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## Dead week policy not working, some students say

■ Finding someone without a paper or assignment due this week is a lot easier said than done.

By RON BATCHO  
News Editor

Today is the start of dead week, the last week of classes, during which instructors aren't supposed to make tests and new assignments due.

And if a professor doesn't stick with the policy, students have somewhere to turn. At least according to the rules.

"Students can go to the department head or dean of the college the class is taught in,"

said Frank Abrams, associate provost. But Laura Pottmyer, Inter-Residence Council president, said that isn't always an option.

"As a student, I don't feel comfortable going to an administrator I don't know," she said. "Even if I did, they probably wouldn't do anything about it."

Abrams said there should not be any tests during dead week unless the teacher gets permission from the faculty or students.

"The policy states clearly that exceptions must be approved ahead of time," he said. "It is fair for students to have an understanding up front."

The policy does not apply to assignments made earlier in the semester and due the last

week of classes.

"My reading of the policy is that it would not be intended to prohibit an assignment made earlier in the semester to be due at the end of semester," Abrams said. "It is set up so that there would be nothing new sprung on you during the last week of classes. Dead week is a recognition of the fact things are going to be busy at the end of the semester."

The dead week policy was last amended in 1992. Franklin Hart, provost at the time of the change, sent department heads a memo telling faculty to comply with the rule.

"We are asking that all instructors in all courses carefully observe the letter and the

spirit of the revised policy set forth," he said.

But some student leaders do not like the current interpretation of the policy.

Student Senate President Megan Jones said making assignments due the last week of class defeats the purpose of dead week.

"If I had an exam the Monday after dead week, I would not have time to study for it, since I have papers to do," she said.

"I have a take-home final with 14 essays, and a paper due in the same class," Pottmyer said. "If dead week is set up so we can study for exams, we can't be expected to turn in big papers."

Abrams said having papers due during dead week gives students time to work on

them.

"It's better than making them due two weeks before the end of the semester," he said. "Some people have to wait until the last week of the semester to work on their assignments."

Pottmyer said she has no other option than to delay classwork.

"I have a lot of other things I have to do every week," she said. "I don't have time to study after working on other assignments."

There is nothing underway to change the policy in the near future, Abrams said.

"It hasn't been one of those items where something needs to be done to change it," he said.



## ROTC remembers Pearl Harbor attack

■ N.C. State students in different branches of the armed services will be joining forces to stand watch on a campus landmark.

By RON BATCHO  
News Editor

In a traditional event that's taken place each year since 1960, the N.C. State Marching Cadet Fraternity will stand guard over the Belltower from 6 p.m. Tuesday to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The timing of the ceremony recalls the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Navy.

"It has become a tradition in remembrance of fallen alumni," said Jamie Bowman, MCF Captain.

The focal point of the event will be noon Wednesday, when there will be a changing of the guard, a 21-gun salute, a wreath-laying ceremony, retiring of the colors and speeches from a veteran and from the president of the fraternity. Bowman said last year's

ceremony drew enough people to cover the grounds surrounding the Belltower.

Inside the Belltower is a plaque with the names of NCSU alumni and students who died during World War I. Members also will give tours of the Belltower during the whole 24-hour guard except during the ceremonies at noon, giving students a rare chance to see the structure's interior.

"The Belltower is open only once a year for the guard," Bowman said.

The event is modeled after the guard done at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We want people to know their deaths aren't in vain," Bowman said. "That's why we are doing the guard. We do things so we don't forget what we are here for."

The MCF's members come from the Air Force, Army and Navy ROTC programs.

Bowman said any active or inactive brothers can participate in the event, and three area high schools with junior ROTC programs will be in attendance.

"We hope 200 people will be



This Tuesday and Wednesday will be the 34th annual guarding of the N.C. State Belltower. During last year's event, an ROTC cadet stands guard at the lower (left). Other cadets take part in a changing of the guard ceremony (above).

there," she said.

The recent events in Bosnia and Haiti are examples of the need for the armed services to always be ready, Bowman said.

"The military lives with the constant threat of war," she said.

Seeing people at the ceremony also serves as a morale booster for the cadets, Bowman said.

"It is always nice to know people are supporting us," she said. "We can't fight a war if we're not fighting for something."

PHOTO COURTESY BRENT SMITH (2)

## New educator will run seminars

■ Robert Scott will try to make one of NCSU's top programs even better.

