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Bell Tower Briefs



Sociologist says Christmas expectations are too high

Feeling a little stressed by the approaching holiday season? Blame it on Norman Rockwell.

Much of the seasonal stress

comes from overly romanticizing the past, said Maxine Atkinson, an N.C. State associate professor of

State associate professor of sociology.

Realistic expectations can free families to enjoy the preparation and the process of the holiday at hand, she said. Creating new family traditions becomes important in a mobile society that scatters families across the country. Atkinson suggests looking for concerts or pageants presented by local churches, school or performing groups to help families capture the spirit of the season.

She said it is also important She said it is also important to help children understand that the purpose of Christmas in not for Santa to make their dreams come true, but to help them focus on others. Youngsters could select a name of a child from a "giving tree" and help shop for the wish list, or help fill food baskets for needy families.

families.

Children also could be involved in making special Christmas cards or gifts for grandparents and other family members who are miles

away.
She said the post-holiday blues hit hardest the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. It might be a better time to revisit the nostalgia of "Christmas Past." For example, during a post-Christmas dinner, each family member might be asked to recall his or her favorite holiday memory or story.

Courtesy of the NCSU News Services.

communicate

Device helps autistic student

For "Jonathan," a nonverbal, autistic student at Washington Elementary School in Raleigh, saying to his teacher "I want a pretzel, please" is impossible. However, thanks to a team of N.C. State seniors who have designed a special verbal communication device for "Jonathan," he can now punch a button to voice his needs.

needs.

This device will be shown with more than 40 others designed by NCSU electrical and computing engineering students during ECE Design Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 7. Students will explain their products in lay terms and demonstrate devices in the Student Center ballroom. The event is open to the public.

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The students developed products to help children like 'Jonathan' in the Wake County Schools and to assist industries with product development as part of their senior design course. Working in teams of two or three, the seniors devote 10 hours a week to their products, whether in a campus lab or at the industry site, in order to provide original, high-tech solutions to problems supplied by faculty members and industrial sponsors. Each semester, about 15 companies sponsor up to 80 projects.

Courtesy of the NCSU News Services.

Campus maps, 10 grand still in limbo

■ Money raised by the 1994 senior class has yet to be used for its original purpose.

BY PHILLIP REESE

After nearly a year and a half, \$10,063 that was supposed to be used to build N.C. State maps around campus is stitting idly in an account at the NCSU Foundation.

The money was raised by the 1994 senior class. The maps were to be its gift to future NCSU students.

There are more than a few explanations for why the maps have yet to be built. Sally Ricks, a university landscape architect who works in Campus Planning, is the manager of the program. She said the reason no maps have been built is because no students from the class of 1994 have volunteered to oversee the project.

"We don't have active prejection from

volunteered to oversee the project.
"We don't have active participation from the class of 1994," Ricks said."I have to have user representation to help define what the project is so the user will be satisfied."
Ricks said it is the duty of NCSU Alumni Relations to find representatives from the class of 1994.

But Matt Smith, Director of Young Alumni and Student Programs, said he was never specifically lod to find representatives.
However, Robert Racz, 1994 senior class

vice president, said that a call he placed in March to Jennifer Moore, the former assistant director of annual funds, suggested otherwise. Racz said Moore told him that Smith was point to granize a semiline.

Racz said Moore told him that Smith was going to organize a committee made up of 1994 graduates. Racz told Moore that he would be available to serve on the committee in May. He was never contacted by Moore or Smith again, he said.

Smith said he remembers Moore suggesting that it would be a good idea to find student representatives. However, Smith said he thought there was no need to find representatives until a formal meeting concerning the project was set up.

"I was under the impression that the meeting was going to be set up by the annual fund representatives and I did not need to pursue it," Smith said. "If I was under the

impression that I should have pursued the meeting, I would have done it."

Smith said it would be easy to find representatives from the class of 1994 and, if asked, he would do so.

According to Rebecca Askew, the director of Annual Funds, the department which handled fundraising for the project, student representation was not a problem.

She said that on Aug. 16, 1994, Moore sent a memo to Ricks that said Melissa Smith, a 1994 graduate, had volunteered to represent the class. The memo included Melissa Smith's address and phone number.

The last sentence in the memo says, 'ff you [Ricks] need additional help with volunteer recruitment please call me."

It was the best of times . . .



The Occoneechee Highlanders perform at this year's Dickens Festival held Dec. 2 at the Raleigh Civic Center. Along with the live entertainment, the festival featured traditional foods and goods.

Student challenges DOT procedures



Parking tickets like this one have prompted a resident of E.S. King Village to contest the Department of Transportation's procedures.

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■ A resident of E.S. King Village claims the parking problems he experienced over the summer just ren't fair.

BY ERIC WAMPLER

Russell Alpizar, a doctoral student in biomathematics, claims the N.C. State Division of Transportation severely mishandled parking problems that occurred in E.S. King Village over the summer due to construction.

The problems started with the parking lot resurfacing project that began at E.S. King Village on June 4. Parking spaces were taken away in phases and resurfaced. The original target date for completion was September 7, but heavy rains during the summer caused construction delays that lasted until the project was finished in early October.

Alpizar said the administration at E.S. King Village and DOT did not foresee the potential problems that taking away the parking spaces would create.

"When L would come home late at night there."

wouldn't be any spaces to park in at all," he

Abjara received two parking tickets during the summer. One ticket, on June 29, was for parking in a vendor's space and blocking a university vehicle. Alpirar claims he left enough space for the car to get out of the space, yet he still was ticketed.

The other ticket came on July 12 for parking in a visitor's space. Alpirar claims he learned he was forced to park in these spaces because there just weren't any spots left due to the construction.

He appealed the tickets to transportation's petitions appeals board, but both appeals were denied. Alpirar claims the decisions were wrong, and that the appeals board process is biased.

biased.
"When I appealed, I did it more for principle," he said. "If I am truly responsible for a blatant parking violation, I will pay it."
The crux of the problem lies in the number of parking spaces available last summer. Both DOT and E.S. King Village residents taken counts of the parking spaces around the property and discrepancies of 20-30 spaces showed up

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HRL offers suggestions

■ Students should make preparations before they leave for winter break.

As the semester draws to a close, students all over campus are getting ready to go home for the holidays. But they still have some final preparations to make before they leave, according to campus officials.

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Jennifer Wilder, the assistant director of Housing and Residence Life for the East Region, said students have some work to do even after they turn in that final exam or project.

Students who are going home over the break must leave by noon on Dec. 20, she said. HRL officials will check to make sure everyone has checked out by that time.

Students need to contact their resident advisers and set up a time to check out even if they are going to return to NCSU next semester, Wilder said.

HRL is requesting that students

Wilder said.

HRL is requesting that students unplug all electrical items, defrost their refrigerators and lock their windows and doors before they leave. Students should also empty their trash cans and make sure all food items are stored properly or taken home.

taken home.

