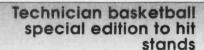


# Wolfpack falls to Seahawks in first regular-season game

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# Student holidays mired in work

By Michele Borowsky

With presents to buy, semester expenses to pay and the need to support West Raleigh's pizza houses and beer parlors, many N.C. State University students won't get much of a break over the Christmas halidave.

some in Raleigh and others back home.
"I work whenever I come home, whether it's a holiday or just a weekend," said Amy Culbreth, a freshman in engineering. So does Nicky Williams, a freshman in chemical engineering. "I plan to work at the same place I worked over the summer," she said, "a gynecologist's office." Culbreth said she's not worried about money for Christmas presents, "because I worked this patheak. This Christmas I'm focusing more on money for books." Some students are still unsure if they'll have to work over semester break.

"I will probably work. I may and I may not - number one to buy gifts and number two, to buy books for next semester."

> - Eric James junior civil engineering

"I probably will work. I may and I may not — number one, to buy gifts and number two, to buy books for next semester," said fire James, a junior in civil engineering. Mark Sutton, a sophomore in English, is wavering also. "I'm not sure if I'll be working this vacation," he said, "I guess it depends if my parents want to give me some money for gifts and spring semester."

JoAnna Smith, a freshman in electrical engineering, looks forward to Christmas, but not because it's a break.

"It's going to be hard," she said.
"But working two jobs will take the pressure off my parents and allow me to pay some of my own expens-

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You can bunk on it

Kelsi Little readies herself for the finals crunch in a comfortable place: her room in Alexander Hall.

# Fraternity sells Christmas trees to help Garner school

An N.C. State University fratemi-ty is playing Santa Claus for some local elementary school students. For the second year in a row, Delta Chi fraternity is raising money for Rand Roads school by selling Christmas trees. The Garner school will receive ten percent of the total profits from the sale, said Delta Chi President Richard Moore. "We do it to raise money for the

"We do it to raise money for the elementary school," he said. Last year, a portion of the money from tree sales went toward the purchase of books for the school's library.

assistants at Rand Roads after his mother, a teacher at the school, asked if the fraternity could help the school overcome budget cuts. The trees are Frazier firs from the Wolf Creek tree farm in Cullowee, N.C. and range in height from 6 to II feet, said Mitch Abernathy, the brother who acquired the trees, Prices run from \$30 to \$50 depending on the height, Abernathy said. The fraternity tries to offer competitive prices, Albernethy said, and will negotiate somewhat. People should shop early for a good tree, he said.

ne selection."

Delta Chi began with 110 trees and have about 90 left, he said.

The trees are better than average

quality and don't have any bad sides. Moore said.

"I feel like our trees are pretty good quality," h. They're conical."

The trees are on display in mone of the house located at 3414 Hilbsborugh Street near the corner of Gorman Street and will be or sale through Christmas Eve or until they are all sold, Moore said.

# **NCSL** gives students say in state law

By David Newton

Some N.C. State University stu-dents are a part of a group that has nearly half of their ideas passed into law for the state of North

nearly half of their ideas passed into law for the state of North Carolina. The students are members of the NCSU Delegation of the North Carolina Student Legislature. Forty percent of the legislation presented by NCSL becomes North Carolina state law, said Amy Henderson, NCSU delegation champerson. "It's a way to get your voice heard," Henderson said. NCSL is a student run organization in its 56th year that is modeled after the General Assembly. It was started by Douglas Carlyle, a professor from South Carolina. About 20 colleges and universities in North Carolina have delegations to NCSL. All the delegations gather mouthly for "Interim Councils" at various college sites. They also attend a legislative session held annually in the old meet

# Reasons to get involved in NCSL

Gain knowledge of government

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ing rooms in the capitol.

Interim Councils are weekendlong meetings during which the
legislatures debate and vote on student-authored resolutions. During
the yearly session, scheduled for
March 24-28, the legislature is
divided into a house and a senate
and operates like the General
Assembly; proposing, debating,
and voting on bills.
Each delegation elects two senators and the remaining members go
to the House. Legislation passed by
NCSL is presented to members of
the General Assembly and, on
occasion, corporations, Henderson
said.

A law authorizing license plates
that feature collegiate toops lates

said.

A law authorizing license plates that feature collegiate logos is an example of a resolution that began in student legislature and passed the General Assembly, Henderson

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the General Assembly, Henderson said.

The NCSL will consider bills dealing with subjects such as religious freedom, abortion, bintchhisting, recycling, environmental protection and taxation of alcoholic beverages at its meeting in March.

All one must do to become a voting member of NCSL is attend the delegation meetings and pay dues. The dues are \$15 yearly to the NCSU delegation and \$10 yearly for to the state. About 175 students statewide are members of NCSL.

The NCSL is a good way to get involved and improve your communication skills, Henderson said.

"It gives you public speaking skills and interpersonal relationship skills, when said. "You learn how to write; how to debate."

