

## Christmas on a shoestring

The Christmas holidays are coming up, and Technician gives you tips for buying gifts for all those on your Christmas list, without emptying that already-tight wallet. **Sidetracks/Page 1B**



## Inside Monday

## Women get wins

The Wolfpack women's basketball team picked up holiday wins over Villanova and Minnesota. **Sports/Page 3A**

## Weather Eye

Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers, high about 70 and low near 40. **Weather/Page 2A**



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## It starts earlier every year!

Every year, it seems merchants and store owners put out their Christmas decorations earlier than the year before. Of course, students look forward to Christmas Break because of the home-style cooking and the brief respite from classes and assignments. This year's Yuletide vacation will last from Dec. 18 to Jan. 8, 1992.

## Student Senate request for reading days goes to faculty

### Monteith leans toward canceling Labor Day holiday

By Chris Hubbard  
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate is currently studying Resolution Three of the Student Senate. The resolution calls for adding one or two reading days to each semester to give students more time to prepare for exams.

Faculty Senate Chairman Robin Dorff will ask for the Faculty Senate's response Tuesday. This particular resolution is in response to the Student Senate's concern that the current "Dead Week" legislation is not properly publicized or observed.

The Student Senate also pointed out that papers and projects, which are often as time-consuming and as difficult as tests, are frequently due the last week of classes.

Chancellor Larry K. Monteith said he "inherently, completely understands the students' position," but insisted that the Faculty Senate have an opportunity to examine the resolution. Monteith feels that students should give faculty the opportunity to express their concerns, in the same way that the Faculty Senate allowed students to express concerns about the recent core curriculum proposal.

According to Dorff, the Faculty Senate drew up a proposal similar to the Student Senate's to support the enforcement of Dead Week.

Dorff said he is not aware of any violations of the Dead Week policy but that faculty members have reported infractions.

Faculty



Monteith

Both Monteith and Dorff maintain that the greatest barrier to the resolution's success is the calendar. According to University Registrar James Bundy, there are several possible ways to fit the proposed reading days into the university calendar.

One way would be to move the beginning date of each semester from Wednesday to Monday. The semester currently starts on Wednesday to give new students adequate time to move in, take care of unfinished university business and otherwise complete orientation.

Another possibility is eliminating one or two holidays, such as Labor Day or the day before Thanksgiving. Both faculty and students have expressed dislike for this option, but according to Bundy, Monteith is leaning toward eliminating the Labor Day holiday.

Another equally unpopular option would eliminate the mid-semester break. Bundy, who is also the Commencement director, said the university is already trying to find a day to hold a fall commencement, and although he understands the students' positions, he said he is slightly biased in favor of finding a day for commencement instead of a reading day for the fall semester.

Bundy admitted he has not considered in depth the possibility of squeezing exams into one or two fewer days, but he feels such an action would cause many students to have conflicting exam schedules.

Another possibility Bundy dismissed is moving the last day of exams two days back. Bundy said he has already had numerous complaints about the semester ending too close to Christmas in the fall and too late in the spring.

Another option suggested by some, but unpopular with the faculty, is the elimination of one or two regular class days.

## Greeks elect new IFC officers

By Sharon Noe  
Staff Writer

The new officers of the Interfraternity Council were installed Nov. 21.

Serving on the Executive Committee for the 1992 year are Ed Stubbins, Phi Delta Theta, president; Kevin Williamson, Sigma Alpha Mu, vice president of standards; Jeff Long, Delta Sigma Phi, vice president of public relations; Tommy Boukris, Farm House, treasurer; Eric Kipp, Pi Kappa Alpha, secretary.

The new Executive Committee will have several projects to attend to, including the ongoing effort to

improve the image of fraternities.

Stubbins said he plans to improve the image "by making the NCSU community more aware of the service hours and money raised for charities from the NCSU fraternity system."

For example, "the NCSU Greek system raised in excess of \$39,000 for the Easter Seals society in the Greek Week Walkathon (last spring)," Stubbins said. Voting for officers took place Nov. 8-19. Fraternities conducted elections in their chapter meetings and turned a tally of the results in to the IFC. Each fraternity member was allowed one vote.

Nominations for the new officers were open Oct. 24 to Nov. 7. Any member of the IFC, which includes all fraternity members, can nominate candidates. Any active fraternity member in good standing with his fraternity and NCSU is eligible for nomination.

Sororities  
Fraternities

## Campus presents difficulties for those who use wheelchairs

By Chris Yau  
Staff Writer

Is there a separate campus for the disabled who are restricted to specially accessible routes and areas? Of course, there is not a geographically separate campus but being in a wheelchair can present a whole world of troubles.

Opening doors and just getting to class are daily activities for many students, but they are chores when your mobility is limited.

John Dixon, a freshman living in Syme Residence Hall, one of three fully accessible halls for wheelchair users, based his decision to attend NCSU on the Handicapped Student Services and the caring support of the coordinator, Pat Smith.

Dixon agrees with the Student Organization for the Differently Abled (SODA) that NCSU does not have a separate campus for those in wheelchairs.

"It's generally accessible, but they have a lot to do," said Dixon, adding, "I like it here ... (NCSU) really cares." Dixon takes advantage of the van service, priority scheduling and housing that the Handicapped Student Services offers. His only complaint is that the brick sidewalks get slippery when it rains.

Mike Gellar, a member of SODA, also stated, "I'm really impressed with the Handicapped Services ... they go out of their way. The only major complaint is

(SODA members) want another vehicle and driver."

Greg Jones, a transfer student from Coastal Carolina Community College who gets around by wheelchair, agreed that NCSU does not have barriers that would constitute two separate campuses.

"We (the handicapped students) all live among the student body," Jones said. Two campuses to Jones means being isolated. Jones

uses the priority scheduling, housing and counseling services

**"When this college was built, it was not built with handicapped people in mind—but they're trying."**

—Greg Jones

"Pat Smith is very good at what she does the administration and she gets things done; she cares," Jones said.

The Handicapped Student Services started in 1985 and since then, Pat Smith said she has seen a more aware, sensitive and vocal student body.

Renovation with accessibility for the disabled in mind began in the early 1970s. Lewis Clark, Associate Provost to Chancellor Monteith, explained that in 1973 the Rehabilitation Act was instituted by the federal government. Under section 504 of this act, universities

should aim to make programs accessible and remove barriers restraining disabled students. This law does not require total accessibility, only that universities make accommodations, said Becky French, General Counsel to the university.

In 1978, NCSU conducted a self-imposed study determining the degree of accessibility of each building. Currently, Brian Chase, the director of the Physical Plant, and French are compiling a report evaluating the 180 buildings on campus. This report evaluates how parking spaces, curb cuts and ramps, walks, doors, stairs, alarms, elevators and restrooms compare to the standard codes.

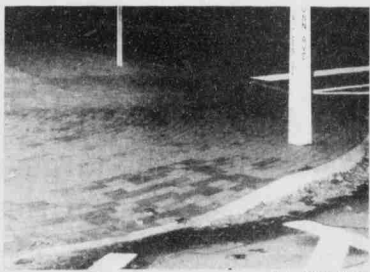
The report also describes accessibility, estimated cost, expected date of completion, and funding source, which can be the state, university or Physical Plant.

Although NCSU's campus is basically accessible for anyone who asks for assistance, Brian Chase said that "the lack of money devoted to solving this problem" is the reason the entire campus is not already accessible. In previous years, approximately \$100,000 has been given to solve this problem.

Another problem is prioritizing which renovations should be installed.