Only certain residence halls will be open during the holidays. Students who have a 12-month housing contract will be allowed to stay in those dorns. Students who do not have a 12-month contract and want to stay on campus during the holidays should stop by Pullen Hall as soon as possible to sign up for a room. The cost will be \$12 or \$10 a day, depending on the hall in which they stay.

\$10 a day, depending ... which they stay. HRL officials will change the locks on residence-hall room doors that will be closed during the break. No students will be able to get into their rooms after the locks have

Larry

Scientists discover Santa's secrets

■ The mysteries of Santa have been explained by N.C. State

By Patricia Scott Plunkett

For years, children have questioned their parents about Santa, but those questions have not been answered satisfactorily —

until now.

A group of N.C. State engineers led by Larry Silverberg has taken it upon themselves to answer the many unexplained phenomena associated with the man in red.

"Since we engage in research reasonable."

the man in red.

"Since we engage in research, it is only reasonable that we would look into scientific explanation for how Santa delivers all the presents to all the kids so rapidly," said Silverberg, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering.

The research team's goal was to determine what scientific and engineering principles can be applied to explain how Santa actually delivers presents to children around the world. Silverberg said that in order to do this, it must be assumed that Santa has advanced technology.

The most popular question among children is: How can Santa visit every house in one night? Even with modern technology, humans can't fly around the equator in one night, let alone visit houses along the way.

along the way.

Silverberg said the North Pole has physical qualities that aid Santa in his job. It is located on the axis of rotation of the earth, which is also the point of convergence for earth's electromagnetic field.

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Santa visits with a young admirer

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Parking

Continued from Page I between their counts. Alpizar said lack of communication between residents and DOT resulted in the lack of parking. "To put it shortly, it was bad planning," he said.
DOT officials attributed the problems to people parking after 5 pm. and filling up the lots.
"After five, we have no control of where people can park," said Cheryl Carver, manager of parking services. "Many residents of E.S. King have spouses that leave for jobs before 7.30 in the morning and don't get back until after five at night. There's simply no way to predict how many spaces will be filled because these people don't buy parking permits."

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Alpizar did some research of his own and said he found that at the beight of construction in June, 65 percent of the tickets being issued were given to people who had parking permits. Most of these tickets were for parking in no-parking areas, he said.

"People with permits shouldn't be forced to park in no-parking zones because there is no space left," Alpizar said.

Carver said most of what Alpizar is complaining about is convenience parking. DOT can't guarantee spots for individuals right next to their buildings anywhere on campus, she said. It can try to provide parking within the vicinity of campus buildings. Alpizar said the appeals board that handles appealed parking tickets was another part of the problem. John LeDuc, who works for DOT, handles the petitions and coordinates the appeals board. Alpizar said there is a possibility of conflict of interest in his job.
"The whole system seems like a joke," he said. "They go through the whole process, but it seems like they've already made up their minds."

LeDuc said he does work with

both petitions and appeals

"I hold a dual hat," he said. "If you're complaining about a ticket, I'm the one you talk to. I also coordinate the meetings of the appeals board."

appeals board to the meetings of the appeals board to describing his argument against the charge. LeDuc reviews the petition and determines if it should be denied.

If the petition is denied, the person who received the ticket can request an appeals board to examine the case. The appeals board consists of one faculty member, one staff member and two students. These members are elected by their respective senates.

At the hearing, the person

elected by their respective senates.

At the hearing, the person appealing speaks for a certain amount of time and then leaves while the board confers to make its decision. LeDuc is present at the hearing and while the board makes its decision.

But he said he has no control over the board's decision.

"I have no input on their votes," he said. "My involvement is strictly scheduling and preparing the paperwork for the hearing."

Carver also said LeDuc's job is not biased.

"[His] position is as a non-voting member," she said. "He in no way influences or attempts to influence their decisions. He only clarifies

Alpizar also said he did not receive enough notice of his appearances before the board, and that he wasn't able to voice his opinions adequately to the DOT staff.

"Some of the people I tried to talk to wouldn't even give me an appointment," he said.

Carver said she is confident in DOT's stance on the issue.

"Although I think [Alpizar] has his heart in the right place, he doesn't see the big picture," Carver said. "He's focusing on minute information."

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Authority will meet at the NCSU Faculty Club at 9 a.m. PERFORMANCE Layman's Daughter will perform at C.A.F.E. from 7 p.m. to midnight in Western Lanes Route.

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Nominations for teaching awards will be accepted until Jan. 15, 1996. Students and faculty who wish to recommend individuals can complete a recommendation

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Santa

Silverberg said.
"It isn't something that is done overnight," Silverberg said. "Only to us does it appear to be overnight. He has a lot of time to travel to different houses, and in that time he

sees us frozen."

Another advanced technology
Santa uses is bio-engineering,
which explains his flying reindeer.
The reindeer become buoyant
through the correct proportion of
helium, oxygen and nitrogen in
their lungs, allowing them to fly,
Silverberg said.

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Moore said she received a phone
call from Ricks nearly six months
after the memo was sent. Ricks said
Melissa Smith had not contacted
her. It was around this time that
Moore contacted Mat Smith.
Askew said she thought the maps
had not been built because two
people who were closely associated

Others have questioned how Santa mows if people have been naughty

knows if people have been naughty or mice.

Silverberg said Santa has elaborate antenna and software systems that pick up electromagnetic signals in children's brains — similar to the way television sets pick up television signals. The signals are transferred to Santa's sleigh where the information is downloaded and processed so Santa can tell the location of the children, what they want and if they we been bad or good.

Santa's sleigh is also equipped

good.
Santa's sleigh is also equipped
with a guidance system and a
complex food dehydrator. These
devices explain how Santa knows
where a child's house is and how
Santa can take so many cookies
with him.

What Santa does with the cookies s purely speculation, Silverberg aid.

Kelmer said people want to believe in Santa, and science lets

believe in Sama, and them.
"It is all within the laws of physics," Silverberg said. "Others have speculated that Santa communicates with parents, and the parents actually buy the presents and give them to the kids. We talked about that and came to the conclusion that this was unreasonable."

The research team included

unreasonable."

The research team included Robert Stanley and Jeffrey Windsor, doctoral students in mechanical engineering; J.P. Thrower, a doctoral student in electrical engineering and Ken Kelmer, a graduate student in mechanical engineering.

"I would not be surprised if, after it was turned over to Campus Planning, it was set aside in a file somewhere," Hester said.

Whatever the reason for the delay, appears the maps could be built

scheduled to meet this week. Ricks said they hope to devise a plan of action that will result in the maps being constructed as soon as possible.

Break

Continued from Page 1 spokesperson for Public Safety, said campus security will remain constant during the holidays since some students and faculty will be on campus

sone students and tachary with concerning the concerning of the said. "Normally, we've got it pretty well covered." Despite the locked doors and Public Safety patrols, Ellis said students should take home valuable items, such as stereos and televisions.

items, such as stereos and televisions.
"It's kind of hard to steal what's not there." Ellis said.
The residence halls on Central and East campuses that will remain open during the break are Alexander, Owen, Carroli, Meetan, North, Watauga, Wood and Avent Ferry. The computer labs in those halls will be open during the break, and hours of operation will be posted in the labs.
No residence halls on West Campus will be open during the break.

