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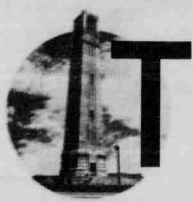
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Hall discusses his past, NCSU's future

With little more than a month left before he leaves to become president of Utah State, N.C. State Provost Kermit Hall sat down for an interview with Technician.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

Outgoing N.C. State Provost Kermit Hall sat down with "Technician" Tuesday to discuss NCSU's progress during his tenure, his accomplishments at the university and the direction of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

What follows here is the first of two parts of that conversation, which Salt Lake City "Tribune" reporter Kirsten Stewart and Provost-for-a-Day Gary Palm sat in on. The second half of the interview will appear in Thursday's "Technician."

"Technician: When you came in at N.C. State, you talked at length about getting N.C. State into the AAU (Association of Accredited Universities). We're not yet there.

How close do you feel that N.C. State is, compared to when you came?

Kermit Hall: I think we're closer than we were on several grounds. One is that the overall composition of the student population is better. Research funding is up. I think, between the Chancellor and myself, as well as some other colleagues, we have succeeded in raising the visibility of North Carolina State.

I think the hard work that went into the bond referendum will have an enormous impact on North Carolina State, in terms of its ultimately getting into AAU, because we're going to see facilities upgraded here to a level that they have never been. There's going to be a half billion dollars spent on this campus over the next roughly eight years that will have a profound impact. There's no state in the country that has made this kind of commitment to higher education in terms of capital and facilities.

So, all those things together, we're closer, and our principal rivals, I think, are Texas A&M and Georgia Tech.

As I made the point when I came, getting in isn't something that you can

apply to do. You have to be invited. That means getting the attention of people, and I do think we've done a lot of things here that have helped get the attention of people.

Technician: Coming in, you were something of a humanities and social science man. You talked about improving the social sciences. Do you feel that that particular area is something that's improved since you've been here?

Hall: I think that the social sciences and the humanities here are much better positioned than they were two years ago. We've gone through a compact planning process, something that we're going to introduce at Utah State, by the way, after we visit with the colleagues at some length. But, the compact planning process has really identified the priorities for both of those areas.

We have been able to hire the first of a series of distinguished professors, principally through the help of the Goodnights (Jim Goodnight, an NCSU graduate, is CEO of SAS Institute; he and his spouse are major contributors to CHASS).

We've been able to recruit new faculty. Title, for example, the fellow we've hired from Washington State (Charles Title is the recipient of a Goodnight-Glaxo Wellcome endowed chair in the department of sociology). In sociology, those were, I think, really key hires.

But, the compact plan really provides for growth for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences over the next several years. It attacks the problem of having too many part-time people teaching.

I think we're going to very shortly see that the department of psychology will likely move over to CHASS, away from the College of Education.

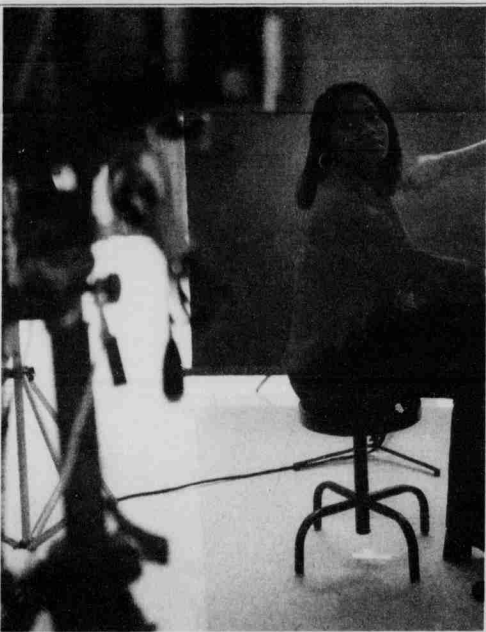
Technician: With you and CHASS Dean Margaret Zahn leaving, in spite of these improvements, where does CHASS stand? Considering the fact that the two chief people concerned with social sciences, yourself and Dean Zahn, are leaving, where does that leave CHASS?

Hall: Well, again, you can put any kind of spin you want on this, but I

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Much to the dismay of journalists covering NC State, we will no longer have the opportunity to make Kermit/Miss Piggy/Muppets jokes about our provost. It's not easy being green.



Cheffie Deffourster, a senior in Parks Recreation and Tourism Management who will be graduating in December, has her senior portrait taken. Portraits will be taken this week on the third floor of the Witherspoon Student Center.

◆ Several N.C. State fraternities and sororities collected canned food items to help families in need in Wake County.

Tim Clark
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's Greek community came together recently to gather food for local relief efforts.

Last month, a canned food drive sponsored by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) collected almost 18,000 pounds of food for local charity Wake Relief. The food drive is held annually, and this year marks its twenty-fifth year.

NCSU fraternities distributed collection bags to homes throughout Raleigh and Cary on the weekend of Oct. 28, along with a flier explaining both the purpose of the food drive and the group's intent to return the following weekend to collect nonperishable foods.

The following weekend, the fraternities collected the bags from residences, and the collected food was stored in the individual fraternity houses for another week.

On Nov. 12, members of participating organizations delivered the collected cans to the drop point, the Varsity Park and Ride lot, to be transferred to Wake Relief's office in the basement of Christ Church off of Wilmington St. in downtown Raleigh.

The massive collection of food was transferred to the church in four loads: two trips made by a dump

truck, one load by a U-Haul truck, and a final load in the car of organizer Andy Crawford.

"When I took the last load in, they took me around and showed me how they worked things," said Crawford. IFC's vice president of philanthropy.

On arrival, cans were sent down a chute to the offices in the church's basement. After being sorted, the food was bagged in such a way as to provide a week's worth of balanced meals for a family.

Forty-eight high school students and 36 adult volunteers worked for five hours on the day of delivery to organize the food.

Wake Relief is a local charity, not to be confused with the North Carolina Food Bank, and its mission is to provide immediate aid to families applying for welfare. The organization provides food for one week to families applying for food stamps—enough to last until the vouchers arrive.

Unlike the food bank, Wake Relief has no paid volunteers, and donated food goes directly to individuals rather than other organizations.

The charity receives referrals from half a dozen local organizations including the Department of Social Services and the Wake County Women's Center.

Wake Relief serves more than 6,000 people each year, half of which are children.

"It [IFC] makes a difference in what we have to spend," said Marianne Davis, co-chair of Wake Relief. "If we don't get the food from the food drive, we have to purchase it."

A successful food drive saves the group more than \$20,000 a year.

Plans for the food drive had been in the works for several months.

Davis, a liaison from Christ Church, and Georgia Donaldson, co-chair of the organization, spoke at an IFC meeting regarding this year's plans. Over the following weeks, the IFC worked to organize the individual fraternities on campus by dividing up coverage areas and distributing bags and fliers.

Many fraternities participated in the food drive to gain points toward the competition for the Caldwell Cup. The trophy, awarded annually, goes to an outstanding campus fraternity that shows strong marks in categories such as academics, athletics, and philanthropy.

In the case of the food drive, points were awarded based on the amount of food collected relative to the size of the fraternity. Credit was given for up to 50 pounds of food per charter member.

Sixteen fraternities participated in this year's food drive. Among the leaders were Delta Sigma Phi with an average of 65 pounds of food per member. Phi Kappa Tau with 50 pounds per brother and Pi Kappa Phi with 24 pounds per brother.

In addition to the 16 fraternities, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, and Delta Zeta sororities participated, though not in contention for the Caldwell Cup.

Caldwell Fellows Program looks for freshmen

◆ The Caldwell Fellows Scholarship Program is open for applications from currently enrolled freshmen.

Blair Parker
Staff Reporter

The Caldwell Fellows Scholarship Program identifies dedicated individuals with leadership potential and motivation and provides them with the opportunities to extend their academic and personal growth.

The Caldwell Fellows Scholarship Program is the only university merit scholarship

open to all freshmen currently enrolled, and to all majors.

"We are looking for students with the desire and energy over [high school] recognition," said Gerald Hawkins, director of the Caldwell Fellows Scholarship Program.

In fact, the program does not look at past records from high school. The requirements to apply include a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, and first-year freshman status.

The Caldwell Fellows Scholarship Program awards students scholarships of \$2,500 each year for three years. In addition, each student, depending upon involvement in the

program, is eligible for a grant of \$1,500 toward a summer enhancement program.

Michael Ballenger, currently a sophomore in the program, took advantage of this opportunity last summer and traveled out west with the Outdoor Educational Experience, led by Jerry Barker.

"The program takes members to determination and will and defines them into leaders," said Ballenger.

Other summer programs sponsored by the Caldwell Fellows include Study Abroad opportunities and internships in the public sector.