By CHRIS BAYSIDEN  
Assistant News Editor

A former governor will return to his alma mater next semester to be on the faculty of the College of Education and Psychology. But he won't actually teach classes.

Bob Scott's official title will be distinguished educator in residence, but he said the title doesn't really describe what he'll do.

"They have a high-sounding title with a low salary," Scott said. "I'll be a resource to the faculty. Basically they want me to bring a note of realism to the instruction."

Scott said he won't teach any classes next semester because the schedules had been worked out before he was appointed, but that he still wants to work with the students. He said he'll do that by conducting graduate seminars and giving guest lectures.

Scott will also organize forums and conferences for the department of adult and community college education. He said he hopes to use his influence to bring in well-known and respected people from all over the country.

"There'll be plenty to do," he said.

Scott, who was governor from 1969 to 1973 and later president of the N.C. System of Community Colleges, says he has always wanted to come back to his alma mater.

"That's where my heart is," he said.

Scott said he will work in the department of adult and community college education, which trains students to be administrators in community colleges. It is one of NCSU's most nationally recognized programs.

William Deegan, head of the department, said it's among the top three in the country, with five of the top 15 community college experts in the country, he said. And Scott's appointment will only make things better, Deegan said.

"I think it adds enormous stature," he said. "His outstanding record of accomplishment and the esteem in which he is held nationally make him an invaluable addition."

He said Scott's years of experience can help prepare future community college administrators for the problems they will face in the "real world."

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## Raleigh native comes home to make movie about musicians



BRENT SMITH/SPECIAL TO TECHNICIAN  
Doug MacMillan of The Connells is in "Bandwagon."

■ "Bandwagon," a film about a band's coming of age, is being made in the Triangle area and is looking for extras.

By NICOLE BOWMAN  
Staff Writer

Wanna be a star? Wanna do something to take your mind off those upcoming exams?

The makers of an independent film called "Bandwagon" are looking for extras.

Raleigh native and documentary filmmaker John Schultz has come home to shoot his first feature.

It's the story of four guys who

"It's an amazingly professional low budget film."

—Alex Graf,  
assistant director

form a band called Circus Monkey, loosely based on Raleigh's The Connells. They have a big concert at the end, and that's where you come in.

"We need extras to watch the band's final gig," said Alex Graf, one of the film's assistant directors.

The shooting takes place Thursday at the Rialto Theatre, from 4 to

about 8 p.m.

Schultz, a 1985 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, has been making "Behind-the-Scenes" documentaries for movies such as "Hook," "Arachnophobia," "Dragon" and "Jurassic Park."

For his first feature, which he wrote and produced in addition to directed, he decided to make a film about what he knows. Schultz was an original member of The Connells.

The film is about the members of a band as they come of age, Graf said.

The independent film is a low-budget, but well-made movie, he said.

"It's a good spontaneously funny

movie," Graf said. "It's an amazingly professional low budget film."

Part of the reason it could be made for so little money is because it was shot in Raleigh. Local businesses supplied extra lighting and equipment for the movie, as well as free use of their buildings.

Some scenes were filmed on Hillsborough Street adjacent to Campus and The Brewery.

"We're really lucky to have a lot of help locally," Graf said. "We're enjoying filming in the Triangle."

The lead singer of The Connells, Doug MacMillan, has a big role in the movie as the road manager for Circus Monkey.



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## News Notes

## Movie wins award for N.C. State professor

"In Search of Clean Air," a film co-produced by N.C. State educator Robert Bruck of Cary, has won a CINE Golden Eagle, the highest award presented to non-theatrical motion pictures in the United States.

The award is given by the Council on International Non-Theatrical Events. It automatically qualifies the winner to be part of the U.S. entry at foreign film festivals.

"In Search of Clean Air" will air nationally on Public Broadcasting Service's "Nova" series on April 14.

Narrated by Walter Cronkite, the 58-minute documentary looks at pollution's effects on environmental and human health at sites on four continents. One of the sites is Mount Mitchell, which Bruck has studied for a decade. He says the North Carolina peak has become "a dumping ground for all sorts of airborne materials."

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## Correction

In Wednesday's Technician, the summary for "Pack goes bowling" incorrectly reported that the Peach Bowl will be played on New Year's Eve. The bowl will be played on New Year's Day, as it was reported.

Technician regrets the error.

## TODAY

**AIDS QUILT** — Two sections of The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt are on display through Dec. 12 in the second floor lobby of the University Student Center.