NCSL differs from the Student Senate at NCSU because it is a statewide organization and is open to all students, Henderson said.

"It's the only student voice that you have," she said. "You learn how to write; how to debate."

"It's the only student voice that you have," she said. "It's good for anybody interested not only in politics but in what's going on."

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# Officials advise vacationing students to eat wisely

By Ulrick Casimir

Thanksgiving for some people is simply a holiday where families get together at large oaken dinner tables and reverently give thanks for all they have. For others, however, the holiday has passed by in a bloated blur of ham, sweet potato pie, cranberry sauce and the omnipresent bearer of additional waistline inches, the turkey.

Christmas threatens to do the same as students prepare to fend off holiday weight gain once again. As the Christmas break draws nearer,

Thanksgiving looks more like a beginning to the holiday feasting rather than an end. Well, for most

anyway.

One student, a male senior in civil engineering who wished to remain unidentified for fear that his mother would read this article, exclaimed. "Gaining weight? I lose weight when I go home to my mom's cookine."

cooking."
Linda Attarian, health promotion
specialist for N.C. State University
Student Health Services, gives
advice on holiday weight watching
and how to enjoy the Christmas
break. "Part of the purpose of the
holidays is to relax, [and] worrying

about your weight can be distracting. Enjoy the holidays and try to balance all the sweets you cat with fruits and vegetables."

Some students have already begun to cut down on calories in preparation for the Yuleride season. Friends Elizabeth Kopf and Susan Rogers, both freshmen, describe their plan for weight loss, "We're not pounding beer as much as we usually do, and we're not using the remote control to burn off extra calories," Kopf trol to burn off extra calories." Kopf confesses that she has "gained a couple of pounds during Thanksgiving, but I'm planning to exercise during Christmas to keep it off." Rogers, however, takes a dif-

ferent approach. "I'm becoming a vegetarian," she said, "so I don't have to worry about holiday turkey and all that stoff."

Sarah Ash, nutritionist and vissing assistant professor in animal science, agreed with Attarian's laise-after method of holiday weight watching but argued that a bit more care be taken with holiday consumption. "On the one hand you shouldn't worry too much about overindulging, on the other hand you shouldn't use it as an excuse to overindulge."

around high-fat foods, things like high-fat candes [and] pies. Alcohol can be a significant source of calories. I don't think that should be overlooked," she said. "An awful lot of people don't realize the amount of calories they consume when they drink. Especially mixed drinks can have a fair amount of calories."

At least one student, Kevin Thorne, a junior in electrical engi-neering, intends to follow Attarian's and Ash's advice. "Hell, I've been gaining weight since I got here. What's one more Christmas?"

# Phi Delt captures Caldwell Cup

By David Ostrovsky

Phi Delta Theta sported its brawn, brains and benevolence to win the fraternal race for the Caldwell Cup again this year.

"We do have an academic slant," said Mark Medlock, president of Phi Delta. "But we try to excel in all areas — be it service, athletics or academics."

The win this year marks the third year in a row that Phi Delta will be harboring the prestigious cup in their house. Medlock said that winning the award has advantages that aren't as evident as getting to display the trophy. "It helps us recruit more possible members," he said. "It tends to help morale also."

John Rhoades, the fraternity court area director, said fraternities can get a maximum of 1,000 points stemming from five categories (worth 200 points).

\* an interfraternity Council camed food drive (worth 100 points),

\* Greek Week competition (worth 100 points),

\* and a scrapbook describing fraternity activity over the past year (worth 400 points).

Rhoades said the fraternity awarded the most total points wins the competition.

Medlock said that Phi Delta tied with several other fraternities for first place in the Interfraternity Council canned

food drive. They came in second place in athletics and fourth in Greek Week.

"They did a great job." Rhoades said on Phi Delta's overall performance.

Kip Talhelm, a Phi Delta member, described their scrapbook as comprising between 70 to 100 bound pages, with 80 to 120 man hours behind it for the layout and design alone.

"The whole [book] details and documents everything that we've done from the past year-and-a-half with photos and text." Talhelm said.

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As academics constitute a fifth of the total points, Medlock is proud of the fraternity's 3.1 collective grade point

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The Phi Delta Theta fraternity has won the Caldwell Cup three years consecutively

# Fraternity wins overall award for academics, sports, service

said.

Academic focus might be of more use in future Caldwell Cup decisions if Rhoades gets his way. He is part of a general effort among fraternity officials to make academics worth more points than sports-related activities in the competition.

"We think academics should be

he said.

In the community services department, Talhelm said the "biggest project was a bone marrow drive [on campus]." Talhelm said the idea for the drive came about when a Phi Delta member was diagnosed with leukemia.