Students involved in the

Caldwell Fellows Scholarship Program are, in turn, involved in many on-campus activities. Dinner seminars are held each month, including the most recent with guest speaker Abraham Holtzman, an N.C. State political scientist, who reviewed the statistics of how the election works.

The Caldwell Fellows Program plans to travel to the Dominican Republic over spring break to work on Habitat for Humanity houses, headed by the assistant director of the program, Ann Howard Banzet.

"These programs give students with energy and desire in the program a chance to maximize

their opportunities while in school at N.C. State," said Banzet, a 1992 graduate from the program.

The Caldwell Fellows Program unites with The Caldwell Scholars in March during their annual retreat. The retreat is heavily supported by its alumni, more than 500 graduates from the program. The program stresses the importance of its alumni because of the valuable resources they are to current members.

"[The alumni's] outreach and mentoring is a crucial aspect of their involvement for the Caldwell Fellows members, especially due to the ease of

email their location is no longer relevant," said Hawkins.

Hawkins encourages every freshman to submit an application for the program. While Caldwell Fellows Scholarship Program is selective, keep in mind that every student with the dedication and leadership components is eligible (assuming you meet the requirements).

"Raise your hand. Get involved, and the financial support will be provided," said Hawkins.

Applications can be picked up from Pullen Hall or downloaded from the NCSU Fellows Web site.

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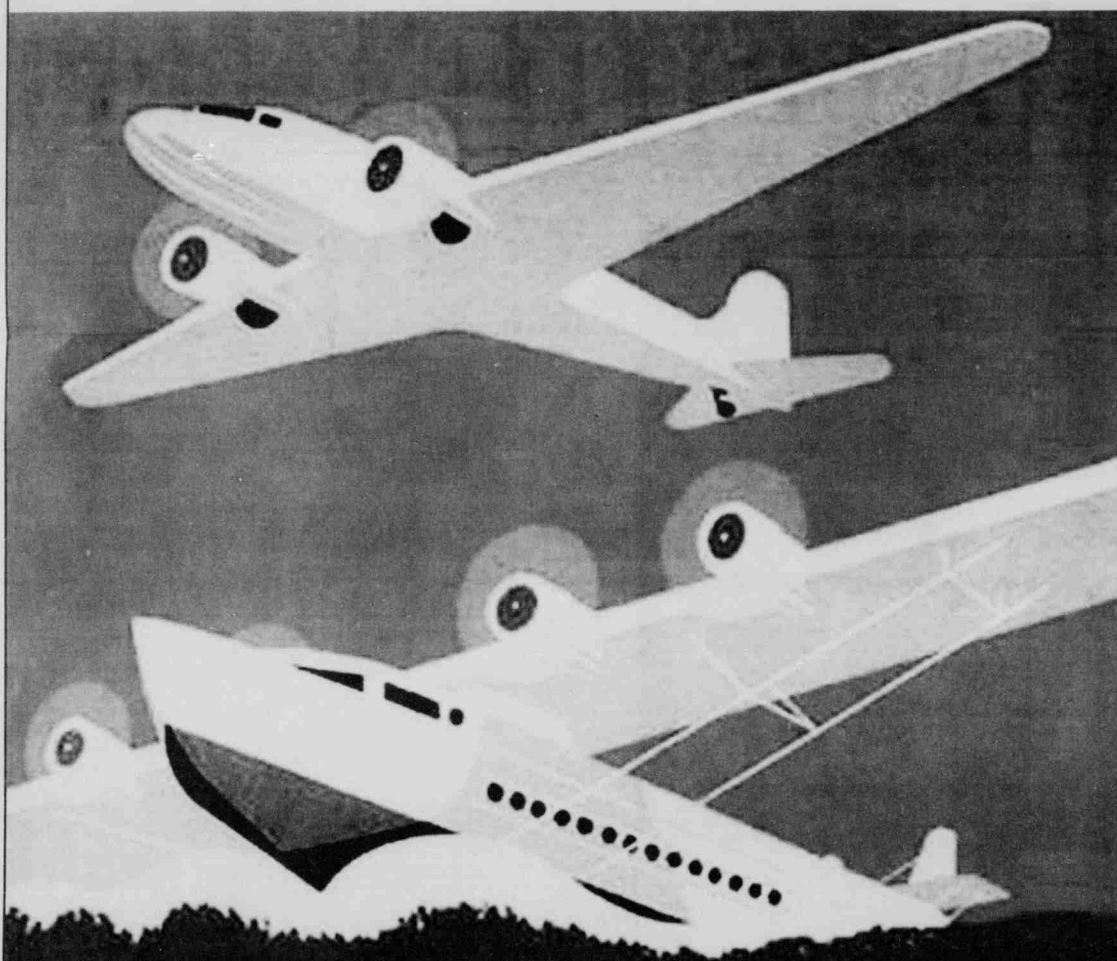
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think the following is true: the first is that we have put together a plan that the successor dean over there is going to be able to run. And that person is going to walk in and have some resources to go hire people.

That's a big step forward from where we were two years ago. That person that walks in is likely to have an additional department, one that has among, if not the greatest, enrollment in the university, psychology. And I think, whoever becomes the new provost and whoever becomes the new dean over there is going to have to recognize that a significant amount of the credit hours (for every degree), something like 27 or 28 percent, are provided by humanities and social sciences.

Transitions are always hard, finding new leaders and new

administrators, but the good thing about the compact planning process is that it's meant to transcend leaders. It's meant to bind people to agreements that carry beyond those who may be here at any moment in time. And so, I think they're going to do OK.

Technician: When you look back at having been at N.C. State, what do you think your general feeling will be? Obviously, you can't say what you'll feel in the future, but how do you feel about having been here?

Hall: Well, I'm pleased to be here. I think it's been a rewarding experience. I measure my sentiments about being here largely in terms of what we've been able to accomplish. Let me just give you a few. I don't want to make this sound like a vaudeville speech, but I do think that, in two years, we've managed to get a fair amount done.

We completely overhauled the tenure and promotion process. The tenure and promotion

break to find their rooms burglarized.

According to a Public Safety police report, sophomore Julie Anne Kinell left her room, 317-D of Wood Hall Building A, on Nov. 21, for the holiday break. She returned at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 26, to find her door shut but unlocked.

When Kinell entered the room, she noticed that several items that she had left on her window ledge were lying on her bed, and she noticed that her radio was missing.

The stolen Panasonic AM/FM cassette and compact disc player is valued at \$100.

Although the window to the room was left partially open, as it had been when Kinell left for the break, she noticed a cut in the screen that was not there prior to her departure. According to the report, the ledge was fingerprinted but no

process now takes account of teaching. It takes account of engagement work, or extension, as it's called. It recognizes the role of faculty as citizens as the university, all these critical components of promoting and turning someone. It provides for oversight at the collegiate level and the university level that simply wasn't present before. The process is fairer, it's more open and it's more direct. That's number one. I feel. That's a significant accomplishment.

We put in place a policy which I'm sure is going to persist, providing merit raises to people when they're promoted. This university had historically not provided merit pay increases for persons who were promoted to an associate or full professor. That's a big change, and I think, a pretty significant one.

We've put in place a program for undergraduate research. We've put in place a program for mentoring and advising at-risk students. We've established a program of first-year seminars, evidence could be obtained. There are no suspects or witnesses in the case.

NCSU sophomore Matthew Brown returned to his room, 122A of Bragaw Hall, on Nov. 26, to find the window popped out on the grass and the latch popped open.

He stated in the police report that he and his roommate, sophomore Zack Wideman, left the room secured on Nov. 21, when they both left town for the holiday break.

Brown noticed upon entering the room that the books on a shelf directly under the window were knocked to the floor, and a VCR belonging to Wideman was missing.

Along with the Sears VCR, valued at \$100, two \$15 video-cassettes and a \$20 television remote control were also stolen. A television, stereo system and computer in the room were

which means that every student coming into this university will have the opportunity to have a small seminar experience as part of their entry into the institution.

I think those are pretty significant achievements. We've managed to get the enrollment of historically underenrolled students up.

The minority population, especially at the undergraduate level, has gone up. We've found a creative way to help finance those students, through the Chancellor's Leadership Awards. We've completely overhauled all of diversity affairs and, I think, put it in a position with Eureka Day and especially with Vice Provost for Diversity and African-American Affairs/Rupert Nacoste, where the issues involving diversity now can be confronted and dealt with in a much more direct way.

I think we've had success with the students, if I may say so, dealing with the education and technology fee. We spent a lot of time with the students and, I left alone. There are no suspects in the case.

Vehicle damaged by beer bottle thrown from residence hall

At least two beer bottles were thrown from Sullivan Residence Hall during the early morning hours of Nov. 27, resulting in \$900 worth of damage to a student's vehicle.