**MEMBERSHIP** — CATT, the Computer and Technologies Theme Program, is now accepting applications for membership. To get more information or to arrange a tour, e-mail kittara@catt.ncsu.edu or call Kittara at 512-7004.

**VOLUNTEERS** — are needed for the 1995 Martin Luther King Festival. You may sign up in the African American Cultural Center, Room 355 or call 515-4516 to leave your complete name, address and telephone number.

**THEATER** — Stewart Theatre presents "Christmas Memory" at 8 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 515-5161 for

information. **REGISTRATION** — American Red Cross is sponsoring a course to inform and train about HIV and AIDS from Jan. 27 to 29. Need committed students, faculty and staff. Twenty-two hours of training. Cost is \$41. Contact: Marianne Turnbull at 515-9355 for more information.

**LECTURE** — Richard Campbell will speak on "Selecting Executives: What Works and What Goes Awry" at 3:45 p.m. in Poe Hall, Room 218.

**MEETING** — There will be a short meeting of the Senior Class Council, followed by a holiday party. Bring a gag gift. Call Matt at 515-3375 or Jessica at 559-1883 for more information.

**REGISTRATION** — The spring session of the 13th Annual Year-Round Intensive English Language Program will be offered in Winston Hall January 17 through

April 17. The registration fee for each course is \$295 which includes the lab fee. For a free brochure call Lorri Toole at 515-2261.

## TUESDAY

**MEETING** — Student Organization for Disability Awareness will be meeting at 4 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3120. Everyone welcome.

**ORIENTATION** — Spring/summer jobs: short orientation explaining availability of Career Planning and Placement Services from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in Pullen Hall, Room 2100. Students can register for summer or permanent positions. Sophomores and above only.

**MEETING** — The National Society of Professional Engineers will meet at 7 p.m. in Mann Hall, Room 425. Any interested student may attend. Free pizza!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEDNESDAY

**MEETING** — Society for Paganism and Magic. Everyone welcome, no religious affiliation necessary. Interests include: Wicca, Shamanism, Celtic, Occult, etc. Call Jennifer at 512-4736 for meeting information.

**MEETING** — Join the Outdoor Adventures Coalition meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3120. Let's get together to discuss upcoming weekend outings.

**SOCIAL** — There will be a PAMS Diversity Social at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the Student Center. Food will be provided. All PAMS students welcome.

**PERFORMANCE** — Come hear the hottest new a cappella singing group on campus. A Cappology 101 with the Tardel Voices at 8 p.m. in Nelson Hall, Room 240.

## THURSDAY

**PARTY** — Seniors — Reggae party at Varsity Grill from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Seniors free, guests \$1. Don't have to be 21. Bring ID and red card. Drink specials, prizes. Call 515-3375 for more information.

**MEETING** — The Student Environmental Action Coalition welcomes anyone to come help make book recycling bins at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Brown Room (fourth floor). This is the last meeting of the semester.

## FRIDAY

**MEETING** — Campus Toastmasters meets at 12:10 p.m. in the Faculty Senate room in D.H. Hill Library. Faculty, staff and graduate students interested in improving their speaking and leadership skills are welcome.

**CONCERT** — There will

be a Christmas concert by the NCSU Music Department at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students. Call Ticket Central at 515-1100.

## SUNDAY

**REGISTRATION** — Adult/returning students:

a workshop to help you change careers, curriculum or situations will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Pullen Hall, Room 2100. Enroll today, space is limited. \$15 fee covers materials. For more information, call Career Planning and Placement at 515-2396.

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## Scott

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Deegan said students could also learn about the politics of education, with which Scott is familiar with due to his stint as governor.

"I think [he's] a wonderful supplement for both our students and faculty," he said.

Deegan said Scott's appointment will help his department become

even more highly recognized. He predicted that in three years, NCSU will have the finest program in the country.

"It's not boasting," he said. "I think it's going to happen."

Scott said the faculty will make the department number one.

"They are all committed to making that department first-rate," he said. "We're just about there."

Scott, a native of Haw River, earned his bachelor's degree from NCSU in 1952. He has served as an adjunct professor at NCSU since

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# Sports

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## Men swimmers stay unbeaten, top UVa.

By MICHAEL TODD  
STAFF WRITER

With the changing of leadership in the swimming team, expect some changes.

"I went up to (Virginia head coach) Mark Bernardino and said, 'Welcome to the new Wolfpack,'" said interim head coach Beth Harrel.

The difference in attitude was clear as the undefeated N.C. State men's swimming team turned back Virginia, 127-116, Saturday afternoon.