"We did fundraising to get blood-typing for our brother," he said. "But once we got involved with it, we decided to do a blood drive." Talbelm said that with the help of

Talhelm also cited Phi Deltai's service project, the Les Robinson Celebrity Classic golf tournament. Local celebrites such as Chancellor Larry Monetin, former NCSU baskethall player Rodney Monroe and, of course, the Wolfpack head baskethall coach for whom the fundraiser was named, participated in the event. Local television per-

ment.
Talhelm quoted an approximate
\$12,000 totaling from the Celebrity
Classic, which went to the Male-A
Wish Foundation, Make-A Wish
foundation, Make-A Wish
fulfills a disabled or dying child's
wish, such as seeing. Michael
Jordan or feeding a dolphin.
Phi Delta also cleans a portion of
Trinity. Road several times a
semester, according to Talhelm.

Rhoades said that the judging pro-ess was primarily objective, as it

was based on hard numbers.

He said intramural results are mathematically calculated by the department of intramural and recreations sports. He said there is a Greek Week Committee that totals the results from such events as ultimate frisbee, tig-of-war and a slam dank contest. The academics section is done by average grade point averages, and the canned food drive is decided by the weight of the collected food.

Rhoudes said he agrees with the

"[Onc] committee would not be effective, because it becomes subjective," he said.

Rhoades would like to see the grades for pledges being included in all fraternities average GPA.

"One big concern is to reconfigure how pledges are figured into the averages," he said, "Maybe [by including them], the pledge average as a whole will go way up."

# Delegates

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breeding ground for future politicians — former NCSU student and
governor-elect Jim Hunt was a
member — but it can also be enjoyable, said Blake Sims, the treasurer for the NCSU delegation.

"I think that the attraction really
is that it is fur," he said.

The NCSU delegation meets
every Tuesday at 7:30 in the board
room of the Student Center.

The members usually socialize on
Friday and Saturday nights during
the Interim Councils and have a
large banquet during the annual
session.

"It's a great way to meet people," Henderson said.

# Cash

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So for spring semester."

Other students are fired of working all semester and are looking for casier ways to get spending money. They obviously will like Angela Weedon's idea. She's a sophomore in political science and already shows promise as a politican:

"My way of getting money is putting it on my Christmas list." she said. "I've been working all semester. This will finally be my vacation."

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# Sports



# **Long Beach State** is first up for Pack

Fully equipped with a new offense, the N.C. State women's basketball team will begin the post-Rhonda Mapp era tonight in Reynolds Coliseum.

State coach Kay Yow has implemented a new offensive scheme because of the departure of Mapp and an abundance of guards and small forwards. The Wolfpack will feature four perimeter players.

because of the departure of Mapp and an abundance of guards and small forwards. The Wolfpack will feature four perimeter players, while senior center Teri Whyte holds down the single post spot, Whyte takes over for Mapp in the middle after posting 5.8 points a game and 4.6 a game last year. The game will mark Whyte's first start stard will mark Whyte's first stard since Feb. 15 against Florida State. Senior guard Danyel Parker will also start after missing the last two games of last season because of an ton anterior cruciate ligament. After a smooth recovery, she will lead State's off-guard offense, coupling with Krissy Kuziemski. Senior Ashley Hancock and junior Tammy Gibson round out State's line-up. Hancock returns to her spot

at power forward to help out in the rebounding department. She averaged 6.6 rebounds a game and 3.3 boards a game last season. Gibson, the team's second-leading scorer last season, came up with a starting sport late last season. She averaged 15.8 points a game and hit 40.9 percent of her three-point attempts. Jenny Kuziemski, Lisa Gerton, Kollen Kreul, Quicha Floyd and Surah McLeod provide a deep bench for the Pack this season with a 16-12 mark and failing to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time in three years, You's confident about the team's chances this season.

# Seahawks glide past Wolfpack

# State never finds groove in opener

In most years, an N.C. State bas-ketball loss to UNC-Wilmington would mark the low point of the

ketball loss to UNC-Wilmington would mark the low point of the season.

This year, however, the Seahawks' season-opening 96-84 victory served merely as an extension of the miseries that have afflicted the Wolfpack program. And, in reality, any emotions streed in the shocking defeat were swept away by the lingering gloom Tony Robinson's suicide death left hanging over Reynolds Coliseum. Even for victorious UNCW coach Kevin Eastman, the specter of last Monday's suicide was difficult to ignore.

"It's a significant win for us, tempered somewhat because of the tragedy, if you will, in the N.C. State program," a somber Eastman said. "It's kind of a catch-22. Your're kind of happy on one side of your heart, but on the other side you feel a great deal for the team in the other locker room."

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for the team in the other locker room."
That team, still recovering from Robinson's Monday funeral, seemed numbed by the pre-game moment of silence held in Robinson's honor. With black bands on their shoulders symbolizing their pain, the Pack players came out in slow motion and got swamped by an aggressive Seahawk squad.
"We talked about trying to focus on the game and putting Tony behind us for now, but I guess some of the guys had trouble with



Chuck Kornegay (40) and Kevin Thompson (42) go high to block a shot from UNC-W's John Spann

Chuck Kornegay (40) and Kevin The that," said sophomore guard Curtis Marshall, who scored a career-high 27 points to lead the Pack effort. "We'll just have to go out next time and give a better effort."