### • SERVICES

Roger Harding and Chris Hepler run the van service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Harding sums up their purpose as providing "a necessary service to people who have trouble getting across campus otherwise," although students must register to receive it. Jody Dixon, who uses this service, esti-



Robert Tuttle/Staff

Curb cuts such as this one make getting around campus a little easier for students in wheelchairs.



Robert Tuttle/Staff

Stairways are impossible for wheelchair users to climb.

estimated that about 10 people per day use the van.

One suggestion for a future project is to build a more accessible tunnel, estimated to cost \$3 million. Other suggestions include widening existing tunnels, adding more curb cuts and renovating older buildings



## Wolfpack falls to St. Louis

Booters miss chance at second straight Final Four appearance

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State's men's soccer team missed a chance to advance to the NCAA Final Four for the second straight year by losing to St. Louis University 3-0. St. Louis, ranked second in the nation, blanked the Wolfpack for only the second time all season, a span of 20 matches.

St. Louis forward Brian McBride scored two goals in the first half to ignite the crowd of 1,835 at Billiken Sports Center. State was never able to recover as the St. Louis defense, which has allowed only 0.56 goals per game, allowed the Wolfpack only one shot in the first half and just nine for game.

"The cold and the artificial turf affected our play, but St. Louis played a marvelous game," Wolfpack head coach George Tarantini said. "We never could get our timing down in the middle and front parts of the field. I wish we could have provided a better show for the fans that came out tonight, but St. Louis was exceptional on defense."

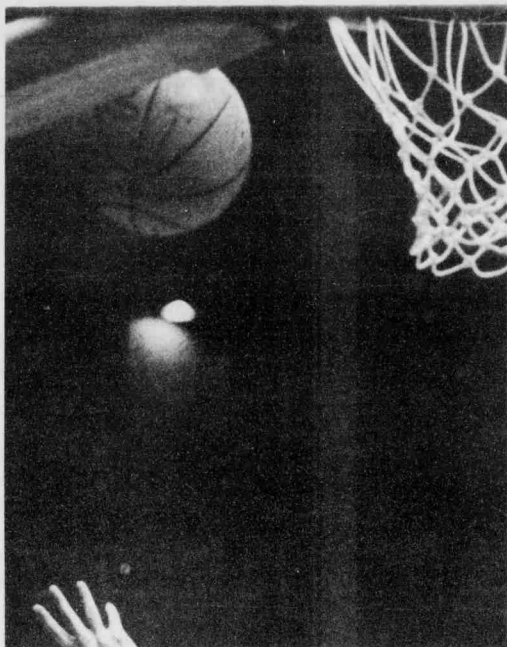
St. Louis, undefeated at home this season 12-0-1, raised its record to 20-1-2. The Billikens will make their first trip to the Final Four since 1974.

"Coming in I thought it would take three goals to win," St. Louis coach Joe Clarke said. "I didn't think we'd shutout a team as high-scoring and dangerous as N.C. State. After seeing them play Furman last week, I thought they'd score at least two goals. Tonight we proved we are one of the best defensive teams in the country."

The Wolfpack season ends with a 13-5-2 overall record. It was the last game for a group of six seniors, which includes 1990 and 1991 ACC Player of the Year Henry Gutierrez, Dario Brose, Alex Sanchez, Roy Lassiter, Dwayne Hampton and David Allred.



Tarantini



## Second half spurt lifts Pack over Western

By Jeff Drew  
Staff Writer

At halftime of its 101-79 victory over Western Carolina Saturday night, the N.C. State Wolfpack was a basketball team in need of a boost.

The Pack had fallen from a comfortable 12-point lead into a 49-49 halftime tie, courtesy of an 18-6 Catamount run over the last five minutes of the half. The Pack appeared a little frazzled going into the break. State fueled WCU's surge with several untimely turnovers, and the red-hot Wolfpack shooting that had given State the early lead went the way of its ball-handling.

To make things worse, the man expected to guide the Pack out of such uncomfortable predicaments, senior forward Tom Gugliotta, was misfiring and unable to find the range in the midst of a 12-minute scoreless streak. In the meantime, his Catamount counterpart, Terry Boyd, was red-hot and ripping through the Wolfpack defense for 19 first-half points. Taking the floor to begin the second half, the Pack knew it needed a spark to reignite its play.

Enter Mark Davis.  
The 6-5 freshman forward shocked and delighted the 6,200

Wolfpack boosters in Reynolds Coliseum by stepping up and providing that spark while taking control of the game with eight points, two offensive rebounds and an assist on a Kevin Thompson dunk, all in the first 3:37 of the half. Davis's spurt propelled the Pack back out to a nine-point lead, and State then rolled to improve to 2-0 on the young season.

"Coach Robinson told the team to be more assertive," said Davis, who was making his first collegiate start. "I just try to do what Coach asks of me, whether that's to hit the open shot or to sacrifice my body."

"Mark gave us a lot of help and we needed it," Gugliotta said. "Mark was very aggressive. You can see him building confidence. Getting more contributions from more players will only make this team stronger."

Davis was not the only Pack player to make an unexpectedly strong contribution. Sophomore point guard Adam Fletcher, a former walk-on from Raleigh's Sanderson High School, got the home folks excited by forcing three WCU turnovers in four possessions upon his entrance with nine minutes remaining and State still leading by just 78-71. Fletcher flustered the

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### Summary

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**SCORING** SLU Brian McBride assisted by Mike Sorber 13:04  
SLU Brian McBride assisted by Jeff Mika 32:22  
SLU Dan Merlo assisted by Mike Sorber 64:41

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NCSU (David Allred) 5

## Women's basketball team gets two holiday wins

Sports Staff Report

The Lady Pack of North Carolina State won the Ronald McDonald Wolfpack Classic by beating Villanova 102-55 on Friday and Minnesota 108-100 in an overtime thriller Saturday.

State dominated the Wildcats, connecting on 55 percent of their shots from the field and 75 percent from the line. The Lady Pack put five players in double figures and was led by sophomore Tammy Gibson. Gibson had 25

points and five rebounds and was followed by point guard Danyel Parker with 20 points and eight assists. Center and all-American candidate Rhonda Mapp chipped in with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Wolfpack jumped out to a 22-8 lead in the first

half and held a 50-27 margin at the half. The Pack never let up as junior forward Jenny Kuziemi had 14 points and six rebounds. Junior Ashley Hancock finished with 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Wildcats were led by junior Karen Connell's 12 points and four rebounds.



Mapp



Gibson

Nikki Benedix had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Minnesota captured a win over Georgia Southern by a score of 83-62, before falling to N.C. State in the title game. The Golden Gophers shot 53 percent from the field, while allowing the Lady Panthers a dismal 34 percent.

A 22-2 run midway through the first half put the contest to bed early and

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## Cagers to play Pitt in Challenge

Sports Staff Report

The third and final ACC-Big East Challenge begins this evening in Hartford, Conn., with a pair of games.

The first match-up will feature number-three seeds Wake Forest and Connecticut with the nightcap promising seventh-seeded N.C. State and Pittsburgh.

The made-for-television series is in its last year, but that doesn't take away from the intensity or pride of any of the schools involved.

State enters the event with a 2-0 record after defeating Florida International and Western Carolina.

"We've played a couple of teams that we're supposed to beat," Wolfpack head coach Les Robinson

said. "That's not to take anything away from Florida International and Western Carolina, but now it's time to roll up our sleeves and get ready for Pittsburgh."

"I hope we're ready to play a team like Pittsburgh," Robinson said.

"We're going to have to handle the ball against Pitt—that's our chief concern."

Pittsburgh is off to a surprisingly quick start. The 24th-ranked Panthers (3-1) have already played four games in the Big Apple NIT,

and responded well, shocking Kentucky in Lexington and falling only to 11th-ranked Oklahoma State, the eventual champion.