With the win, the men are 8-0 and 4-0 in the conference.

Things started slowly for the Wolfpack. The Cavaliers jumped to an early lead by winning the 400-meter medley relay, taking first and second in the 1000-meter freestyle, and winning the 200-meter freestyle. After three events,

Virginia led, 36-19.

Then State took over.

In the 50-meter freestyle, Chuck Cox and J.J. Marus swam away from Virginia. The teammates raced down the pool and back.

Marus won with a time of 21:55, beating Cox by 0.01 of a second.

"We just have the greatest group of sprinters," Harrell said. "If you're going to be a sprinter, you got to be kind of a wild man. They went out and showed us how wild they were."

In the next event, State's Will Coenen won the 200-meter individual medley in 1:55.05 to put the Pack in the lead for good at 47-46.

Todd Smith won the one-meter diving by 57 points, followed by Matt Ream's victory in the 200-meter butterfly, with a time of

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Tammy Gibson tries to get past a Cardinal defender. She was effectively shut down by Stanford's defense.

ANER BARRIO/STAFF

## Pack hangs with Cardinal but falls

By TED NEWMAN  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

N.C. State's women's basketball team gave second-ranked Stanford all it wanted for 30 minutes on Saturday. Unfortunately for the Wolfpack, the game is 40 minutes long.

State fell 78-63 to the Cardinal, but the score is not indicative of how well the Pack played. Stanford's depth and strength in the post, combined with the loss of State point guard Jennifer Howard with an injury late in the game, proved too much for the Pack.

"I was really pleased with the first 20 minutes and part of the second half," State head coach Kay Yow said. "Late in the second half, about the six- or seven-minute mark, we really let them just take over. We held our own in the first half, we

just needed another 20 minutes of it."

With 6:34 left, State trailed 61-57 after a Kollene Kreul basket. At the other end, a Stanford turnover led to a pile-up near the foul line. Howard, who eventually got the ball and threw it out, was apparently elbowed in the head. The cut needed four stitches and forced her from the game.

"I really look up to Jen [Howard], and I know that she's the leader of our team," Umeki Webb said. "And when she went out, it was kind of hard to keep going after that."

Without its floor general, the Pack quickly fell even further behind. Stanford's Anita Kaplan, who had scored only four points until that point, rattled off four straight baskets before State could score

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## Weak preseason polls prove basketball top 25 worthless

■ Basketball polls are inaccurate and have no effect on the overall picture of college basketball.

Just what the hell is the point of the college basketball poll?

I hate to get right to the point, but think about this: Do they really affect anything throughout the course of the season? Sports editors are probably the only people in the country who appreciate the polls. Since the general public can only take so much of Donald Fehr, the poll is something they can put on

Mike Preston

otherwise empty sports pages, what with the strike and all.

And maybe this wouldn't even be so bad if the basketball poll was a little more accurate. Two weeks haven't even elapsed in the young season, and we have already seen two number one teams lose.

Arkansas, the defending national champion, lost to Massachusetts, which then leapt into the number one slot. But before the UMass players could give each other a pat on the butt, they lost to Kansas.

What does this mean? It means the poll couldn't find the best team in the country if it ran by them in transition.

And in the grand scheme of things, even if it's right it doesn't mean anything.

Arkansas and UMass will undoubtedly slip in the polls, but what do they care? Both still have legitimate chances at winning the

national championship. This isn't college football, sports fans.

College basketball has a playoff system you might be familiar with.

It's entirely possible that a team could finish in a tie for third in their conference with a 17-10 overall record and still wind up beating Houston for the national championship.

It's happened before. But the fact that the number one team changes by the hour isn't even the worst part of it. The worst part is the fact that not only is the Associated Press poll consistently inaccurate, the USA Today/CNN

poll is not doing any better.

Take the plight of the Virginia Cavaliers, for instance.

The USA Today/CNN poll had the Cavaliers at number 10 in the preseason. Virginia was selected by this poll, out of 302 other Division I schools, to be one of the premier teams in the country.

One week and a loss to Ohio University later, they fell completely out of that poll.

And if Arizona State is as good as its recent number 12 ranking in the AP Poll suggests, how is it that they were overlooked in the pre-season poll? The Sun Devils jumped from

being an also-ran in the PAC-10 to being one of the best teams in the country.

So what happens if there is no basketball poll?

People across the country would have no idea who the best 25 teams in the country are.

So? We really don't know who they are anyway.

