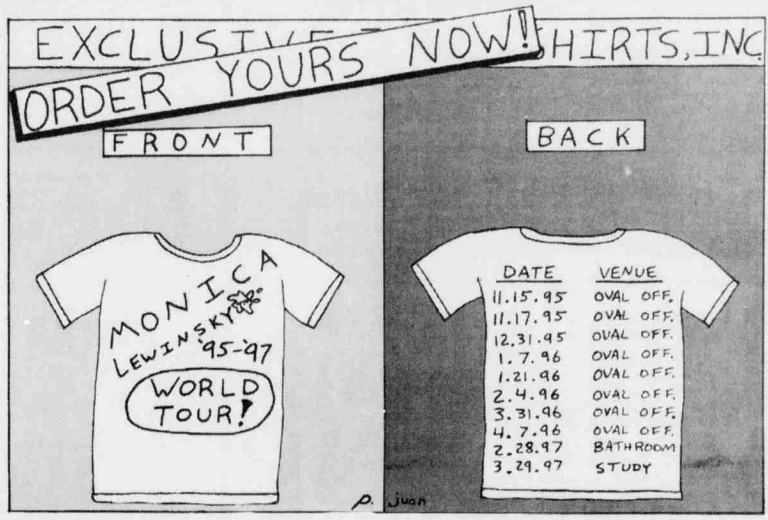
Let's face it — a new laptop computer is not cheap. A good one can cost up to \$3,000. A good one can cost up to \$3,000. A good one can cost up to \$3,000. A good one can cost up to \$3,000.

be a nice amenity, it is generally not a necessary for most people. Which is why the architecture department — and the university — is going to have to make a few concessions when requiring architecture students to purchase their own laptops.

First and foremost, the department needs to acknowledge the fact that not every student will be able to afford a new laptop computer. Thus, the powers that be must make sure that ample funding is available to provide these students with the financial aid required to purchase this equipment. And although faculty profess that such concerns have been addressed, the recent "death of financial aid situation" could be an impetus for seeking other alternatives. The loan and lease program from manufacturers is one possible solution.

Secondly, NCSU students must already pay a yearly Computer and Technology fee of \$270 for the privilege of using campus computer labs. But it becomes obvious that students required to purchase their own laptop computers will not be using the university's — at least not as much as a student who does not own his or her own PC. Thus, the university should offer a discount on this fee or a pay-for-use program to students required by their department to buy their own computers. Otherwise, the university is guilty of double-dipping, charging students for something they probably will not use, while requiring them to own that same equipment.

Overall, the architecture department has made a sound decision by requiring students entering its program to have their own laptop computer. They must, however, make sure they have the ability — and the funds — to back up such a demand.



I want to be a spy

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

Sometimes there's this part of me that really regrets I wasn't born a Bond Girl.

This doesn't make a lot of sense yet, so let me expound upon this theme. It's not so much that I want to hook up with Sean Connery or Pierce Bronson or, God forbid, Roger Moore, and I'm not planning on changing my name to Octopussy anytime soon. I don't even envy them their cool vinyl go-go boots or the impossibly strappy, bondage-esque fashions they get to sport as they run through mine fields or dodge horny terrorists.

Basically, I just feel there's this little part of me that wants to be a spy. All day long I feel it sitting and watching as people go by. As they pass, I listen to their conversations and note the little details and set about mentally peeling apart their daily lives like an orange. It's shameless how much this part of me enjoys speculating on the lives of

complete strangers.

I have to admit it — My name is Kelly and I'm an eavesdropper. Not so much consciously, mind you, but one nonetheless. I'm a passive observer. I'm a fly on the wall. I have an awfully bad habit of watching people when they think no one's looking and listening to conversations that they don't think anyone can hear.

Of course, we all do it to an extent. Man by nature is a curious beast. But sometimes I wonder if I'm overstepping a boundary somewhere. Sometimes I feel a little guilty. Yet every time I contemplate turning a deaf ear on whatever miasma is brewing before my eyes, the conversation takes an interesting turn, and I throw all of my good intentions right out the window.

