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Campus landmark site for memorial service

■ The tower, built to commemorate World War I dead, remains a symbol of fallen soldiers.

BY CHUCK NORMAN STAFF WINTER

The Belltower guard is a 34-yearold tradition that honors a much
older one — the 200-plus years
U.S. soldiers have put their lives on
the line in wartime.

And Wednesday the N.C. State
Marching Cadet Fraternity held a
24-hour vigil outside the lower as
it's done each year since 1960,
honoring soldiers who lost their
lives in service to the nation.
Robert Pullen, a retired major and
a member of the Veterans of
Foreign Wars, said he hoppes the
guard is never discontinued.
Organizers chose Wednesday
because it marked the anniversary
of the Japanese attack on Peat
Harbor which brought the U.S. into
World War II.

The event is special since it

in Pearl Harbor," he said.
At 11:57 a.m., the changing of the guard began. The guard had taken its place around the Belltower as the last bell struck noon.
Attending the event this year were members of the N.C. State ROTC, the U.S. ROTC, the VFW Honor Guard Post 1400 and more than 75 others.

The guest speaker at the event was Anne Capucille, a master sargent in the United States Army. Capucille joined the Army in 1942 after she heard what happened in Pearl Harbor.

Harbor. Capucille is now very active in veteran affairs. She is an auxiliary member of Disabled Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the state chaplain for American veterans and the historian for the Wake County Veterans Council.

Capucille commended the men and women in the service today.

"I was part of the future 53 years ago and you are now," Capucille said.

relies on you."

Capucille told the crowd about the morning of the war and how no one believed the attack on Pearl Harbor was real. At the time, she worked for Martin Aircraft and, as soon as the news hit, bomber production

the news hit, bomber production began.

During the war, she worked seven days a week and 12 hours a day. People were more than willing to work the long hours to help the cause, she said.

At the conclusion of Capucille's speech, she and the commander of the U.S. ROTC placed a wreath at the entrance of the Belltower in remembrance of the soldiers who lost their lives in the attack at Pearl Harbor.

tost their lives in the attack at Peari Then, at the command of Major Pullen, the VFW Honor Guard fired three shots saluting lost soldiers. The U.S. flag was then lowered, raised, lowered again and tied off at half mast with a cadet playing Taps in the background. The Marching Cadet Fraternity is an independent organization unaffiliated with campus Reserve Officer Training Programs.



tree, celebrated by members of the Presbyterian religion. "This tree is similar to that of the Christmas tree, except all the decorations are religious symbols that members of the congregation have made over the years," said Allen Proctor of the Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

A member of the Marching Cadet Fraternity guards the N.C. State Belltower. It was watched for 24 consecutive hours.

Air mass causes warm half week

■ People lounging outside — in December?

BY RON BATCHO

Although most students had sent their shorts home for the winter, mother nature gave the N.C. State community one more taste of warm weather.

weather
Greg Dial, a meteorologist at the
National Weather Service, said
there was a reason for the
uneasonable temperatures.
"The weather was being
controlled by high pressure system
centered over the gulf coast states,"
he said, "It transported a lot of
warm air out of the gulf for several
days."

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That almost tied area record temperatures, Dial said. "The high temperature Tuesday was 74 degrees," he said. "The record was 75 degrees. Wednesday's high of 77 degrees was one degree short of the record of 78 degrees in 1956."

Dial said Charlotte, whose mercury made it to 75 degrees, broke a record of 74 degrees set in 1956. He added that there were near record-breaking temperatures all over the state.

There was another effect the air temperatures, "There was a lot of sinking air."

flow had that caused the warn-temperatures.

"There was a lot of sinking air," he said, "Air tends to warm as it sinks because it compresse."

One student was happy with the warm temperatures.

Tod Williford, a sophomore in horticulture science, said he liked the change in weather.
"It was cold as hell last week," he said, "I'd rather have spring all year around."

said. "I'd rather have spring all year around."

A staff member said she isn't used to this type of weather this far north this time of year.

"It reminds me of winter in Florida," said Doris Council, a secretary for acquisitions in D.H. Hill library.

Brock Akheem Sampson, a freshman in textiles management, said he is going to enjoy the weather whell he can.

"As soon as January comes, the weather is going to get harsh," he said. "I'm ready to wear my winter

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The WRAL-TV tower is decorated in lights to form a giant Christmas tree. Seasonal decorations are common.

■ The holidays mean different things to different people.

Winter break gives religous, cultural groups a chance to celebrate

By Jennifer Sorber

Despite unusually warm weather, the holiday season is here againand that means the celebrations will begin.

The first major event is Hanukkah. Jewish people observe this holiday in remembrance of the right for religious freedom. The dates observed vary on the Gregorian calendar. Hanukkah consists of eight days of celebration. Jews light a new candle on the Menorah, a candelabra, each night until all eight are lit. This is to commemorate a story about an oil lamp that lasted a week despite having enough oil for only one day. The next religious holiday on the calendar is Christmas. Christians celebrate Christmas Dec. 25 as a commemoration of Jesus' birth. On campus, there will be several activities pertaining to the celebration of Christmas.

The Baptist Student Center held their annual Christmas banquet Saturday. The banquet had a dual purpose. It served as a celebration for Christmas and as a rededication ceremony in honor of the 30th anniversary of their building. The Baptists also held an impromptu Christmas pageant Monday night. "This is a non-rehearsal drama that was performed by students of N.C. State," said Chris Grambill, the Baptist campus minister. Catholics celebrate Christmas during the Advent season. "This celebration includes four This celebration includes four Reaves of the Catholics chaplain on campus. Students also participated in the Students also participated in the

Rev. John Wall, the Catholic chaplain on campus. Students also participated in the decoration of their student center and sang carols at Dorothea Dix Hospital Saturday night. Their festivities concluded with a midnight mass.

The Lutheran denomination prepares for Christmas by having Advent services on the four Sundays prior to it. A mid-week Advent service was also held on Wednesday.

Another way to celebrate Christmas is to decorate a Christmo

have made over the years," said Allen Proctor of the Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

Presbyterian students went caroling this week for residents of the downtown Boylan Heights area. They are also holding a candle light service on Christmas Eve.

After all the Christmas elebrations on Dec. 25 are completed, Kwanzza, a holiday that pays inbute to the cultural roots of Americans of African ancestry, begins. It is observed from Dec. 26 through Jan. It is a cultural one based around the principles of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

One candle is lit for each of these principles over the seven-day celebration.

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Teachers hope new program SUCCEEDs

Some freshmen are learning several subjects at

BY HOLLY PRALL

This isn't your father's physics

This isn't your father's physics class.
Freshmen in N.C. State's Integrated Mathematics, Physics and Engineering Curriculum, or the IMPEC program, have an updated and integrated first-year curriculum. Richard Felder, a professor in the chemical engineering department, is the director of this experimental education program. IMPEC is sponsored by the Southeastern University and College Coalition for Engineering Education and is funded by the National Science Foundation.
"The idea of the SUCCEED program is to transform the way engineering education happens," Felder said. The course he and his colleagues have developed attempts to get students out of the lecture

hall and into hands-on, applied mathematics and physics framed around a core engineering project. Earlier this semester, in the engineering component of the integrated course taught by civil engineering professor Leonhard Bernold, the 38 students enrolled took a field trip to see a ruce car.

Students asked the car's driver questions about problems related to its use. The students then did projects that revolved around the automobile suspension system.