The faces have changed for Pitt, but Coach Paul Evans has put together a group of young, poised players and they have performed. Leading the cast are forward Chris McNeal and guard Sean Miller.



Robinson

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# Wolfpack runners compete at NCAA cross country meet

## Honea leads men to 11th place finish

### Sports Staff Report

The Wolfpack men improved on their pre-meet ranking of 13th, placing 11th with 290 points. Arkansas won the men's title with 52 points, the lowest total in 10 years.

"I don't think anyone outside our program thought at the beginning of the year our men would win the ACC and come within four points of a top-10 finish at nationals," Geiger said. "It says something about our guys that they're disappointed with this finish, but they had a very successful season and achieved some lofty goals."

State senior David Honea earned all-America honors, placing 22nd with a time of 31:04 for the 10,000-meter course.

"It was a really tough course, and it seemed like everyone was just trying to hang on the last half of the race," Honea said. "I was able to put myself in the top 25, and after that I just stayed there."

"It's amazing what David has done, going from 20th in the ACC to 22nd in the nation in one year," Geiger said. "That's the third-highest N.C. State finished ever. I'm pleased a senior was able to finish his career like that."

Junior Todd Lopeman placed 56th in 31:58. He was not only the second finisher for the Wolfpack, but also the second ACC runner to finish.

Freshmen Shane Garcia (86th) and Tony Riley (95th) had strong races in their first NCAA meet. Junior Chris Griggs completed the State scoring, finishing 117th.

"Our entire top five ran well, especially considering none of them had run an NCAA meet before," Geiger said. "It's very easy to get overwhelmed by the meet or feel satisfied with just qualifying, but we didn't have any drop off today."

"I don't know of any other team that put two freshmen in the top 100, and we did that even though Tony was running hurt," Geiger added. "Chris Griggs wasn't even in the top seven a month ago, but he has really come on and helped us a lot at the end of the season."

Senior Jason Eicholtz (156th) and sophomore Joe Tuttle (176th) completed the Wolfpack line-up.

"We have definitely re-established ourselves on the national level," Geiger said. "The exciting thing is that most of our team is back, and they've gotten very good experience. We'll be looking at even higher goals next year."

# Mapp gets tournament MVP honor

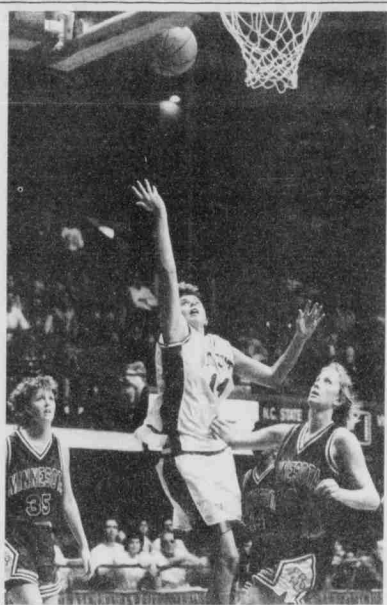
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gave the Gophers a shot at the Pack. Carol Ann Shudlick and Dana Joubert each had 20 points to complete the domination of Georgia Southern in every phase of the game.

Mapp again was the star in the championship game against Minnesota. The 6-3 senior came back to lead the Pack after sitting out in the second half in foul trouble. She finished with 31 points and seven rebounds en route to winning the tournament MVP.

The Golden Gophers held a 52-42 halftime lead, but the Pack came back strong in the second period. A 10-0 run tied the game and kept it close for the rest of regulation. Freshman Cara Pearson of Minnesota hit a layup with 26 seconds left to tie the game at 93 and send it into overtime. The Wolfpack outscored the Golden Gophers 15-7 in the extra period to seal the victory and give a strong Minnesota squad their first loss of the season.

Gibson and Parker came through once again with 25 and 20 points respectively.



Junior Krissy Kuziemi goes for a layup against Minnesota Saturday.

# Wrestlers get tie with Penn State

### Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State wrestling team got a big boost at the Penn State Duals by battling the host team to a draw Sunday afternoon. The match ended in a 23-23 tie after heavy-weight Sylvester Terkay pinned his opponent to finish the match.

The Pack also got big wins from Tom Best, Mark Cesari and Clayton Grice in the match. Head coach Bob Guzzo likened the tie with the nation's fifth ranked team to a victory because his team has been riddled with injuries early in the season.

Guzzo was also impressed with the effort that freshman Dan Madison gave wrestling in the 190 pound weight class.

"Despite our record, I'm really proud of the effort that my guys have given early in the season," Guzzo said. "If we can get healthy, we'll be ready when the conference season starts up."

Earlier in the weekend, the Pack dropped a pair of matches to Cornell and Clarion. Cornell bested the Pack 23-18, while Clarion pulled out a 29-12 win over State.

The winless Pack returns to action this weekend at the Lehigh Invitational.

# Student trainers provide on-field care

By Greg Spain  
Staff Writer

Billy Ray Haynes makes a bone-crunching tackle on a Carolina running back. Haynes is still down. He has a twisted ankle. Do you ever wonder who takes care of the injured players? Not many fans do.

On the sidelines are seven student trainers, a graduate assistant, an assistant head trainer and a head trainer.

Only a few football fans realize there are students who care for the injured Wolfpack players. Coach Dick Sheridan and the players know who they are. These lucky few get hands-on experience working with the athletes.

The student trainers are involved mostly with taping the players,

rehabilitation, first aid, preventive care and packing the medical equipment for travel games. That might not appeal to most people, but Greg Pleasants enjoys the position.

"I wouldn't trade being a trainer for anything in the world," Pleasants said. "I don't know what students who are just students do with their time. I mean, it's just fascinating to me."

Pleasants got his beginning in training back when he was in high school in Garner, N.C., where he was trainer for three years. He is currently in his fifth year as trainer for the N.C. State football team.

Wellington Adams is beginning his third year as trainer at State. He was active in track and football in high school but hooked on as trainer with the Wolfpack after Pleasants

convinced him to become a trainer.

"I got bored being a regular student," Adams explained. "But this way I know I'm going to go to class, eat, go to practice and after that, study. If you don't have it together, then you're not gonna make it. I think the biggest adjust-

ment I had to make as a trainer was with time."

"Being a trainer, we're usually busy about 15 hours a week, excluding game days, which are

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# Women plagued by sickness again

### Sports Staff Report

"We're cursed," N.C. State cross country coach Rollie Geiger said after last Monday's NCAA Cross Country Championships at Tucson, Ariz. "I thought maybe this year we had gotten bad luck out of the way at the district, but something always happens when we get to the NCAA meet."

The Wolfpack women, ranked fourth coming into the meet, finished a disappointing eighth when seniors Kim Dean and Katrina Price both became sick after arriving in Tucson for the race. This followed a pattern that has haunted State's women for years.

"People will stay healthy all year, and then get sick or hurt right before the NCAA," Geiger said. "Twice it cost us national titles. Last year it kept us out of the top 10. But this year the same kind of stuff happened in our district meet and we still qualified, so I thought we might be safe."

Senior Laurie Gomez-Henes had been one of the chief victims in the past, losing a shoe early in the 1989 race and running sick last year. But she had no problems this time, placing fourth and earning all-America honors for the second time.

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# Green emphasizes keeping opponents from scoring

By Greg Spain  
Staff Writer

Jesse Campbell, Joe Johnson and Fernando "Snake" Vinson are all drafted by the NFL. Worried? In step Sebastian Savage, Mike Reid, Billy Ray Haynes, Ricky Turner and David Merritt. Reggie Lawrence, Dwayne Washington and Ricky Logo are there too.