And it's hard to be good when there's so many interesting interactions to observe. It never ceases to amaze me what people will say to each other in public. It's astonishing what gets broadcasted out loud amid huge masses of people with ears. I

mean, we all have them. Why does there exist this common prevailing notion that we won't use them?

We silly human beings have a tendency to try to desperately tuck away our true thoughts and feelings and yet we leak them out all of the time. We put so much trust in little things like booths — as if that naguibyde puffly seat in the Shoney's constitutes an impenetrable sound-proof room. I'm sorry, but a 3-foot wall is hardly a serviceable sound barrier. Things like plants or turned backs or even four feet of empty space between tables are as effective at concealing a conversation as those crappy earplugs you get on airplanes. (And I must add here that the last time I checked, little foam ear bullets are defenseless against the walls of an unhappy toddler. Surprisingly enough, any toddler on a plane is an unhappy one.)

Sometimes words aren't even needed to figure out what's going on. Bodies can say more than mouths at times — the way one holds himself, how close two people

stand to one another, the way a person's eyes flit nervously back and forth — we have the ability to communicate more in a few facial tics than in a two-hour phone conversation. Human beings. God love 'em, are just so gosh darn obvious. There are moments when it seems a person's whole life story can be unlocked with a glance.

Perhaps I'm just over-cautious, though. I'm irrationally suspicious of open areas. I tend to guard what I'm saying in public. As soon as the conversation crosses into more private terrain I start editing myself. I delete any identifiable information, like names and places, until I'm practically speaking in code. For the duration of my freshman year my sitemates and I even employed hand gestures to refer to people whose names were too embarrassing, too secret or just too painful to bring up.

Why? I guess it's because I always feel so obvious myself. I've been told I have a face that reads like a

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Technician CAMPUS FORUM

Helms film was a joke

I have just come from a screening of "Dear Jesse," a propaganda film masquerading as a documentary about Senator Jesse Helms. Having read write-ups in both Technician and the Independent, I had an idea as to what the tone of the film would be. I have to say that the film exceeded these expectations.

I figured it would be a portrayal of the "oppressed" gay/lesbian communi-

ty (a neighborhood near Durham, I think) and how everyone should feel sorry for them. Not only did the film fit this observation, but, as a bonus, the film was filled with as much hate and vitriol as Mr. Kirkman (the film's director) claims the esteemed Senator holds towards various "oppressed" groups. One memorable scene was the recitation of a poem, "A prayer for Jesse," which talked about rubbing blood under the Senator's eyes.

The film was valuable in illustrating the mindset of the typical liberal. Kirkman illustrated the opinion of

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Media report off the mark

MIKE McLAIN
Staff Columnist

I have almost had it with these cookie-cutter schemes to correct every little social ill facing our country. What I'm talking about here is a recent article in our newspaper. This article depicted "subtle" forms of racism found in our media. An NCSU communications professor, Robert Entman, made a report that went to President Clinton's Advisory Board for the President's Initiative on Race. I can't believe time and money were spent to study a problem that is so rhetorical — it's like asking if Michael Jordan is the best basketball player in the NBA today.

Entman's first point was that minorities are misrepresented, per-

centage wise, in the news and that they are rarely used as experts. Although I believe this is the professor's most valid point, I still have a problem with it.

When you look at what type of entity the media is, it is one that's out to make money. They produce news programs to get sponsorships from various corporations. These corporations give out money on the bases that the broadcasts are reaching a certain demographic. These demographics might not reflect what the population breakdown between whites and minorities are, therefore skewing Entman's view on percentages.

For example, if there is 12 percent of the population that is African American, 12 percent of the news should be about that race. I believe

if the government wants to project on TV what the numbers the census bureau have found by regulating what is shown, they should start shelling out the money for advertising. Then start their anti-drug, anti-racism, anti-thinking campaign with the money spent. Unfortunately this would mean that we would have to foot the bill. I think that I am not alone in having the idea that this is not the best answer to solve any racism problem we might have.

When the professor made his next point, I almost completely lost it. His next attack was on the movies and the context of minorities' behavior and speech. He found, using 1996's top grossing films, that African-American women and men used ungrammatical language most of the time. I believe this fact just

reflects the cultural differences between blacks and whites.

