

Grant Hill: "Nice" by Nature

by Dawn M. Darby

He's cute, he's talented and boy can he sing! He's the 19 year old sophomore at Duke University who managed to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated his freshman year, a feat which he modestly omits from his lists of accomplishments. Team accomplishments and those of his father are the things he mentions as the ones he is most proud of.

He's Grant Hill, forward/point guard for the #1, 2 years in a row Duke basketball team. In about a three hour session of chillin' with Grant and the fellas, it is easy to see how his smoothness and coyness on the court are only mere reflections of the man behind the legend (ears, shyness, smile!)

Naturally, considering myself to be a quasi-Journalist, I attempted persistently to exert my professionalism. NOT! Because when the sharp, witty, outgoing, handsome and exceptional on the court, roommate sophomore Antonio Lang answered the door singing, Cypress Hill, a rap artist, (WITHOUT HIS SHIRT ON!!!), my professional intentions wrestled greatly with my heart which wanted to let out a huge Alabama yell!! (only to aid my blood back into circulation!)

However, the evening did begin with many, serious, thought induced

questions posed to stimulate the intellectual mind. Grant and Antonio were sincere, patient, and objective while successfully analyzing why their athletic program is perceivably superior to that of our city's Wake Forest University's.

Grant, who is easygoing, genuine, yielding and was also under the weather, peacefully gulped his gatorade and discussed how, contrary to the general consensus of his family, friends and fans, he doesn't consider himself a role model. "I have role models myself and I still look up to people (like my father), and it's hard to believe that I'm actually looked up upon. It's something that amazes me." Grant said.

He attributes this modesty to being around successful athletes all of his life. With a father like Mr. Calvin Hill, A Yale graduate, former player with the Dallas Cowboys, the Washington Redskins, the Cleveland Browns and former Doonesbury character who is currently the vice-president for the Baltimore Orioles (who won their first game of the season opened by a mediocre pitch by United States President, George Bush), it is easy to see how quickly disenchantment with fame could be embedded into reality.

"I've been around athletes all of my life [therefore] there has been a certain code of conduct [in which you have

to follow] I'm conscious of the fact that when I'm in a public place I have to act a certain way, when I go to the mall, I know I have to have a certain attitude, I mean, I can't go looking mad or pissed off, I have to act a certain way and if I don't then I would be acting nasty, and I know that people would think differently of me." Grant says that this is [in large] because of his parents exposing

immediately the center of attention by scouts from all of the best college athletic programs. Even though he was well known then he admits that he was quite shy in high school and only had his small group of friends but he is slowly coming out of his quietness although very low-key. His attitude has proven to be a commodity and one of the finer parts of the personalities of



Grant, Malcolm, Skip and Antonio... Chillin' him to repercussions of a bad image in public at an early age and by keeping him level-headed about success.

He's been playing ball since his freshman year in high school and was

their basketball team. His honors are academic as well as athletic, a combination familiar only to few college basketball and football athletes.

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Summing it Up

by Deana Bass

-For those who have been visiting a third world country for the last month Duke defeated Michigan 71-51 to win the NCAA title.

-Christian Laettner (Duke) and Dawn Staley (Virginia) were named the college basketball players of the year by the Atlanta Tip Off Club on Sunday April 15, 1992. Duke's coach Mike Krzyzewski and Maryland's coach Chris Weller were

named coaches of the year by the same organization.

-Mike Tyson was convicted of raping and assaulting Desiree Washington a former contestant of the Miss Black America Contest. Tyson is appealing the decision.

-Lake Superior State defeated Wisconsin on April 4, 1992 to win the NCAA hockey title.

Where's the Salem Spirit?

by Deana Bass

The weather was perfect. The team was ready, but the fans were few. I am referring to the Soccer game against Wake Forest on April 8, 1992. But this could be the story of any sports event at Salem. For sports to be such a big part of a large number of Salem students' lives why is fan support so low?

This article is not meant to point the finger. I know it is difficult to find the time to go to games. Even as sports editor, attending games is not as important as it should be to me. But after talking with soccer team members Nancy Georgitis and Candy Bass, I understand how important it is to players to have fan support. "I like for people to come out and cheer for me," said Candy. She also said that it helps her performance when she knows that

her fellow Salem Sisters are in the stands cheering for her.

Nancy said that fan support this season "started out good then went bad." She attributes this to the sporadic soccer schedule, but also the lack of student interest.

The plea to support our college teams comes a little late in the year with most seasons ending soon. However, take it as a pep talk for next year. And there is much to look forward to. The soccer team has nine freshman and most of them have had soccer experience. If you missed out on this year's soccer team, you missed the chance to see captains Nancy Georgitis, Jean Williams, and Laura Franklin play aggressive and impressive soccer. Unfortunately, this is Jean and Laura's final season.

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