Most Wolfpack fans wondered doubtfully if this group could perform as well as the Pack defense did last year. Skeptics said they were inexperienced and lacked depth. Buddy Green knew better than to doubt his Wolfpack defense. Coming into his second year as the defensive coordinator for the

Wolfpack football team, he knew that he could have confidence in them.

"I liked this group of players before the season started. I had a lot of confidence in this group coming in with their ability and their willingness to work," Green said. "I knew they were anxiously waiting for their chance."

Wolfpack fans were anxious too. Unsure of the defense, fans were skeptical of the football team having much success this season. After a 9-2 season, few, if any, are doubtful

of the defense anymore.

"The biggest contribution early in the season," Green said, "was our offense's ability to control the ball. That definitely helped our defense."

Green has had his share of success with the N.C. State football team. In his playing days at State, he was on the 1972 football team, which won the Peach Bowl. Lou Holtz was the coach back then and he started Green on a successful career as a coach.

Green graduated from State in 1976 with a degree in speech communication. In his first year helping to coach, the Wolfpack team captured the ever-elusive ACC championship.

Since then he has coached at LSU and

Auburn before returning to his alma mater six years ago.

This year is his sixth as secondary coach and his second as defensive coordinator. His first year in charge of the defense will be hard to top, as the Wolfpack finished 10th in the nation in total defense.

"I don't really care about the statistics," Green said. "We emphasize the scoring defense, keeping the opponents out of the end zone."

"We also emphasize getting turnovers, which means being in the right position to make a hit and cause loose balls. By doing that, we create turnovers, which gives the offense a chance," said Green.

"The key in judging a defense, I think, is

the turnover margin and the points scored against the defense," Green said. "We've been put in situations where we've had to respond, and I feel we've been able to do that this year."

As most Wolfpack fans know, the defense has accumulated an extraordinary amount of turnovers this year. Currently, four of the top-10 interception leaders are part of the Wolfpack defense.

As Green said, however, "I don't play the game. I just get the defense prepared for game situations. (The players) are the ones who go out there between the white lines on Saturdays. I give all the success to them. They deserve all the credit for the success of the team this year."

## Davis lifts Pack over Western

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Catamounts with his defensive pressure and intensity while keeping the Pack's offense on an even keel with steady ballhandling.

"Adam did a super job," State head coach Les Robinson said. "He's working hard in practice and I thought he could handle the point guard job and he did."

Second-half heroics of any sort by the Pack appeared unnecessary early in the game as State threatened to bury WCU with a flood of three-pointers. Five different Pack players drilled treys as State knocked in 10 of its first 12 attempts from behind the line. Sophomore sharpshooter Migjen Bakali led the barrage by guiding five of his seven long-distance shots into the net on his way to 17 first half points.

But WCU managed to stay within striking distance of the Pack in the fast-paced first half by hitting on 61 percent of its shots. The smaller Catamounts took advantage of the bigger, slower Pack inside defenders by driving the lane for several baskets.

"It was such a fast-paced game and both teams were scoring so much it was like both teams went to sleep defensively," Robinson said. "Their size created some match-up problems for us and we had several guys guarding players that were three, four and five inches shorter than our guys."

"Defense was definitely a point of emphasis at the half," Robinson said.

And the Pack paid attention. State limited WCU to only 36 percent shooting in the second half, while holding Boyd to nine points on 3 of 11 shooting. The Catamounts finished 31 for 64 from the field for 48 percent while State hit 39 of 76 shots for 51 percent. State launched 32 treys, making 14, and chased enough of the long rebounds to grab 21 offensive boards en route to a staggering 50-22 advantage on the boards.

Gugliotta, despite shooting an uncharacteristic 11 for 25 from the floor, still led State in points (25), rebounds (10), assists (7) and steals (2). Bakali finished with six three-pointers and 22 points, while Davis chipped in 19 points, 16 in the second half. Kevin Thompson scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Boyd led WCU with 28 points. Maurice Williams added 17 and Robert Gains added 15 for the Catamounts, who dropped to 2-1 on the season.

## Trainers important for success

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usually 14-15 hour days. For away games, like Clemson, for example, we probably start about 8 a.m. and work until about 5 a.m. on Sunday morning. It becomes an all day affair with all the packing and everything."

"I have a great deal of respect for Mark Boatright, David Ciganek and Breon Klopp," Pleasants said. "They do this as a profession, which takes a lot of time, especially away from family. I guess they're so good at it because it's what they always wanted to do."

Both Pleasants and Adams respect the coaches and the doctors with whom they work. While working with major college sports, a trainer is able to meet people and travel to various locations with the football team.

"Being a trainer has been good to me," Pleasants said. "I've been to places I never would have been able to go otherwise. Being a trainer also has its perks. I've gotten a full ride through school and am treated the same as the players."

Sheridan treats his players and trainers like family. Everyone involved with Wolfpack football is taken care of and watched out for by Sheridan.

"The big thing with Sheridan is that everyone who starts here, he tries to keep here," Adams said. "He looks after his own and treats everyone the same."

With any successful program, there must be respect between all parties involved.

"There's mutual respect which goes both ways between everyone," Pleasants said. "Everyone realizes that so there's no conflict between the trainers and the players."

According to Adams, "In order to be a full-time trainer, you have to be a different breed of person. You live it, breathe it. You have to love it."

The next time you go to a Wolfpack football game, look behind the coaches and players for the little people. You will be surprised at how much they do for the success of the team.

## Runners finish 8th in NCAA

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"This was the best I've ever felt in a cross country race," Gomez-Henes said. "I lost some ground on a big hill at two miles, but I was able to catch back up and I still felt strong at the end."

Gomez-Henes finished the 5000 meter course in 16:49, 19 seconds behind Sonia O'Sullivan of Villanova, who won her second consecutive individual title.

Villanova also defended the team title with a score of 85 points. State finished with 202, just 18 points out of third and 34 points from the runner-up spot.

Price and Dean were the next finishers for State, taking 51st and 60th, respectively, but both were at least 30 places off where they expected to finish if healthy.

"We're were fortunate to have Katrina and Kim at all, given their condition," Geiger said. "But on the other hand, if even one of them has a good race, we get third, and if they both had been on, we would've finished second."

Freshman Kathy Knabb (84th) and Jen Norton (87th) completed the Wolfpack scoring. State's depth showed, as they trailed only champion Villanova at the fifth spot.

"This was probably an eye-opening experience for our freshmen, running in a meet this size, but they still had very solid races," Geiger said. "Their running this well gives us a lot to build on next year."

Senior Danielle Benoit was 133rd for State in her last collegiate meet. Sophomore Monica McHenry was 151st.

Geiger said the meet was a frustrating one for State.

"We're glad to get back into the top 10, but it's really tough when only 18 points separate third and eighth and you come in on the back end of that," he said. "It's even more frustrating knowing we could've run so much better, and having four seniors who won't get another chance."