It was four minutes into the game Tuesday night before a Kevin Thompson follow shot finally got the Pack into the contest. By that time, the Seahawks held an 8-2 lead and State faced another uphill battle.

"We played from behind all night and we were in a panic situation, even in the first half." State coach Les Robinson said. "We were stunned, and we really never

mpson (42) go high to block a snor in came out of it."

Freshmen Chuck Kornegay and Todd Fuller sparked a 14-6 State run that tied the game with 10:21 left in the half, but an ensuing 13-3 UNCW run put the Seahawks back in command. From that point, UNCW used 58-percent three-point shooting and a mixture of defenses to hold off State's spo-radic rallies.

of defenses to hold off State's sporadic rallies.

"The biggest key was keeping our composure when they made their runs," Eastman said. "We were able to sustain our level of play every time they made a run at us. We are committed to a style of play that is very similar to what

Coach Robinson has been running since he got here. Tonight, we hit our shots and they didn't hit theirs."

Sliding back to the locker room down 42-33. State once again came out misfring in the second half. This time, however, UNCW didn't immediately take advantage of the Pack's offensive woes, and State remained in the game. Unfortunately for the Pack, only Marshall seemed capable of mounting a comeback but, Hitting on a wide variety of drives, spin

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# Tigers like Sheridan

Continuing in the tradition of past years, N.C. State head football coach Dick Sheridan is in high femand

demand.
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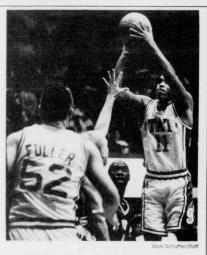
In the past, Sheridan has been wooed by SEC power Georgia, Arizona and his alma mater South Carolina. He has listened to offers only after the Wolfpack has completed its schedule. This season, that will be after Dec. 30 at the soonest.

Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, Howard Schnellenberger of Louisville and Dick Tomey have also been mentioned as prospects for the job.

# **UNC-W** pins Pack with loss

Senior center Kevin Thompson scored 16 points in his first game back from his pre-season knee injury and should be ready for the Pack game Thursday night against UNC-Asheville. Senior guard Donnie Seale added 15 points to the Pack cause.

Adkins tallied 23 points on only seven shot attempts to pace the Seahawks offense. Tim Share Darren Moore and Reggle Veney also contributed heavily to UNCW's dominant effort with 16, 15 and 14 points respectively.



Curtis Marshall (11) led all scorers with 27 total points Tuesday night.

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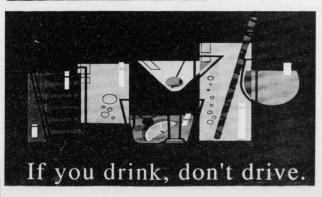
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Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, but she did it backward and in high heels.







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Wednesday Cat's Cradle: Harambe

Thursday
Cat's Cradle: Purple Schoolbus
UAB Movie: "Raise the Red Lantern," 8 p.m.
It the Student Center Annex Cinema
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Friday
Christmas Concert: The North Carolina State
University Music Department presents eight
music groups at NCSU, as well as, the Raleigh
Civic Symphony in Revnolds Coliseum. The
performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. and is free
for students
Cat's Cradle: Awareness Art Ensemble
UAB Movie: "A League of Their Own," 7:30
and 10 p.m. at the Student Center Annex Cinema
Tickets; \$1.50 for students
Saturday,

Saturday, Stewart Theatre: The Fairfield Four, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5.00



Cat's Cradle: Throwing Muses/Flaming Lips

Sunday UAB Movie: "Wild Angels," 7 p.m. at the Student Center Annex Cinema Admission is Free

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# 'Home Alone,' 'X' now playing ...

Only a Scrooge wouldn't like "Home Alone 2:
Lost in New York." It's Hollywood's best
Christmas fautasy since "Home Alone."
Back are the MaCallisters, frantic on the eve of
their ritual holiday trip.
Back is 10-year-old Kevin (Macaulay Culkin),
again in the doghouse and wishing he could
spend his vacation alone.
Back is coincidence that causes the Macallister
family to oversleep again.
But this time, Kevin makes it onto the bus and
even to the airport.
Unfortunately, he gets separated in the concourse and boards the wrong plane.
He's bound for New York; his family's headed
to Miami.

course and boards the wrong plane.
He's bound for New York; his family's headed to Miami.
Wide awake in the City That Never Sleeps, Kevin checks in to a ritzy hotel and soon is adrift on a yuletide of holiday bliss, engorging himself on catered sundaes while watching bad B-movies.