Everyone has some sort of dialect that develops from growing up in a certain environment. There is a vast range of spoken English that has hinged at ignorance in the eyes of the opposing car but has not led to any sort of major controversy or censorship in the past. Southern drawl, California-surf lingo, Northern fast talk, slang is used by everyone and is equally portrayed on the silver screen. If Mr. Entman wants to attack any form of the use of language he should raise his voice against Ebonics and how this is an obvious step backward from his perspective.

Using an example from "Jerry Maguire" the professor said that

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The weirdest trips can be the best

BRETT WETZELL
Staff Columnist

Aside from my various hobbies (writing, social activism, assisted suicide), perhaps my most reluctant hobby is the victimization of innocent women. Perhaps I should explain myself. I have victimized the same female for about three years, succumbing her to painful bruises, emotional distress, false guilt and, most recently, widespread embarrassment and shame. At no time of the year is this female more vulnerable than on her birthday. It is on this day that I seek to make up for all the scars and pain and show her

how much I care — by making her twice as miserable as she's ever been. This year, however, I wasn't counting on the forced evacuation at the beach from Bonnie, and I was unable to show my love the scientific wonder of 110-mph gusts and torrential rain. I was forced to use my back-up plan, inspired by the good folks at The News & Observer's travel section.

It worked out better than I could imagine. Some time ago, an equally sadistic writer lauded the pristine waters of North Carolina's hot springs, which are found, coincidentally enough, in Hot Springs. He

suggested a quaint inn — the word "quaint" alone was enough to win me over and fool my female victim.

Soon enough we arrived in the delightful little town, which features one street and railroad tracks running smack through town, just like on campus. And, our inn was right next to the tracks, just like Sullivan Hall! And just like Sullivan, we had no air conditioning! Now, at this point, my victim and I began to argue on the chances of cable TV. Well, as luck would have it, we had no cable. I complained bitterly to the "inkeeper," as she insisted to be called, but she stood fast by her

claim that you can't have cable without a television.

After the other tenants finished up in the bathroom down the hall, my victim took her turn enjoying a shower in the fine cool spring water of the mountains, which is mandated to be "cool" by the National Park Service and therefore cannot be a temperature warmer than a refreshing 38 degrees. The bed in our room was a beautiful antique, designed appropriately for its time, when people generally did not exceed the height of 5 feet 5 inches. I would get over the welts on my ankles from

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Cuba Gooding Jr.'s character had to be helped by Tom Cruise emotionally and financially. This is so weak. What he failed to mention was that Gooding's character was an athlete and that Cruise was his agent. What do agents usually manage? I'm not even going to answer. Also, sports happen to be a very emotional profession and many athletes have to reach out for therapy to handle how the pressure and money can effect their off-field personalities. Entman obviously failed to take in account the plot of the movie.

Music and film especially try to mimic reality or our perceptions of reality. Rap music today is a great example of this, and I wonder if it fell into the report. It is a form of expression that has hit the mainstream and dictates how these pre-

dominately black performers feel or see their lives and their culture. If you censored them on the buses that they portray every African American as uneducated, which is false, because they use "street language," you are doing more injustice then if you let it continue. I don't think any rapper or any consumer wants to hear rap spoken in a Tom Brokaw voice.

I feel that racism is a major problem still plaguing our country but putting Band-Aids on the skin to cure internal bleeding just won't work. What we need to do is stop relying on the media to raise our kids and turn to education.

Fortunately, I had great parents, family and friends who helped me to grow up in a situation devoid of any form of hate due to color of skin. Because of this, I feel offended when people challenge my free will to ignore what is on television.

If we spend the money for educational purposes instead of swinging at a pinata for answers to "subconscious" convictions, we would

make greater steps. If you grew up anywhere outside of Cary you still see slums, poverty and social decay still in existence. Let's turn our attention to correcting these problems instead of running around in circles.

Why is there still a Black History Month? Why can't we just incorporate all cultures into the public educational system all year round? All I saw in elementary school was white settlers who founded this nation, while in reality we are supposed to be a melting pot and the other hues were not there. Beyond history, there were few programs on social differences and how to face them. If the government wants to make an effective campaign against racism control, then there's something already in its hands. Teach our kids not only how to be proficient in reading, writing and arithmetic but also how to think and accept. Censorship will not solve racism, but education will.

