

# Science and Technology to be 1999-2000 theme

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In light of the constant changes society is experiencing each day due to technological advancements, the 1999-2000 academic year has been named the Year of Science and Technology: The Next Millennium.

Bill Conner, a professor of biology, was asked by Paul Escott, the dean of the college, to serve as the chairman and to put together a steering committee to begin planning for the year.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the role of science and technology in a liberal arts education," Conner said.

The steering committee has been meeting every other week to talk about its goals and expectations for the year. The steering committee is made of faculty members and two graduate students.

There is also a sub-committee being led

by senior Anne Carol Shillingsburg that is made up of undergraduate students. Shillingsburg has been attending all of the steering committee meetings in order to convey the opinions of the sub-committee.

"The student sub-committee was established to let undergraduates have a voice in the programming of the year to ensure that the events are interesting and meaningful to students. We also want to make sure that the events will be well advertised through methods to which students respond," Shillingsburg said.

The steering committee has four goals for the year. First, it wants to heighten the profile of science and technology at the university. Second, it wants to highlight the role of science and technology in a liberal arts education.

It also wants to get the Winston-Salem community involved and it hopes that the year will have a lasting effect on the sci-

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ence programs at the university.

The main job of the steering committee at this point is to decide on what events need to take place and to make them happen.

The committee will be in charge of finding convocation speakers both for Opening Day Convocation and for Founder's Day Convocation. It will also plan all of the special events.

At this point, there are two major events scheduled. The first event will be a symposium in October that will focus on cloning

and human genome projects. This event will cover both the science and the ethical aspects of the topic.

The second event will hopefully take place April, some time during the week before Earth Day. A symposium will be held focusing on the state of the environment and new technologies for monitoring the environment. The steering committee is still working on planning a third major event, but the topic of this event is yet to be determined.

All events will look at the impact on technology in the future and the steering committee is trying to reach out to everyone. It has made an effort to involve other departments on campus so that their ideas will appeal to students in studies outside of the sciences. Science departments will be represented, as well as psychology, health and exercise science and English.

With the help of Louis Goldstein, a pro-

fessor in the music department, a musical event with a theme of science and technology is being arranged.

Victor Faccinto, the director of the art gallery, is also organizing an art exhibit that will highlight different artists who work around the theme of science and technology. The exhibition may also include art produced in nuclear accelerators and works by artists who use the genetic code to produce their pieces.

A film series associated with the theme of science and technology is also being planned.

Aside from the events planned by the steering committee, there is also funding for student-initiated events. Students are strongly encouraged to offer their input and ideas for the year.

All subcommittees formed to plan events will have student representatives. Students can talk to anyone on the steering committee or the sub-committee.

## WORLD WIDE

### Student athlete killed in Arkansas fraternity shooting, others injured

PINE BLUFF, Ark — A member of the track team at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff was killed and another man was critically injured when shots were fired into a fraternity party. Gabriel Walker, a 20-year-old sophomore from Camden, died on Nov. 1 less than two hours after the shooting at a recreation center.

According to authorities, no one had been arrested and police were still looking for a witness.

A bystander at the party sponsored by Omega Psi Phi said there were about 250 to 300 people inside the building and more outside.

He said that it was too dark to see anything but that several shots were fired from somewhere near the back windows.

The injured person, Charles Gilbert, remains in critical condition at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

### Brother of famous lawyer Johnnie Cochran gunned down near home

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — The youngest brother of the famed lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. was found shot to death on a sidewalk Nov. 1. Ralanzo Cochran, 43, had been shot several times when he was found at about 2 a.m. about five blocks from his home in Jefferson Park, a working-class area southwest of downtown.

Detectives say the attack appeared to be drug-related, although the motive was uncertain. The *Los Angeles Times* quoted unidentified sources as saying the victim had a drug problem. Family members are asserting that whether drugs had anything to do with the shooting was still a matter of conjecture and speculation.

Ralanzo Cochran had worked various jobs in the computer and construction field. Johnnie Cochran Jr., who became a media star as one of O.J. Simpson's defense lawyers, could not be reached for comment.

### Car explodes outside main gate of the Kremlin, rigged with dynamite

MOSCOW — A car drove onto Red Square Nov. 4 and blew up just outside the main gate to the Kremlin, leaving three guards and the driver injured. The cause of the blast was not immediately known.