Also in town for the holidays are Harry and Marv (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern), the two crooks creamed by Kevin in the last film and now recently escaped from prison.
The pair has arrived in town to pull their biggest heist yet. But when Kevin discovers their plan to rob a toy store on Christmas Eve, he vows to stop the crooks himself.
He even gets a new house to booby-trap: his uncle's brownstone, conveniently unoccupied and undergoing renovation.
For the sequel to the highest-grossing comedy of all time, producer/writer John Hughes has wisely avoided any major changes in the "Home Alone" formula.

The setting is new and some characters are different but movel of "Jose in New York" is a

Alone" formula.

The setting is new and some characters are different, but most of "Lost in New York" is seene-for-scene repeat of the first film.

Kevin's mom screams his name into the camera, a gangster most scares off dumb adults am Kevin befriends another threatening but harmles

With so many repeated plot points, "Lost in



Betty (Angela Bassett) and Malcom (Denzel Washington) share a tender moment after their wedding in 'Malcom 'X.'



(L to r) Joe Pesci, Macaulay Culkin and Daniel Ste

New York" should feel like the season's biggest

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"Ip-off.
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"Lost in New York" is a warm and utterly
charming film that defies its commercial roots.
A great holiday soundtrack complements wintry New York locales, such as central park,
Rockefeller Center and a toy store that looks suspiciously like F.A.O. Schwartz.

Culkin, Hollywood's charmed superkid, is looser and more relaxed than the first film. Smart,
sauve and showy, he effortlessly dances circles
around the film's intentionally shallow adults.

Catherine O'Hara and John Heard are back as
Kevin's parents, comfortable in their under-written roles.

a howl as a scheming concierge,

ten roles.

Tim Curry is a howl as a scheming concierge, and "Saturday Night Live's" Rob Scheinder has a great part as a smarmy bellboy.

Brenda Fricka also shows up, bringing her Oscar-winning charm to the role of a Hitchcockian pigeon-lady.

The film even boasts a real Trump card: a cameo from Donald T. himself.

But the best efforts of Curry or Scheinder cannot compete against ace scene-stealers Pesci and Stem.

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Stern is hilarious as Marv, a nimble thief who blithely steals everything he passes, while Pesci's Harry is the best under-the-breath mumbler since

blithely steals everything he passes, white Pescr's Harry is the best under-the-breath mumbler since Fred Flintstone. The climax, where the pair is subjected to Kevin's trademark torture, is longer and more sadistic than the first film. But with a barrage of falling furniture and swinging paint cans, even the most politically-correct patrons will wet their pants in laughter.

"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" is another perfect Christmas film that complements, but doesn't overshadow the original.

For the young at heart, it's one more visit to that magical world where children outsmart adults, heavy objects don't break bones and a big city like New York is safe for roaming 10-year-olds. Grade: A adults, neavy obj city like New Yo olds. Grade: A-

olds. Grade: A
Spike Lee's "Malcolm X." the lavish and fictional biography of the famous Muslim, is one of the season's most capitivating films.

"X" follows the title character from his early years as a zoot-suited bustler to his final hours as a mesmerizing political leader.

Though overlong at 3 hours and 20 minutes, "X" is the compelling study of a man who used self-education to understand and change his own racial beliefs.

Anchored by a command performance from Denzel Washington in the title role, "X" boasts are exceptional east that includes Al Freeman Jr., Angela Bassett and Albert Hall.

Smaller roles feature Christopher Plummer. Peter Boyle and Al Sharpton, in a surprise cameo as a street preacher.

The film losses some focus near the end, as Lee injects hints of political conspiracy, but comes crashing back togething in an explosive conclusion.

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The finale, a montage of authentic photos set to eulogy written and narrated by Ossic Davis.

packs a powerful punch.
Less flashy than Lee's "Do the Right Thing,"
but more conherent than his recent "Jungle
Fever," "Malcom X" likely will be an Oscar contender. Grade: A-



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allow you to regain a sense of peace.

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Even though you've been staring.

reminister to firmly your student ID for the discount.

Even though you've been staring at textbooks, a browse through used books might be calming. Both The Readers Corner and Nice Price Books are located on Hillsborough Street and are open until 9 p.m. You don't have to read, just look at the covers. If anyone asks why you're not studying, tell them you're Christmas shopping.

It's good to have a couple of fun novels to take home during winter break. If you've been wondering why there's a glut of Jennifers on campus, a copy of "Love Story" is the answer.

the answer.

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Hillsborough Street past. Presently, Hillsborough Street offers up several locales that can relieve those study blues.

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Art Museum is a perfect field trip. Located on Blue Ridge Road near the semi-prison, the museum has a nice collection to contemplate upon. You're not wasting time, you're gaining culture. Feel free to browse the museum gift shop for Christmas

the miseum gift snop tor cursimary presents. Another fun time-killer is to try and find a parking spot at Crabtree Valley Mall. Don't go in the mall. But the hours spent roving the asphalt will relieve your brain of tension. For those with a bad case of study crazy, leaving the city lim-its might be a cure. Chapel Hill is a mice remedy. Sure the students at UNC are also studying, but for courses and professors you won't know.