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children's book - you look at the big picture and you don't even need the words to know the story. And being the pseudo-spy that I am, I'm always aware that someone could be watching me, too. In fact, there are a couple of my friends whom I wouldn't put it past. I've seen their sneakiness in action and would hate to one day find myself a victim of it. It's much more fun to be the one on the other side of the wall listening in.

So, I've admitted it. I spy. And I can't stop it. And I don't want to. And I don't think I will. Truth be told, I think there have

been times when I've learned more about the people around me and myself by simply watching the world go by than by anything I could have picked up through sheer experience. There are some things in this life that you can do and feel everyday of your life and never understand until you watch them being done by someone else. There are things that you do to the people around you that you don't see until the people around you do them, too. We are reflections on ourselves, kind of like the mirrors on mall escalators that face each other and stretch on for eternity.

And you will never, never find anything so entertaining and so cheap as the people who will walk by you in the elevator lobby at 1 a.m. or the guy that's sitting across from you on the bus, macking on the girl who could care less.

Nothing will amuse you more than the kids making faces in the car beside you at the stop light or the little old couple bickering in the grocery store.

We'll watch all manner of animals - from those caged at the zoos across the country to the fish that simply swims 'round and 'round its bowl. But people are the most intriguing and curious creatures of the lot. At least from what I've heard of them they are. And I've heard some things...

Kelly can't think of anything else witty to say. She's done and spent and more than a little loopy. In fact, her mind is devoid of all thoughts not directly connected to the eighties sitcom *Diff'rent Strokes*. Maybe she'll be better later though. You could always e-mail and see cmkmarks@unty.ncsu.edu. Subject Line: Gary Coleman

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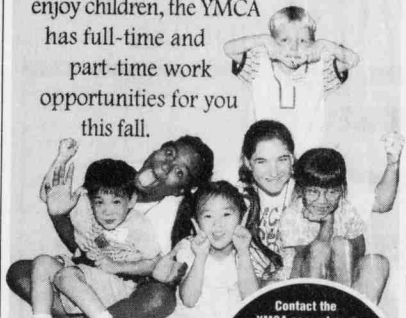
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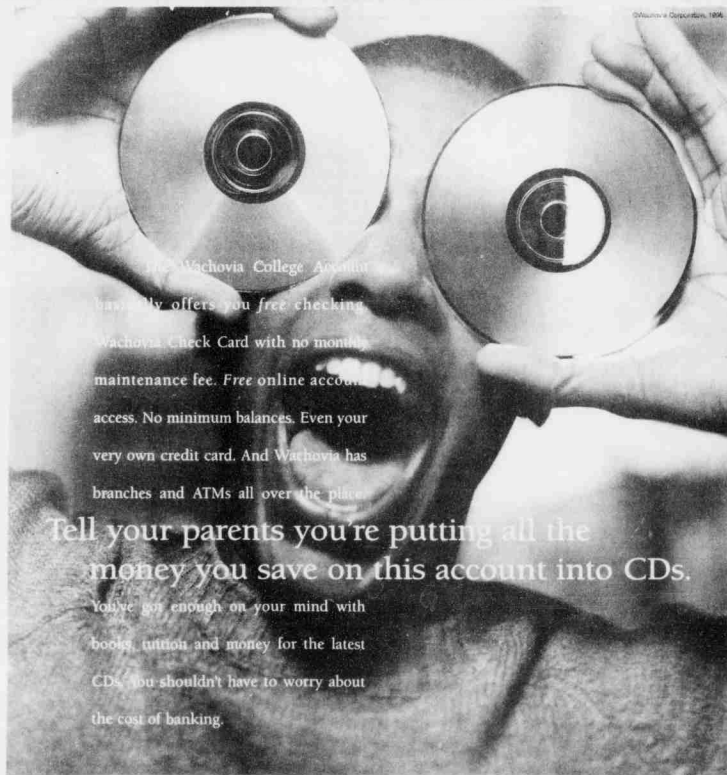