CORRECTION

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In the story "India's diversity showcased," in the Dec. 6 issue of Technician, Afroz Taj's name was misspelled. The story said Taj is a professor only at UNC-CH. He teaches tie-in courses at N.C. State, well as UNC-CH.

Technician regrets these errors.

Congratulations to Kris Kringle, Technician News Employee of the month!

Good Luck on your presentation, Laura!

Signs

with the project, Moore and Steve Allen, the former director of Alumni Relations, left NCSU last

Kent Hester, a former assistant director of Alumni Relations, also has a theory concerning why the maps have yet to be built.

maps have yet to be built.

"My guess would be because
Campus Planning was hesitant to
begin with," Hester said. "For every
solution we came up with, they had
another problem.

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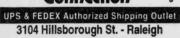
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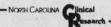
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Sports

Kenyatta Williams stars in Lion King-like win

Hakuna Kenyatta! What a

Hakuna Kenyatta! What a wonderful game.
Freshman point guard Kenyatta Williams had no worries against Charleston Southern. The lightning-quick point guard overcame her usual game-time nervousness to pour in a career-high 18 points to lead the No. 14 N.C. State women's baskerball team to a 98-45 win over Charleston Southern.
Coach Kay Yow was pleased with the performance of her talented yet timid freshman.
"Coming into other games she was really nervous," Yow said. 'I was glad she showed other people that she can play because I've seen her play really good basketball."
The crowd at Reynolds Colisents as Williams hit seven of 12 shots, including four three pointers. It's not that Williams has played poorly this year, it's just that she hasn't unveiled the wealth of talents that earned her two all-state player selections in Louisiana. But against

the Lady Bues, Williams took a trip back in time.

"When I was in high school I hit shots like that," Williams said. "I guess I just felt like I was back in high school."

But was she feeling nervous?

"When I went out there I was nervous," Williams said. "I knew it was a good opportunity to show what I could do. I'm just glad I hit my threes."

what I could do. I'm just glad I hit my threes."
But the Wolfpack had more weapons than just Williams. Four other players scored in double figures to give State its highest scoring output since the team posted 100 in last year's game with East Carolina.
The talent level on Charleston Southern is a bit different from the foes State faced earlier in the year in Hawaii. But Yow had the team prepared to avoid any letdown." It doesn't matter who we play. "Yow said. "We have to give a great effort and execute our system. If we're doing that we have a chance for good things to happen no matter who were playing."

State's system was evident by the score and the ability of the bench to give the starters a breather. State's bench outscored Charleston Southern's 30-10.

The Wolfpack also exploited its height advantage over the Lady Bucs. Charleston Southern's tallest player is 60° center Beth Weng. State center Chastity Melvin, 63° scored 14 points with only one miss from the fireld, and 62° Peace Shepard posted a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. The word of the state of the state





Freshman Kenyatta Williams flies by the Lady Buc's Beth Weng on the way to a career high 18 points (left). Umeki Webb (21) looks inside to Chasity Melvin who utilizes her height advantage over the smaller Bucs (above).

Our trusty sports editor bids a fond farewell to his readers

Aaron has made it through the highs and lows of N.C. State sports, but now he says goodbye.

I never expected to wind up as sports editor of my college

sports editor of my college newspaper, When I came to N.C. State four and a half years ago I actually thought a career in civil engineering was in my future. But one night I had a nightmare, actually it was more like a physics test, and decided to give the humanities the old college try. So I find myself here, at the helm of the most widely read sports page

Aaron Morrison

in the greater Troutman area.
And oh, the places I've been.
I feel like Ulysses finally returning home, but at times I've seen things

much scarier than Scylla, Charibdis or even the Sirens. Yes, I did the cover the Florida Atlantic game. And if you don't know what that is, consider yourself lucky. I can describe it in two words — rock bottom.

lucky, I can describe in the column to be about all the tragedies I've witnessed. And I've seen my share. But I'm not bitter. Quite the opposite. I am thankful for every opportunity I have had to cover N.C. State athletics. The only thing I ever really wanted to cover was soccer. What can I say? I love the game. So I covered it and made my first athletic contact — men's soccer.

coach. George Tarantini. I really can't say enough about the man. I covered his team for two years and I still don't think he knows my name. But to me that doesn't matter, He knows me, he just doesn't know my name, that's all. On one occasion he came up to me in the parking lot and just started talking soccer. That made my day. One day, he even told me I could play striker on his team. Lookout Brad. Shohn and Jimmy. I might stay on another year, just so I can play.

stay on another year, just so I can play.

My career progressed slowly and I eventually began covering the big-time sports. In reality, though, those are the ones I remember least. Sure,

I'll never forget State beating Duke in Cameron or covering the Crimson Tide in Alabama, but it's the sports that brought in the least money that gave me the most joy. Women's basketball: Kolleen Kreul's leaner from three-point range to ite Carolina and commence the triple-overtime thriller. Women's soccer: Megan Jeidy's diving header in sudden-death overtime to lift the Pack past Duke and into the round of eight in the NCAA tournament. Men's soccer: Damon Nahas' mutmeg goal at North Carolina last season. The goal and the win handed the Wolfpack the ACC regular season crown.

Baseball: Andy Barkett's two-runtwo-out-two-ball-two-strike-bases-loaded double in the bottom of the ninth to complete the three-game sweep of the Tar Heels.

(Giee, are we seeing a recurring theme here?)

Okay, okay. I pretty much hate
North Carolina. But while most of my relatives can't forgive me, I'm sure most of you can.

I used to love the Heels. So you can imagine how strange it was to sit across the table from a man I used to worship, but now despise.

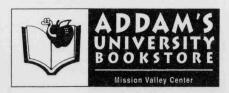
When I was seventeen, I actually considered naming my first born

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If you thought the Victory Tour was big, wait until the Picks Panelists reunite

just sneak out of town the way the Baltimore Colts did, but our

Baltimore Colts did, but our conscience got to us.

We couldn't leave our faithful readers without saying goodbye one last time. Think of this as the encore at the end of the Pigskin Picks Reunion Tour concert.

So the "panel from hell" is back and in your face for one last go around.

In case you missed every media outlet in the state Wednesday, Pigskin Picks was featured in the Charlotte Observer, the News & Observer and on WRAL-TV in a special segment.

Special segment.

Now, since we have a hot commodity on our hands, it's time to roll up our sleeves and go to work one last time.

Pigskin Picks will tackle the bowl season the way Stan Belinda plays basebalt: With nerves of steel and a wicked sinker.