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Two good reasons to escape the text books and make a run down I-40 will be at the Caf's Cradle.

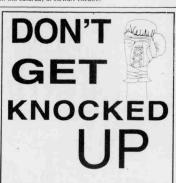
Throwing Muses will be tossing out songs Saturday night. The Rhode Island band used to be nearly all female, but recent personnel changes have turned them into a trio with Kirsten Hersch handling vocal and guitar chores.

The band's use of minor chords gives their sound a lagged edge. Throwing Muses was at the starf of the Grrd sound, that now features L-7. Babes in Toyland and Hole. The last time Throwing Muses played Caf's Cradle, Hersch was two weeks away from delivering her second child. Her guitar looked like a flat top as it rested on top of her smaller plays and the starf of the Stranger of



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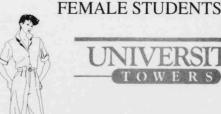
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# Opinion

# The value of a life

t is tragic when the hope of life is sucked away; when people give their lives so lit-tle value that they freely hand them over to nothingness. It is tragic when family and friends must ask themselves "Why?" and "What could I have done?" as they torment themselves with guilt and sadness

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Such a tragedy happened at N.C.
State University last week as
Tony Robinson, a member of the
Wolfpack basketball team, ended
his life with a shot to his head.

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No one is exactly sure what plagued Robinson — academic pressure, lack of playing time on the basketball team, bounced checks or some other personal crisis — but whatever it was, it was not enough to justify the action. There is no valid reason fearing the property of the control of the property of for suicide.

Severe personal problems are dealt with by people every day without considering suicide. It takes an overwhelming sense of hopelessness to reach such a final, fatal decision. This sense of hopelessness is the most sorrow-ful aspect of suicide. It is tragic that people can feel so alone and worthless that they don't value their lives or even consider the feelings of their loved ones.

Just days after Robinson's sui-cide, a high school student from Cary High sat in a car and poi-soned himself with carbon monoxide. This young man was a good student who had recently signed to play baseball at Appalachian State University. His tragedy is as senseless

Robinson's. Both deaths remind us that even when appearances suggest that all is well, even when a person appears to be a model for others, there sometimes lies underneath a sorrowful vacuum where hope should be.

Most people feel depressed once in a while. For many this depres sion is lingering and seems to pervade their life. But this is no reason to commit suicide. It is easy to get so tangled up in prob-lems that there seems no end in sight. It is like being lost in a forest; the trees seem to go on forev-er. Plodding along, not knowing the direction out, the natural urge is to lay down and give in to despair. But eventually the way out is found and the time in the forest doesn't seem so bad anymore. If you are thinking of suicide keep marching along, even-tually you will make it out of the

Talk to someone if you feel like killing yourself. It doesn't matter who, just anyone who will listen, whether it be a friend, parent, minister or counselor. Call a sui-cide prevention line if you feel the need. Unfortunately, it is natural to feel the hopelessness that leads to suicide. But it is not natural to kill yourself. It devastates those that care about you and it ends any chance you have of ever finding happiness. It fixes noth-ing. It is the quitters way out. Psychologists suggest that many

suicides are actually calls for help from people suffering alone. Always remember that it is a call that will never be answered.



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# Columns

# A new world lies ahead for graduates

Clayton Graham

This is the 28th column I have written for Technician.

Tve said a lot in the last two and a half years, about everything from nuclear weapons to Sesame Street to trast-throwing out at Carter-Finley Stadium. People are still ragging on me about that one. But none of them have been nearly as fough as this one, You see, this is also the last column I will write for Technician.

The journey that began in the fall of 1987, when there was no such thing as TRACS, will end on December 16, when I finally graduate. At times, the road was rocky, marked with the potholes of anger, frustration, and at times, desperation. But, only by the grace of God, the obstacles to that goal have been conquered.

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As a freshman, I never would have dreamed that I would get a degree in communication. I didn't want to do radio then, but I wanted to design the transmitter towers through which radio programs are broadcast. Instead of relishing the thought of doing traffer reports, I longed for the day when I could build the freeways which were entiting inammed up.

to.

I think I would have gone crazy if I had stayed in civil engineering. It was like sitting in front of the IV and watching the Redskins lose to the Cowboys every night, except that the frustration was ten million from the company.

limes worse.

But there are many other students who will also step into the real world before

Christmas, and they represent a multitude of disciplines. Each of them has made his share of sacrifices and endured his own struggles to attain his goal. They are, in their own rights, heroes, people who can hold their heads high in triumph and, at the same time, keep their feet planted firmly on the ground in humility.

This school, the city of Raleigh, are kind of like a second home to me. I know that no matter where else in this world I go. I can always return here and feel welcome. I'll miss IVCF large group meetings on Thursday nights. I'll miss playing College Bowl and writing four Fetchmeian. I'll definitely miss going to all the women's baschall games and the scrumptious all-you-can-eat menus offered by the Dining Hall. Don't laugh, folks. Dining Hall food isn't all that bad, but when't is, you can always head for the cereal.