The material covered in the program is similar to that of traditional freshman classes, but is taught in a way that shows students how the material interrelates and how it can be used. There are only a few such integrated courses being offered in this country.

Felder also sees the integration of topics between the disciplines as helpful for day-10-day use.

"In the real world, you don't separate math from physics from engineering," he said.

In order to reinforce the

connections among the disciplines, homework assignments and tests contain related material from all three areas. Though there are still three professors involved, the math, physics and engineering component classes all meet in the same computer-equipped classroom on a shifting schedule for a total of 12 hours per week.

The computers allow for more innovations in the teaching process. The computers are used both for MAPLE, a symbolic mathematics program, and also in John Gastineau's physics curriculum.

Gastineau's physics curriculum.

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Gastineau's principles instead of drawing graphs, he said.

This tool can be used to create a direct moment-by-moment graph of basic motion in front of a monitor or velocity, force, magnetic fields,

Study break



Erika Neijstrom (left), a junior in mass communication and Jennifer Martin (right), a senior in English, talk in Caldwell Lounge between classes. The lounge has been full during the last week with students studying for exams and working on end-of-semester projects.

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Women ready for UConn in romp over N.C. A&T Page 3 ➤ et cetera: An NCSU researcher is helping make Christmas trees extinct. Page 5

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News Notes

NCSU grad to speak at fall graduation

Albert Carnesale, Harvard University's acting president and an N.C. State alumnus, will deliver the commencement address at NCSU's fall graduation exercises Wednesday, Dec. 21, in Reynolds Colleans

wednesday, Dec. 21, in Reynolds Coliseum.
His speech, entitled "The Next American Agenda," will focus on developing a new organizing principle for U.S. foreign and domestic policies now that the Cold War is over.

War is over.

On behalf of the NCSU faculty and trustees, Chancellor Larry Monteith will award degrees to about 1,726 students.

Commencement ceremonies begin at 8:30 a.m. with a concert by the NCSU British Brass Band. The academic procession is scheduled for 9 a.m.

for 9 a.m. Individual colleges and departments will distribute diplomas at various locations on campus beginning at 11-15 a.m. A joint Army, Navy and Air Force commissioning ceremony will be 4 p.m. in the University Student Center Ballroom.

center Ballroom.
Commencement activities will begin Dec. 20, when Monteith and his wife will receive the graduating students, families and friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

More dumpsters for winter cleaning

For students cleaning out their room or moving out over winter break, large blue dumpsters will be located by Avent Ferry Complex, Bragaw, Becton and Bowen residence halls.

The dumpsters are being placed there for large objects students want to get rid of. The dumpsters will be available from Dec. 15 to 22.

PEKING

GARDEN

TODAY

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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 REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION — The spring session of the 13th Annual Year-Round Intensive English Language Program will be offered in Winston Hall Jan. 17 through April 17. The registration fee for each course is \$295 which includes the lab fee. For a free brochure call Lorit Toole at \$15.2261.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

welcome.

CONCERT — There will be a Christmas concert by the NCSU music department at 8 p.m. in Reynolds Collseum. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students. Call Ticket

SATURDAY

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REGISTRATION
Adult/returning students:
a workshop to help you change careers. curriculums 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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Program

Communed from Page 1 light intensity — even temperature. Students also have access to computer simulations varying from colliding balls to bungi-jumping.

"You start looking at all the assumptions that go into making up a course and questioning them." Gastineau said. "While we're designing for this new course, we're using the best teaching tools available."

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One thing students don't do much in this class is sit around and get bored.

Joseph Barnes, a computer engineering undesignated student, explained the class.

"We don't have set problems to do—we have a project to do," he said. "We have to discuss data, what we need to do and the write-up for presentation later on."

Barnes said the teacher is interested in students benefiting from the material.

from the material.

"Dr. Gastineau wants you to learn," he said. "He won't tell you the answer. He enjoys debates in the groups

Homework and projects are done collectively, which Gastineau said has both short and long-term benefits for the students.

Gastineau said students learn best from one another and that his format is nothing new, since teachers often form study groups

anyway.

"It's good to have somebody there besides the teacher to ask or to work things out with," said Gary Pelletier, an undesignated engineering freshman.
Felder said he believes the teamwork skills learned in the IMPEC class will help prepare students for an engineering job after graduation, where work is handled by design teams and project teams working cooperatively rather than competitively.
Students enrolled in the course as

Students enrolled in the course as freshmen can make an educated choice about the engineering field, Felder said.

The course with

choice about the engineering field.

The course will continue in the spring, when traditional second semester freshmen course topics are presented to the class.

The IMPEC course will then be evaluated for effectiveness. The performance of students in the program will be compared to those who enrolled in the traditional curriculum. Felder said the model may represent the future of engineering instruction at NCSU.

The integration of a chemistry class and philosophy of technology class into the curriculum is also planned.

Weather

Continued from Page 1 clothes. I used to live up north, where it would get really cold."

Other students, however, don't like the idea of having spring like temperatures right before the start of winter.

of winter.
"It's real bad," said Tejas
Pandoria, a junior pre-med major.
"It's December — it should be
cold. It is messing nature up."
One student said the weather has

Holidays

an effect on feelings for the holiday

season.

"I'd rather it be cold, since it is close to Christmas," said Charles Holley, a sophomore in civil engineering. "It was cold last week."

Zafer Jafri, a freshman in electrical engineering, said he didn't like the weather because he wants to see some frozen precipitation.

"I was hoping it would be colder - I want it to snow," he said. By Thursday, however,

temperatures were back to normal and will stay that way. Dial said.
"It has cooled down," he said. "A cold front came through (Wednesday) night. Temperatures should stay near seasonal temperatures over the next couple of days."

Normal temperatures in December is highs in the mid-50s and lows in the 30s, Dial said.

The National Weather Service's forecast for today is sunny and brisk, with 55 degrees for a high and a low between 30 and 35.



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Owen S. Good



The best parts of my job

■ Looking back at Wolfpack athletics, it's the little things I'm most thankful for.

My father usually assembles a list of "My Favorite Things" about this time of the year, and runs it in the newspaper he publishes back home. I've always wanted to take a crack at something like this, just to see if I could be that positive for once. Here goes. Since this is on the sports page, here are My Favorite Things in Sorst the tidbits and experiences that make sports writing the privilege that it is. First, and foremost: Beating Carolina any time, any where in anything.

First, and foremost: Beating Carolina any time, any where in any thing.
The parade version of "State College Keep Rolling Along," our second (but best) fight song ...
Mike O'Cain's easy going manner at press conferences ... Carl Reeves' intensity — in everything ... Adrian Hill's comeback job thing year ... Chris Love finally getting his shot at long snapper, and staying there the whole season ... The press the Wolfpack got after beating Virginia ... Hearing O'Cain thank the media for it.
Any Marcus Wilson dunk ... what happens to the crowd when he does ... Les Robinson's job bringing State basketball back to academic respectability ... The ACC's Operation Basketball media day, especially the food.
Talking baseball with Brian Absher, Dad, or Brian Absher's

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Chalk Jayhawks as first test for Pack

■ The game against Kansas Saturday night will be the Wolfpack men's basketball team's first big test of the season, and should measure how far the program has

By MICHAEL PRESTON

The way the N.C. State men's basketball schedule is set up, it looks as though the Wolfpack could be undefeated right up to exam

The cupcakes include Prairie View, Radford, Howard, Charleston Southern, Kansas and UNC-Asheville.