N.C. State sophomore Ryan Madison Smith told Public Safety officers he had moved his red 1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse coupe to the Sullivan Residence Hall loading dock parking lot at approximately 12 a.m. Nov. 27, after a beer bottle thrown from Sullivan Hall narrowly missed his vehicle.

According to the report, he returned to the loading dock parking lot about five minutes

think, set a standard for everybody else in the university about how to deal with fees, because we took the time with the students to sit down and say, "This is the amount of money we need, this is the amount of money that we'd like to ask for, but we want you to help us understand where it would be in your best interest to use it."

That's a pretty significant achievement, and it's the kind of behavior that's going to persist. Nobody's going to turn around now and, in the middle of the night, raise the education and technology fee for students.

We put this Provost-for-a-Day program together, which I think works pretty well. We've had a lot of the student leadership go through it, and they spend the day with the provost and find out something about how the university operates.

We're in the process of revamping international affairs. I'm not going to see that accomplished by the time I leave, but at least we've got it started.

later to find the back windshield of his vehicle shattered by a beer bottle. Damage was estimated at \$900.

There are no suspects in the case, and no subjects were identified as having thrown the bottle.

UNC-Charlotte student trespassed from NCSU campus

Public Safety trespassed a UNC-Charlotte student from NCSU property on Nov. 26, after he was found with damaged property belonging to D.H. Hill library.

According to the Public Safety police report, UNC-Charlotte student Solomon Hilliard was exiting the library when the theft alarm went off. He stepped back and handed to a library employee a book that he had

We put in place a development operation. Academic affairs had never had a development operation.

So, I think, on all those counts, we've made some progress.

Technician: Do you feel that there have been some failures since you've been here in things that you've been working on?

Hall: Well, I can honestly say, and this is the gift of being here for two years, I can't think of anything that's been a failure. I can't think of anything that's been a basic blunder.

I will tell you also, and I should have said this earlier, but one of the things I feel very strongly about is that I now have all my colleagues teaching. Everyone in the administration is out teaching.

I believe very, very strongly that, if you're an administrator and you're too busy to teach, then you're doing something wrong. Not all of my colleagues would agree with that.

brought from home.

He then stepped through the security alarm two more times, setting it off both times. When the employee asked him to shake out his coat in case someone had put a book in there without his knowledge, a book belonging to D.H. Hill library fell out.

According to the report, Hilliard stated that he did not know how the book came to be in his jacket.

The book, entitled "Murder Comes to Eden" and valued at \$50, had its outside cover removed. When the responding Public Safety officer asked Hilliard if he had removed the cover, he again stated that he did not know how the book got into his jacket.

The responding officer trespassed Hilliard from NCSU property and escorted him to his vehicle.

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Two residence hall rooms burglarized over holiday break

One resident of Wood Hall and two residents of Bragaw returned from the Thanksgiving

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GERRYMANDERING IS CAUSING A PROBLEM BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA AND THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. BUT DIDN'T THE STATE JUST DO EXACTLY WHAT THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ASKED?

In the early nineties, the U.S. Justice Department pushed North Carolina and other states to redraw their political districts in ways that would allow minorities to be elected to Congress.

North Carolina obeyed by making District 12 along Interstate 85 from Gastonia, outside Charlotte, all the way to Durham; at times, the district was one-seat wide. But the 1992 version did what the Justice Department wanted: it would elect a black Congressman from North Carolina for the first time in almost 100 years thanks to its 57 percent black voting majority.

But then in 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court called District 12 "political apartheid" and ordered North Carolina to redraw it.

The district was redrawn in 1997. Last March, however, a district court ruled that race still appeared to be the primary rationale in the district's design. The results of the 1998 elections in this state were determined by the disputed make-up of District 12.

After a three-day trial, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that District 12 was guilty of unconstitutional gerrymandering.

Gerrymandering is a political process involving the division of a voting area to give one political party a majority in as many districts as possible or weaken the voting strength of an ethnic or racial group by similar means of manipulation.

Pivotal to the court's decision was an email message sent by a legislative staff ironically named Gerry Cohen to two Democratic senators, current

Attorney General-elect Roy Cooper of Rocky Mount and Leslie Winner of Charlotte, during the North Carolina General Assembly's 1997 redistricting deliberations.

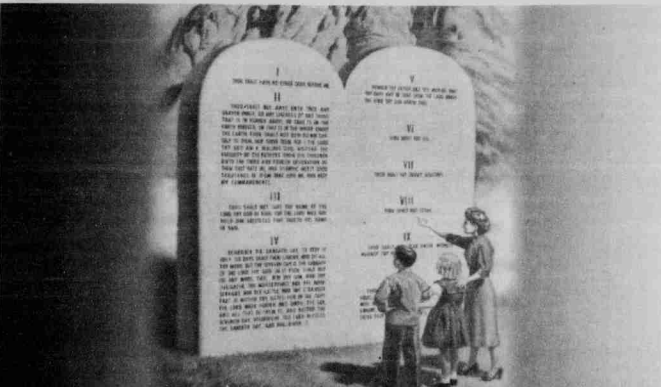
The email read: "I have moved Greensboro Black community into the 12th, and now need to take about 60,000 out of the 12th."

The court called the email a "smoking gun."

While it is obvious that North Carolina legislators erred horribly in committing race-based district drawing, their actions are understandable in light of the Justice Department's requests.

After all, how can race not be what the Supreme Court called the "dominant and controlling" factor in creating districts designed to send members of minority races to Congress?

Now in its fourth high-court challenge, District 12 is facing its 11th hour. What it needs to do to survive both politically and ethically is realize that racism cuts both ways. It's not always negative; sometimes, advantages to minorities can come out of racist motivations. Those cases, despite their results, are just as unethical and unconstitutional as the most insulting of Jim Crow laws or grandfather clauses used in our shared history of segregated politics. North Carolina needs to figure out how to get a black citizen on the floor of Congress without getting a black spot on its own legal record.



Another shade of grey

Do the Ten Commandments still matter?

With great apologies to Charlton Heston and to the movie theater or a restaurant and be served by other laborers. To put it biblically, toiling most surely on Sunday, Christian stores, banks, the post office and the university are all closed on Sunday — but pretty much everything else is open for business. Today, Seventh Day Adventists are the only major Christian denomination to still honor this commandment.

#5: "Honor thy mother and father." If we still cared about this commandment, we wouldn't be familiar with the phrase "deadbeat dad." Parents who are child molesters, physical or emotional abusers, or otherwise criminal are honored by neither the legal or church communities.

#6: "Thou shalt not kill." The word "kill" here is the Hebrew "ratsach," which requires premeditation. This is why war and other so-called hot-blooded acts of passion do not qualify as killing. But capital punishment, legal in the United States, involves premeditated execution. Although the Bible makes no assertions either way, abortion is also definitely a candidate for violation of the sixth commandment. Only a few Christians still honor this commandment: Quakers and Mennonites, for example, will not break its orders even in times of war. Largely, however, people kill.

#7: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Although many states allow adultery to serve as grounds for divorce, there is no law in the United States against adultery — only polygamy, marriage to more than one person. Various surveys continually hold the American adultery rate to be more or less 40 percent of all married persons.

#8: "Thou shalt not steal." The Hebrew meaning here refers specifically to kidnapping and selling a person into slavery. In post-slavery Western culture, this order doesn't really apply. But even if the meaning is stretched to include all theft, it's still not valid. Internet piracy — and electronic piracy in general — is largely accepted. Whether through MP3 downloads or actual stolen merchandise,

people disregard the eighth commandment every day.

#9: "Thou shalt not bear false witness." The "don't lie" commandment is definitely the one with the greatest staying power of the other edicts, but even it isn't supremely divine anymore. Through a sort of pop culture explosion of law thanks to O.J. Simpson and Bill Clinton's definition of "is," Americans are aware of the level of corruption occurring in law and how easy it is not to tell the truth even if you're not technically.

#10: "Thou shalt not covet." Capitalism, unfortunately, is actually dependent on people coveting other people's property. That's what pays the bills. We've sold out on all the commandments, but it's number ten for which that phrase is the most appropriate.

So, what does this mean? That the Ten Commandments don't matter? Of course not. They still matter. The fact of the Ten Commandments was never to test if we could obey them all or not. Indeed, they were never meant to be obeyed at all. Rather, they demonstrate our own imperfections and force us to look to the perfect source of Christ Jesus.

The Ten Commandments aren't a cure for all human evils. It's not as if God wrote the tablets and said to Moses, "Take two of these and call me in the morning." It's not that simple, not that redemptive. If it were, there wouldn't be a need for a Messiah or a Savior. Christ's birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection would all be meaningless.

So, it's actually a good thing that we've strayed from the Commandments — not because we should celebrate their opposites, but because we should celebrate the fact that we are incapable of meeting the standard the Decalogue sets.