Several teams should be happy there is no poll involving the ugliest

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## Calm before the storm awaits

Dead week is for real, and faculty needs to adhere to the policy.

Dead week, which begins today, is alive and well, but to some professors the university policy is frequently ignored.

No tests are to be given and no additional projects or papers are to be due during dead week. The campus becomes rather quiet. It is the calm before the storm of exams, hence the name dead week.

But some faculty members thought the policy was a joke concocted by students and ignored it, subjecting their students to last-minute papers and tests. As a result, the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate reevaluated the effectiveness of the policy and adopted resolutions this past spring to clarify and strengthen

the policy.

University policy now states that faculty members "shall not give any tests or assign any additional papers or projects during the final week of the semester." The students should be focused on finishing semester projects and preparing for exams.

Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the department head or the college dean. This policy revision was sent out in a memorandum signed by Provost Franklin Hart to all deans and academic department heads in late September and was effective immediately.

Dead week should be just that, dead — no tests, no projects, no undue distractions. If faculty can't honor this policy, they should be held personally responsible for the sanity of their students in this last week of the semester.

## Art is becoming vandalism

Students must learn how to color between the lines in the Free Expression Tunnel.

A long-overdue discussion has begun on the overflow of graffiti in the Tunnel.

Wednesday night, the Physical Plant led a talk about the tunnel with its main concern being whether the overspill is an important issue to students. Although there are clear rules about where students can and cannot paint, the other two tunnels as well as the areas surrounding the Free Expression Tunnel are commonly littered with unsightly graffiti.

Since March, the Physical Plant has redirected \$14,300 from its budget to pay for cleaning up the graffiti on the buildings neighboring the tunnel. The estimated cost for cleaning the graffiti ranges from \$850 to \$1,000 per month not including chemicals and labor. In October alone, it took \$3,800 to clean graffiti off the columns of

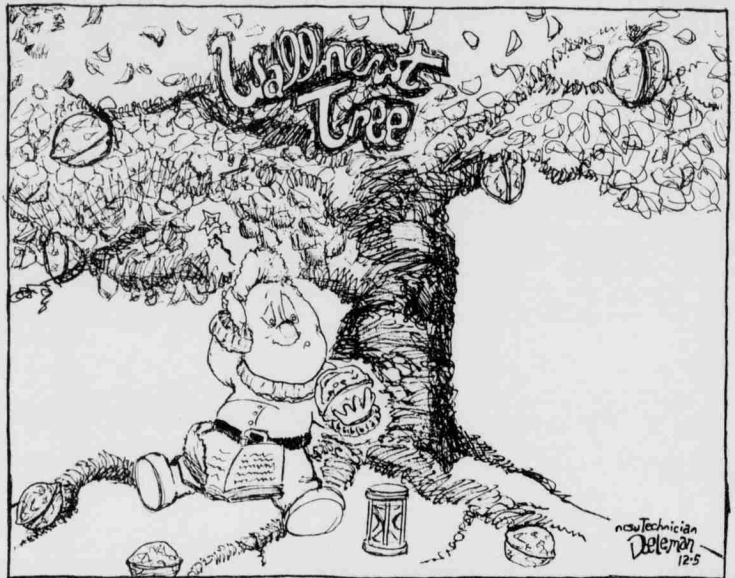
Harrelson.

The aforementioned rules are enforced by Public Safety and prosecuted by N.C. State's Student Government Judicial Board. The Physical Plant wants student groups to start dialogues in the spring on this subject to figure out whose responsibility the Tunnel is.

The Tunnel is a privilege that should not be abused. The university has given us an avenue for expressing ourselves and abusing it may give it sufficient reason to take away the Tunnel.

The Tunnel was first legally painted by students in 1969, and ever since has been a symbol of our freedom of speech. It is a shame that some of those exercising this right lack the responsibility and the common courtesy to draw within the boundaries given to us.

Graffiti painted on structures outside of the recognized area is not art or free expression, but simply vandalism.



## Commentary

### Cheer up! Grades are not that important

Don't worry. Mistletoe and the right kind of egg nog will erase the memory of exams.

But before the fun begins, many students will have to get past one last obstacle: Dad. And what's the ticket for passing Dad? A grade report with a decent GPA. You say you're not sure about that GPA? Anticipating a blue Christmas? Well, here's some good news. As N.C. State's oldest living senior, I have compiled some great excuses over the years for explaining a bad grade report — or even completely circumventing the issue. Pick the one that best fits your Dad.