Asneylle.

Back up a second. Did that say fourth-ranked Kansas?

Oops. Yes, it did. On Saturday evening, the 4-0 Wolfpack will get its first true test of the early season,

The big question is whether or not the Pack is ready to face a team that has beaten ranked teams like Massachusetts and Florida in a week's time.

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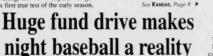
"We're certainly more prepared than we were last year for Kansas," coach Les Robinson said. "Are we ready to play a team that just beat the number-one ranked team in the country? I don't know."

History says that State has never really been ready for the Jayhawks. The Pack's only win in the nine previous meetings between the two teams was in 1958, when its neaked out of Allen Fieldhouse with a 66-63 victory.

out of Alter Freedom.

Cast season, State was really unprepared to face the Jayhawks.

Kansas not only walked all over them during the 74-57 rout, but



■ Lights will be added to the Wolfpack baseball field, improving the appearance of Doak Field and increasing the potential for larger crowds.

Let there be lights.

Let there be lights.
Construction will begin in February on putting lights at Doak Field, the home of N.C. State's baseball team, thanks to a fundraising campaign that netted almost half a million dollars. Weather permitting, head baseball coach Ray Tanner says the team's first night game will be March 28,

1995 against The Citadel.
"There's not a lot of lead time on this project." Tanner said. Poor weather in February could push back the first night game.

The lighting project will cost nearly \$470,000 when complete, according to Associate Athletics Director Mark Labarbera. Tanner said that all of the funding for the lights is "new money," which means none of it comes from the athletics department.

An informal "Friends of Baseball" group, organized by Tanner, is responsible for much of the funding. Part of last year's season ticket sales went to the lights, and LaBarbera says some of this year's

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State women come alive in second half

BY RICH O'KEEFE

Worry, worry, worry.
Head coach Kay Yow was very concerned how the N.C. State women's team would respond to N.C. A&T Wednesday night. Last year, the matchup went into overtime, and the Wolfpack won by only one point.

Yow was also worried about how her team would

N.C. A&T 56
N.C. Stole 82
N.C.

Senior Tammy Gibson led the

with a team-nigh 29 points and nine rebounds.
"Tammy really got her game going tonight," Yow said. "For the first time it looked as though she wasn't thinking about her knee."
Gibson tore her anterior cruciate ligament early last year and ended her season in December.
Gibson had 11 points and five boards for the Pack in a first half plagued by turnovers. The quick Aggie squad mixed up the defenses, mostly playing a 2-3 zone and full court press. The game plan worked, but only for the first half.
"In the second half, we worked the ball better and the spacing was

"In the second half, we worked the ball better and the spacing was better," Gibson said.
"We have been playing against man-to-man all year," Yow said. "We haven't spent time on it recently (the Zone) because we have been working our younger players

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Great bowl, bad history for Wolfpack

For the third time in eight years, the Wolfpack is going to the Peach Bowl. This time, it's against the powerful and hot Bulldogs of Mississippi State.

BY TED NEWMAN ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Atlanta, here we come. Again.
N.C. State's football team makes
its seventh appearance in the Peach
Bowl on New Year's Day. This
will be the third in the last eight

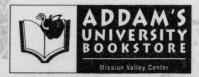
will be the third in the last eight years.
"Itall worked out for the very best," head coach Mike O'Cain said. The Peach Bowl is where the players wanted to go, and I believe it's where the fans wanted to go."
But the Peach has not been too kind to the Pack in their last two visits, both last-minute losses. In 1986, State fell to Virginia Tech when a field goal on the last play gave the Hokies a comeback win. In 1992, East Carolina railied from a 17-point deficit and scored in the

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Doak Field is going the way of other baseball parks. Lights will be added in February and the first night games will be played this spring.

Lights

One of the most difficult stages of the project is already complete. Power lines running over the third stages side of Doak Field had to be moved to make way for the lights. A power line easement was secure the Thanksgiving holiday, and now the area is clear for the poles to be set. That phase of construction will begin in February. Labarbera soil.

Tanner is enthusiastic about the prospects of night baseball.

"It'll create a better environment and a greater possibility of fan participation," Tanner said. "We're anticipating, because of the great fans on campus and in Wake County, that night baseball games will be standing-room only."

In the past, Friday ACC games, scheduled for 3 p.m., have drawn capacity crowds full of students either forsaking late afternoon

classes or fortunate not to have

Tanner says the lights will get a lot of mileage for Atlantic Coast Conference homestands. Most of the Friday and Saturday games against conference foes will be at might, and some Sunday contests could go under the lights, too.

Tanner also said there is "a dialogue going on" with Home Team Sports, which carries ACC baseball, about games at Doak Field

"That tells a lot about our offense. We will do whatever it takes to win, and everybody rises to the

being televised. There has only been one live telecast of a game at Doak Field.

The lighting project is the first step in a major upgrade of State's basebal field. After the lights are in place, the program, which is now a member of the Wolfpack Pride Campaign, will look toward getting a clubhouse on the site, according to Tanner. Then, improved seating, restroom and concession facilities will be considered.

Neither of State's quarterbacks put up those numbers. But, Terry Harvey and Geoff Bender combined for 2,102 yards, 11 touchdowns and 12 picks.

nor 2.10z yards, 11 touchdowns and 12 picks.

Turnovers may be what decides the game. State ranks 99th in the nation with a -11 turnover margin. MSU is eighth with a +11. The Buildog secondary has intercepted 22 passes this season, and run six back for scores.

Special teams is essentially a toss up. Steve Videtich has consistently put the ball between the uprights, and Alvis Whited came on late in the year returning kickoffs. But MSU's Moulds led the nation in returns, averaging 32.8 yards per return.

returns, averaging \$2.8 yards per return.

The Wolfpack hopes to return to its early-season form after the month of rest. Several key players were playing hurt down the stretch and through the Virginia game.

"If we win, we're in the top 15 for the first time since I've been here," O'Cain said, "I want to win this game as much as anybody, but the seniors this year were more committed than ever. They did an outstanding job keeping the team together. They just never quit."

Continued from Page 3 dad, if there will be anything to talk about soon ... Doak Field getting

Good

lights.
The hest press box food in the ACC — Carter-Finley's burgers and barbecue ... [The News & Observer's] Bill Woodward's red sweater ... The novelty of growing up reading the Winston-Salem Journal's Lenox Rawlings, and then finding myself working alongside him at big games.

alongside him at oig gaines.

George Tarantini's sideline
sideshow ... the Latin American
soccer following ... Knowing I can
always get a good quote out of
Alberto Montoya.

Alberto Montoya.

ESPN's The Sports Reporters, whenever I'm fortunate enough to see it ... Sports Illustrated S. E.M.

Swift ... "The Fight of His Life" by W.P. Kinsella ... The 1950 Elkin Blankteeters, who had the best winning percentage in all professional baseball that year ... The Monday Night Football music. Images: UNC women's soccer head coach Anson Dorrance being man enough to admit his team was "in terror" when it played N.C. State's this year ... Freshman running back Tremayne Stephens calling sportswriters "Sir" after personally outgaining Wake Forest ... A volleyball player pointing out head coach Kim Hall and saying. "She looks like a student, but she isn't ... My newspaper uted. 55-0, in tackle football this year ... Reading about it in the N&O lin tackle football this year ... Reading about it in the N&O ... next day ... Terry Harvey stepping out of the endzone as time ran out last year against Virginia, and then running into the fieldhouse ... A true spine-tingling moment: David Thompson being introduced as "The Greatest Player in the History of N.C. State" at a charity game in 1993 ... Mike O'Cain's fidgety daughters at the 1993 press conference when he was named head coach ... Jim Valvano's return to Reynolds Coliseum in 1993 ... Soccer player Gabriel Okonkwo scoring against William & Mary in the 1992 NCAAs, and then jumping a chain-link fence behind the goal because he couldn't slow down ... Being late for my first interview at N.C. State — it was with Eddie Goines.