J.R. Richard could write the eleventh commandment, it would be "Thou shalt email Richard at ncsu_writier@yahoo.com... either that or 'Thou shalt always have gum for Richard'.

Republican words) to pray in school.

The fact that these Christians do not choose to pray highlights a flaw of the church itself, not the government. Of course, that flaw is the inability of the church to create true Christians who would voluntarily participate in Christian activities. In his column, Horowitz asks if America is so oppressive, why aren't blacks leaving the country in droves? The same can be asked of the Religious Right. However, Republicans don't just want to stay in America; they are notorious for their undying love and devotion to America and its ideals.

Two of those American ideals are freedom and capitalism. It just so happens that these ideals lead to people being materialistic and not religious. Hence, the very political ideals the Religious Right upholds lead to the ungodly, materialistic society they fear. The Religious Right inwardly loves the society it outwardly hates.

Make no mistake: in no sense is the United States a Christian country. The Constitution legally precludes this possibility. The country's state of moral decay also shows that, socially, the country is not Christian either. While the United States may have a large population who calls themselves Christian, it is the choices of this same population of individuals that lead to the moral decay Republicans criticize. Who is responsible for the choices of an individual? Republicans know the answer.

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Rachael Overcash
STAFF COLUMNIST

Along with thinking about gifts, vacations and parties, the Christmas season always brings the burden of shopping. People save up money all year long for this season. Kids have been eyeing that perfect toy, and big kids are even more anxious for that toy they saw on the Best Buy commercial last month. The point is during Christmas everyone wants something, and thus everyone has to buy something.

Now with Christmas receiving presents is not the problem; it is giving presents. People differ so much in what they want and how they shop, especially guys and girls. The Christmas season is just another time for that battle of the sexes to come out in full force. It is Christmas shopping war!

Now it has always been fun for me to watch both girls and guys shop. The Christmas shopping experience with either sex can be so different and so amusing.

Now, everyone knows that girls plan ahead. We know what we need to buy, how much we have to spend and where the best deals are. I admit that I am that type of girl shopper — a pro. I was spending all Thanksgiving Day looking at stores' ads in the paper, and anticipating the big shopping day on Friday. Shopping early is fun for me. It is easier, you have more of a selection and it's of course less stressful than trying to do it at the last minute.

For girls, Christmas shopping is enjoyable and fun. It is a time when we can be true shop-a-holics. We search high and low for the perfect gift for that friend or love one, and since we started early we have ample time to find that gift.

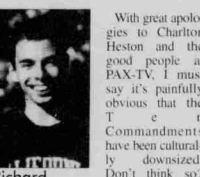
However, for guys it is a whole different story. To tell you the truth I love to shop with guys because it's so funny. This past weekend, I got to see a typical guy shopper in action. Guys go to the mall first pretty disinterested and second impatient. They think the mall is too hot, boring and an overall burden. Shopping for guys is a chore. They don't know what they want to buy. They don't even know where to go. They just sort of stand there with their mouths wide open, credit card in hand waiting for suggestions.

Guys are useless Christmas shoppers. I don't know how many times I have seen guys pick out the most ridiculous gift for a girl, and then they say, "Don't you think she will like it?" They have no clue. Guys go into the store with only one gift in mind. They call it efficient shopping: I call it narrow thinking. Guys think they can get all their shopping done on Christmas Eve at Wal-Mart in less than 20 minutes. Hey, guys, I gotta tell you, that is impossible.

Shopping takes time, it is process of gathering ideas, finding stores that have the perfect item, finding the best price for it and then finally buying it. This process is not a quick one.

So instead of worrying and possibly giving yourself an ulcer during the Christmas shopping spree, start now. Make this grand shopping season an enjoyable one by not waiting till 11:45 p.m. December 24 to buy your girlfriend a gift. As Nike's famous saying goes, just do it!

To all the guys out there, start shopping now to find that perfect gift. If you have any questions or need some help picking out the perfect gift, email Rachael, a shopping professional, at rovercash@unity.ncsu.edu.



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find out:

#1: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Literally, this is an order against practicing other religions — Buddhism, Islam, Rastafarianism, Voodoo — which is not supported by the First Amendment's demands for freedom of speech. Despite the fact that the United States is "one nation under God" whose money is based on the premise that "in God we trust," that god is loose and largely lower-cased. Figuratively, the edict demands we rid ourselves of false gods like money, sex, beauty, etc. But in this shamelessly materialistic culture, who among us is ready to denounce beauty? Denounce money?

#2: "Thou shalt not make any graven images." We've ignored this one, too. Look at the Sistine Chapel; it's the most beautiful and revered graven image in the world. Look at every Christian store that hawks T-shirts and bracelets and music videos and stuffed animal versions of the Lord and Savior.

#3: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord our God in vain." Geez, I mean, do you know many times we use the gee-goo-gone of jumping Jimmy Cricket? "Goodyies!" means literally "God be with ye" — and even that's been reduced to a carefree "bye!"

#4: "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." First of all, Christians moved the holy day from Saturday to Sunday ever since the recommendation by the Council of Laodicea in 364. But

Choosing to be decadent

In a Salon.com article, David Horowitz's "Guys don't kill black people, other blacks do" supposedly espouses the essence of what it is to be conservative — that is, having a high regard for personal responsibility.

Horowitz's criticism is primarily aimed at liberal blacks, but his reasoning could and should also be aimed at his own Republican Party.

Though all Republicans don't purport to be Christian, the large religious portion of the party is subject to the same criticisms Horowitz and other Republicans often lob at liberal blacks. The Religious Right, though they are supposed to hold Republican beliefs in personal responsibility, demonstrates the same "victim mentality" that Republicans criticize blacks of having.

The greatest lament of the Religious Right in recent years has been over the supposed removal of prayer in schools. Their complaints have recently come to a climax after the Supreme Court's decision to make prayer at football games unconstitutional. These Republicans even go so far as to argue that the removal of prayer in schools has led to the recent school shootings and, their granddaddy of all claims, the moral decay of society. All of these problems stem from the government's move against religion.

Choosing to be decadent

The Religious Right's criticism of the government sounds very similar to the NAACP's criticism of gun manufacturers for causing black violence or black critics of Korean luxury-senders for intoxicating black communities. But, just as Horowitz argues the problems lie in the black community itself, the true cause of the moral decay of society rests within the church itself.

The Religious Right does not want to accept the possibility that it is their fault people are less religious today. A true examination of what the Supreme Court did reveals the falseness of the Religious Right's claim. The Supreme Court did not, in fact, remove prayer from football games. One needs to look no farther than the Texas school directly involved in the Supreme Court case. After the ruling, fans in the stand started to spontaneously pray before football games, rather than hold a prayer over the PA system. The Religious Right proclaims that the spontaneous prayer symbolizes their stand against the "amoral" rulings of the court. But what the Religious Right does not understand is that the spontaneous prayer is exactly what the Supreme Court wants them to do. The Supreme Court only has a problem if it has done nothing to remove prayer from schools, just made individuals more responsible for praying themselves.

So if it is true that prayer has stopped in schools and this has caused the moral decay of society, then the blame lies squarely on the supposed Christians who do not choose their's another one of those philosophically important

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A little consideration

Quite a few people cut across my wheelchair when they rush to the classrooms. I know they are anxious to be in class on time. I also want to be in the classroom on time. I understand that nobody wants to be late for the class. But cutting across the power wheelchair is dangerous. Although I am careful not to run over anybody's foot, accidents could occur. Therefore, I ask for a little consideration when I drive. If his feet get hurt, one cannot attend the class at all. Being late for the class is much better than being unable to attend the class because of the injury.

We should be able to accept differences of every individual. Some are short, some are tall, some are weird, and some are colored. I am labeled as two disadvantaged labels: colored because I am an Asian and disabled. We college students are old enough to perceive who we really are, instead of focusing on the labels of others. I was encouraged emotionally when I read the word "birthright" in a letter written by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His civil rights movement was based on the birthright of every one.

We should not judge others according to their appearance. Some criminals can dress up nicely and show gentleness to lure little children. They do not advertise themselves as criminals. Some people who wear many rings and punk clothes have good hearts to show kindness to others. Handicapped people mostly have compassion for others because they have been through emotional turmoil.

Unless we find out who they really are, nobody can tell. I appreciate people who take notes for me in classes. I say "Thank you" to anyone who opens a door for me. I feel good when someone says "hello" to me. I appreciate anyone who shows a little consideration for less fortunate people. I am willing to show my consideration to anyone near me.

People tend to think of others based on their own situations. But some people face more obstacles in their life than most others. A little consideration for others will promote the society to be a friendlier place.