Initial reports from the Russian media had claimed

that one person in the car had died, while later reports from the presidential press service said no one had died. The car exploded around 7 p.m. just outside the Spassky Gate, the main entrance to the Kremlin. This walled enclosure has served as Russia's governmental and spiritual center for centuries.

A Kremlin spokesperson, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the car drove toward Red Square, knocking down fences as it approached the gate at the foot of Spassky Tower. The driver jumped out of the car just before it exploded with a reported force of 13 pounds of dynamite.

Two Kremlin guards, one presidential guard and the driver were reported injured. The driver was identified as Ivan Orlov, a 65-year-old journalist for a nationalist magazine from the Moscow suburb of Podolsk.

Kremlin officials said that while Boris Yeltsin has offices in the Kremlin, he was away in the resort city of Sochi recovering from what has been described as exhaustion. Officials also assure because the gates have been closed for years and the car could not have broken through them.

### Supreme Court nixes appeal of Area 51 workers, upholds ruling

WASHINGTON, DC — The Supreme Court turned away an appeal Nov. 2 by workers at the secret Air Force base in Nevada who claim they and colleges may have been exposed to harmful levels of hazardous waste. The court let stand without comment rulings that threw out the lawsuit over the burning of toxic waste at Area 51, about 90 miles north of Las Vegas.

The lawsuit was filed by five workers at the facility, identified in court documents as five John Does, and Helen Frost and Stella Kasza, the widows of two men who worked there. A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit, and a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that ruling last January.

Invoking the legal privilege attached to state and military secrets, the appeals court said lawyers for the workers and widows are not entitled to learn what hazardous substances exist at Area 51 or how they are handled. These substances were allegedly being burned illegally in huge open trenches. The widows of the former workers claim that their husbands both died of exposure to these substances.

The appeals court said results of a federal inspection and even the facility's name could not be disclosed as part of the pretrial exchange of information. The appeal contended that such secrecy should not be able to defeat a lawsuit filed under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

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### Putting it on the shelf

Senior Cathy Ann Burgess stacks the shelves at Friends of the Earth, which specializes in organic products, in Reynolda Village. The Village has many specialty stores and shops.

## Debate does well at Harvard

### One team reaches finals; another makes semi-final round

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In one of the toughest debate competitions of the semester, two university teams made it to the semifinals with one reaching the finals of the Harvard Debate Tournament Oct. 31 through Nov. 2.

According to Alan Loudon, the debate director and a professor of communications, the 74-team tournament is the last big one before the university's tournament, in which it does not compete.

"It is kind of the culmination of the first semester for those who went from Wake," Loudon said. Seniors Clay Rhodes and Justin Green won over Emory University

2-1 in the semifinals to face Northwestern University, the defending national champions, in the finals.

Northwestern won the tournament, defeating Rhodes and Green 3-0.

"Everyone who is going to be competitive at nationals was there," Loudon said.

In the semifinals, sophomores Andy Ryan and Cyclone Covey lost to Northwestern also.

In the quarterfinals, Ryan and Covey defeated the team from Dartmouth that it lost to earlier in the season at the Kentucky tournament.

In other elimination rounds, the two university teams also defeated

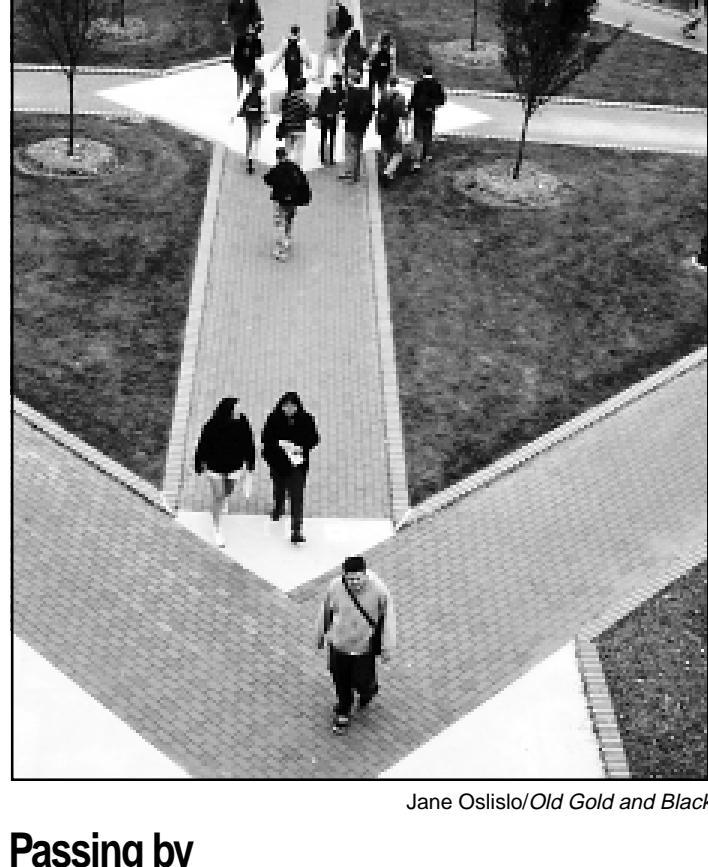
the University of Southern California, Emory and the University of Michigan.