Two more: They don't have anything to do with sports, but this is Christmas, and I gotta mention them. My hometown, Elkin, N.C., and my family. These are the two things I would never have any othe way in my life and that's good, because you only get one of each. Happy Holidays.

Peach

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final minute to upset State.
This year's opponent is no less
formidable. Mississipp State, 8-3
(5-3 SEC West), is coming to the
Peach on as much of a roll as the
Wolfpack. They won five of their
last six games, the only loss being 29-25 hearbreaker to Alabama.
The Buildogs fost to UNC two
years ago in the Peach Bowl, so
both teams have bad memories of
New Year's in Atlanta. In fact,
State has not won a bowl since the
All-American Bowl in 1990. MSU
last won one in 1981.
According to Carl Reeves, that
was then and this is now.
"This is a neward for all the hard
work we put in, all the time and
energy," Reeves said. "It all started
on January 12, when we came back
to school, and it won't stop until

January 1. You sort of expect it for that kind of effort."

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State is going to need all of that effort the first of next year. The Buildogs bring the biggest offensive and defensive lines the Pack has faced all season. They average 321 pounds on offense and 300 on defense. Throw in a pair of 900-yards-plus running backs, and the game plan becomes obvious.

This will present still another problem for the Wolfpack, which was in the top 10 in the country for trushing defense during the first half of the season.

But the Pack is not without a

But the Pack is not without a potent running game of its own a potent running game of its own. Behind the running of super-frosh Tremayne Stephens, the ACC's third leading rusher, State averages 192 yards per game. Also, the Wolfpack has not lost in the last nine years when rushing for more than 200 yards.

The most suspect aspect of MSU's defense.

"This is a reward for all the hard work we put in, all the time and energy."

> - Carl Reeves, N.C. State Player

Auburn both racked up 325 yards of passing offense on the Bulldogs. MSU gave up two touchdowns to Bama in the final five minutes to

MSU gave up two touchdowns to lose that one. State's suddenly resurgent bigplay offense should be able to exploit the Bulldog secondary. Adrian Hill had receptions of \$2,60 and 62 yards in the last three games of the season, the last two at Virginia for touchdowns.

Virginia for touchdowns.

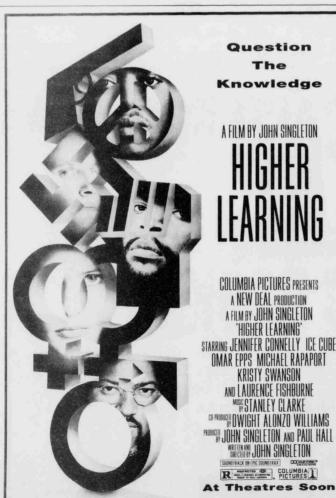
"We don't beat Duke or Virginia without the big play," O'Cain said.

and everybody rises to the occasion."

But big plays leave the State defense in a pickle. Already lacking much depth at most positions, one-play drives throw the defense bar on the field with little rest. Depth on the defensive line will be a large factor against the massive Mississippi State line. However, as long as the offense puts points on the board, nobody seems to mind. "As long as we are winning and they put it in the endzone, I don't care how long it takes," Reeves said.

said.

The Bulldogs have a passing combination that matches any of the Pack's. Derrick Taite is the signal caller, and Eric Moulds is the go-to guy. Moulds averages over 21 yards per catch, so the secondary will have major concerns of their own. Taite passed for 1,806 yards, with 14 touchdowns and only eight



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Play chronicles friendship

■ Ira David Wood shined in Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory".

BY KEITH CRAWFORD

Last Friday Evening at Stewar Theatre, nostalgia took center

stage.

Truman Capote's "A Christmas
Memory" provided a touching
experience for a full house. Starring
the popular Raleigh actor Ira David
Wood, Capote's one-act, one-man
play left many in the audience
seconing.

wood, Capote's one-act, one-man play left many in the audience weeping.

"Memory' is about a man's return to his memory-laden childhood home. We learn Buddy (Wood) took refuge as a child with a 65-year-old female cousin he refers to as "Friend."

She is mentally the age of a child, and takes care of Buddy in a house full of stingy and careless relatives during the Depression.

Friend. as interpreted by Wood, is equally as visible as Buddy, Although she speaks through Buddy's quotes, Wood's persona and voice come shining through. Wood was Friend as much as he was Buddy.

As tragic as the play's ending was, there were moments of hilarity.

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The relatives paid the pair three cents for every 20 flies they killed and noted the great number of pennies in Friend and Buddy's savings.

savings.
"Ohth, the carnage of August,"
Wood said with a mischevious grin.
Capote's humor and Wood's
immense talent as an actor made a

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Researcher breeds trees

■ Puny little Christmas trees will soon be a thing of the past thanks to an NCSU professor's genetically-engineered tree.

By KEITH CRAWFORD

J.B. Jett, an associate dean in forest resources, got one of his Christmas presents early this year. A more genetically perfect Christmas tree is on its way for homes across the nation, and it's being produced right here in North Carolina. "These trees will have added value for consumers and growers aitke," Jett said. "They will help North Carolina growers maintain their historic advantage over growers in other states — an advantage we expect will be seriously challenged in coming years by other states with Fraser fir genetic improvement programs." The sale of North Carolina grown Christmas trees brought in over \$75 million into the state economy.

Oh X-mas tree.

■ Selecting a Christmas tree is more complicated than you might

BY CHRISTY HARDEN

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Especially since tree lots suddenly spring up like mushrooms after a rain storm on the corner of every major intersection. With over 36 million Americans buying live trees each year, the Christmas tree industry has become a billion dollar business — ever if lot owners don't charge outrageously high nrices.

Most trees cost between \$25 and \$80, depending on size, variety and location. Tree farms charge by the foot and are generally cheaper then retail tree lots. Artificial trees

can set you back \$50 to over \$300, depending on how real you want your fake tree to look. With that kind of investment, how do you pick a live tree that will remain attractive throughout the holiday season and not drop all of its needles before December 25?

"Most importantly, buy a tree that is fresh," said Dr. Craig McKinley, extension Christmas tree specialist at N.C. State.

The best way to get a fresh tree is to buy from a tree farm. Many people make a vacation up to the mountains to select and buy the perfect Christmas tree, but the Triangle also has several tree farms.

Don't feel like venturing out into the wilderness to chop down your Christmas tree, but the Like Paul Bunyon? Retail tree lots are your savior. And when you select that perfect tree, be sure to pick one that has been cut recently

TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO See X-MAS, Page 6

ter-shaped.

Outside Owen dorm, an N.C. State student demonstrates how not to decorate a Christmas tree. Traditionally, lights and ornaments adorn the cherished Christmas tree. The most popular ornaments range from shiny tinsel to festive balls to treasured family keepsakes that find themselves on the tree annually.



