

UNC Freshman Makes Stuff Magazine's Finalist List

By EMMA BURGIN
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UNC freshman Jeanette Wingler is one of 12 finalists in Stuff Magazine's "Women's Studies" contest, a search for the hottest female college student in the nation.

People can vote for their choice on the magazine's Web site, <http://www.stuffmagazine.com>.

Each month, the magazine features a different contestant that readers can vote

for. The winner will receive a \$4,999 scholarship.

Wingler said she sent her pictures to the magazine last January. She was the featured contestant for April.

"I read about the contest in the magazine," Wingler said. "The main reason I entered was for the money. I couldn't afford to go to (UNC) if I didn't because the tuition seems to be hiked up every other week."

But Wingler said she does not think she is like the typical girls who enter

these contests. "I really don't look that good physically," she said with a laugh.

"Those were just really good pictures."

Wingler added that she doubts her parents would approve of her participation in the contest. "My father is a Southern Baptist deacon and my mom is a Sunday school teacher, so we tried to keep (the contest) quiet," she said. "I think my mother knows, but she hasn't seen the pictures."

Wingler said she has an advantage over the other finalists because of her intelligence. She said she was valedictorian

of her high school, and made a perfect score on the verbal portion of the SAT.

"The rest of the girls are 24-year-old, community college students," she said.

But Wingler said the competition is tough. "They're all tan, with big, fake breasts," she said. "There's not a whole lot I can do to compete with these girls. Maybe if there was a SAT competition, I could win."

Wingler said she thinks her chances of winning would increase if she had more support from her fellow students.

"(My odds) would be a lot better if Carolina students voted," she said.

She also described her strategy for getting votes from UNC students.

"I sent out an e-mail to the president of every fraternity," she said. "A lot of people are in fraternities, and I thought that would be a good place to start."

Wingler had friends vote for her online as well.

UNC Freshman Brandon Walker, who has known Wingler since high school, said he voted for her.

"I thought her pictures were the best," he said. "She is very intelligent, and she has a great personality, but guys probably won't vote for anything other than her looks."

Walker said he thinks the contest is a good place for Wingler to get money. "It seems like a good idea," he said. "It's a good way to get girls to send their pictures in and a good way to get money."

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More Information May Be Put on IDs

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The U.S. Congress, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Transportation, is developing a system to beef up state driver licenses.

The plan being discussed would create a type of national identification system by taking state IDs currently in use and electronically encoding them with information such as fingerprints and retinal scans.

The additional information proposed to be included in state licenses could further prevent criminals from using false

identification. Advocates say the altered licenses could alert authorities if a suspected terrorist tries to enter the country or board an airplane.

Bill Jones, spokesman for the N.C. Department of Transportation, said he thinks the plan is a response to the recent acts of terrorism.

"I don't think there is any question that this plan comes in response to the September 11 attacks as a way to increase security," Jones said.

He said the plan is in its early stages and will not come to fruition until federal legislation is enacted.

The new license format would enable

officials from one state to check and verify license information from any other state.

Thirty-seven states store information on licenses electronically using a magnetic stripe or bar code, but none include fingerprints or retinal scans.

Nathan Root, standards director for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, said the plan will make licenses more secure by making a definitive connection between the license and the person presenting it.

"Right now, the license just has the photo, and the photo can be altered, along with other information," Root

said. "But a fingerprint can tie the license directly to the cardholder."

He also said that creating a system using the driver licenses that are already in place is more practical than developing a completely new system with ID cards.

But some privacy advocates are concerned the plan will allow authorities to electronically track citizens nationwide by creating a type of national identification system.

Root said he is not concerned that encoding fingerprints on licenses will cause privacy problems.

"It's really a matter of interpretation," he said. "Some will say it is invasion because there is fear that someone's activities can be tied together through scanning of licenses."

But Root said it might actually protect privacy by preventing similar-looking people from using the same license.

Root said it is important that groups do not abuse their privilege to obtain the type of information that would be included on the revamped state licenses.

"After scanning the license to make sure the person is who they say they are, the groups should then delete the information instead of storing it."

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Ruling Narrows Scope Of Disabilities Act

The Supreme Court decision was the most recent ruling altering the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In a victory for employers, the Supreme Court made it more difficult for workers to demand special treatment when they suffer partial physical disabilities such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

Tuesday's unanimous decision in the case of a former assembly line worker narrows the scope of the landmark civil rights law that protects the disabled. It was the latest in a series of Supreme Court rulings that set boundaries on who is covered by the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act and tell why.

Disability cannot be measured solely on the ability to do certain tasks at work, the court ruled Tuesday. Whether someone is disabled also must depend on the ease with which they perform "activities that are of central importance to most people's daily lives," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

Into that category the court put walking, seeing and hearing, among other things. The court said it does not extend, as a lower federal appeals court held, to the ability to perform some manual tasks on the job.

The disability must also be permanent or long-lasting, O'Connor wrote.

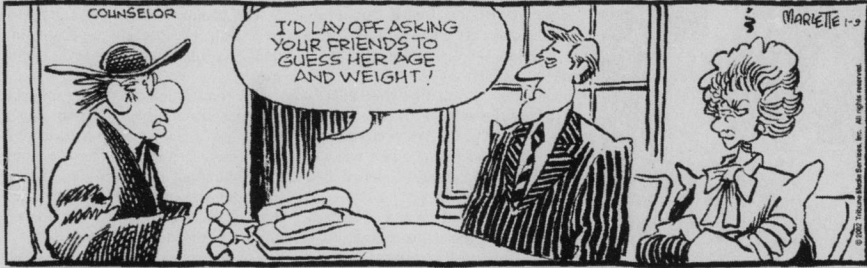
"It is insufficient for individuals attempting to prove disability status under this test to merely submit evidence of a medical disability," O'Connor wrote.