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Proffitt relies on 'straw man arguments'

In his Nov. 20 article for *Technician*, Bryan Proffitt appealed to "logic" in an attempt to draw an analogy between "reparations" and capital punishment. Conversely, logic decidedly confutes the larger part of his article. His analogy between "reparations" and capital punishment breaks down in that the death penalty punishes the *doers* of the crime, not their descendants. His usage of "retribution" as a label for the death

penalty (along with a rather arbitrary and errant citation of the Bible) is incorrect also.

It is "punishment." It stems from the premise that we are accountable for our actions, not from "vengeance" (although it has been abused as such — yet only insofar as can any principle of organized society). And if he supposes the Bible supports the *overt* usage of capital punishment (even under Levitical law), he is again wrong. In cases where someone, condemned to death, was broken-hearted and contrite over their crime, even the Old Testament commands: "Deliver those who are being taken away to death; and those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold them back!"

The person who commits murder with impudence and without shame, who unabashedly practices violence — this was the person for whom the Old Testament punishments were meant. In today's society, capital punishment exacted upon a *serial* killer would be an analogous case. Not all proponents of the death penalty are the extremists whom Proffitt paints with his straw man arguments. And most certainly the Bible is not (New Testament), nor was it ever (Old Testament).

On a more ironic note, the Bible has taught people to help the poor and afflicted since long before he and his so-called "reparations" ideology ever existed. What's more, helping the homeless and the poor (present tense!) is certainly much more "logical" (and in fact *loving*) than it is to "punish the descendants of oppressors of times past." Now then, who is truly confused? Who is being "illogical?" "Is not this the 'fast' which I chose... to let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke?" Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see him naked, to cover him? If you give yourself to the hungry, and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness, and your gloom will become like midday" (Isaiah 58).

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Proffitt argument is 'folly'

Editor's note: Because of the unique position of the writer, the word limit has been waived.

I am sure that Bryan Proffitt was sincere in his denunciation of the death penalty ("Religious right 'gouging' blacks," *Technician*, Nov. 20).

First, Bryan begins his diatribe by calling execution murder. Of course, execution is no more murder than legal incarceration is illegal kidnapping — meaning, not at all. This is the first serving of the poor logic and weak knowledge to which Bryan will treat the readers.

Let's look at Bryan's blind acceptance

of conventional wisdom: Bryan calls the death penalty racist. Reality finds that white murderers have been twice as likely to have been executed as have black murderers since 1973. Any other racial combinations of defendant or victim, in death penalty cases, reflect the specific circumstances of the crimes, not racist factors. Such is revealed in a 1991 Rand Corporation study, a 1994 Smith College study and within a study of crime statistics, within a framework of capital crime eligibility.

In addition, white death row inmates are executed 15 months more quickly than are their black brethren. And this is gouging blacks!! Bryan calls the death penalty classist. No one disputes the obvious logic that wealthier capital murderers should be able to better avoid execution than their poorer ilk. However, the issue is, is there any evidence to support the claim that wealthier capital murderers are less likely to be executed than their poorer ilk, in relation to both groups probability of committing capital crimes?

To date, there is no such evidence. Absolutely none. Certainly, I agree with Bryan, that the death penalty is costly. But it is clear, that for Bryan, cost is not an issue. Justice is. That is why he supports reparations for African Americans, the other topic of his article. Such reparations would likely cost into the trillions of dollars. In death penalty cases, as jurors have the option of death and lesser sentences, it is clear that they choose death in those cases when they find it a more just punishment than any of the lesser options.

Undoubtedly, Bryan would say that the more just punishment should be an option, regardless of cost. But, with regard to cost issues, after reviewing a number of cost "studies", comparing the cost of a death sentence vs. the cost of life sentences, I make the following observations: Such "studies" rarely even attempt to compare apples to apples, instead we find:

1) death penalty costs including legal and incarceration costs vs only the incarceration costs of a life sentence (Texas)
2) number of executions in a state (Florida, 18 executions at the time), divided into the total cost of all death sentences in the state and, thereby, revealing a highly distorted cost per execution

3) death penalty costs compared to cases other than maximum life sentences and

4) in all studies, we find a) that the cost of geriatric care, recently found to be \$69,000/inmate/yr., excluded, b) the cost benefit of death statutes, that being plea bargaining to a maximum life sentence, never being credited to the death penalty, to name but a few problems in all such studies.

Finally, Bryan says the death penalty is "not a deterrent." Really? No social scientist has ever stated, nor will they, that the death penalty deters no one. We know that all sanctions deter someone. Therefore, it would be quite incredible to conflict by saying that the most severe sanction, execution, somehow,

deters no one. In fact, there have been quite a few studies which have found for deterrence, with two new studies, also finding for deterrence, soon to be published by Emory University, and the University of Houston, separately.

Bryan, absurdly reflects that the executions may increase violence. The number one execution jurisdiction in the nation, Harris County (Houston), Texas, has seen a 70 percent drop in murder since Texas resumed executions in 1982. As the United States has dramatically increased executions in the past 10 years, we have seen a significant drop in murders. During the last national moratorium on executions in the United States, from 1967-1977, murders nearly doubled.

Bryan says that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg "allegedly" sold U.S. secrets to the Soviets. Some years ago, 1994, I believe, declassified information from both U.S. and Soviet sources confirmed that Julius was heading a spy ring in the United States for the Soviets.

Bryan's final folly: He concurs with the Rosenbergs' son that the death penalty is revenge. Quite to the contrary, the death penalty is a legal sanction, which is a set of preexisting consequences, limited by statute and application, where the punishment is given by those specifically removed from any connection to the crime or survivors. Revenge is the opposite, requiring punishment to be determined after the alleged offense, an "offense" which may not be a crime or wrongdoing of any kind, whereby the punishment is enacted by an interested party connected to the specific "offense."

I agree with Bryan that "most major publications and political talk shows have been talking capital punishment to death." They, like Bryan, may "profit" from a fully informed review of the evidence.

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Coutouzis 'bold,' 'potent'

I would like to thank Michael Coutouzis for his bold defense of sexual abstinence before marriage and fidelity after. He has made some very potent points which apply on both the humanistic and religious levels. The examples he cited are good examples that happiness is not found in satisfying every appetite you have. Indeed, one who pursues such a hedonistic lifestyle will eventually become a slave to his passions. I thought it ironic and distasteful, however, to place Danimal's Luke and Craig getting the ladies on the opposite page. Was this supposed to be funny?

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On the killing of the SOA

In November of 1989, six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her teenage daughter were all gunned down in cold blood in El Salvador. Nineteen of the 26 Salvadoran officers cited by a U.N. Truth Commission for the mass murder were School of the Americas (Fort Benning, Columbus, GA) graduates. As far back as 1980, four U.S. church women were raped and murdered by five officers in El Salvador; three of these five graduated from the School of the Americas.

These numbers hold true through all of the U.N. Truth Commission's reports on human rights abuses in El Salvador: over two-thirds of all the officers cited for violations in this country were SOA "students," including two of the three officers who murdered Archbishop Oscar Romero, and 10 of the 12 guilty of the massacre of 900 civilians in the village of El Mozote.

In 1996, the Pentagon admitted that manuals used at the school on the Fort

Benning base contained the teaching of torture techniques and paramilitary counter-insurgency tactics designed to subvert the civilian population. Some of the courses to choose from at the School of the Americas include: "Combat Arms Officer," "Psychological Operations," "Battle Staff Operations," "Commando Course," and "Military Intelligence."

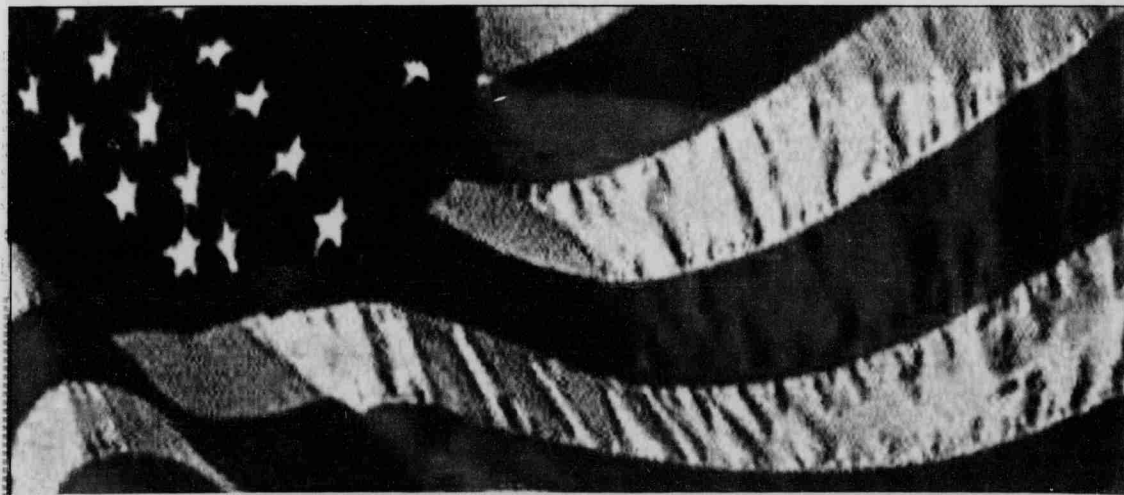
Previously, the SOA claimed that in fact it did not teach its students torture techniques and execution tactics; since the release of these manuals in 1996, they have claimed to have reformed the institution, including changing its name to "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation."