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Christmas gifts for the roommate you hate

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- 9. Plant. Then talk to your little green buddy: tell it it would be much happier on your side of the room.
- 8. Vitalogy. (Note: Take the CD out and wrap the case. Put on your headphones and smile at your roommate all day.)
- 7. Halloween candy you bought on Nov. 1.
- 6. Deal-a-Meal.
- 5. Shiny, red apple. After s/he bites into it, mention, "I saw 'Snow White' for the first time last night"
- 4. Life-size poster of Charlie Manson. Every night, kneel before it, drooling and mumbling, "No, s/he's my roommate! Well ... OK."
- 3. ABBA's Greatest Hits. Proceed to sing every song at the top of your lungs, over and over, with no breaks in between.
- 2. Brand new computer. Tell your roommate it was too heavy, so you scooped out all those annoying things inside.
- 1. Animal crackers. Decapitate all the animals before wrapping.

X-Mas

ontinued from Page 5 nd carefully stored to prevent drying. After making sure the tree is fresh, "smell te tree, feel it, shake it," said Dr. Eric linesley, a NCSU professor of horticultural

Don't get kinky with it, just make sure the tree has a natural scent and the branches are strong enough to support the gobs of decorations we have. When shaken, the tree should not drop lots of needles. Ideally, the tree should also have at least one presentable side to show off, unless, you have a Charlie Brown Christmas tree.

The variety of your Christmas tree is up to you. Frasier fir, Balsam fir, Noble fir, Scotch pine and Douglas fir are the best pre-cut tree varieties. These species all have dense foliage, pleasant scents and attractive shapes. With proper care, all five should hold their

needles for three to four weeks after being cut.

cut. Species such as Virginia pine, red cedar and spruce are good choices if you cut the tree yourself and put it in water soon after. Now that you've picked the perfect tree and dragged it home, cut at least an inch-thick slice off ithe base. Carefully put the stand on, and pray that the tree stands straight or at least doesn't fall over.

least doesn't fail over.

Don't forget to water it. For average trees between five and six feet tall, stands need to hold at least a gallon of water. Additives to the water are not necessary. Since cut trees use a lot of water, check and refill it at least secondary.

If your pet slurps up the water as if the stand were a toilet, you should probably check the water level more often.

Finally, after all the hard work and barrages of curse words while trying to get the left #\$# lights on the thing, enjoy your hristmas tree and have a happy holiday.

Trees

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Frasier Firs make up for 80 percent of the state's Christmas tree production. North Carolina, with a 12 percent share of the national Christmas tree market, faces free competition with other states for control of the national market.

Jett and Steve McKeand, a professor of forestry, declared war.

Genetic war.

"The tree is swift" Jet said "If other states."

forestry, declared war.
Genetic war.
"The race is swift," Jett said. "If other states are first to find a way to develop faster-growing trees that have all the physical traits that consumers want, we lose out."
Theirs was the first comprehensive genetic study of the Fraser fir in North Carolina.
Jett and McKeand set out in 1980 with a seed collection from five mountain sources at varying elevations. The trees were grown into seed lines for two years and then planted in the field. After the young trees' second brithday, they were transplanted and set out to field for eight growing seasons. The results were astounding.
"We learned that trees from lower elevations grew more rapidly and were ultimately worth more at harvest then trees originating at higher elevations," McKeand said.

The trees from lower elevations grew to

said. The trees from lower elevations grew to maturation in seven years instead of the usual eight. And they were rewarded with a higher wholesale price and USDA grade. The trees exhibited greater height, crown size, shape, straightness and fullness than had been considered standard.

Besides in its increasing the number of trees.

Besides just increasing the number of trees on the market, the improvements are projected to add \$2.50 to the value of each

"That may not sound like much, but when you think of that multiplied by the number of trees grown, that's a significant gain," Jett

With the knowledge of which sources of trees have the best genetic traits and how these traits can be isolated, the foundation was set for the next stage of research application.

application.

Funding for research was in short supply, and Jett moved into administration. This summer, though, he received an early Christmas present.

Christmas present.

"I received calls from growers over North
Carolina that this year there is an astounding
seed crop," Jett said.

A massive effort to collect Frasier fir
genetic material was launched. Seeds from
500 mother trees showing ideal
characteristics were collected and stored.
Now, seedlings are being raised.

"The results are classic textbook," Jett said,
beaming.

The testins are classic lexitodox, Jensain, Dearning. The improved Christmas trees won't make it to living rooms across the nation for another 10 years, since orchards have to be set up to provide growers with the necessary seeds to bring the new species to market. Beyond the creation of the genetically superior tree, the massive seed collection effort has begun to fight off more competition than other states' growers.

Abdids are attacking the Fraser fit at an

effort has begun to light off more competution than other states' growers.

Aphids are attacking the Fraser fir at an alarming rate, but researchers have stockpiled a great deal of genetic material to ensure the Frasier fir will carry on.

The new trees will increase North Carolina's importance in Christmas tree production.

Besides, Jett said, "Who doesn't want a taller, fuller Christmas tree?"

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HELLO DAVE



Just in time for the holidays,
Chicago's Hello Dave has released
"A Hello Dave Christmas." With
the exception of lyricist Mike
Himebaugh's "Christmas as
The state of the state of the state of the state
done with a rock 'n' roll twist.
"Have Yourself a Merry Little
Christmas" is an upbeat tune.
Himebaugh's vocals are
accordion on this fun cover of an
old standard that's usually done in
a sweet, slow style.
Either you hate "Little Drummer
Boy" or you love it. If you're one
of the haters, you may change your
mind after hearing liello Dave's
drumming is the centerpiece of
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dramming is the centerpiece of this song, and the guitars are a nice complement.
The highlight of the CD is "Silent Night" — performed a Capella as it should be. Ralph Covert of The Bad Examples and Paul Bolger of Mr. Blotto joined with the band for this sweet, simple rendition of the classic Christmas carol.
Probably the best thing about "A Hello Dave Christmas," is that all proceeds from CD sales go to charity. Profits will be donated to Camp Heartland, a summer camp for HIV positive children and kind who have been affected by AIDS through the sickness or death of a relative.

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The CD is available at reconstores or by contacting "Hello Dave."

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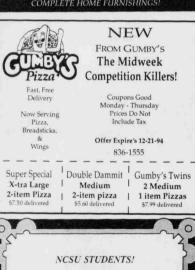
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delightful mix. Unlike many nostalgic holiday productions, the simplicity of the story drew the attention of an eager audience.

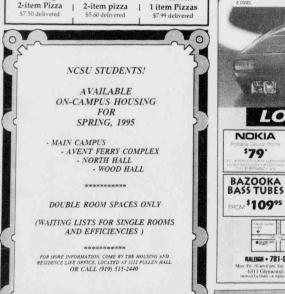
The same can be said for the tragedy of the play's ending. Many in the audience left in tears, as Wood's acting combined with the simplistic settings made the play seem very real.

The show, co-sponsored by the Union Activities Board and the University Scholars program, was an entertaining evening for all, including the scholars fighting for attendance points.

Ira David Wood can be seen performing "Scrooge"

— the twentieth time he's played the role — in Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium later this month.