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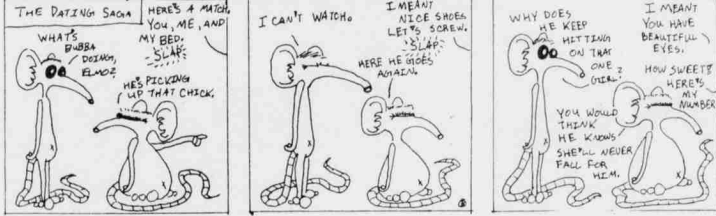
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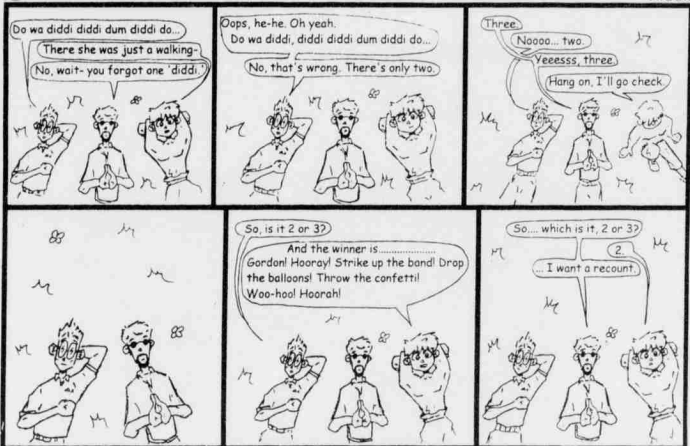
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virtually every critic of the Senator. Jesse Helms is not just a person with whom we disagree, he is evil. He must be destroyed with all means available, even if that means unfair portrayals and hateful rhetoric.

Even though this film is terrible, shrill and whiny, the fact that this film was made does not bother me. However, in light of yearly tuition increases, the fact that I am forced through tuition and taxes to fund this fraud is outrageous.

I would ask one thing. Whenever anyone wishes to make hate-filled propaganda films, sponsor a program promoting the homosexual lifestyle or some other hat-brained scheme, use your own money to do these things. Don't ask me to pay for them.

Matthew Hamby,
Senior, Textile Chemistry

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the footboard, but the rumbling trucks on the street below, coupled with the backdrop of violently rushing trains, ensured that no sleep would distract us from the pleasantly sweltering mountain air.

The next day was the big one; my victim and I were to be rewarded for all our quiet travel with a nice hour-long soak in natural hot springs and for only 15 bucks! When we arrived, we were greeted by a gray, crumbling concrete building. An unseen bango was heard plucking the theme from "Deliverance," and a weathered brown sign welcomed us to the Hot Springs Health Resort. Despite our best efforts, no resort was to be seen, so we instead walked by the "historic ruins" and toward an appropriately quaint wooden shack.

There, a cranky toothless woman

escorted us to our personal hot tub, passing other tubs on the way, all with small, shriveled heads of old people protruding from them. Now, since I am a dumb, naive tourist from the city, I was able to ensure that we would bask in the unbearable heat of the water under the unbearable heat of the sun, rather than at night, as other more sensible people seemed to do.

When we were done, I realized why all I saw were old people in these things: sitting in hot water in hot air for an hour withers you into an old shriveled prune. My victim had become Estelle Getty and I, Ronald Reagan. Our old bodies were unable to sustain any more damage and, unfortunately, had to flee the hurricane-free mountains at once. If you, too, have a penchant for invoking suffering on another, I urge you to take the same trip. It was indeed more miserable a time than any I've known and will be trapped close in our memories for many years to come.

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Women's Notes

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Wolfpack. But those six runners don't have spots on the starting line secured for the season.

Unlike most of the meets on N.C. State's 1998 schedule, at the Wolfpack Invitational, Henes and Head Coach Rolfe Geiger can line up as many runners as they want. Most allow only seven or eight, and this weekend's meet will be the first chance that State's runners will get to lobby for a position.

Along with the six runners returning from last year, there are six other runners who have a good chance at making the top seven, and who would easily be in the top three for any other school running at Centennial Campus this weekend.

But with the talent-heavy roster that N.C. State has, making the top seven is not the ultimate goal according to Henes.