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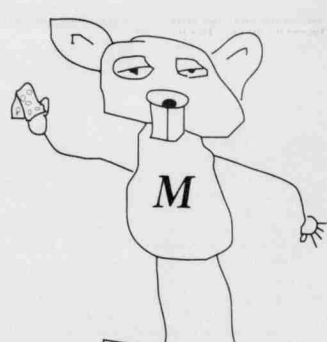
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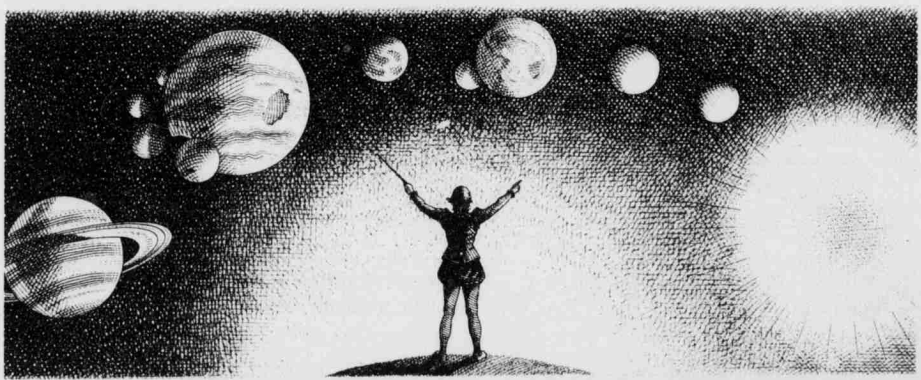
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## Editorials

### Cheating must be stopped

**R**ecent allegations of rampant academic cheating should take no one by surprise. Everyone has seen the quick glance over the shoulder, the sharing of homework and the use of cheat sheets. Students plagiarize, collaborate, falsify biographies, help others cheat and cheat on tests with alarming regularity. According to the majority of studies, at least 50 percent of college students have cheated at least once. One only has to look as far as the classifieds of our own newspaper to see evidence of the prevalence of cheating. For \$2, one can order a catalog of 18,500 term papers.

The problems with cheating are obvious. The innocent are penalized as the cheaters alter class curves and move up in overall class rank without learning. Unfortunately, the solutions to the problem are not as obvious.

One thing is certain — cheating is a reflection of the current overemphasis on quantitative measures of learning. Students are clearly getting the message: It is more important to get a good grade than it is to learn. If the universities of this nation were to emphasize learning over grades, cheating would be much less of a problem. But grades do provide a useful function; they identify the intelligent and the dedicated. Grades are not going to be abolished, nor should they be. But educators should be aware of the dangers of an overemphasis on grades and an underemphasis on learning.

Educators can help the problem by eliminating all but the most essential grading. Educators currently encourage cheating by grading assignments that students can easily copy or take from the back of the book, such as daily homework and foreign language labs. Such work should be assigned but should not be graded. Educators should grade only projects, papers, tests and quizzes, when cheating is easier to detect. Projects and papers assigned outside of class should be balanced by in-class projects and papers in order to discover discrepancies in performance. Tests should be balanced with pop quizzes which would help ensure attendance. During all tests and pop quizzes, educators should keep their eyes on the class, not on their desks.

Many educators will argue that it is students' responsibility to be honorable, but such an argument is ridiculous. This is a capitalist nation and good grades mean money. There will always be the dishonorable who cheat as long as this is the case. The honorable should let it be known that they will not put up with cheating, however. After all, they are the ones getting the shaft. But students' reports of cheating alone will never prevent cheating. As in all educational aspects, educators and students must work together.

### NCSU supports diversity

**A** recent UNC-Chapel Hill study revealed that the Chapel Hill campus "offered a 'chilly' reception to women, gays, minorities and the disabled, falling short in its efforts to attract a diverse student population." N.C. State University has never conducted such a study; perhaps NCSU has already created a diverse student population.

NCSU is certainly making efforts to create a diverse campus atmosphere through projects such as "Take Back the Night," which supports of rape prevention, and "Blue Jeans Day," which supports gay and lesbian rights. Forums sponsored by various campus organizations, such as the Women's Resource Coalition, are also attempting to unite students of different cultures in order to increase communication and understanding. A recent forum sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council and the University Scholars Program on the origins of Greek organizations and African-American stepping is also an example of this effort. Also at NCSU is the African-American Cultural Center, which promotes African-American awareness throughout campus.

However, NCSU can make further improvements. NCSU should provide more facilities for the handicapped and disabled. In addition, students should never be hostile or rude toward gays and lesbians — they have the same rights and privileges as everyone. Moreover, all races should encourage open communication, avoid prejudice and work together. And lastly, all men should lose their last vestiges of male chauvinism.

NCSU should perform a study similar to UNC-Chapel Hill's to see if these and other efforts are successfully contributing to a productive campus and to determine what further actions can be taken to ensure a diverse and accepting university.

### Quote of the Day

"There's never enough time to do all the nothing you want."

—Bill Watterson

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# DINING HALL FOOD..



## EVER WONDERED WHERE THE SQUIRRELS GO?

### Columns

### Soviets need distribution, not food

One of The News & Observer's Nov. 21 headlines read: "Soviets will get food aid." This is slightly old news, but with the present administration, criticism springs eternal.

The U.S. government is giving the Soviet Union \$1.5 billion in economic aid; it thinks the Soviets won't have enough food this winter. Supposedly, our economy will be stimulated from the aid, because the Soviets will use the loans to buy our grain. One major anxiety is that while the republics are breaking apart, parts of the nuclear arsenal might fall into the hands of who knows who. As Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said, "... an unstable Soviet Union represents a horrible threat to the safety of the planet."

Giving economic aid seems a heroic move, but let's break it down and analyze it. First, consider the food situation. CNN's Nov. 20 Crossfire broadcast featured Soviet Analyst Hendrick Smith and the current world chess champion, a Soviet freedom fighter. Surprisingly, both parties agreed that the Soviet Union has "enough" food. The chess champ said distribution was the problem. They don't need our aid for more food.

Financial aspects create another problem. The aid money is coming mostly from private loans backed by the U.S.

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government. In a Nov. 6 column, Patrick Buchanan mentioned a shocking statement made by Grigory Yavlinsky, Gorbys' pet economic reformer. The world banks had estimated the Soviet gold reserves at \$25-32 billion, but Yavlinsky recently admitted that it's under \$3 billion. Buchanan wrote that the Soviet Union has "... less than \$3 billion in gold to back up an estimated debt of \$70-75 billion — \$10-15 billion of which comes due by the end of '91." Our own troubles in debt government is backing private loans to a country that cannot pay its bills. The Japanese are doing better economically than we are. Why don't they take on the world?

And who does our aid feed? Not hungry Soviets, I'm afraid. The News & Observer said "... the Bush administration sought to give the struggling central Soviet government an injection of authority." Why? Isn't it obvious that aid to the Soviet machine of communism is delaying the

progress of the very people the aid is designed to help? The Soviet government holds the republics together. Feed it, and it stays around. Our government, seriously in debt, is putting billions into an unstable scenario. We're fooled by the rhetoric that says our aid is the only way to avoid nuclear risk. Shevardnadze may say that an unstable Soviet Union is a global threat, but economic aid, when the problem isn't food but its distribution, isn't going to solve anything. Is our aid really going to stop the ensuing revolutions? Birth pains are inevitable. If anxious republics rebel against the still-existing Soviet government, there could be a scramble for those weapons, regardless of what we do. The republics, needing a hand-out from Sugar Daddy Bush, wouldn't think of aiming missiles at us.

It would have been reasonable for the United States to offer to help distribute the food it already has. We had a chance to starve communism without starving people. Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., said, "Let's not subsidize communism — let's end it." Those are wise, visionary words, but the New World Order marches on.

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### The discriminated describe reality

I am responding to Bret Taylor's letter, "The discriminated should question themselves," which appeared in Technician Oct. 21, 1991. I would like to answer a few of his questions as well as pose a few of my own.

I would like to correct his "bottom line" of what discrimination is. It is not, as he states, when "someone or some group feels cheated out of their prerogatives or insulted by beliefs that don't agree with theirs." Discrimination is the denial of one's rights as an equal tax-paying citizen by a group which believes they have all the answers and all the rules to live by — rules which must be followed.