What I won't miss, though, are final exams, group projects and streams of papers. I think I've had enough of that to last me a little while, I also won't miss getting up for those 7:50 and 8:05 a.m. classes, although you coult be almost certain that I'd be there with Pop-Farts and chocolate milk around 7:30 or the half-day hikes from Wood out to Caldwell and Winston. The

buthrooms in Owen, too, left something to be desired...complete and unmitigated destruction.

I'm sure that, at some point in time, I will miss going down to Carmichael Gymnasium to shoot basketball. I could shoot the lights out of that place. That explains why tuition keeps going up every year. And I'll probably long for those Saturday mornings, when I had to battle the rest of the campus to get into TRAC'S before it took out Raleigh's 911 service. But what I'll really cherish is the memories of the people here. It is so true that the friendships made in college are the ones most likely to last a lifetime. Many of those people have graduated and gotten married and are now working on families of their own. Others, sadly, have left a rich, posthumous legacy. And still more will remain here, to fight many battles on the road to winning the academic war. They, too, will one day reap a fitting harvest.

I have enjoyed my days as a Wolfpacker, but the time has come for me to move on, to make room for others who have an undying thirst for knowledge and an ever-growing desire to improve themselves each and every day.

I have no words of wisdom for any unsus-

desire to improve themselves each and every day.

I have no words of wisdom for any unsuspecting victims, but I would like to take just a moment to thank you all for reading Technician. This paper does not exist only to let me or anyone else set down opinions, but it is the voice of the entire university community. How effective it is in achieving that goal is up to you. As for me, my part has been done.

May the Wolfpack mop the floor with both Duke and Carolina at least once this season.

### A good job market will reform welfare system

It his column on welfare reform Gary Wise articulated the conventional wisdom on this subject. Unfortunately, that "wisdom" rests on assumptions that are contradicted by the facts.

There is a widespread misconception that public assistance is cating up government budgets. In fact, the amount spent on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (the program that is the perennial target of Families with Dependent Children (the program that is the perennial target of "reform") comprises less than one percent of the federal budget (in contrast to the more than 30 percent that goes to the military) and an average of 3.4 percent of the state budget. Benefits at best hover slightly above subsistence level. Their purchasing power has fallen approximately 40 percent in the last two decades. The typical AFDC checks leaves the family income at 58 percent below the federal poverty level (\$11,570 for a family of three).

This stereo-type of permanent welfare dependency also does not square with the realities, which is that approximately 50 percent of recipient families stay on the roll for less than a year and another 25 percent for one to five years.

"Workfare" of the kind Wise suggests seems like a good idea in the abstract but it ignores the barriers that keep most recipients from soutaining themselves in our economy: inadequate education, lack of affordable child care and the concentration

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of what jobs there are in the lowest paying, service sector.

A minimum wage job falls far short of the poverty line for a family of three, an important reason for the growing number of the working force. It is thoretically possible, I upper the property of the property

same amount, and eight cities by \$1.7 bil-lion.
Which brings us to the Los Angeles riots.
Wise's claim that they were caused by the failed welfare system is simplistic in the extreme. He wholly ignores the savage impact of a contracting economy, declining wage rates and the cuts to aids to cities, not to mention the incendiary shock of the juries verdict in the Rodney King case.

Offering as a solution to the problems of poverty in cities the abolition of public assistance would be nothing more than a cruel joke were it not for the horror of human suffering it would produce.

The fact is that our economy is not generating jobs at income levels that enable working men and women to feed, cloth and house themselves and their children. So called "welfare" reform won't touch that problem. And that's the problem we need to address.

Robert Lane Department of English Member of Raleigh/Wake Coalition for the Homeless

### Don't take environment for granted

The central symbol for the Oglala Souix Indians is the circle. They observe the cycli-cal nature of the temporal and physical world around them and realize that breaking the cycles of nature means an eventual destruction of themselves. Natural ecosys-tems consist of the cycles life, death, and constantly recycling nutrients and chemical substances.

In the past, people reused containers, did not have as many possessions and products did not use as many environmentally

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# Top ten ways to have a keg a week and still be a 4.0 student

When asked to write a brief editorial for Technician, I was originally very excited about the idea of communicating in the public forum, of putting my ideas as a relatively new teacher here at N.C. State University on the student table (after all, I do teach rhetoric and writing!). The cuphoria, of course, was short-lived, and ultimate ly I found myself staining at a terriby blank screen late into the night, much, I suspect, as my students do the night before one of my papers is due.

And it was this connection that formed itself into a revelation (of sorts) to me. Having crawled my way through five years of undergraduate education, perhaps I might be able to offer students the wisdom I'd gained to some times against my will about how one succeeds at the complicated game of being a star student (again, of sorts).