"It is hard to say who will be running. Our upperclassman, you would think will be definite for the season, as good as they are looking in workouts, but everyone is working really hard and looking really good," Henes said. "It is a good situation for us to be in. We may have the luxury of running certain people at certain meets. We are just that deep."

The Wolfpack Invitational will kick off with the college men's 8K, followed by the college women's 5K that will start at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday at the Centennial Campus course.

activities do take place they are not violations of NCAA regulations.

An NCAA representative said the issue is considered a "gray issue" in terms of league regulations.

Also, copying a student's notes could be a violation of the university's own honor code.

Clemson wins Riges Intercollegiate

OHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Clemson City, a 54-hole total of 844, including a final round of 283, to win the Ridges Intercollegiate. The tournament, which featured 10 teams ranked in the Mastercard Preseason Top 25, was played on the 7,038-yard, par-72 course at The Ridges Golf and Country Club.

Individual medalist Jonathan Byrd, who finished at 207, bettering teammate Lucas Glover by one stroke, led Clemson.

Georgia Tech finished second, five strokes behind the Tigers.

UNC-Chapel Hill and Wake Forest finished 10th and 12th in the tournament, respectively.

No. 1 Tar Heels slam No. 2

It is the second largest crowd to ever see the Tar Heels play at Fetzer Field, topped only by the 7,212 fans who witnessed Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over the Tar Heels in the NCAA semifinals on Dec. 1, 1995.

UNC has gone 49 successive matches without a defeat since losing to Notre Dame 2-1 in overtime on October 4, 1996.

Men

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seems they get better and better and better," Alzandani said. "Every single run we've had has been so intense and everyone's so focused on running well."

Bad news for those not running in red and white.

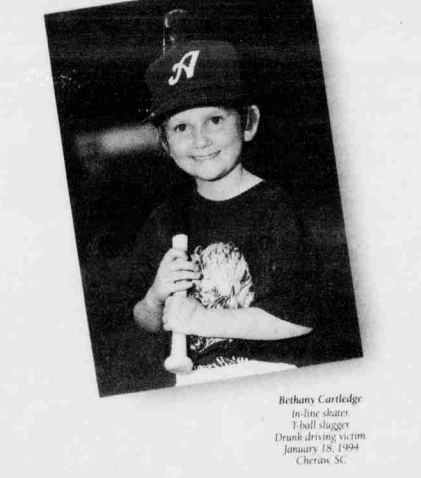
The visitors this weekend will not be included on anybody's list of elite cross country teams.

South Florida claimed the runner-up trophy a year ago and returns this time to defend it.

UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Chapel Hill and East Carolina also have made the journey back after finishing fifth through seventh at last season's Wolfpack Invitational, respectively.

While many of the teams at the Wolfpack will be facing their toughest competition of the season, this year's Wolfpack team has higher goals as they continue to build their program, moving up the rankings ranks each season.

"The Wolfpack [Invitational] is a stepping stone to the rest of the season," Chris Pluchos said. "You've got to start somewhere."



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Wolfpack Invitational

More of the same

◆ N.C. State readies to dominate the Wolfpack Invitational once more.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Infection

Fifteen points. A shutout. Normally, that's something to yell really loud about, at least in the world of cross country. It's called a whooping, and most of the time it's something to get excited about. But the only excitement it will generate Saturday at the Wolfpack Invitational will come if the N.C. State men's cross country team fails to take home the top five places and its customary place atop the leaderboard, to borrow a golf term.

The men did exactly that a year ago, running away with the meet by 54 points, a huge margin in a meet so small.

Abdul Alzindani brought home the Pack, finishing in a time of 24:05.00 to take home his first college victory. But as it will be this year, the race really wasn't about winning and losing.

"The past two years we've really gone out there and run conservative, tried to stay as a team and work our way up," Alzindani said. "It's a good meet to see where the team is."

With not much to prove, Saturday's race should still be a great opportunity for the Wolfpack to get a good strong run in and for their huge fan base to see their team run for the first time this season.

"We know by the times we run whether it was a good day or a bad day," Mike Fitzula said. "We could run and win there easily, and it could still be a bad day. It's basically a tempo run, a quality workout to see where you're at."