As for the "benefits" of hiring quotas, they help some females and non-whites get jobs. However, examine the word minority and it's many connotations. A minority usually is discriminated against, especially by companies that strongly value the all white, straight male tradition that Taylor recommends. As minorities, we must demand more than we want to simply get what we need. It's like buying a house. You ask a higher price than what you want, knowing that the amount will be lowered during negotiations. Quotas simply ensure that some minorities will be hired. While this may seem like a "benefit," it hardly compares to the privileges that the majority enjoys.

To address his question, "Do my

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beliefs/actions infringe upon others (e.g., explaining to an impressionable child homosexual public displays of affection)? I would like to say that many children ask where babies come from after seeing a pregnant woman, and yet we let these expectant mothers leave their houses occasionally! I would also like to say that any public display of affection is difficult to explain to children because they are all impressionable. Does a parent explain that a man kisses a woman because they are lovers, does the parent explain that a kiss is how two people who love each other in a special way express love, or does the parent tell the child that he or she is not yet old enough to fully understand? It is my belief that asking homosexuals to hide their love for each other is selfish. I must now ask Taylor whether his beliefs or actions infringe upon others.

I would also like to point out that as a homosexual, I do not feel comfortable participating in public displays of affection. This is not because I am particularly reserved, but because I like my teeth the

way they are and my nose has never been broken. That is what might be called a nuance of discrimination.

Taylor suggests we put ourselves in the other person's position. I wonder how he would feel if he were gay? What would he feel if his father disowned him, people laughed at him, some law books said that he was a criminal and he couldn't walk around at night knowing that North Carolina leads the nation in hate crimes against homosexuals? He would, in my opinion, feel discriminated against, for the previous sentence contains the true definition of discrimination.

I suggest that before he has us becoming "more realistic" he consider what it would be like to be that other person. He needs to think about why we want what we want and look in the mirror and be honest about what he sees. I do not, however, suggest that he tell those of us who are discriminated against how to feel, what actions to take or even what questions we should be asking. His realism is too polite, too nice to be used in conjunction with the word discrimination, a word which requires realism untainted by rose-colored glasses.

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### Student finally says enough is enough, DOT

I have had enough of N.C. State University's Department of Transportation wanting money and charging outrageous prices for parking stickers and offenses. Sticker prices reflect the economic law of supply and demand, but it has gotten ridiculous.

DOT decided to make more money this year by changing parking permit zones. All of the spaces that line the practice field side of Cates Avenue and the spaces that face the field on Morrill Drive were changed from E to C permits. This is absurd; it leaves only the only E permit zones on the upper half of Morrill Drive and the area around the Dining Hall and Sullivan Residence Hall. People who hold these E permits have only this limited space to park in, and there are usually other permit holder groups parked in these zones. I have noticed that people holding CC and CD permits park in the E spaces along Morrill Drive. I thought DOT was going to enforce those permit holders to park in CC and CD zones only. Also, I thought that commuters were the

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only ones allowed to possess those types of stickers. I know some people living on campus who own these stickers.


If DOT had any intelligence at all, it would have made all of Morrill C zone or left it the way it was last year, instead of leaving the students who must park there because they live on that side of campus. DOT might want to check an applicant's record to see just where they will be living on campus and assign stickers accordingly. Where is all of that money DOT collects with parking fines? The parking Nazis are out and about at 4:45 p.m. giving tickets to poor souls who come to campus to study, work out at the gym or visit friends. This is highly unnecessary — most of the people using those spaces have already left or are leaving. Is someone at DOT embezzling all of this money, or is it going to the general fund?

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### Outstanding Barbour impresses student

As I watched an outstanding performance by Anthony Barbour on the football field, I was impressed. The opening play was a dash for 75 yards and a touchdown. Later, as the pressure got higher, he continued to turn in an outstanding day as he rolled on to 171 yards on 24 carries, great by any standard. But I could not drown out the boos behind me by many fans who jeered any rush he made under eight yards. These fans expected Barbour to score every time he touched the ball. I watched him at Garner and for three years at N.C. State University, and I have seen him mature into an important part of the Wolfpack team's success. I cannot help but be outraged at some fans who "support" the team. Barbour has done great things for NCSU. There are many people who are glad that he chose to attend NCSU. I hope that he is happy with his choice.

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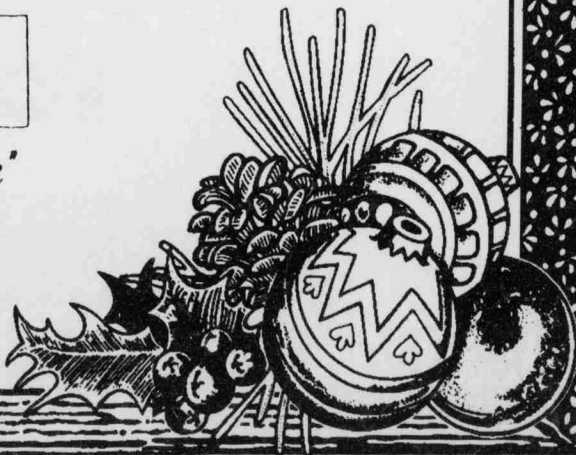
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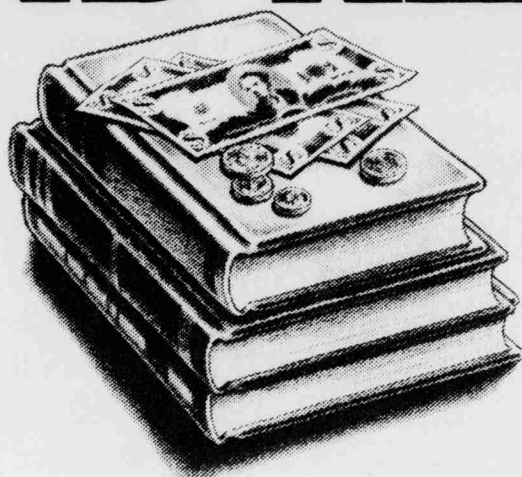


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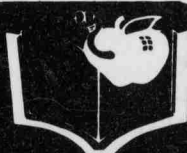
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**By Nancy C. Hayes**  
Staff Writer

'Tis the season to browse and buy, to spend and spend more. But what can you buy for under \$10 in nearby shops?

From sparkling jewelry to paperback mysteries, inexpensive gifts are nestled in shops near campus on Hillsborough Street. DJ's News and Book Center offers nifty Christmas gifts that will brighten the faces of many and won't break your budget.

DJ's has striped umbrellas in orange, yellow, red, black and white on sale for \$9.50. Fun books like *The Addams Chronicles*, which contains everything you ever wanted to know about the Addams Family, is \$10 in paperback.

book of top-10 lists from the *Late Night* with David Letterman. Writers are also in paperback for \$10. *Page-A-Day* calendars such as *Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth 1992* by the Earthworks Group range from \$8-10. The *Berenstain Bears' Earthsaver Calendar* is \$9.95. DJ's also offers N.C. State University license plates in assorted colors and designs for \$2.95.

A short walk from DJ's will bring you to Delour, which is next to the *Late Night* Delour specializes in fun, unique gifts. Selections include assorted zany picture magnets for \$3.50 and miniature garden soaps in floral tins for \$4.00.

Sterling silver jewelry and figurines beckon from within the Electric Company Mall. Dragons-N-Dreams tempts Christmas shoppers with sterling silver rings for \$6, silver sword earrings for \$7.50 and an owl pin, earrings, necklace and box all-in-one for \$5.75. Dragons-N-Dreams also has unicorn rocking horse figurines for \$10 and semi-precious polished stone necklaces for \$6.

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## New merchandise not just for the kiddies

**By Lisa Welborn**  
Assistant Sidetracks Editor

**S**hopping — it's something a lot of us look forward to, but as Christmas draws near, the thought gets increasingly tedious. Gift shopping for the holidays doesn't have to be difficult. With a little planning and great gift ideas, it can be easy and even fun.