Just a quick recap, Governor James B. Hunt won the regular season championship and reeled in the accolades that go with such an honor; a 55.00 bass trophy. He finished with a 124-56 record.

Trying to catch him this bowl season will be A.J. Carr and Tom Gugliotta, each of whom have 120-60 records. Wow, exciting, sin'ti?

In fourth place is Joan von Thron, our former first place panelist, with a 119-61 record. It is possible that Joan could finish in first, as much of a stretch as that sounds.

A tie for fifth, you say? Bruce Weir (yes, the O.J. Trial guy) and

Bob Langford (yes, the Raleigh media personality guy) both have identical 114-66 records. In seventh place is Michael Preston, whose record of 111-69 is just shy of really pathetic. Apparently, Mike's been too busy writing house ads to concentrate on actual football games.

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Aaron Morrison is in eighth place with a 109-71 record. Morrison is not yet mathematically eliminated. He can still tie for first if the Governor gets every game wrong, and Morrison gets every game right.

In ninth is the second-half picker of the year, J.P. Giglio. Ciglio's record of 104-76 is remarkable if you consider the following: Giglio once actually picked ECU over Tennessee. I guess when you pick

UVa to beat Florida State, you can throw some picks.
Finally we have the last place weekly guest spot, which will be occupied this week by Earl "the Pearl" Bradford, the Pigskin Picks Guest Picker Sweepstakes winner. Earl told Technician Sports, no, Earl guaranteed Technician Sports that he would go 15-0 during the bowl season. Then, Earl picked two ties. Earl, what are you smoking?
Hope you enjoy the ride, Pearl, 'cause when we drop you off in last place, you're not welcome back. But onto this year's bowl schedule, which should be accepting as a Kenyatta Williams

Gun offense rolls into the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl with Danny Weurffel and plenty of salsa. But the Huskers are bringing the cornchips and Tommie Frazier. The battle for number one, but what if they tie?

Northwestern vs. USC: ...a Wildcats' win would give them a national title? We'd rather not think

Florida State vs. Notre Dame: The Seminoles and Bobby Parents The Seminoles and Bobby Bowd might not finish in the top five to the first time in eight seasons. A the Irish may not finish the gar without Ron Powlus.

Rutgers vs. 1 Damnit, not this year. To every person from New Jersey who goes to N.C. State, let's say a little prayer for the Knights' ex-head coach, Doug Graber.

Wahoos.

Bowl of the Season: Toledo vs.

Bowl of the New Yegas

Bowl in all its glory. I don't know
why we're mocking the game. It's a

bowl, Toledo is ranked No. 25 and

State wasn't invited.

Well, this concludes the 1995

season of Pigskin Picks. Thanks to

all the panelists, the guest pickers
and everyone out there for reading

this each Friday. Oh yeah, and good

luck, Aaron.

luck, Aaron.

We'd like to wish everybody a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year. Even Wendy Dieterlen.

TECHNICIAN SPORTS PIGSKIN PICKS: THE REUNION

Last Week: Overall:

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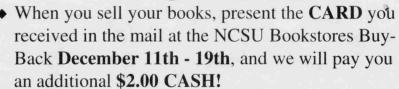
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Morrison

Toledo

son Dean.

Before you hunt me down and kill me, I'm just kidding. But doesn't Warren (Martin) Morrison have a nice ring to it?

But now I'm all about N.C. State, even though my Aunt Jane will never let me live that down. So what else is good about the Wolfpack?

Hove Reynolds Coliseum.

I will cry the day the Pack moves into the new Whatever and Whatever Arena. Reynolds is home. There is no better place to spend a winter night.

But the thing I really love the most about N.C. State athletics is one thing many fans take for granted.

We are probably the most hated team in all of North Carolina.

Hove that.

We have no expectations. We get no respect. And everyone hates for the Wolfpack to do something good. Granted, that rarely happens, but when it does, that warm, gratifying feeling is almost too much to take.

But now my days as a biased.

much to take.

But now my days as a biased student newspaper reporter are over. In a little less than two weeks, I will get my degree in English. As you can see, it has really paid off. I have spellled moast every wordd correctile. I can only hope the degree helps me to become a member of the Associated Press. I don't really expect that, but hey, you never know.

So one day when you're perusing the sports page and you meltis the s

know.
So one day when you're perusing the sports page and you notice that N.C. State has a number one vote. Please, think of me — and laugh.



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Technician's First Annual Top Ten Lists

Stop the music!

By James Ellis

Well, let's be fair. Local radio

Well, let's be fair. Local radio is not always great here in the Triangle. It's come a long way, sure, but sometimes it just gets on your nerves.

This is a list of the 10 most over-played, beaten-to-death, shoot-and-burn-the-corpse, throw-the-ashes-in-Ho-Ho-Kus-New-Jersey singles on pop radio. Yes, the list is subjective and may be incomplete. That "Breakfast at Tiffany's" thing might have made the list in three or four more weeks. But such is life.

10 Anything by Hootie and he Blowfish. Okay, you knew the Blowfish. Okay, you knew this was coming. It may or may not really be 10th on the list, but I really wanted to get this out of the way first. Call it a build-up of suspense, if you will

will.

The combined singles really equal one song that was/is played over and over. That "Hold My Hand" thing and "Let Her Cry" have differences that can be measured only by well-financed research scientists from MIT.

a **CH B. & There For You"

9 "I'll Be There For You" by the Rembrandts. If you

by the Rembrandts. If you both the Rembrandts if you both a moy just plain dull, this song is it. It's a sin that the Rembrandts, who do a good job writing pop dittes, got such acclaim by being the butt of this musical joke.

If the theme had stayed a theme, there wouldn't have been any problems. No one would have gotten hurt, but some jerk at some radio station in the plains states had to string together three copies of the theme (which he taped illegally) off television. Shouldn't the FCC be aware of such actions?) and played it on the radio.

off television. Shouldn't the FCC be aware of such actions?) and played it on the radio. This song proves, without a doubt, that you can sell anything with the right packaging. If it was the theme from "American Gothic." no one would have bought it.

8 "You Quebt. To

room would have bought it.

8 "You Ought To
Know/Hand In My Pocket"
by Alanis Morresette. Well,
great. Millions of women are
singing along about how much
they hate their old boyfriends.
Just what I need. I'm sure some
people consider it an
empowerment song. I consider
it well-produced bitching.
Don't get me wrong, bitching
is an art form. Trent Reznor
bitches for a whole album
about one girl on one of my
favorite albums of all time:
"Pretty Hate Machine," but
local radio doesn't play
"Sanctify" 40 times a day, does
it?"

it?

7 "Name" by The Goo Goo
Dolls, Geez. It was a nice song
once — nice acoustic guitars,
nice melody. Too bad radio had
to kill it. Don't blame me,
blame the program director

song ist renough, rou have to bleed it. The Goo Goo Dolls were hitmeisters waiting to happen. Everybody and their dog quietly raved about this dise as it came out. No critic worth his or her stereo would have been caught dead not recommending it to friends. Heck, even MTV's Kennedy could be seen chatting with the spare Gin album was on television. Enough aiready! I'll buy the damned thing! Are you happy now?

now?