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Kansas

Continued from Page 3 then added insult to injury by saying after the game that several of State's players looked "bored" during the course of the game. Mark Davis said that will not

Mark Davis said that will not happen this time around. "Hopefully, we can take that big step and beat Kansas," Davis said. "But we have to do it as a team, and we have to come out and play with some pride and some emotion." "We have to go out and scrap, kick, bite and claw, and do whatever it takes to win." Jayhawk center Greg Ostertag said that "it doesn't take very much to let the air out of them." That was a problem for the Pack last year, who would go into a terrible slump if things got out of control. Guard Lakista McCuller, second on the team in scoring, said that is the

"I think it's atmosphere. There's a great atmosphere up there, and our guys are getting after it and playing with a lot of adrenaline

> - Les Robinson. N.C. State head coach

difference this year.

"I think this team has really come a long way from last year," McCullar said. "Last year, if were in a situation like this [losing a double-digit lead], there is no telling what might have happened."

What has to happen this year is concentrating on stopping sophomore Jacque Vaughn, whom Larry Conley of ESPN called the "heart, soul and brains of the Kansas offense," during the Florida

game. Vaughn proved it. An eight-point lead nearly evaporated when the sophomore went to the bench for a rest. He finished with 11 points and seven assists.

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Containing Yaughn will probably be thrust upon State's super freshman. Ishua Benjamin, named the ACC's rookie of the week, leads the team in scoring, steals, three-point percentage and assists.

Todd Fuller and Bryant Feggins

will be handed the unenviable task of containing Greg Ostertag, Scott Pollard and another freshman, Raef La Frentz, Ostertag is three blocked shots shy of breaking the team record, and La Frentz was the team's leading scorer (18) and rebounder (nine) against UMass.

However, Feggins said people houldn't be handing Kansas the win just yet.

win just yet.

"Any team can beat anybody on any given night, and that was evident last year." Feggins said.

What might help in this game is the crowd at Reynolds Saturday night. In the first four games, the Pack has jumped out to early double-digit leads, and Robinson thinks the crowd has something to do with it.

"I think it's atmosphere," Robinson said. "There's a great atmosphere up there, and our guys are getting after it and playing with a lot of adrenaline."

Aggies

The second half also featured a greater intensity on the defensive end. State held the Aggies to 33 percent shooting, while lighting it up themselves at 57 percent, including 5-0f-11 from the three-point line. "Coach got on us at half time to pick it up," Gibson said. "We wanted to pressure the ball and get into passing lanes. That led to easy

baskets."

In addition to Gibson, thoroughbreds Umeki Webb, Erin Young and Quicha Floyd picked up points off the tough defense. They scored nine, nine and six points, respectively. Most of those points came against the press.

When A&T went to the zone, the Pack Found the patience to get the ball to their big people. Kolleen Kreul and Chastiy Melvin tallied 10 points and seven boards on the night, second on the team in both categories. Kreul chipped in eight points and five boards to continue the balanced assault.

The most telling statistic may

have been the assist category. State recorded 25 assists to the Aggies' eight. N.C. A&T's Nisha Watson scored nearly half her team's points with 27.

The Aggies last lead was 21-20 before Young nailed a jumper. Muriel Davis tallied two field goals near the end of the half, and Gibson followed up a miss to give the Pack its precarious 34-28 half-time lead. The second half was all Wolfpack as Webb penetrated the Aggie defense twice for layups. Two Kreul free throws upped the lead to 12 and provoked an A&T time out. A Watson jumper cut the Pack lead back to single digits at nine with

10:33 left in the contest.
Then State caught fire.
In a three-minute span, Gibson nailed three three-pointers, and Young chipped in one as State burst to a 20-point lead.
The Pack never looked back, only ahead to the national spotlight against UConon at 2 pm. Saturday.
"The team is really excited about UConn," Yow said after the game.
"They start 6-foot-4 and 6-foot-7 inside, and have a very solid perimeter. They are not a one-dimensional team, that's why they are ranked fourth. We are going to try to keep the tempo up against them."

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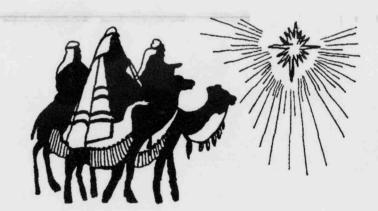
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Oscar hopefuls

■ Academy voters will have to look hard to find some worthy competition for "Forrest Gump."

BY CLARENCE MOYE

It's almost the end of the year, and from the looks of the few worthy many the state of the few worthy should reign supreme when the nominees for the 67th Annual Academy Awards are announced in February.

February.

Of course that doesn't mean there weren't any other good movies out this year.

Take "Pulp Fiction," for example. This violent and darkly comic film, hailed by most critics as the best film of the year, has performed well at the box office. Yet, the unnerving violence of the film could potentially turn off the older voting members of the Academy.

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Gruesome violence will also kill any shot Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers" might have had at a Best Picture prize. Instead, the Academy will likely throw "NBK" technical nominations such as Best Film Editing or Best Cinematography.

The critically acclaimed "The Shawshank Redemption" suffered at the box office from a vague ad campaign and a seemingly stupid name, although anyone who has actually seen the film will agree that it is the best choice. But "Shawshanks" fantastic acting and powerful story will prevail because the Academy usually loves stories of the triumph of the human spirit.

Two more films that were critically acclaimed but stiffed at the box office were Robert Redford's "Quiz Show" and Tim Burton's "Ed Wood." Redford's pressige will probably net his film multiple nominations, but "Ed Woods' obscurity will keep it out

highly acclaimed turn as Bela Lugosi. Besides those few films, Oscar predictors are looking at the current Christmas flock to fill the void left by earlier disappointments. Perhaps the biggest question of the season is how Oscar voters will look at the dark and bizarre "Interview with the Vampire" and, mainly, Tom Cruise's acclaimed role as the infamous vampire Lestat. Academy favorite Barry Levinson's new film "Disclosure" opens this weekend starring the ever-controversial Michael Douglas as a company man who is sexually harassed by his female boss, Demi Moore.

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Early word on the film labels it a crowd pleaser along the lines of Moore's earlier film "A Few Good Men."
Other notable openings in December are "Cobb" with Tommy Lee Jones as the baseball legend, "Nell" starring Jodie Foster as a wild child found in the mountains of North Carolina and "Legends of the Fall" with grunge-boy of the moment Brad Pitt and ever-present Anthony Hopkins.
Foster is already a shoe-in for a nomination according to insiders, because of the annual lack of solid roles for women in film.
Other female stars who are likely to be nominated are Meryl Streep in

Client" or the upcoming Safe
Of course, Academy voters should
never complain about a lack of
men's roles to choose from. This
year alone there is Tom Hanks as
"Forrest Gump," John Travolta and
Samuel L. Jackson in "Pulp
Fiction," Gary Oldman as
Beethoven in the soon-to-bereleased "Immortal Beloved,"
Tommy Lee Jones in "Cobb,
"Terence Stamp in "The Adventures
of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert"
and Gary Sinese as Lieutenant Dan
in "Gump."
And don't be surprised to see "The
Lion King" repeat "Beauty and the
Beast's" Best Picture nomination.

clockwise, Demi Moore, Michael Douglas, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jodie

Disney is planning a full-scale assault on the Oscar voters for the highest grossing animated film of all time.

And we all know that awful Elton John song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" will take the Best Song award even though many people consider "The Circle of Life" a better song.

So, this year's Aradien

better song.

So, this year's Academy Awards
will again provide little variety.
"Forrest Gump" will be through
every nomination it can handle, and
barring a major backlash against leftlin, it will probably sweep the
awards because it is such a "feel
good" movie.