New items pop up everywhere for the holiday season. Whether you're buying for kiddies or buddies, there is something new for everyone.

Toys are a favorite gift for young and old. For example, an old favorite has been remodeled. Light Brite, the game with the colored pegs and illuminated screen (ring any bells?), has been transformed into Lights Alive. The new version

uses built-in colored light screens instead of pegs which get lost and swallowed.

Another variation on an old idea is MagnaDoodle. This game uses magnetic beads behind plastic to make pictures. This new edition features magnetic stampers to make more detailed designs.

If you are a traditional toy shopper, there are still the old reliable toys with new themes. Barbie, for instance, has a new, fun food shop, and the dolls that crawl and cry have even more human characteristics.

For more sophisticated toys, board games may be the way to go. *Mall Madness* is the bargain-hunting game in which players get their own bank accounts and credit cards. Charging it in the game is probably a lot safer than charging in

at Crabtree Valley Mall. Other board games include Taboo and Huggermugger, both twists on familiar word games.

If toy lovers aren't the only ones on your list, another option is clothes. For ladies, try a pair of leggings. They are popular and versatile. Available in every color and length, leggings can be worn year-round. They are relatively inexpensive and a practical gift.

If you want to spend a little more, check out the floral-patterned blouses. And, as always, accessories make perfect presents. Merchants agree accessories are one of the most sought-after gift items.

Believe it or not, men like to get clothes as

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# Perfect gifts for siblings

By Denise Parkes  
Staff Writer

All year long you battle with them. You fight over the phone, the chores, the bathroom and anything else you can find to argue about.

Then, all of a sudden, it's Christmas and you're forced to succumb to the peaceful Christmas spirit. It's time to put aside the sibling rivalry and be sickeningly sweet to your brothers and sisters. After all, Santa doesn't like it when brothers and sisters argue. Remember, no presents for you.

So now you're left to find the perfect present for the one hardest to buy for. Depending on your budget and the age of your sweet sibling, there is a wide range of gift ideas.

For those of you with young brothers and sisters, hit the closest toy store. There you'll find dolls, Barbies and stuffed animals that are perfect for young sisters. For the brothers, some favorites are race cars, train sets and any kind of action figures.

When they start growing out of toys, don't worry. There are plenty of ideas left. Sisters love new clothes. Any kind will do. Just add to her wardrobe and she'll be happy. If clothes are too expensive, make-up and any kind of jewelry are popular favorites.

Also, hair pieces, pocketbooks and scarf and glove sets are good for stylish accents.

When brothers get older, the shopping is considerably harder. Guys tend to be more picky when it comes to clothes, so be careful if you take a chance with

wardrobe selections. Tapes and CDs, card and board games, magazine subscriptions and gift certificates are all good choices for the brother who seems impossible to buy for.

If you're buying for siblings who are college-bound (or already there), chances are you can't go wrong by getting something you want or need. Buying for brothers and sisters in their college years is, for the most part, similar.

For those siblings who are still at home, stationery, stamps and long-distance gift certificates are perfect gifts. Also, paintings, posters and picture frames are helpful for decorating your sibling's room. Clock radios and answering machines are good if you've got more money to spare. If all else fails, clothes and good ol' cash will always be greatly appreciated.

When it comes to older brothers and sisters, Christmas shopping depends upon the situation. In other words, if you're shopping for a bachelor, your list will differ greatly than if you're shopping for someone with a spouse and children.

Keep in mind that any kind of video-game system is good for brothers and sisters of all ages. Nintendo, Game Boy and Genesis are favorites. Of course, this gift would probably be best if you have help from Mom and Dad. Or if they already have a game system, add a new game to their collection.

Whatever gift you choose, at least pretend you like your sibling this Christmas holiday. Who knows? It might be nice for a change.



Ava Johnson/Staff

Many students will purchase tapes, CDs and albums as gifts for family and friends. This year's top artists include Michael Jackson, Natalie Cole, Paul McCartney, Harry Connick Jr. and Mariah Carey.

## Fun gifts for family members

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much as women. For a fashionable man, a roomy paisley-print shirt can dress up an ordinary pair of jeans. Also a variety of new watch styles are out for Christmas. Whether you desire a dressy gold tone with a leather band or a sporty waterproof with a timer, there are dozens of choices to suit any guy's taste.

For the sporty guy, how about a pair of Umbro soccer shorts? Available at sporting goods stores, these shorts are practical for playing sports or just lounging around.

Or how about a book of North Carolina hiking trails, a canteen or

fanny pack? Great Outdoor Provision Company carries everything for the outdoorsy-type on your list.

Music is also a great gift. Several artists have put out new tunes in time for the holidays. If rap is a favorite, look for new albums from M.C. Hammer and Ice Cube. In the pop category, Genesis' "We Can't Dance" and "Rush Street" by Richard Marx are fresh on the racks. If you're looking for a funky soul sound, new tracks from Prince and Michael Jackson are sure to please. Alternative rock group Nirvana offers a bold sound with "Nevermind." Garth Brooks will

please country fans with his new album, "Ropin' the Wind." If your music lover likes video, look for Rod Stewart and a Beatles video of their first trip to the United States. If all else fails, the frustrated shopper is sure to please with a gift certificate from a favorite store or mall.

The secret of shopping is having fun and keeping a good attitude. When you begin to lose your patience with slow check writers and exhausted merchants, remember the holidays are a time for peace and joy. And you just may have to leave the mall to find it.

## Hillsborough St. offers diversity

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metics that will certainly delight your special someone.

Gifts from the heart are always special, and they can be constructed for only a few dollars. Christmas sweet treats such as cookies and peanut butter snowballs are fun and easy to make. For really simple cookies, just a grocery store for a package of ready-made sugar cookie dough. Then pick up a package of candy, (candy about \$5), plain holiday M&M's (\$2), a container

of colored sugar (75 cents). Decorate your cookies prior to baking and give them as welcomed, thoughtful presents. Given in decorative tins, this homemade gift will cost only about \$7.

Peanut butter snowballs are simple and delicious. Roll chilled peanut butter into balls and place them on waxed paper. Then roll the balls into grated coconut and sprinkle with powdered sugar. This treat runs about \$4 and is great for roommates and nearby family and friends.

Spiced teas, made from a tea base

with added Tang and cinnamon, are wonderful holiday gifts. Recipes and exact proportions are available on most tea tins and on the label of Tang jars. Give the tea in a clear Mason jar decorated with ribbon. Homemade teas are a special treat for relatives and friends alike. And they are available for well under \$10.

Christmas shopping near campus is fun and easy, especially on Hillsborough Street. With a discerning eye and a little patience, great gifts for under \$10 are only foot-steps away.

## Buying gifts for the folks

By Ginny Wells  
Staff Writer

Christmas? Yes, it is that busy, festive season again, and you are faced with the dilemma of what to get Mom and Dad. Every year it seems like you buy them the same gifts—a tie for Dad (even though he never wears them) and a spatula for Mom. Well, this year it is time to be different.

The first step to finding a great gift for Mom and Dad is to ask yourself "What do they like?" "Do they collect anything?" "Do they ask for anything in particular?"

Figuring out what they like is an excellent start for gift ideas, because it allows you to at least get some idea of where you can go and what to look for. It may even give you the perfect idea. Say your dad likes cars. You could get him a subscription to Car and Driver magazine or something ornamental for his car.

If your mom likes earrings, that could be a great gift for her, and you could even get her several



Ava Johnson/Staff

Finding that perfect gift for your parents may not be as difficult as it seems. Purchase their favorite novel from a local bookstore.

pairs. Detour on Hillsborough Street has a huge selection to choose from to fit a lot of different personalities.