The SOA has never admitted or explained its legacy of oppression and torture, nor has it taken responsibility for the crimes of its graduates, which include Manuel Noriega and former Peruvian intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos. The aforementioned courses are still available and widely taught at the new "Western Hemisphere."

The School of the Americas is funded by U.S. taxpayers' money. People will continue to congregate at the Fort Benning base every November until the SOA, or the "Western Hemisphere," regardless of what name it carries, is closed. If you missed it this year, you still have a chance to go to D.C. this April, for the National Lobbying Day in Congress, when people will speak to their representatives and urge them to vote to pass a bill to close the "school." A bill was approved this year that cut funding to the SOA, but that simultaneously opened the new Western Hemisphere, or "New School of the Americas."

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Burton goes digital with "Stainboy"

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It's a theory that everyone has heard a hundred times ... the world is going digital. With technological advances in computers doubling every 14 minutes, people are finding new ways to use these advances. For some people, that means using e-mail and buying a microwave that talks, but filmmaker Tim Burton has found yet another way to put the modern technology to use. Burton, who has created such films as "Sleepy Hollow" and "Edward Scissorhands," and www.shockwave.com have teamed up

to release a series of short films he's written and directed online, available for download 24 hours a day. This series is called "Stainboy," and follows another of Burton's strange heroes. Like the name sounds, Stainboy's only power is this strange stain he leaves everywhere he goes. Much like Edward or Burton's Ichabod Crane, Stainboy looks like he belongs in a black and white film, he's a classy hero, and there's a pureness about him that is signified by the two colors that he's drawn with. This makes the world

From here, Stainboy ventures out into the world, which is very reminiscent of the suburbia that "Scissorhands" walked through; the houses all look exactly the same, only slight shades of colors distinguish one house and its perfect lawn from the next. The first episode is "Staregirl," and the name says it all; Stainboy is sent out to capture this girl who only stares. What's creepy (other than the music Danny Elfman composed for this short) is the resemblance between Stainboy and Staregirl; having a meet

behind her, she keeps looking into it then at Stainboy, seeing a similar face in both places (the difference is her blond hair). She attempts to stare him down, and using his power he brings her reign to an end (a very bloody end at that) and drags her back to the Sgt. So the formula is set up for the shorts, which continue on with "Toxicboy," where the villain is a green boy who eats toxic substances and has acid vomit. This strange creature moves and acts much like the Martians from Burton's "Mars Attacks," and his end is just as strange as that of Staregirl. The third short is "Bowling Ball Head." Here our hero must go to a bowling alley where a string of murders has taken place and find the killer, who turns out to be a black bowling ball with a long cape and a deep voice. He looks and sounds a bit like Darth Vader, and is the first talking villain in the series. The other talking villain is "Match Girl" (voiced by Lisa Marie), who is more of a Match than a girl, and talks in a very dirty manner. "Match Girl" is also the only disappointment of the five shorts so far, being that the two things happen and Stainboy doesn't do much to stop her; she ends it herself. The last of the shorts is "Robot Boy" (part four, "Match" is five), where we meet a robot that outs itself together

and then proceeds to attack Stainboy. The house he's found in is very empty, with junk being scattered about but still leaving most of the room empty. Robot Boy himself looks like a strange alien creature, with five tentacles like appendages on him, each equipped with a sharp weapon. Of the five to date this is the best; it runs with smart jokes and good animation, and is the most suspenseful as well (even though "Bowling" is close). Burton has proven here what can be done with the Internet, and don't be surprised when other people do the same. Burton uses it as a way to bring a hero to life in less than a two-hour movie or thirty-minute TV show. Others will be able to use this to get their ideas and films seen, as is apparent at many sites that support short films (the best is atomfilms.com). "Stainboy" works well in its three-minute episodes, which show signs of a lot more work than one would expect out of three minutes. The site also features character bios (written in Dr. Seuss rhymes) and a few games to play. "Stainboy" can be seen at www.shockwave.com.

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M. Night Shyamalan is a talented writer and director. Two films ago, his "White Awake" was taken out of his hands and was a critical and financial failure. One film ago, his "The Sixth Sense" was made without interference and became one of the top-grossing movies of all time. As a result, his current film, "Unbreakable," was made with total creative control, with Shyamalan acting as writer, director and producer, and receiving a record-breaking five million dollars for the script plus another five million to direct. Fans of "The Sixth Sense" expect a masterpiece. Detractors of that film expect a bomb. The result is neither. "Unbreakable" is a film that has flashes of inspiration, but mostly just sits there. It's neither

very good or very bad, it's simply very dull. "Unbreakable" tells a story similar to that of "The Sixth Sense" in that it also concerns ordinary people discovering the extraordinary at the edges of their world. After a fairly self-important-sounding title card trumpeting the importance of comic books in the world, there is a brief scene concerning the birth of a, shall we say, fragile young child. Immediately afterward, we meet David Dunn (Bruce Willis), a fairly discontent security guard whose marriage is falling. Five minutes later the train David is on has crashed, killing everyone on board ... with the exception of David, who survives without a scratch. It goes without saying that this is all headed some-where. David is understandably shaken by the whole experience. His wife (Robin Wright Penn, who

should really be in more films) sees this as a sign that they should try to work things out. His son, Joseph (Spencer Treat Clark), of "Gladiator" is simply glad his dad is all right, and tries to become closer to him. David isn't particularly heartened by any of this until he gets a note that leads him to Elijah, the child from the beginning. Elijah, as played by Samuel L. Jackson, is a brittle (literally and figuratively) man who has been left near-crippled by a childhood condition that gives his bones the consistency of old china. He is obsessed with old comic books and owns an art gallery that sells old artwork ... and is convinced that David must be his opposite, a man who cannot be harmed, a

superhero given flesh. Whether Elijah is right, and what David does with this information forms the bulk of "Unbreakable," which proves to be a problem. Shyamalan gives equal time to David's family as he does to David's discoveries, but the tale doesn't quite have the energy or sense of wonder needed for a superhero tale. Shyamalan makes a big deal about the importance of comic books as a modern mythology, but doesn't seem to know very much about them himself (the "used" made-up books, as examples, and Jackson spends most of the film in a wheelchair without anyone making a "Professor X" joke). For that matter, the visual style

of the film is ill-suited to the story it tells. Shyamalan prefers extended takes with little editing, which worked very well as a source of tension-building in "The Sixth Sense," but doesn't work very well here. A variety of visual tricks like tilts, mirrors and upside-down shots are clever, but for the most part the film is as visually static as most low-budget independent features: it's like "Stepman" by way of John Sayles. Occasionally, this works very well (the scene where David wakes up from the accident is very suspenseful and effective), but often fails to score where Joseph tries to prove his father's invulnerability leads to a cut and contrived scene it's supposed to be tense and interesting.) A sequence toward the end where David tests out his abilities is interesting (and similar to the climax of "The Sixth Sense"), but feels a

lot like too little, too late. There is also a twist ending, a la "Sense," but this one feels more abrupt and tacked-on than a logical, surprising twist that adds another layer to the story. "Unbreakable" isn't an over-whelming failure. It's well made, fairly well acted and has some genuinely intriguing ideas. However, it commits a crime almost as bad as being stupid or biased, it's boring. Almost every scene is played with as little energy as possible, and there aren't enough truly exciting or suspenseful scenes to balance this out. "Unbreakable" is occasionally thought-provoking, and has enough merit that it won't severely damage Shyamalan's career. However, it won't be the film that most fans of "The Sixth Sense" have been waiting for.

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Silkworm's 'Lifestyle' deserves to be learned, - a la 'Kid A'



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OK, I didn't write anything for a very long time. It's just that the end of the baseball season hit me kind of hard. Plus, I do have classes to attend on occasion. But never mind. The rock release schedule has heated up, big time, and there are important decisions to be made...

There are a whole bunch of new records that are worth talking about that have come out since I've written last, including stuff from Shellac, Eleventh Dream Day, and the Microphones. But I'm going to push them aside for at least another week to talk about two really big ones that I think set themselves up well for comparison. The first is a huge release that you no doubt have read much about and probably already own. The second is a barely-heralded return to form by a band that's been great for years while barely skirting the consciousness of many indie rock fans.