6 "Carnival" by Natalie
Merchant. How did such a
nice girl from upstate New
York get on this list? By
releasing a boring, tired song
with nice (but uninspired)
lyries to the world, that's how.
Did you see her on SNL?
Hello?! Wake up and have
some fun. But who could blame
her? "Carnival" could put a
coked-up 10-year-old to sleep.
5 "Hold Me. Thrill Me. Kiss

coked-up 10-year-old to sleep.
5 "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss
Me, Kill Me" by U2. I admit
it. I loved this song when it first
came out in June. However, by
August I could see Jim Carrey
singing the song in my dreams.
This song just underlines how
rabid U2 fans are. If U2 takes
more than two years to put out
an album, fans will grab on
(and then kill) what ever
singles, soundtracks or singles, soundtracks or compilations they can get their hands on. Someone tell Bond and the gang to speed it up.

charges of murder.

3 "December" by Collective
Soul." Oh, God. This is bad.
This song was so popular this
summer that in Houston this
summer, it was playing on
three radio stations
simultaneously. I mean, if
you're gonna have three
guitarists and a bassist, you
should sound better than this.

2 "Waterfalls" by TLC.
Let's see. This album sells 15

waterialis by LLC.
Let's see. This album sells 15
trillion copies, but TLC
declares barkruptey, 1 guess
instant karma works. If they
han't tired to kill us with this
song (which was way too long
to begin with), maybe TLC
would be solvent and Left Eye
would still be going out with
Andre Rison.

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1 "Runaround" by Blues Traveler. At some point, everyone loved this song. Heck, taxi cabs in little towns in Mexico listened to it. But the biggest sin of all is that their first album (self-titled, released in 1990) was really good. However, every record (four in total) just got worse. I'd say it proves that radio program managers like bad music, but even I'm not that cynical. Maybe.

owdy again. I'm the Rev. James Ellis, editor of the et cetera page. Here we are at last. The lights are low. The music is just right. Classes are over. Your parents aren't home. And our lips... they are so close...

parents aren't home. And our lips... they are so close...
Wow! Sorry about that. It being the end of the semester and all, my mind waders very easily. I think it's safe to say that we will all be happier when finals are over.
Well, it's that time to look back at the year that was 1995. Between O.J., the 104th Congress and the Carolina Panthers winning four in a row, it has been a wild year. So look back with us, as tectera's writers cast their gaze back. You might laugh, you might cry, you might get mad, heck, you might can will be used to take a second and remind you that we will be accepting applications for writers. Every other department needs help as well, so don't be afraid to stick your head in and say "Hi."

Top mistakes

By LISA WHITEMAN

Like any other year, 1995 is not exempt from tragic mistakes. Though the list is incomplete, you have been provided with 10 of the worst faux pas, in no particular order. (Rank them at your

worst faux pas, in no patticular order. (Rank them at your discretion.)

10 Representative David Funderburk (R — N.C.) switching seats with his wife after causing a traffic altercation. Getting caught lying to make yourself look good and ducking responsibility can do wonders for a political career.

9 The Phi Gamma Delta letter from UNC-Chapel Hill. Issuing a letter to potential members concerning himped entising and their 99 percent chances of "getting some beaver" from criant drunk sorority pledges was not the brightest of moves. Now that the chapter has been dissolved, it looks like their chances of being awarded game are decidedly lower.

7 The lawsuit against McDonald's for spilled hot coffee. The moral is you can sue for anything you want, regardless of how trivial the issue. You'll possibly win lots of mowpapers across the country, on David Letterman is Late Show and on a top 10 list of tragic mistakes.

6 The lawsuit issued by a former

Mickey Mouse Club member, Billy Jean Malot, who sued Disney for allowing her children to be exposed to the disrobing of Disney characters. She said the children no longer believe the characters are real and are traumatized. It's hard to believe she didn't sue Milli Vanilli years ago.

Vanilli years ago.

5 The legislature's approval of a \$5.5 million research slaughterhouse for N.C. State the same week the tuition hike was approved. The state feels it must get all it can from its students, yet somehow finds large amounts of money for a slaughterhouse NCSU didn't even include on its wish list submitted to the legislature.

4 Saddam Hussein's re-election, winning by 99.5 percent. The 0.5 percent who voted against him, voted for Hussein's son, son-in-law

voted for Hussein's son, son-in-law and nephew, who were generals in his army and have since fled to Jordan.

3 The commercialization of the OJ. Simpson case.
2 Tonya Harding taking up a singing career. For her debut this past June at a public concert, she was booed off the stage, immediately ending her short-lived singing career.

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The ten worst movies of 1995

By CLARENCE MOYE AND AMANDA RAY

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10 "Showgirls" Bad in a
good way, Joe Eszterhaus and
Paul Verhoven turned up the
sexual intrigue and raucous
humor to provide one of the
worst movies of the year that
is also the best laugh we've
had all year.

ad all year.

9 "Outbreak" Cheezy Hollys Hollywood machine sludge that rips off a better story ("The Hot Zone"). Note lines like. "You have to respect the virus. It's so small and it's killing us!" Oy vey! 8 "Waterworld" Okay, let's [lin a movie entirely on water.

8 "Waterworld" Okay, let's film a movie entirely on water, blow \$185 million and forget to put in a decent plot! Hope Kevin Costner had lots of Ben Gay for those middle-aged bones while he attempted "The Scarlet Letter" Pure

rash, that's it. That eight on the Richter Scale is Hawthorne doing laps in his grave.

6 "Congo" "Jurassic Park" with apes but without excitement or decent plotting. But those apes sure were funny.

5 "Nine Months" British Hugh Grant takes on a Woody Allen-ish neurotic film detailing the pains of parenthood. This film was extremely sexist with its staged crotch-to-crotch delivery scene.

4 "How to Make an American Quilt" Winona Ryder trying to act cute. Those

American Quilt" Winona Ryder trying to act cute. Those commercials for Colonial Penn Life Insurance were more heartbreaking than this feeble rip-off of "Joy Luck Club" and "Reality Bites."

3 "Home For the Holidays"
Is this the same woman that starred in "Silence of the Lambs" and "Taxi Driver."
Apparently Jode Foster lost a couple-hundred along the way.

2 "Nick of Time" Johnny Depp usually chooses such good projects. We were surprised that this movie was to bad.

... and the worst film of 1995

1 "Jade" "THIS WAS RAGE!" says red-checked David Caruso when viewing a slaughtered body. Wonder what he said when he read the script? 3 "Home For the Holidays'



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Top albums

By JAMES ELLIS

No messing around, here it is:

10 "Southpas Grammer" by
Morrissey. This was the year I
found Morrissey. In never cared
for the whiney laments of the
great white mope, so this was a
surprise. The pop-meets-life-you
mind is a jewe! It will break your
expectations and make you this
twice about what you know about
those Brits.

twice about what you know about these Brits.