If either one of your parents collects anything, you can feel very lucky. Adding to a prized collection is a wonderful idea. For instance, my mom collects elephants. She has well over 200, but no matter where I go I seem to find another elephant to add to her collection.

Christmas is a great time to look

for collectible items. This type of gift doesn't have to be expensive either. My mom's elephants range in size, so it is very easy to get her a small to medium size elephant that is beautiful, and the price is just right size, too. The same idea can very easily apply to Dad.

Your Christmas gift to Mom or Dad could be something they have

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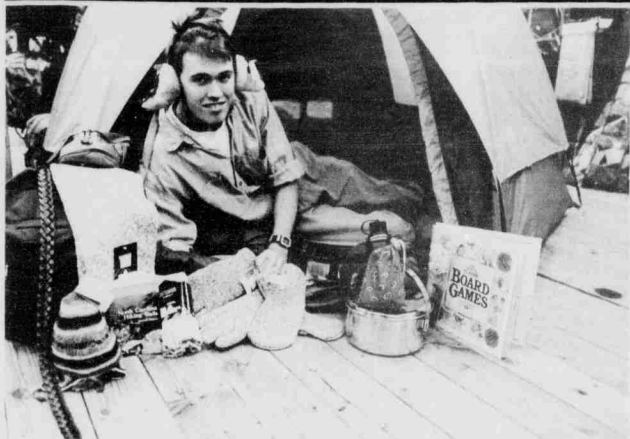
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## Surprising the roommates

By Kim Stephens  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. Bells are ringing. Children are laughing. You meet smile after smile. And on every street corner you hear... clocks ticking. As Christmas approaches, we all feel the pressure of gift buying. Though we try our best not to wait until the last minute, somehow it always happens, and there is one person who always provides an extra special challenge — your roommate.

Roommates are amazingly complex people. Some live with you a whole semester before you even learn their middle names. Other roommates stay with you for two days, and you learn their entire life stories.

Of course, we all know about the roommate who has everything, because we borrow from this person all the time. Then there are roommates who need everything, and they borrow everything from us. Even though some roommates never become much more than people who live together, now and then roommates develop a special

friendship that promises to last.

The types of gifts exchanged may reflect and indicate the kind of relationship you and your roommate actually have. It takes a great deal of insight to figure out what your roommate actually wants or needs.

New roommates may not feel comfortable buying each other gifts after the first semester if they still don't know each other well. However, one student described buying his roommate a theme package, containing such items as a car wash sponge, Armor-all, etc.

Female roommates may buy each other such toiletries as earrings or perfume. Old roommates often purchase clothing items for each other — gloves, scarves or maybe a nice shirt.

Once you are aware of your roommate's interests, you may purchase tapes, CDs or books according to your roommate's tastes. The important thing, whether you are male or female, new roommate or old, is to put some thought into what you buy. If you consider your roommate's personality and interests and use plenty of imagination, you will more than likely find just the right gift.

So when you feel time is running out, and you have a gigantic headache replacing Christmas cheer, remember some of these suggestions. A college roommate is someone you may not think much about now, but years from now you'll have your own special memories. And some of the most special ones may be that of Christmas gift exchanges.

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## Buying that special gift for the significant other

By Anne Marie Yerks  
Staff Writer

Just when the semester ends and you think you're free and clear for at least three weeks, Christmas season comes and brings along with it the anxiety of picking out perfect gifts for everyone on your list.

Perhaps the most difficult decision of all is what you will give to your significant other. Giving gifts is especially worrisome for couples because it involves a lot of emotion. But there are ways to avoid the gift dilemma and make this Christmas the happiest one ever for both of you.

Instead of facing the mad rush on Christmas Eve, think ahead: Has she been hinting for something for months? Remember, there might be a reason she keeps dragging you into the Sportman's Cove to look at that red ski jacket.

Can you think of anything you know that your sweetheart needs? If he is a computer buff, wouldn't he just love to get that new software package?

Sometimes it's not a bad idea to turn to the friends or family of your boyfriend; they might know of something that could help you out. But beware, some parents might unintentionally give you a not-so-hot idea. Let's say that your girlfriend's mother suggests that you buy a new book of piano music. Think hard.

Have you ever heard your sweetheart play the piano or even mention it? If not, then chuck the idea.

If you're really stuck, cruise the malls, and remember to do this early in the season. Your price range should be determined by your own budget and also by the length of time the two of you have been going out. You don't want to buy him a quadraphonic stereo system if you've only been dating two weeks.

Here are some suggestions to get you started.

•Fifty dollars or less can buy a videotape of his or her favorite movie, a jewelry box, a wallet, a Walkman, a computerized spell checker, wireless headphones or a coffee maker.

•In the \$50-100 price range you could buy a telephone with built-in answering machine, a pair of running shoes, a sweater, an electric blanket, a camera or a puppy.

•Those of you who can afford to spend over \$100 might want to check out VCRs, televisions, skis, jewelry or CD players.

•Try to avoid buying clothing unless you are really sure of your boyfriend's or girlfriend's taste. Also avoid perfume or cologne; some people prefer not to wear it. Keep in mind that the best present is one that you feel good about and have put some thought into.



## Searching for perfect Christmas gifts

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said they want. It could be anything, but it would make a perfect gift. They will feel good because you remembered what they wanted, and they will enjoy the gift, too.

If you are still having trouble deciding what to get them, plan a day to go to a mall and browse. Look around with a general idea of what you want. Some things you might consider for Mom are: perfume, a blouse, bubble bath, slippers for cold feet, a craft project, a pen set for her desk, gloves, accessories for her hair and clothing, or a manicure set.

Gift ideas for Dad could include: cologne, a new shirt, handkerchiefs, a model to put together, a new tool or tackle box or a pen set for his desk.

Don't forget that Mom and Dad like fun things, too. You could get really fun gifts for either one of them that are also useful. Instead of just getting plain slippers for your mom, buy her cute slippers in the shape of an animal. Be creative and open-minded to what they might like, because it leaves you with a wide range of gift ideas to choose from. Fun gifts are also fun to buy and are usually sure to bring a smile to anybody's face — even to parents you think don't like anything.



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Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals H

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**ACROSS**

1 Suffer recession?

4 Burn a bit

9 Gumbo base

12 Postal Creed

13 Re planes and such

14 Anthropologist

15 Slads

17 Montreal athlete

18 Im-

19 Future flamingo

21 Choice words?

22 Is to do-

26 One's per-

29 Nave

31 Jot

32 Disen-

33 Origin

34 Football fill

35 Pized pos-

36 Small change

37 Raises glasses

39 "Eureka!"

40 Noled

41 "L.A. Law" co-creator

42 Wellington, for

43 Brics-a-

44 Brings

45 expellee

46 "L.A. Law" co-creator

47 Siamese

48 Some poultry

49 Frog-

50 Kisses' reward

51 Clamp

52 Group of atoms, abbr.

53 "Hear ye!"

54 Flawless locale

55 Sailors

Solution time: 28 mins.

**DOWN**

55 - Jima

1 Noun

2 Suffix

3 Wellington, for

4 Brics-a-

5 Brings

6 the food

7 Pays attention

8 Timetable

9 Kane's

10 Siamese

11 The end

12 Dry, hollow

13 Ronny

14 the Daytons

15 Not

16 Selected

17 Olympic

18 swimmer

19 Humiliate

20 Half-

21 prefix

22 Brag

23 European

24 Love seat

25 capacity

26 Trigger

27 treat?

28 "We - not

29 amused"

30 Resem-

31 bling; suffix

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