Now, don't get me wrong, I can't begin to recount the number of times that I — as a student — heard one of my teachers exclaim, "When I was a student..." for lowed by passionate tales of self-sacrifice, personal hardship and growth, shoeless tennile hikes through country fields to one room universities. But then, I told myself, I

Dr. Brad Mehlenbacher

> FACULTY CORNER

to me; what's it teaching me about the world; how's this pertinent to my moral, intellectual, and emotional self?

7. Never hesitate to ask questions. The mother of a famous Nobel prize winner used to ask him, "Did you ask any good questions today, Isaac?" Most teachers rely on you to let them know whether they're presenting the material clearly and look forward to questions that challenge or allow them to elaborate on issues they would otherwise omit.

6. Never hand someone clse responsibility for your education. Most average students avoid appropriating the material they are taught in classes, blaming setbacks and failures (the best learning experiences by far) on their teachers, on their texts, or on the

nature of this or that exam question.

5. Never assume that your teacher is to blame for a dull or boring lecture. Boring is in the eye of the beholder. You contribute to the success or failure of a lecture as much as your teacher does. If you're comfortable chewing gum and slouching your way through a class, your teacher's probably willing to put the same amount of vigor into the material he or she is trying to deliver.

4. Never attempt to give the feacher what you think he or she wants. Certainly, good students tend to have a knack for anticipating the difference between an A or B paper, but this is usually because they engage themselves in the subject matter, do extensive research and attempt to find novel solutions to the problem at hand.

3. Never assume that learning only takes place in the classroom. Some of the most engaging interactions I had as a student took place in coffee shops, in the hallway outside class, or during teacher-student conferences.

2. Never imagine that the "real world" hasn't already begun. I'm constantly astonshed by the number of students who think that once they graduate and begin their careers with IBM or Harris Teeter, every-

thing will miraculously develop meaning. College allows the kinds of exploration, self-development, and socialization that you'll quickly long for after an intense day of Pascal programming at TechnoLand, Inc.

1. Never sacrifice your education for money, affilieties, or a dimer-date with the god or goddess of your dreams. While your reducation will stay with you for good, you might be surprised to discover how ephemeral the latter three really are.

I suspect that if I'd read the above list as an undergraduate, particularly if it was written by a teacher, I might have turned up my nose and murrimured. "What's he know about TechnoRave, the inappropriateness of labels like Republican" or Democrat, or about the pressure my parents put on me to become an economist instead of an engineer or a philosophy major instead of an engineer or a philosophy major instead of an engineer or a philosophy major instead of surgingly have recognized the innate simplicity of the task at hand; the elegance of the Astudent equation.

Then again, I might have skipped my Social Psych. class and watched "M.A.S.H." reruns — I had an awful lot of growing up to do.

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# Forum

Continued from Page 8 degrading processes. Third world countries, until recently, reused almost 100 percent of their waste because utilizable resources were

because utilizable resources were limited and costly. Now, high productivity nations have introduced ways of taking more from the land and giving back less. This means profit for most developed countries and also means instant cash in the hands of coun-tries that desire a higher standard of living. These benefits, however, are ephemeral.

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In 1960, Nigeria was a leading exporter in tropical logs. By 1985, it had to, and continues to, import 100 times more wood than it exports. This occurrence is not unusual, as mainly Japan, the united States and the United kingdom move from Indonesia to Malaysia to. Southeast Asia and now Africa

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input of quick money, forests are
desecrated, biodiversity is extinquished and emissions from
machinery and burning of land and
pollution of pesticides are created.
Less developed countries contain
78 percent of the worlds population,
yet have only 20 percent of the
world's minerals and energy
resources. Therefore, it is logical to
conclude that although increased
population does correlate with a
depletion of natural resources, the
actual depletion and expenditure of
energy are from industrialized
nations — countries that create
products from resources all over the
world, use up the supply of energy,
add pollutants to the atmosphere
and ecosystems and do an infinitesmal amount to repair the damage
they cause. Severed, the circle
becomes a declining linear graph
and when at the end, we will fall.
And the scarriest thing of all is that
you and I condone this everyday.
No, not only condone, but take part
in — perpetuate. We can lessen our
destructive impact, however. Take
for example clothing: most of us

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have enough to last 30 years, if not the rest of our lives. So don't buy anymore. Don't purchase groceries with too much packaging. Don't leave lights on when you leave a room. Don't buy 'nnew and improved' gadgets if yours work fine. Reevaluate the necessity of jewelry and make-up when much of the world is striving to fulfill its basic needs.

Also, for all that we now take from the environment, we at least owe it the decency to make an attempt to understand its livelihood and cyclical nature. take an MDS environmental planture. Take an MDS environmental personal practices about environmental practices of large corporations, tune in to how we are persuaded to continue actively cultivating materialism and consumerism. Keep your eyes and ears open so that you may bring the broken ends of the circle a little closer and may help others to do so, also.





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