9 "Everyone's Got One" by echobelly, Okay, it was released in 1994 in Europe, but we Philistines across the pond took a little while longer to figure out what was going on. The best of the latest batch of British Invasion bands, Echobelly is distinctive in that it mixes rock with touches of noise, world mixed and the properties of the propert

the fall leaves.

8 "King" by Belly, It's been a while since you've thought about this one, huh? Well, go get it out.
Play it. Sing to it! won't listen, I promise). Having fun? Sure, you don't understand the surreal lyrics or the random analogies, but somehow, you understand it, right? That's why it's so good.

right? That's why it's so good.

7 "100 percent Fun" by
Matthew Sweet, Fun, fun, fun, Is
that all you want? Well, the
album isn't really totally fun (it
wouldn't be a Sweet album
without two, or these without two or three syrupy love songs, now would it?), but it sure tries. Matthew Sweet is the

6 "Example" by For Squirrels. o *Example" by For Squirrels.

On't let the fact scare you that three of the four members of this Florida band died three months ago. It is a great album. It recalls REM and Nirvana at the same time. A little STP? A touch of Jane's Addiction? Sure. It's all three. If you listen to their indie releases (look on the web), you can tell they progressed with this album. It's too bad there's no way of knowing what could have happened, but this album testifies to their ability to knock songs out of the park.

5 "Wholesale Meats and Fish" by Letters to Cleo. The first album was poppy and warm, but

with a healthy dash of bittersweetness and hope. The second one isn't that nice. It stands up, says what it wants to say and never leaves you wanting. Between the musicianship and direct lyries, LTC brings a strong hand to the table.

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LTC brings a strong hand to the table.

4 "Osster" by Heather Nova. I was debating whether to put this in the "Best albums you never heard of" list until last week, when "Rolling Stone" ran a full page article about her. Oh, well—a beautiful album full of shimmering guitars mixed with beautifully moaning cellos laced with amazing lyrics. Any way you slice it, this is wonderful work. Call it Tori Amos with guitars or a very sensuous Liz Phair, it's all good.

3 "Garrhage" by Garbage. Enough has already been said about Butch Vig's side project of sorts, so I won't go into that. All you have to know its that the music its wonderful. What do you want? Do you want to know the music draws you in and slaps your face? Do you want to know Ms. Manson can be amazingly sexy, coy, catty, rambunctious and pained? Do you want to know no one gives a less-than-stellar performance?

You got it.

2 "Empty" by God Lives
Underwater. I was really taken
aback by this album. I liked it
when I first heard it, but I kept
inding more and more joy in this
thing. It's the first album since
Kurt died that has really made me
remember why so many people
are attracted to angst-rock. It is as
honest as you could make it. Laid
down over a foundation of
organic industrial, it hits home all
over the place.

1 "Cockamamie" by Jennifer

organic industrial, it fills notice and over the place.

1 "Cockamamie" by Jennifer Trynin, Hooray! This album just keeps getting better the more I listen to it. It is simple, It is straight forward. But, by God, it is so good. It may be a definition of genius to turn the simple things into marvels, and it would apply.

The songs range from carefree to languid to angry, but the writing is human and completely unpretentious. It will catch you off guard and knock you on your butt, but you'll be glad it did.



The finals season hits

BY ELIZABETH BOOKOUT

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Every assignment seems to be due at the same time, yet nothing is done.

Technically, you've had the entire semester to get your research paper written, but so far you've just barely done the research and not one word has been typed.

Exam week is rapidly approaching. Who's had time even to organize the notebook, much less study?

Procrastination is a disease that hits us all at one time or another, but especially right now, during dead week when you are so sick of school that you are tempted to say, "Forget this. I'll spend my life working for minimum wage."

sick of school that you are tempted to say, "Forget this. I'll spend my life working for minimum wage."
You are at the point where you have no motivation to finish anything and you wish twere already Christmas break so that you would be past it.
And as for next semester ... you hope it will never arrive.

10 "I don't have time to wait for a computer ... I'll come back when it's not so crowded."

9 "The best time to do anything is LATER."
8 "I'll go see a movie, and maybe my thoughts will be clearer."
7 "It's not due until ... ohmigod ... YESTERDAY!!!"
5 "I'm too trued to think straight. I can get up early tomorrow morning and finish it."
4 "Maybe the professor will give me an

4 "Maybe the professor will give me an

xtension."
3 "I work better under pressure."
2 "Well, maybe just one beer ..."
1 "I've got plenty of time."

A view from afar

By SARAH THOMAS

I've been in the United States four months now. It's not my first visit and I'll be back next semester, too. I love it here, I really do. There are a lot of great things about America, and a lot of bad things too. Many interesting things have stuck in my mind over my time here, so let me share my top 10, in no particular order, with you.

1 Coffee Yum Yum, I love

particular order, with you.

1 Coffee Yum Yum. I love coffee. I always thought I loved tea (which I haven't had a decent cup of for four months), but coffee is better. I had never really experienced a caffeine rush before and I love it. I'm the Caffeine Queen right now. I cannot function if I have not had a cup of coffee. I cannot think and I feel like I'm missing a major organ or something. Okay. I did get a bit worried that one day when I thought I was having a heart attack, but hey, it's yet another bad thing for me that I love.

2 Cigarettes I can't explain

that I love.

2 Cigarettes I can't explain
the pleasure I get each time I
buy a carton of cigarettes here.
Everytime I hear that wonderful
price, usually below \$15, it fills
me with such a beaming sense
of satisfaction and joy. In
Britain a pack, yes a pack, of
cigarettes costs around \$4. So
that puts the price of a carton
somewhere in the region of \$3540. I have no financial qualms
about smoking anymore, so now

somewhere in the region of \$35-40. I have no financial qualms about smoking anymore, so now I'm smoking so much that I will probably die very shortly. But, get 'em while they're cheap kids, that's what I say.

3 Food Okay, America is crap central of the world. I've never seen so much junk food in my life. Do you realize how disturbing it is for me, everytime I go to the grocery store? Aisle after aisle, of cookies, doughnuts, chips, sodas and those gross little crackers with peanul butter inside them. Of course, we do have crap in Britain, but nowhere near the scale here. I think it's great though. American food is like kind of food that the British eat as a treat or for a special occasion. Americans just go.

hell, lets just eat it all the

"hell, lets just eat it all the time."

4 Beer Okay, I am under 21, and yes, I have spent the past four months sulking because I am not allowed to drink. It sucks. In Britain, the drinking age is 18, but they don't care anyway. It's a social thing. We are aware that it has the possibility of being a harmful substance, but the somewhat relaxed attitude allows us to make mature judgments about its use. Here, the attitude about alcohol tends to lean toward "have one beer and you'll leave school, join a rock band and die." With all due respect, I think it is evident in some cases that Americans miss out on learning how to handle alcohol maturely, because all along the line, the message is that alcohol is the beverage of Satan.