Silkworm's 'Lifestyle' begs to be listened to again and again, the lyrics memorized, the chords learned. The first one, of course, is Kid A, by beloved UK art-rock institution Radiohead, and the latter is Lifestyle, by native Montanans Silkworm. At the end of the year, it will be Kid A on the top-ten lists, but that is a dirty shame. History has long passed by Silkworm while notoriety has now nearly swallowed Radiohead alive. After listen-

ing to both band's newest releases, I think I'd rather be in the Worm's place. And more importantly, I'd certainly rather listen to their album, which hasn't left my turntable in three weeks. What can one make of the monster that is Kid A? At one point stunning ("The National Anthem," with dub bass and what sounds like the marching-band-running-into-a-wall scene in Animal House) and the next amateurishly Aphex Twin-derivative ("Treefingers"), the album seems at once dreadfully incomplete and lavishly overdecorated. The successful songs, like "Everything In Its Right Place," are spooky, layered, and cryptic - the logical next step from the blend of emotion and technology that was OK Computer. But atmosphere can only take you so far. Pervasively lyrically harebrained, painfully melody-deficient, and often just clinically off, Kid A is a record that's admirable without being much good.

In the '70s, Pink Floyd toyed with the idea of recording an entire album using household implements - spoons, rubber bands, and the like - because the task of recording an appropriate followup to "Dark Side Of The Moon" was so daunting. Eventually, they relented. Radiohead didn't, using typical prog-rock appliances like synthesizers and catch-all "electronics" to make an album that substitutes ambition for content and sound tricks for real

feeling. Somehow it feels like half of a double album, like The Beatles with "Revolution 9" and "Wild Honey Pie" but not "Revolution 1" or "While My Guitar Gently Sleeps." Too much filler, not enough killer. Advance buzz while the record was being made contained at least another album's worth of song titles, which upon release may or may not fill in the picture. Meanwhile, we have a flawed, not very filling, and not at all fun album that makes OK Computer look even more brilliant in retrospect. Lifestyle, like OK Computer and many other great records, is perfectly titled. Silkworm's last three records were a tiny bit over-dark (Firewater), over-jammy (Developer), and overthought (Blueblood). But here we catch the band in stride, doing what they do best. Lifestyle is just a recording session in the life of a phenomenally relaxed American rock band.

It does have some keyboards, which never entered much into the Silkworm picture in the past, but what's most prominent about Lifestyle is the songs. The group has shown the ability in the past to write indelible hooks, but never on this level. Every single song on the album (even the two acoustic ones, in their own way) has a monster hook, a handful of withering genius lyrical turns, and a rhythmic motor that just doesn't quit. Drummer Michael Dahlquist, bassist Tim Midgett, and gui-

tarist Andy Cohen, all of whom sing, are supremely comfortable with themselves, their band, and their tunes. "Contempt" opens the album gloriously, Cohen telling a story of continental romantic intrigue that would make Elvis Costello proud. "Slave Wages" has Midgett howling Marvin Gaye-style while Cohen plays variations of a perfect ragged low-end riff. "Around The Outline" recalls the darker, thicker sound of Silkworm past with Dahlquist growling effectively. Throughout, the band's skill and experience is scarily apparent. "Treat The New Guy Right" has a slightly weird verse structure that's evident to the listener but doesn't damage the song's flow one bit. The gigantic guitars of "Yrweb" work so well with Midgett's

lyrics that it's heartbreaking. "Decade is a long time," Tim sings, "I still send my love to you... well why not?" "Never in our lives have we been so entertained," Cohen sings at one point. He's not far from the truth.

This isn't a job for these guys (particularly Cohen, now in law school), it's a, pardon the pun, lifestyle. And the group's newest work is just wonderful, the work of a band to whom the perfect singalong lyric and the climactic guitar solo are second nature. From Midgett's catchy "Raging Bull" to Cohen's thoughtful "Roots," the whole album begs to be listened to again and again, the lyrics memorized, the chords learned. An instant classic, one that doesn't break from the band's pattern in the least, it merely

does what they do best, as well as they've ever done it. Wondrous. Silkworm's cover of "Oo La La," one of the all-time great songs about innocence and experience, is the precisely correct climax for Lifestyle. Cohen even sings it better than Rod Stewart ever has, realizing that in this point in the band's long career they're closer to the poor old granddad than the foolish young lover. Radiohead would do well to be as comfortable with themselves as the granddad, and Silkworm, are. But as Andy Cohen knowingly sings it, the song tells us that life is something you have to learn how to handle yourself. "And that's the hardest way."

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IM/Rec Notes

Intramurals

Dave Thomas defeated Dalat Bui 6-0, 2-6, 6-4 to claim the men's open singles championship.

The Intramural Department recently crowned its champions for the fall in soccer. Bragaw South knocked off Metcalf 2-1 in the finals of the Men's Residence division. Delta Sigma won a high-scoring match with Phi Delta Theta, 5-4 to claim the Fraternity championship. And Sigma Kappa topped Alpha Delta Pi 3-0 in the Women's Residence/Sorority title match.

In the open ranks, the Rangers beat Vasco 5-1 for the Men's Open title. The Marching Bands also topped the Unknowns 2-1 in the Women's Open championship match.

Registration for spring basketball will begin on Monday and close on Wednesday, Jan. 17. For teams registering in the Men's Residence, Women's Residence/Sorority and Fraternity divisions, handball registration will also begin on Monday.

Anyone interested in participating in intramural sports can call 515-3161 for more information.

Club sports

The club roller hockey team will play its last home game of the semester on Friday at 10 p.m. at the Wayne Gretzky Roller Hockey Center, where it will face Elon in a rematch.

The club ice hockey team, which is currently 12-0-1, will attempt to finish the semester unbeaten when it faces Virginia this weekend. The team plays its final two home games of the semester on Friday and Saturday against the Cavaliers at the Cary Ice House.

"Dancing with Wolves," the social ballroom

dance club, will co-host a two-day United States Amateur Ballroom Dance Association workshop with the North Carolina social ballroom dance club at Carmichael Gym on Saturday and the UNC Student Center on Sunday. Registration is open to all N.C. State students, faculty and staff. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.ipass.net/~bingham/workshop.html>.

Officials

Jason Cheek, Justin Ford, David Johnson, Richard Palmieri and Pete Whitesides officiated in the Southern Atlantic Regional Flag Football Tournament at the UNC-Wilmington on the weekend of Nov. 17-19. The top four officials from the tournament earned bids to the National Intramural Flag Football Championships in New Orleans. Even though Cheek and Whitesides earned bids at another tournament, they were still selected as the top two officials. Justin Ford earned a bid to the National Championships, as well, placing fourth out of 32 officials. Johnson placed 13th and Palmieri placed 17th.

Outdoor adventures

Backpacking Basics will be held on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is going on now in the Intramural-Recreational Sports office in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Job opportunities

Anyone interested in working for Intramural-Recreational Sports can call 515-3161 or visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium and complete an application.



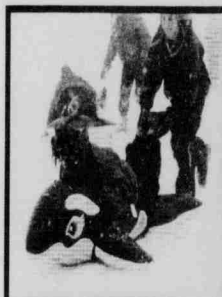
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State needs win over quality opponent

◆ **The Crispin brothers will lead Penn State into the ESA after scoring a combined 57 points in the Nittany Lions' weekend win at Kentucky.**