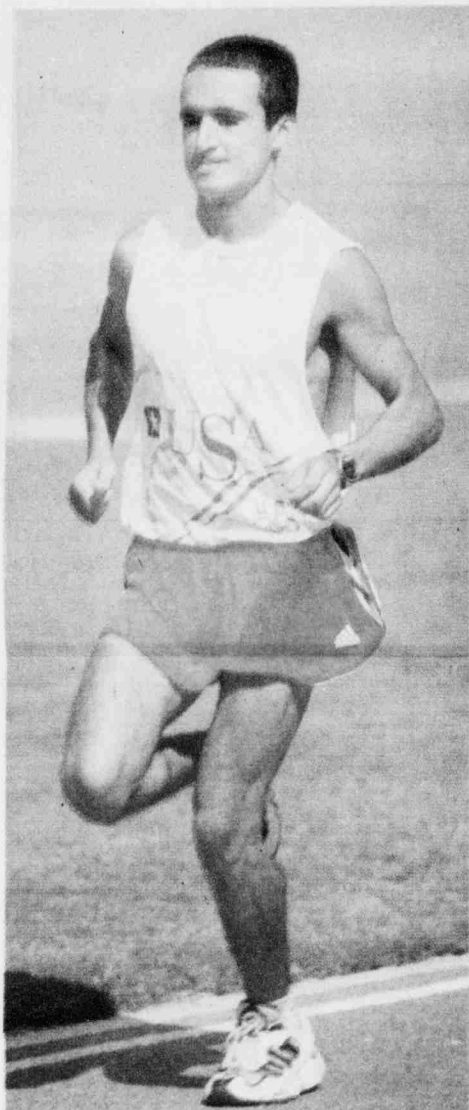
Those not in red and white Saturday face two formidable obstacles, history and talent.

The past five Wolfpack Invitationals have been won by their host, during which time the program has improved immensely, to their present position as the glutions of the ACC.

While history may be daunting, the biggest problem the visitors will face is an insurmountable talent gap from top to bottom of the Wolfpack lineup.

"The more I run here, the more it

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Abdul Alzindani looks to repeat as Wolfpack Invite Champ.

Racing against the Pack

◆ The toughest competition for N.C. State's women's cross country team this weekend might be wearing red and white.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Some people look at the success that N.C. State's women's cross country team has had in the Wolfpack Invitational and wonder why State continues to host the meet.

N.C. State has won 16 ACC titles in 19 years, and ended last season with an 11th place finish at the National Championships after being ranked in the National top 10 for the majority of the season.

But while other ACC and national opponents are out traveling to Florida, New York and Arkansas for regular season meets, N.C. State is enjoying the friendly confines of Centennial Campus.

"It's a fairly low key meet, we have some pretty talented teams coming in, but we keep it low key on purpose, we don't want to throw the newcomers in with a bunch of ranked teams," Laurie Henes said of the Invitational. "Generally we like to run as a group, we're not sure how big that group will be, but that is our strategy."

While N.C. State's strategy might seem low key and laid back, the difference is that the teams racing all over the country are doing so to get ready for teams like State.

Among the Pack's ACC titles are the last three, won in years in which the Pack has also brought home the District III championship.



Seniors Meredith Faircloth (left) and Jackie Coscia lead the Pack.

beating out teams from Virginia to South Carolina for a spot at the NCAA Championships.

Dominance would describe the Pack's performance over the past three years in the Southeast region, but to describe State's performance at the Wolfpack Invitational, you'd wonder why other teams show up.

State won last year's Wolfpack by 40 points, scoring just 23. Two years ago the Pack scored just 20 points, the same amount scored in 1995.

Seven runners finished in the top 10 in 1995, including individual champion Laura Rhoads.

It happened to turn out that all of N.C. State's top seven finishers ran for the Pack at the end of November at the National meet.

But cross country fans shouldn't hold their breath waiting for that to happen again this season.

The toughest competition for the Wolfpack team members at this year's Wolfpack Invitational will probably come from the rest of the field that is wearing red and white.