5 Classes I love my classes here, and I'm anxiously looking forward to next semester. At home, I am taking American Studies and every single class I take has to be either American history or American literature. Here, it's a different story. Fee taken classes that have absolutely no relation to my courses at home at all. But hey Urm enjoying myself. It's kind of strange that you could break the boundaries of biochemistry as we know it, and then not be able to graduate until you take that PE class. Nevertheless, the

We know, and then not able to graduate until you take that PE class. Nevertheless, the opportunity to take such a wide variety of classes is something to be admired.

variety of classes is something to be admired.

6 Bands Going to see bands here is great because you get the opportunity to see smashing bands in small places. I've seen bands here in the Brewery, which is about the size of a shed, that at home would only play in 300-plus capacity arenas. Of course, you do have Walnut Creek here too, bringing great bands like, um, Hootie, ahem, Boys II Men. But it's really nice for a change to be able to actually "see" the band - crary concept know...

7 Film Film is such a touchable thing here, since an industry actually exists here and all. I went to the North Carolina-Film and Video Festival a

couple of weeks ago and I had the time of my life. Not because it was particularly exciting or eventful, but it was fun. I think I was expecting people to turn up with halos above their heads carrying neon signs that say "I make films," but instead they were, get this, normal people—and very nice at that. And it was really encouraging to know that you don't have to be a "chosen one" to make films; anyone can do it. (By the way, my movie is in development right now, speak to my agent, let's do lunch, etc.)

8 Paper I can't believe the

to my agent, let's do lunch, etc.)

8 Paper I can't believe the
amount of paper I've been
handed during my stay here.
I've been overwhelmed with
leaflets, pamphlets this, that and
the other, and I've been
wondering, does any of it have
real value?

9 Race Britain is about the ize of North Carolina, and size of North Carolina, and consequently, everyone is pretty much in each other's face the whole time. Sure, we have racial problems, but there is no space for different races to be really separate from each other. When I first arrived here I was put in contact with an American lady as part of an international friendship program. One of the first things she said to me was, "Are you surprised that I may black?" At the time, I thought she was strange for asking me that, but now I see why. There is little or no communication that I's very frightening.

10 The American Dream It's

10 The American Dream It's true, by the way. America has such a great feel about it, it has anything and everything, it does anything and everything. And you, too, can do anything and everything, if you really go for it. America has this really positive attitude about everything, possibly to cover up the reality of life here. But you can't help getting swept up in this attitude. I've come away from here thinking, yeah, I can do that, why not? Remember up name, because I'm feeling a lot more enthusiastic and inspired about stuff. And I will be Queen of the Universe one day, oh yes. 10 The American Dream It's

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The twelve hells of Christmas

This week, as you no doubt know, has been (Kill You) Dead Week. As a result of all the last minute projects, assignments, and tests that my professors decided to give me to fulfill their departmental regulations and to make sure I wouldn't get the grades on them back until after the evaluations, I have just realized there are only 17 more days to put off my Christmas shopping.

have just realized there are one more days to put off my Christmas shopping.

So, like every other journalist in the universe, and even those from the News and Observer and Daily Tar Heel. I have to decided to write my very own Jay's Corner Guide to Holiday Shopping Survival.

Now, I know you are thinking, "Jay, everyone and their mother's brother's cousin's dancing llama writes Holiday Shopping Guides. What makes yours any different?" You see, I am uniquely qualified to give you bad shopping advice. Just recently (I'm not making this up) my mother had a birthday.

Being the ever practical and thoughtful son I am. I bought a gift that was both needed—she had taken the old one to my grandmother's house

— and nicer — it was digitally accurate to a tenth of a measure — than anything that she would ever get therself. I bought my mother a scale. With that qualifying experience in mind. I provide this week the 12 Days of Christmas Survival Skills, mainly because I will need them.

Day 12: Never ever never buy your mother, your girlfriend, your wife, your sister, or even your Aunt Esther a scale as a gift, even if they ask for it.

Day 11: Make sure to buy your Christmas gifts soon, or else you will be getting all your family, frends, and loved ones those last cans of Beenie-Weenies at the 24-hour 7-11 on Christmas Eve.

Day 10: Now that the Chemistry 101 final is over, sell the book back as soon as possible to earn extra money for Christmas gifts. You should have enough for one can of Beenie-Weenies. If the book has been discontinued, throw it off the top of Dabney and offer your legal services to whomever it hits by suing the University for failure to provide warning signs about possibility of falling Chemistry books. If the

University does not pay, sue McDonald's.

Day 9: Never buy a diamond from anyone who begins the sales pitch with "Pssst. Hey, Buddy." However, if you do, make sure to get the box.

Day 8: Never buy your little sister a Redneck Barbie. Unless you fully expect to buy the Redneck Barbie double-wide trailer playset, complete with the nine imitation-rusted miscellaneous Mustang GT parts, authentic polyester curtains and the redwood deck.

Day 7: Do not buy your little brother that genuine Red Ryder air rifle. He'll shoot his eye out.

Day 6: For those hard-to-please relatives, the 12 Days of Christmas Survival Skils, framed and guaranteed to match any '70s retro wallpaper, is available just in time for the holidays from Jay's Corner Enterprises for only \$9.95.

Day 5: Make sure to buy something for your favorite Technician Jay's

\$9.95.

Day 5: Make sure to buy something for your favorite Technician Jay's Corner column writer. All gifts to Milo may be given to me, I'll make sure to pass them along. Ho, Ho, Ho!

Day 4: Make sure to put the rest of

Jay's Corner

me money you got back from selling your Chemistry 101 book in that pot beside those big guys in red suits ringing those handbells at Wal-Mart. North Carolina does have a concealed Red Ryder air rifle permit now, and he might shoot your eye out.

Day 3: Never ever never visit Toys. R-more-expensive-than-the-entire-Gross-National-Product-of-every-third-world-nation-combined on the day before Christmas Eve, unless you are fully prepared to see all the blood and guts and veins in your teeth when you try to buy the last Redneck Barbie.

Day 2: Mmmm. Beenie-Weenies.

Day 2: Mmmm. Beenie-Wee Day 1: Happy Christmas and Merry New Year!

Jason Young is a Senior majoring in Mass Retail. Pssst, Hey Buddy, Wanna buy a used Chemistry Book?

Last time we checked, 90210 sucked, too

BY ERICA HINTON

Through the years, we have seen ome really great changes and

advancements.

For the past few years, decline in morals and values and other topics of concern have been shouted at us from every direction. We have been so concerned with welfare, drugs, family problems and politics that we have

things going on right around us—
things our generation tends to focus
on. While these things may seem petty

on. While these things may seem petty compared to nationwide problems, see if you can identify with the following: Top 10 things that are progressively getting worse...