- 1) Clinton's Foreign Policy Team advised me on academic strategy.
- 2) Dad, those professors are just so (choose the opposite of your Dad: left-wing/right-wing!) (Note: This doesn't work well for math majors, since academics haven't figured out how to politicize math yet.)
- 3) Actually, the "NC" means the class was held in North Carolina.
- 4) Well, Dad, you said the Lord would surely return soon if the Republicans ever gained control of Congress, so I quit going to class.
- 5) (If you can get to the mailbox first every day, try this one.) I haven't seen my grade report either.
- 6) Wow! Look at all the typos on my grade report! This makes me mad! (Stomp foot.)
- 7) Actually, sir, the situation in Bosnia is worse.
- 8) Look on the bright side — we're going to the Peach Bowl!
- 9) I see you're upset, Dad, but don't

Colin  
Burch

worry — in light of recent court cases, you can sue the university for emotional distress.

There's no sense in getting an ulcer from exams. Are you going to let some professor hold you mentally and emotionally hostage? It just isn't worth it. Besides, most of what you need to know for exams had to be accumulated over the semester. If you can't do anything about it, don't worry about it. Like Harry West, the English Dept.'s Dir. of Graduate Studies, told an English Club meeting about grad school, "If you weren't worried about your GPA four years ago, there's nothing you can do about it now." (That gave average students who want to go to grad school three options: a noose, a razor or a bottle of sleeping pills.)

Dad aside, the GPA isn't always the crucial element of going to grad school or getting a job. West also said grad schools consider six things other than GPA — like recommendation letters and writing samples. For certain employers, the situation isn't much different. If you're facing the job market, an internship or a co-op might balance out a less-than-stellar GPA. In a few cases, it may even get you a job despite your GPA.

As you look forward to the post-parental

aspects of the holiday, you can take action against anxiety. Laugh at your friends as they sweat a pool around the chemistry textbook. Get 8 hours of sleep. Throw a Brent Road-size party on Monday, Dec. 12 — the beginning of exam week.

Shoot, you could even start an exam stress awareness campaign. Since America is full of thriving awareness programs on myriads of issues everybody is already aware of, you could go far.

Since the Chancellor and the Provost probably don't appreciate me giving this kind of advice, I had better add something. If you really want to achieve a high GPA, or accomplish anything else in life, there are a few people you should think about before your next chance in the spring semester. Winston Churchill was once pronounced a failure by one of his elementary school teachers. Woody Allen failed his college film production class twice. Walt Disney was fired from a job because the boss said he "lacked imagination."

Persistence is the key. Try again next semester. And besides, the N.C. General Assembly won't be forcing fifth-year students to pay a surcharge until 1997.

If you're in dire straits with the GPA now, admit your mistake, decide to do better next time and move on. Sure, Dad might make things a little hard on you, but refer to my handy list above and tell him not to be such a Scrooge. Oh, I almost forgot the last excuse for Dad:

10) Some guy in the campus paper said my GPA isn't that important.

## TUNNEL ABUSE!



## The sickening saga of shiny, happy people

Is it just me, or are there a lot of terminally happy people out there?

I have nothing against those people who like having a positive attitude about life — until they give me the why-can't-you-be-as-happy-as-me speech. I do tend to be a little negative, but it's all part of being a realist.

There are two types of people in this world: the realists and the idealists. The realists can be negative about some things, but they can be positive if it is warranted. They often expect the worst, thus they are occasionally surprised and never disappointed. The idealists seem to have a blind faith in everything turning out for the better, hence they are often disappointed and occasionally validated.

You may be wondering why you have never heard of this before. There are two reasons. First of all, I just made it up. Second, the idealists don't want you to think like that. The idealists have concocted their own labels for these two categories. They call realists pessimists and refer to themselves as optimists. Of course, the word pessimist carries a negative connotation, which ensures fewer people will be quick to think realistically.

Anyone who has been a realist for a while will tell you they thoroughly enjoy it. Sure, it involves a certain amount of patience. Realists are called doomsmen or defeatists and are verbally assailed for not having a more positive attitude.

However, when the evening news comes on, one can know the true joy of realism as he laughs at the local idealist who is obviously appalled and disappointed. Now, you may be saying, "This realism

Jason  
Burgess

stuff sounds great! How can I get in on the action?" Well, I will give you a few tips about how to be realistic.