And I know we're all rooting for
the guy that plays Bubba in 'Gump'
as Best Supporting Actor. No actor
has ever made shrimp seem so
funny.



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Better than an apple, thanks!

Technician staffers say "thanks," not so anonymously, to the teachers we get out of

f it weren't for pesky details such as attendance requirements, quizzes and essays, our tenure at N.C. State would probably be much more enjoyable.

But, alas, for the four or more years each of us must spend here to get our piece of paper with Chancellor Larry Monteith's chicken scratch on it, we have to endure the drudgery of seemingly endless class days.

Thank the pagan gods of academia there are a few teachers who are both patient and skilled enough to drill a little knowledge into our skulls. We are well aware it may not be easy to teach aspiring journalists anything due to our tendency to know everything already, yet we admire and respect teachers who make the effort

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And a special thanks to Abraham And a special manks to Abraham Holtzman, a poli-sci legend and teacher of governors and foreign presidents — rumor has it that he is actually retiring this time. Happy

Thanks for the fulfilling semester You made classes worth our while and kept us awake.



Commentary

Legalizing sex for profit would save effort

It's time to reconsider the legality of prostitution in America. The world's oldest profession is not likely to ever disappear, and hardly deserves all the money and attention it now receives from the government. Countless hours of valuable law enforcement time are being wasted on an extremely lucrative business that shows no signs of ever being eradicated.

In New York City alone, \$63 million was reported in police overtime pay in which half of the arrests made during the period were prostitution-related. Another \$30 million in court costs was spent for arraignments over a span of eight months, the New York Times reported in November. Why waste valuable public resources on the arresting and prosecution of prostitutes only to release them back to the streets, sometimes in as little as 24 hours?

hours?
As long as there is a demand for sex (and there always will be) there will be those who will profit from exploiting the basic human desire. Sex is not illegal, and neither is working, so why is it that when the two are placed together the product is unlawful?

unlawful?

Once blamed for the spread of syphilis and today for the passing of AIDS, this danger related to prostitution can now be prevented by the use of condoms. Other hazards of the profession, such as a being kidnapped or beaten, already carry statutes specific to each of these crimes.

Infamous Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss, who was recently convicted on the charge of pandering, has brought up another important issue involved with the

Since my last commentary on the religious expressions at N.C. State received such an overwhelming res I believe that further elaboration is warranted.

lective stack an overwherming response, I believe that further elaboration is warranted.

I must begin by saying that I am a Christian in as much as Jesus Himself would have wanted for anyone to be a Christiani, to be a conservative religion. On the contrary, I find that Christianity is progressive, right back to its founder. Jesus hated the creeds and doctrines of religious orthodoxy. He never asked any of his followers to accept a plan of salvation and He taught of a universally kind and loving God.

In fact, Jesus never asked anything of His followers but their unyielding and unconditional love for him and each other. Jesus never said to a single man or woman that they must join the Christian church or any church lest God almighty cast them into the fires of hell. Jesus never even spoke of a Christian church. Jesus spoke worthless turns out to be the comerstone of the entire mansion. In this realm, old enemies embrace as friends and fathers and sons and brothers long divided are once again reconciled to one another.

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once again reconcited to one another. Jesus also talked of another realm; this realm He called hell. To Jesus, hell was that place where injustice and cruelty make bitter enemies of humankind and the cold hearted. In hell, the ignorant and the cruel are blind and deaf to the love which Jesus shared with His friends. It is a place

soliciting of sex for money. Relying on an individual's weaknesses, panderers deceive and manipulate others for their own benefit. The question is: How far should the government go in protecting people from their own deficiencies?

Daira

Jarrell

Cigarettes and alcohol injure and kill far more people than prostitution, and the detrimental effects to one's health are well known, yet the government allows the freedom of choice on these subjects because they generate jobs for those it provide the source of addiction. The only difference between the selling of sex and the distribution of legal drugs is that there is a moral aspect involved. There is a moral aspect involved. There is nothing immoral about smoking and drinking, and therefore there can be no angering of constituents. A legislatorwho would bring up the issue of decriminalizing prostitution would undoubtedly experience harsh criticism, despite the fact that he or she would be saving the taxpayers large amounts of money. Legalizing prostitution would also provide better protection from crime, because the police would have time to concentrate on solving murders and finding rapists.

A government has no right to try and Cigarettes and alcohol injure and kill far

A government has no right to try and impose morals upon its people. And just as parents must eventually let their

Zealotry has no place among soft minds

children make their own decisions, whether they be right or wrong, the whether they be right of wrong, the government cannot protect us from ourselves. Individuals may not always choose the right path to follow, but people have to make decisions for themselves. Everyone knows the risks involved in prostitution, and information is all that needs to be provided by the government.

And what about the issue of privacy? A women picks up a man in a bar and they go back to her apartment, whatever happens is their business. The same risks are present here as those involved in prostitution. Sexually transmitted diseases could still be transferred, and either participant could be a serial skiller. Yet the government can not interfere, nor would they want to. The events that took place were between the man and the women. However, the moment money transfers hands suddenly the act of sex becomes a crime and in turn is punishable by law.

Lawmakers should take all the money Lawmakers should take all the money wasted on the arrest and prosecution of streetwalkers and allocate it to funds that help educate and provide shelter for prostitutes. Perhaps with these funds we could save the unfortunate individuals who are forced to sell their bodies for money. Providing aid, not a stay in the city jail, will be more effective in helping to save the ladies from the night.

Daira Jarrell is a sophomore majoring in English and business.

Industry smarts carry over

■ A large state appropriation has moved N.C. State from among the worst to among the best at handling hazardous

avid Rainer is used to responsibly disposing of hazardous waste. He had to make sure that happened during his

years in industry.
Since he was hired by NCSU in 1992, he's brought that attitude to a university where it hadn't previously existed. And now that the new \$3.2 million Environmental Health and Safety Center is open, his efforts should pay off.

Two years ago, NCSU was embarrassed by newspaper reports about lax waste handling at the old

center, a former chicken barn. The Environmental Protection Agency investigated and listed seven violations, most of them due missing or incomplete labels. That was then. This is now

The new center may be the best any U.S. college or university has, Rainer said, and certainly is among the best. It features 10,000 square feet for administration and research and 10,000 for waste storage, with all the proper safety precautions taken into

The old facility is still being used,

Rainer said, though less and less material is going into it. It is essential to protect the campus environment. David Rainer and his Environmental Health and Safety Center are making steps in the right

Let's hope they don't get away

Though pest control is important, was it really necessary for an N.C. State professor to breed 2 million cockroaches?

rofessor of entomology, Dr. Coby Schal, has been receiving a lot of acclaim lately for the number of nasty critters living in his office.

In both a Technician feature and on

and on the television, Schal has been presented as a diligent researcher who invents chemical weapons for the human race to use in our perpetual battle against the cockroach. He must be very skillful in this area to have received

part of a \$4 million endowment for structural pest management.

Let us hope he is also as good a warden. What if all these offensive

creatures, reportedly over two million strong, were to get loose? A swarm of cockroaches could

quickly infest the whole campus worse than a Fraternity Court kitchen. We're talking about something like that secret passage in the Temple of Doom here

And is it really necessary for Schal have so many roaches? Couldn't a much smaller number of these pests fulfill his research needs just as well? Technician sincerely hopes Schal is

very careful in the containment of his research subjects.