Both teams were 5-3 overall in the tournament. "Anything above 4-4 is usually good," Loudon said.

Recently in the Capitol Cities Debates at Georgetown University, junior Emma Filstrup and Wes Lotz reached the semi-finals.

Senior Andy Geppert and freshman Mike Perry reached the octofinals after compiling a 5-1 preliminary record.

Freshmen Chris DeVault and Michelle Neidigh were cut on point. Filstrup was third Speaker, Geppert was named sixth, and Lotz placed 10th.



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### Passing by

Students pass along the Spirit Walk between Benson University Center and Tribble Hall between classes.

## POLICE BEAT

### Drunken student urinates in closet

At 6:30 a.m. Oct. 27, an underage, intoxicated student entered the Johnson Residence Hall room of two students and urinated in the closet.

The incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and dean of student services.

### Theft

A hanger, which secured a painting to a wall in a Polo Residence Hall lounge, was damaged during an attempt to remove the painting. The incident occurred between 8:30 a.m. Oct. 28 and 8:45 a.m. Oct. 29.

Several license plates were stolen from cars parked on campus.

Three students reported their license plates were stolen. Their cars were parked in Lot Q, next to the

Scales Fine Arts Center.

The first incident occurred between 2:30 p.m. Oct. 25 and 1:10 a.m. Oct. 26.

The second incident occurred between 10:30 p.m. Oct. 25 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

The last theft happened sometime between 8 p.m. Oct. 24 and 2:30 a.m. Oct. 28.

Two campus visitors reported having license plates stolen in Lot Q. The first incident occurred between 7 p.m. Oct. 25 and 5 p.m. Oct. 27. The second occurred between 6:30 p.m. Oct. 24 and 4:15 a.m. Oct. 28.

A decorative license plate was stolen from a student's car parked behind Wingate Hall.

A student's book bag and its contents were stolen between 8:10 and 8:55 a.m. Oct. 26.

The student had left the items near the entrance to Babcock Residence Hall while she went running. The total value of the items was \$122.

A student's laptop computer was

taken from a university-owned house along Polo Road around 12:48 a.m. Oct. 28. The student had left the computer, which was worth about \$3,000, momentarily unattended in the kitchen.

### Damage

Someone apparently kicked a student's car between 4 p.m. Oct. 24 and 8:30 p.m. Oct. 27. The car was parked in Lot Q.

A glass pane at the campus post office was damaged between 9 a.m. Oct. 31 and 6:40 a.m. Nov. 1.

### Miscellaneous

Someone entered a student's car, which was parked in Lot Q, between 4 p.m. Oct. 28 and 10 a.m. Nov. 1.

No items were taken from inside the car, however the license plate was stolen.

A student living in Collins Resi-

dence Hall received a harassing phone call between 9 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Oct. 27.

A student living in Palmer Residence Hall received harassing phone calls between 1:39 a.m. and 1:40 a.m. Oct. 29.

A student living in Student Apartments received a harassing phone call around 2:33 a.m. Nov. 1.

A student living in Luter Residence Hall received a harassing phone call around 6:45 p.m. Nov. 1.

A campus visitor said he was threatened by a student at 10:14 p.m. Oct. 30. The man was visiting someone who lived in Student Apartments.

He said the incident occurred when he asked a neighboring student to be quiet.

A student living in Kitchin House received a threatening phone call at 2:15 a.m. Oct. 31.

University Police responded to 65 calls from Oct. 26 to Nov. 1, including 20 incidents and investigations and 45 requests for service.