First of all, you have to be able to identify the enemy. The terminally happy are everywhere, and they are rather easy to mark. A pointless, sappy grin is a sure sign of an idealist. Anyone who responds to negative statements with condescending and self-righteous comments is assuredly an idealist. Anyone who responds to dark humor by saying, "Oh, that's awful!" or by simply gasping is definitely an idealist. The terminally happy can be persistent, but they are unable to feel resentful, since they want to be friends with everybody.

As a realist, you should watch out for any group of activists with a name containing the words preservation or awareness. These words often indicate the group members are idealists who are very devoted to a lost cause.

Also, be wary of celebrity activist groups. The entertainment industry is infested with idealists who have little useful to say. If celebrities seem concerned about it, it is only because they want you to like them. This helps their careers and thus their pocketbooks.

A third group of activists to watch out for is campus-based coalitions. A group of companies cooperating for the benefit of all is a coalition. Five students gathered together in a dorm room to whine about the extinction of the Panamanian spotted muskrat is not a coalition.

Someone who has his heart set on being an idealist can't be saved and all efforts to enlighten him should be abandoned. As a realist, you should accept that they will not listen to reason. It is also noteworthy that idealists are quite adamant in their attempts to win realists over to their point of view. They seem to think that realists are unhappy and do not enjoy life as much as them. It is acceptable to either laugh in their face or humor them.

One final example of realism is the urge to lose one's lunch upon seeing a blatant display of runaway joy. I think that R.E.M. is a talented band, and I like most of its music. However, I could never be an R.E.M. fan because it performed the song titled "Shiny, Happy People."

This song is sickening to all realists and its insane message is utterly laughable. My message to all the shiny, happy people is that as long as they are acting like lemmings, they should hold hands tightly to make sure the shiny, happy person behind them can't back out at the edge of the cliff.

Although I have no concrete proof, I am quite sure it was an idealist who first said, "Think happy thoughts," and a realist who said "Ignorance is bliss."

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## Basketball Preview

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**The Skinny:**  
This is State's fourth and final tune-up game for No. 7 Kansas, which beat No. 1 UMass and comes to town Saturday. Sure, N.C. State hasn't really been tested yet, but they're blowing out teams by the margins they should be blown out, which is the mark of a good squad. Everyone agrees the non-conference slate would have been trouble for last year's unit.

Here are the hard facts: The Wolfpack's scoring average (101.3 ppg) and average margin of victory (42 points) are the highest in the ACC as of Friday. Want more numbers? Mega-freshman Joshua Benjamin is averaging 17 points and 6.7 assists per game. His distribution has freed up Lashon McCuller to the away, and fire away he has. McCuller is 10th in the conference with 17.7 points. Ricky Daniels leads the team with 9.7 rebounds, and center Todd Fuller averages 7.3.

But some of the biggest numbers so far has been the amount of press following Benjamin. The guy has a 29-point game in his debut and everybody wants a piece of him. Sheesh, there was even a guy from the High Point Enterprise at the Howard game.

The signs are there, but the question is the same: does this mean the Pack is back? The game against Kansas, not the one against Charleston Southern, will go a long way toward providing the answer.

— Owen S. Good

## Kill the ... woman with the ball?



Rachel Smith, of N.C. State's women's rugby team, runs with the ball during a battle with North Carolina on Saturday. UNC won the game, which was played on the lower intramural fields.

KRISTEN MCKENNA/STAFF

## Preston

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basketball uniforms ever created. In case you haven't seen, Apex has come up with several uniform designs that are painful to look at.

The politically correct St. John's Red Storm would be at the top of this poll without a doubt.

Located in Queens, St. John's has the New York skyline running along the bottom of its shorts, with the Empire State Building extending up one side of the jersey. It's amazing what a school will do to impress Felipe Lopez.

The Kentucky Wildcats are going with the "Look, our shorts look like they've been clawed by a large cat" design. The rest of the SEC can only hope this really happens.

Somewhat, the Villanova Wildcats have adopted red and (ughh) "Carolina" blue into their uniforms, which now feature several "V" shapes all over the shorts. An inside source said that this wild new fashion has upset some conservative alumni.

Finally, the Minnesota Golden Gophers feature the school's "M" logo so large on the front of the shorts that those people watching the game in Wisconsin would be able to see it.

A word to these teams: Haul out the old rags for a lot of "throwback" games this season.

## Pack

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1:51.74.

In the 100-meter freestyle, the Pack swept the top four places, led by Brandon Walts' time of 0:46.48, which edged out teammate Marus.