Jack Daly
Sports Editor

N.C. State's non-conference schedule has often been derided in years past for being far too soft. The Wolfpack (2-2) has played too many games against the likes of UNC-Asheville, Wofford and Yale, as the argument goes, and not enough against top-notch foes. This season, State has upgrad-

ed its non-conference schedule — it still isn't playing the Arizona, Kansas or Kentucky of the world, mind you — with disappointing results. On Nov. 18, Charlotte came into the Entertainment and Sports Arena and handed the Pack a 95-78 loss. On Nov. 22, Fresno State demolished the Pack 82-63 in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic in Springfield, Mass. So tonight's tilt against Penn State at the ESA at 9:30 p.m., the final game of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, takes on added significance. Simply, State needs a quality non-conference victory. "I think we need one, and

we're looking for one real soon," guard Anthony Grundy said. "Our young guys haven't really tested the importance of what a big win can do. Our older guys realize that a lot of big wins can help toward the NCAA Committee coming out during that time, that's the next step." State head coach Herb Sendek said that the team isn't feeling any additional pressure to pick up a win in light of its start. "The truth of the matter is we're playing a very rigorous non-conference early schedule, and when you step up and play people like that, there's a greater probability of having more losses," Sendek said. The Nittany Lions (2-0) are coming off an impressive non-

conference win against Kentucky in Rupp Arena. Joe Crispin scored 31 points and his brother Jon tallied 26 as Penn State beat the Wildcats 73-68 Saturday. It was only the second time ever that Kentucky had lost a season opener in Rupp Arena. "Obviously, anytime you go into Rupp Arena and win, that gets a lot of attention," Sendek said. "They're a really good basketball team. They're sound on defense, they make man-to-man switches a lot with a matchup zone to really keep you off balance." Penn State beat the Pack 74-72 in the NIT consolation game in Madison Square Garden last night. In that game, State had problems with the Lions'

matchup-zone defense and Joe Crispin hit a layup with two seconds remaining to seal Penn State's win. Tonight, the Pack will be focused on Penn State's defense and the Crispin brothers. "The Crispin brothers are as good a pair of guards as we've seen in awhile," Sendek said. "The older one, Joe, reminds me of Scott Skiles, and I think Joe is probably one of the most underrated players in the country. He comes into our game averaging 24 points a game; is perfect from the foul line; makes tough shots and is good off the dribble." Damien Wilkins will miss the game for the Pack with a sprained left ankle. He was able to put weight on his ankle for the first time Monday, and there is an outside chance he could return for the Old Dominion game on Saturday. "Different people take different lengths of time to come back from an injury like that, so there's no definite number of days that it's going to take for sure," Sendek said. Trey Guidry could see some action in Wilkins' spot. Sendek decided on the way back from the Hall of Fame game not to redshirt Guidry, who is a freshman from Louisiana. "It was his preference to play this year, and it's been my experience that, unless somebody wholeheartedly embraces the redshirt idea, it's probably not something that is going to work as well as it otherwise could," Sendek said. Last season, State beat Purdue 61-59 in West Lafayette, Ind., courtesy of a Justin Gainey three-pointer with 14 seconds remaining in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

basketball The draft question

Fewer than three weeks into the new college basketball season, talk is already surfacing about early entry into the 2001 NBA draft by some of college basketball's best players. ESPN college basketball analyst Andy Katz seems to think that Duke sophomore center Carlos Boozer is gone after this season — one in which he has already garnered Preseason NIT MVP honors. Now, the question arises whether this should really bother college basketball purists the way it has over the past three seasons, seasons that have seen at least two underclassmen selected in the top five in the draft. And the answer to that question is simply no. When a basketball player has a chance to be drafted in the first round and be guaranteed money, coaches and fans alike should wish him well. For it's the life of the player that is directly impacted by a career-ending injury or a dramatic fall in his draft stock. And when fans criticize players like William Avery, Corey Maggette, Antawn Jamison and Vince Carter for leaving school early, purely selfish motives drive their criticism. Like Avery said in a press conference two years ago, "In an ideal world I would stay at Duke two more years and win two national championships." But this is no perfect world. Players like Avery could use refinement in terms of on-court play, but how could one really take issue with a kid who aims to financially see his family? It's only American for a young kid to see an opportunity at great riches and to seize it immediately. That's where the argument for Avery or any underclassman to stay in school falls apart. A player on basketball scholarship does have an opportunity to earn a college degree, which in and of itself is a great thing, but in signing the scholarship, he is at school as a basketball player. That said, when one gives up the chance to earn a degree in the name of being an NBA lottery pick, he is making a financially savvy career decision. And there isn't any fault in that decision. Moreover, with two years of basketball under his belt, he has learned a great deal about basketball. Mind you, he hasn't learned nearly everything he needs to know to succeed at the next level, but his knowledge is sufficient. According to Rick Pitino, former head basketball coach at Kentucky, a coach teaches a great deal about basketball in a player's first two seasons. Then, as the player matures over his junior and senior seasons, the coach finds the most fulfillment in watching that player utilize the tools his coach has given him. With that in mind, it seems logical that a player absorb the teachings of a great coach like Pitino or Mike Krzyzewski and then join a NBA squad, honing his skills with the greatest basketball players in the world.



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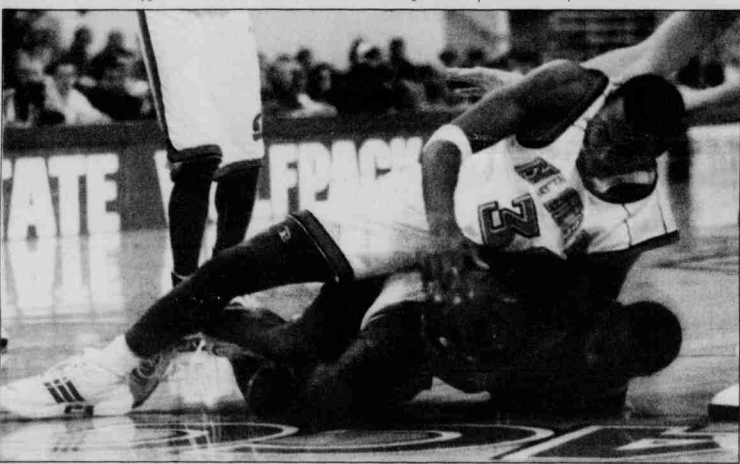
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Cliff Crawford and N.C. State take on Penn State in a rematch of the NIT consolation game.

PHOTO BY JASON WESTERSTAFF

Robinson, Fisher take first-team honors

◆ **Adrian Wilson and Terrence Holt also made the cut for the 2000 All-ACC team.**

Sports Staff Report

Four N.C. State players took five spots on The Associated Press All-Atlantic Coast Conference football team, which was released Monday.

Sophomore Koren Robinson made the first team at two different positions, as a wide receiver and a return specialist. Junior linebacker Levor Fisher also made the first team, while safeties Adrian Wilson and Terrence Holt picked up second-team honors. All four are first-time members of the All-ACC team, which is selected by 70 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association.

Robinson, the 1999 ACC Rookie of the Year, finished the season with 62 catches for 1,061 yards and 14 touchdowns. He had eight 100-yard receiving games, tying Torry Holt's school record, and joined Holt as the only Wolfpack receiver to gain 1,000 yards in a season. Robinson averaged 25.3 yards per kick-off return, the ninth-best mark in the nation. His 15.6-yard punt return average, which included a 61-yard touchdown return Saturday against Wake Forest, was a league high. Robinson also finished seventh in the country in all-purpose yards, gaining 170.9 per game. Fisher, a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, led the ACC in tackles with 163, the sixth-best single-season total ever for a State player. He reached double digits in tackles in 10 of State's 11 games and topped 19 tackles on three separate occasions. He also recorded 15 tackles for a loss and five sacks.

Wilson, a junior, ended the year 10th in the conference in tackles with 106, the ACC's highest total for a defensive back. He broke up five passes this season,

including an interception against Maryland on Nov. 4.

Terrence Holt, a sophomore, was fourth on the team in tackles with 88 in his first season as a starter. He made a big impact on special teams, blocking three field goals, including the potential game-tying kick in the closing seconds of a 41-38 win at Indiana.

Offensive tackle Jarvis Borum, tailback Ray Robinson and tight end Willie Wright were honorable-mention selections.

Conference champion Florida State led the balloting with 18 selections, including eight on the first team. Chris Weinke was the only unanimous selection on the All-ACC team after becoming the first quarterback in league history to throw for more than 4,000 yards in a season.

Georgia Tech received nine selections after finishing the regular season 9-2. Clemson, which is headed to the Gator Bowl with a 9-2 record, put six players on the first team and earned eight

total selections.

The league also named Tech's George O'Leary the ACC Coach of the Year on

Tuesday. State head coach Chuck Amato placed third behind O'Leary and FSU's Bobby Bowden.

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- QB-Chris Weinke, Florida State
 - RB-Travis Zachery, Clemson
 - RB-Antwaine Womack, Virginia
 - WR-Marvin Minnis, Florida State
 - WR-Koren Robinson, N.C. State
 - TE-Alge Crumpler, North Carolina
 - OT-Chris Brown, Georgia Tech
 - OT-Char-ron Dorsey, Florida State
 - OG-Brant Key, Georgia Tech
 - OG-Justin Amman, Florida State
 - C-Kyle Young, Clemson
 - PK-Luke Manget, Georgia Tech
 - SP-Koren Robinson, N.C. State

- Defense**
- DL-Jamal Reynolds, Florida State
 - DL-Julius Peppers, North Carolina
 - DL-Greg Gathers, Georgia Tech
 - DL-Terry Jolly, Clemson
 - LB-Levor Fisher, N.C. State
 - LB-Keith Adams, Clemson
 - LB-Tommy Polley, Florida State
 - DB-Tay Cody, Florida State
 - DB-Derrick Gibson, Florida State
 - DB-Robert Carswell, Clemson
 - DB-Alex Ardley, Clemson
 - P-Brian Morton, Duke