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To follow Jesus, one need not accept that humanity is hopelessly depraved and



Duncan full of crying and gnashing of teeth

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Any human being is surely aware of both of these realms, and we need not conjure up dogma about the mysteries beyond the grave to take Jesus' points to heart. We do not need a plan of salvation to feel the warmth which Jesus brought into this world. We do not need to limit our moral vision to a mere dogma about life after death in order to be transformed by all that Jesus has given to our world. The hymns, the liturgies, the creeds and the doctrines are merely poetic decorations for the universal truth that Jesus knew so well. Today, Christians seem to miss this truth entirely. The conservatives are so busy trying to identify the enemies of God among the very souls God created and loves. They are so busy trying to persuade themselves and us all that the gates of hell are yawning before us that all of the good things that made the faith worthwhile have disappeared from conservative morality. Christian faith used to be worth risking being fed to the Hallmark Christmas greetings that we buy at Eckerds.

deserving of eternal damnation. One need not admit that Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our human sin. One need not acknowledge that membership in the Christian religion can set one apart in God's eyes from the rest of that "unsaved" part of humanity. One need not relentlessly seek to coerce the rest of the world into accepting the belief of a particular group. Some of these tenets come from Paul's letters. Very few come from anything Jesus is supposed to have said.

But I would go so far as to doubt whether any of the prophets, who are quoted in the pathetic little "plan oi salvation," would agree that "the plan" is a reasonable ministry of Christianity, "The plan" is a bastardization of the scriptures, designed to reduce the very religious substance of our morality to the irrational hocus-pocus of who goes to heaven and who goes to hell.

The adherents to such nonsense would be better served by a Ouija Board than a Bible. Furthermore, the underlying purpose of "the plan" is to persuade its young adherents, mostly conservative Americans, that only they are right, God is on their side and the rest of the world is going to hell. With this pseudo-Christian zealotry on campus at NCSU or elsewhere, I respectfully disagree.

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Would you let these people babysit your children?

1994 is another banner year for politics. Any year in which a major politician's wife can proclaim, in all seriousness, that God is her interior decorator (Does Jesus hang the drapes? Who does her finish carpenty?) just sets the stage. We had races where top polls were threatened by nobodies and convicted criminals won votes—Marion Barry wins! There is free crack for everybody!
We had a race in California where two people spent over \$40 million

We had a race in California where two people spent over \$40 million per to try and be a senator. I mean, even Danny Quayle couldn't resist the bug, to write a book that is. Who knew he could write? Who knew he could dictate? Who knew anyone would buy it?

Politics is a strange business filled with strange people — especially with syear. You wouldn't let a doctor who had never practiced medicine try and take out your appendix, would you? Then why are we

Free speech covers correct opinions

correct opinions
You are correct when you say that
everyone is entitled, by the First
Amendment, to freely express their
own opinions. However, this
freedom does not entitle that the
expressed opinions be correct. This
is the case with Senator Helms. If
Sen. Helms wants to express his
view that President Clinton is a
failure as commander in chief of the
military, then that, as you said, is
his right. However, it was not Sen.
Helms fight to generalize his
statement to the rest of the armed
forces. Also, Sen. Helms made a
passive threat towards the
president. (By the way, Sen. Helms
has been making comments like
his for years, so it is about time
someone paid attention.) Anyone
who is in such a position as Sen.
Helms has no business openly
threatening the president. But, even
if Sen. Helms meant his comment
as "flippant" remark, how do we
know that it was received, by
everyone, as such? The point is that

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suddenly rooting for the nobodies?
Why are we voting for people who admit to having no clue? Lawyers don't walk around, screaming at the top of their lungs, "I have never practiced law before! Let me settly your divorce" (even though it would make them easier to spot and kill when the time comes!)
Today's politicians make a point of saying how completely out of the loop they are — how unknowledgeable they are about politiciss. They are the un-politicians. They don't know what the problem is, but they can fix it anyway (just hand me that doohickie, honey). And besides, it is their turn to drive! Who on earth are these people? The only people in the world whose main selling point is that they won't seek election next time. The only people who rabbit punch their opponent in the kidneys until he punches back crying "Foul!" to the referree. The only people who can





say with a straight face that the economy is fine, so let's kick out the burns who fixed it!

Didn't these people get beat up enough at school? Did the fluoride in the ware workle effect their the people get beat the people get beat the people get beat up enough at school?

enough at school? Did the fluoride in the water supply affect their brains? What instinct makes people get up on a platform, make kissy-faces at people they would never normally associate with (except during charity functions), throw their whole life open for review like a frog on a dissection tray (Get the lab pins, boys! It's barbecue tonight!) and smile the whole time. Do these people get some perverse pleasure out of being tortured like ants under a magnifying glass in the

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sun? If campaigns get any longer, they'll begin to melt (though not necessarily a bad thing) and go crazy — kissing anything that moves, and promising jobs to your dog...uh oh. Better go get Teddy Kennedy — he may be closer to cracking than we earlier predicted. Bob Dole ain't a stupid guy. He had a nice little law practice in Kansas. He has a sweet wife and a quiet hometown. Why in the hell did he want to leave? If he wanted to be abused all day, he could go down to Austin, Texas and let Ann Richards spit on him for kicks. Sure, he is the majority leader, but that's not much better than being the student body president (unless you are Bobby or Jan Brady). He's got the power to...vote and hold a lot of annoying speeches about our boy Bill. But other than that, he doesn't really laver much power. He can't make anyone do anything. Sure, everybody knows who he is.

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Is it all worth it? Sure, they got a picture of shaking hands with some senator or maybe even the president hanging over their mantle, maybe even a White House ashtray, but was it worth getting beat up and spending millions of other people's dollars (and that's just to get electicd?) Was it fun looking like an idiot as that shiny new player came in on his high horse of clean political and economic frugality? Was it worth the measily pay and long hours spent flying on planes back to the home district? Well, we sure don't have a shortage of people willing to find out, do we?

"How many politicians does it take to get to the tootsie roll center of politics?," the boy asked the wise owl who replied, "I guess the world may never know."

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there is nothing flippant about a threat towards the president, serious

threat towards the president, serious or not.

Secondly, I am bothered by your statement that "one of his (Clinton's) first acts as president was an attempt to bring homosexuality into the military," Excuse me, but I believe that homosexuals were already in the military, but they lived in fear of a dishonorable discharge if found out. I don't know, but that sounds an awful tol like discrimination to me. Please, get your facts straight before you comment — something that Sen. Helms could also use a little help on.

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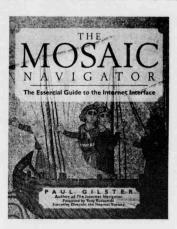
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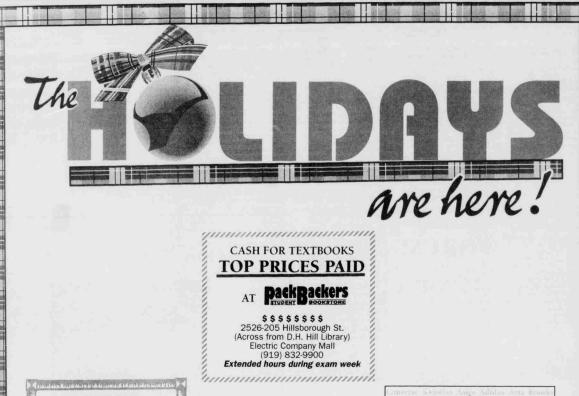
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