But when State went up 88-62, Virginia decided it wouldn't go down without a fight.

The Cavaliers won the 200-meter breaststroke, then took the top three spots in the 500-meter freestyle. Smith's victory in the three-meter diving for State couldn't slow Virginia. The Cavaliers took the 200-meter breaststroke to cut State's lead to two points with one event remaining.

But the Pack wasn't worried.

"We knew that they would come back on us in the distance freestyle events because they have some great distance freestylers," Harrell said. "We figured that they would do some catching up."

The last event was one of State's specialties: the 400-meter freestyle relay.

State's first team of Cox, Edward Riley, Walts and Marus locked up the meet victory as they left the Cavaliers in their wake with a time of 3:05.90, three seconds ahead of the Virginia group.

Going into the last event, the men's relay lineup was not completely set.

"We knew going into the relay that we could divide the relay teams out 1-2 or we could stack one relay," Harrell said. "Watching their entries throughout the match, we noticed that they were going to stack their last relay. So, we decided to put it to them and take first and third, and that's what it would take to win the meet. We made a last minute change, and the kids swam out of their minds. They did a great job."

Things didn't work out as well for the women. They lost to the undefeated Lady Cavaliers, 147-94.

With the loss, the women fell to 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the ACC.

The women from Virginia won all the events except for the one-meter diving, which was taken by State's Korney Schell.

Leading the Wolfpack was Tammy Lyons, who finished second in the 50 and 100-meter freestyle events and swam the anchor leg for State's second-place 400 medley relay. Also swimming in the 400 medley relay for State were Allison Hardy, Kristen Kodak and Rachel Delia.

"I knew that UVA. was a really strong team and that they outnumber us in a couple of places," Harrell said. "But, I think we were a little flat coming off of the men's meet. Everyone was so excited for that. There was a lot more people watching. We're a lot better than that. We will be there, the girls need some confidence, they lack a little bit right now."

## Stanford

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again. That, along with the team's 7-8 foul shooting, anchored a 17-6 Cardinal run to close out the game.

The Wolfpack led the entire first half and even built a 10-point lead midway through the half. But a pair of threes and some inside buckets trimmed the margin to one at the break, 35-34.

State started the first half extremely fired up and shot the ball very well. Tammy Gibson canned three three-pointers in the first eight minutes to help build the lead. Webb scored six during that stretch, and a deep three by Howard capped the run to give the Pack a 25-15 lead with 11 minutes remaining.

But Stanford answered with a 9-0 run before Nicole Mitchell's only basket of the night broke the streak. The teams then traded scores until

halftime.

"It's great to play a team like them 20 minutes, but the game is 40," Yow said. "The final 20 minutes is when the pressure really comes on, and we need to play our most solid and fundamental game on both ends of the floor. If you're going to execute, it has to be then."

The second half continued much like the first, but with the Cardinal leading the entire half. Stanford continued to pound the ball inside and defensively put the clamps on State's outside shooting. Gibson and Howard were shut out of the score department, but Webb and Kreul picked up the slack. They combined to score 18 of the Pack's 28 second-half points.

Early in the half, it looked like Stanford might pull away when they took a 47-40 lead after four minutes. But over the next six minutes, State outscored the Cardinal 13-6 to tie it once again at 53. Kreul and Webb scored all but

two of the points during that stretch.

"It's a confidence-builder knowing that you can play against the top in the nation," Kreul said. "It's also a challenge, and in order to get better you have to take those challenges and learn from them."

Kreul scored a game-high 17 points. She was followed closely by Webb, who had 16 to go along with five rebounds and three steals.

"I was very impressed when we ran our system," Yow said. "In the first half, we were doing the kind of things we want to do on defense and executing the offense. We know that we can do it against a very good team, and that is very encouraging."

Howard's status for Wednesday's game against N.C. A&T has not yet been determined, but she should be able to play Saturday against Connecticut.

## Answers

### Crossword Puzzle

Solution time: 27 mins.

Across  
1. NAME  
4. ID  
5. MAP  
6. UPON  
7. SEMI  
8. PLO  
9. MEAD  
10. HEIDI  
11. COBB  
12. REEPER  
13. SPANKER  
14. AROMA  
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16. DOG  
17. PRIG  
18. ALAMO  
19. WALLET  
20. BARBER  
21. LIE  
22. ERIC  
23. BATCH  
24. JEER  
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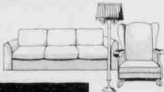
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