N.C. State returns six of the seven runners from last year's nationals team. Rhoads is the only runner from 1997 not suiting up for the

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Invite to be held Saturday

◆ The Pack begins its season with Wolfpack Invitational.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

All great seasons and teams must start somewhere. For the N.C. State cross country team this year's season wouldn't get underway with a route of the No. 2 team in the country or a big victory over a conference rival but rather with a simple victory in the by now predictable 1998 Wolfpack Invitational.

In past years, the Wolfpack Invitational has been laughter, a chance for the Pack to return to the cross country season in a non-threatening situation while having a lot of fun.

"You look at it as a meet where you go out there and put on your game face. You go out there and approach it like it's another important

meet," Abdul Alzindani said. "It's basically a rehearsal before the season starts, just to see where you are."

While the Wolfpack Invitational will be simply a Wolfpack showcase in the college race, the meet is also a great gathering for some of the top high school programs around the state.

Schools from all over the state, including such powerhouses as Watauga, Fuquay, Leesville Road and Cary will be attending the Wolfpack Invitational.

As the first cross country race for the many programs, both high school and college, the race is a lot of fun with not too much on the line.

"This is the Wolfpack Invitational," Mike Fitzula said. "We run together, work as a team, and see where we are as a program."

The Invitational will begin with the college men's 8k at 8:30 Saturday morning at nearby Centennial Campus, followed by the women's race at 9:10 and will continue with races until 12 p.m..

State starts strong

◆ N.C. State moves to 7-2 with win over M.C. A&T.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State's volleyball team picked up another win on Monday night.

The Wolfpack's 3-0 win over North Carolina A&T team proved State's overall record to 7-2, marking the team's best start in three seasons.

State took on the Aggies on the road, winning easily, 15-10, 15-8, 15-8.

State had a difficult time offsetting the noise from the 200+ fans in Moore Gymnasium, but underclassmen Stephanie Stambaugh, Alison Kraeger and Erin Vesey came through for Coach Kim Hill and the Pack.

Kraeger led the Pack attack with 15 kills, followed by 14 from Stambaugh, while Vesey handed out 42 assists. The Pack outplayed the Aggies all the way through, despite NC A&T collecting more kills in game two.

Senior co-captain Laura Kimbrell added 10 kills and 15 digs to the Wolfpack effort.

Also on Monday, Vesey was named the ACC Freshman of the Week.

Vesey, a setter from Paw Paw, Mich., earned the honor after a standout performance in the Wyndham garden N.C. State Invitational.

Vesey tallied 146 assists in the Wolfpack's three wins, earning a spot on the All-Tournament team along with teammates Kraeger and Kimbrell.



Laura Kimbrell helped push the Pack to 7-2 with 10 kills against N.C. A&T.

Conference Notebook

◆ Top-ranked UVA wins in field hockey, Wake student paid to take notes for athletic department, Clemson wins in golf, UNC-Chapel Hill remains undefeated in women's soccer.

Sports Staff Report

No. 1 Virginia defeats Northeastern

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA —

The University of Virginia's field hockey team, ranked number one in the nation, defeated the No. 7 ranked Northeastern at University Hall Turf Field last Thursday.

Second-year forward Lorraine

Vizzoso broke a 3-3 tie with two goals in 49 seconds to lead the Cavaliers to a 5-3 victory Thursday night.

The Cavs (3-0) trailed on three separate occasions, but responded each time to tie the score.

Virginia also defeated No. 16 Massachusetts and Appalachian State over the weekend by a combined 11-0.

The Cavaliers finished last season as the runner-up in the NCAA Tournament.

Wake student alleges athletic dept. paid for notes

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. —

A junior business major, who

spoke on condition of anonymity, said she was paid by the athletic department to photocopy her religion and theater class notes and give them to an athletic department employee.

It was her understanding that these notes would be distributed to varsity basketball athletes in her classes.

The student received university-issued paychecks through the athletic department for photocopying her notes each week and leaving the copies with a female employee in that department.

Ron Wellman, the director of the athletic department, said that if such

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Anyone interested in trying out for the N.C. State wrestling team needs to contact Bob Guzzo in the Weisiger-Brown Building by Fri. Sept. 18