Former Toyota engine assembler Ella Williams had such a medical diagnosis and instructions from her doctor not to lift too much weight or extend her arms for too long lest she aggravate her wrist, arm and shoulder problems. She blames repetitive assembly line work for her injuries and has said the problems arose within months of taking a job at the Toyota plant in Georgetown, Ky.

Her restrictions meant Williams could perform some but not all her assigned duties on the factory floor, she said. She asked for reassignment and sued under the ADA when Toyota refused.

Williams' disability does not prevent her from doing many tasks at home and at work. She had no problems performing a light-duty quality inspection job at Toyota.

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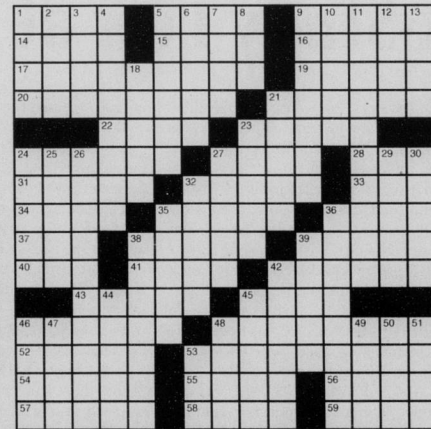


THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wide separation
 - 5 Plant starter
 - 9 Cassettes
 - 14 Seed coat
 - 15 Type of duck?
 - 16 Muse of poetry
 - 17 Twenty cents?
 - 19 City near Canton
 - 20 With joy
 - 21 Javanese and Japanese
 - 22 Beech or birch
 - 23 Hurl
 - 24 Quaking trees
 - 27 Principal
 - 28 Computer acronym
 - 31 Scorches
 - 32 Existence
 - 33 Reverence
 - 34 Old sailors
 - 35 "The Power of Positive Thinking" writer
 - 36 Period of time
 - 37 Period of time
 - 38 Paint layers
 - 39 Motilal or Jawaharlal
 - 40 Indistinct
 - 41 Burden
 - 42 Intuits
 - 43 White heron
 - 45 Miguel's coin
 - 46 Broadens
- DOWN**
- 1 Stand open
 - 2 Caspian feeder
 - 3 Milanese monetary unit
 - 4 Gratifies vanity
 - 5 Shifts out of place
 - 6 First ship on the moon
 - 7 TV award
 - 8 Some French
 - 9 Mocking playfully
 - 10 "Catch-22" star
 - 11 Plot and chart?
 - 12 Bond's alma mater
 - 13 Miller play, "All My ..."
 - 18 Bruce and Laura
 - 21 Type of skirt
 - 23 Jibs
 - 24 Played a part



CALENDAR

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to better suit their individual students and subject matter.

"What's best for the learning environment is autonomy for the instructor," Estroff said. "You want structure, but you don't want it to be too rigid."

Estroff said the Faculty Council has been working for these changes ever since then-UNC-system President C.D. Spangler increased the academic calendar from 140 to 150 days in 1996.

But she said previous proposals to reduce the required number of classroom days met with staunch political opposition. "It was very politically unpopular," Estroff said. "People didn't read or understand the situation."

"They thought (the faculty) just want

ed to get out of work."

But Bataille said in her proposal that the change in the academic calendar would not affect the length of professorial appointments. She said her proposal, if adopted, would make the UNC system comparable to other institutions of higher education.

"It's very consistent with modern educational methods that focus on performance and technology," Bataille said.

Although some program directors at UNC-CH and other system schools have voiced opposition to reforming the academic calendar in the past, Bataille said she has encountered no opposition thus far.

The proposal could be approved by both the planning committee and the full BOG this week.

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to be postponing discussion and a decision on night parking and eliminating parking for campus residents.

"Up to now there have only been informational meetings. ... More and more information added on top of the information the committee already knows, which will make it that much harder (to discuss)," Kleysteuber said.

He said student leaders are concerned about parking issues and will be following TPAC's proceedings. "Student government is going to keep a very close eye on parking this semester, and we hope students will too."

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already qualify for aid.

"The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid could always use more funding, but they do an excellent job with that amount," Young said. "It ensures that all students already receiving aid are held harmless against future increases."

The policy does not include tuition increases across the UNC system, like last semester's increase passed in August by the N.C. General Assembly.

Law Professor Charles Daye, who is the chairman of the advisory committee on scholarships, awards and student aid, said an increase in licensing revenues from a projected \$1.4 million to \$2.2 million helped the financial aid office cover a greater percentage of student need than in past years. "With the system-wide increase, there was no money set aside," Daye said. "It was that extra money that was held over from the year our basketball team made the Final Four that enabled us to cover the extra cost."

But Daye said that because additional funds for student aid are not typical-

ly carried over from each year, licensing revenues can not be relied on to offset future tuition increases that are not campus-initiated. "They can be used as a windfall, but can't be counted on from year to year," Daye said.

Orr praised the BOT for its efforts to allocate money from each campus-based tuition increase toward financial aid. She said Princeton University is the only other institution that has a similar policy.

"I have seen overwhelming support to continue this," she said. "The commitment our board has given to filling financial need is so uncommon in higher education."

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