10 Students' driving records

9 The State Fair

8 The wait list for white-water

7 Student apathy 6 Campus parking space 5 The cost of going to N.C. \$tate

3 Raleigh traffic
2 My chance of successfully using
my fake I.D. to get into bars
1 Saturday Night Live — MAD TV

Many students just don't seem to care anymore about much of anything. As sad as that may be, it is true, and

that is a problem we can actually fix. For your New Year's resolution this year, make it something worthwhile, not just to stop biting your fingernails (which you know will only last a few days anyway).

There are many other resolutions that are 100 times more important, so make it something truly beneficial to

Top albums you've never even heard of

By JAMES ELLIS

Well, if you're not sick of all the top 10 lists yet, you will be. Which is why this is not a top 10 list. It's a list of the top five albums you probably never heard before.

pronably never heard before.

5 "(We Get There When We Do)"
by Suddenly, Tammy! I guess this
means piano rock is back. This trio
(piano/bas/drums) from Pennsylvania
may not be well known, but its
polished, professionally produced
album really shows off their talent.

Kay Sorrento's lyrics evoke sorrow and hope at the same time, while the drum and bass back-up don't interfere with Kay's delicate touch. Very soft and mellow, this band has potential. 4 "Stray" by Violet Strange.

4 "Stray" by Violet Strange.

The second best band in the state has put out a nice piece of work. Not as polished as "Viva La Void," but a worthwhile debut. Soild songs, soild playing, and a unique sound that stays with you longer than bad pizza. Even better live, go catch them at the Brewery next Friday. You'll be glad you did.

3 "Ben Folds Five" by Ben Folds Five. At first, I was dissapointed with this album. That's probably because I saw them live first. Their intensely rockin' live show totally blows the album out of the water. But the disc has its points. A lushly produced disc evokes more Joe Jackson than Little Richard. Poignant and beautiful, it is the best thing to come out of Chapel Hill since Superchunk.

2 "Lockjaw" by the Dance Hall Crashers. This fast-moving disc never seems to leave my disc changer. This ska hybrid defies all your old notions

of what ska is. Find it, get it, play it and then jump around a lot. Trust me, the real thing will be 10 times more fun than that little instruction manual

1 "Viva La Void" EP by the Melting Hopefuls. I am still stunned by how cool this EP is. It is a fresh blend of rock, pop and punk into a mostly-female mold (three-fifths of the band lacks a Y-chromosome).



Holiday Stuff:

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, you know the drill. If you're stuck in the Triangle this

stuck in the Hriagie tims, holiday season, you're gonna need stuff to do. Here are our suggestions:
You can see "A Christmas Carol" in Chapel Hill for free on Dec. 8 and 10. Shows start at 8 p.m. at the Horace House, 610 E. Rosemary St.
You can be part of a Handel's "Messiah" sing-in. It's free at the Edenton Street United Methodist Church, 228 W. Edenton St. treet United Methodist Church, 228 W. Edenton St. track at 8 p.m.
You can hear the "Twelve Days of Christmas" for free in Raleigh. The Dec. 8 show starts at 8 p.m.
You can hear the "Twelve Days of Christmas" for free in Raleigh. Weekdays from today until the 17. you can watch various vocalists preform from noon to 2 p.m. at the State Capitol Rotunda. Of course, there is the "Holiday Pops" in Durham. It's 512.50 for the cheap seats and \$25 if you want some food. The Durham Symphony will be giving its all on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
And even more free stuff: the St. Raphael's Concert Band will be playing holiday favorites at St. Raphael's Hall, \$501 Falls of the Neuse Road in Raleigh. The Dec. 12 show starts at 7:30 p.m. and finally, for all you bell fans out there, the Raleigh Ringers will be ... tringing Dec. 18 through 20. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium at Meredith College, It will be besentially free.

soon-to-be-ex-Opinion gurt Michael Biesecker talks about Drivin'n' Cryin' one more time, we'll explode Go see them for his sake.

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Sunday at the Cradle.
metal-monsters Gwar will be
performing. Honestly, if you
need us to explain it, don't
even bother. But if you get
it, go see it.

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haven't heard already.
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great. They be been getting
some air play lately, so see
them before they break out.
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them before they break out.
WKNC, your favorite
college radio station, is
having a food drive Briag
five cans of food to the
Brewery on Tuesday, and
see local artists do a big
acoustic jum thing. Same
deal on Wednesday, except
when you bring five cans of
food to the Berkeley Cate,
local artists will play on
electric sulf, Hey, it's your
call.
Wednesday at the Cradle.

Wednesday at the Cradle. Vaseline-eating alterna rockers Flaming Lips will be ... doing whatever it is they

do.

Next Friday, when you should be studying for that last exam, take a break to the Brewery and see Emmit Swimming (who were here last month and dropped by Technician World Head-waters and interesting the sound of the seed of the se quarters and just couldn't be nicer) with Violet Strange (what, like we could plug them more?!) and Fleming and John.

and John.

And for those seasonal gettogethers, Edwin McCain will be at the Ritz on Dec. 27 and local favorite Squirrel Nut Zippers will be having a New-Years Eve having a New-Y party at the Cradle

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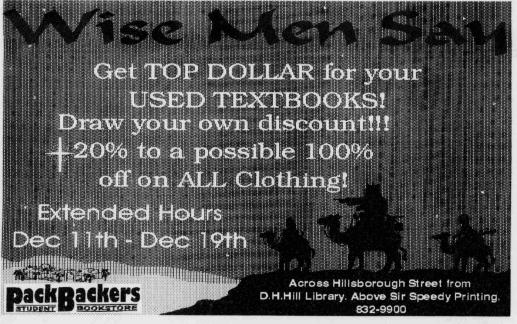




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Season of giving past-due

■ The 1994 senior class project to speckle the campus with maps gets lost in the shuffle.

To follow in the footsteps of classes that came before them, the 1994 senior class wanted to give something back to their soon-to-be alma mater. They came up with a brilliant gift idea: install maps across campus, and raised \$10,063 for the project. The new maps would not only aid bewildered and aimless visitors, but it would also be a project that could be completed quickly.

One-and-a-half veers later, no maps.

One-and-a-half years later, no maps. Ironically, the project conceived to help the lost became lost itself in the bureaucratic morass that plagues this

Like many school children, everybody is pointing fingers at everybody else for losing the way. Sally Ricks, a landscape architect for Campus Planning, said she didn't start the project because there was no input or oversight from the Class of '94. It was the responsibility of Alumni Relations to find representatives to oversee the project. Matt Smith, director of Young Alumni and Student Programs said nobody told him to find any representatives. But Robert Racz, 1994 senior class vice president, said that Jennifer Moore, former assistant director of annual funds, told him this past March that Like many school children

Smith was organizing a committee of former 1994 students. Racz said he would be available in May, but he never heard from Moore or Smith

Smith said that he remembered Moore suggested that rounding up student representatives would be a good idea, but did not think it was necessary to find them until a meeting necessary to find them thin a meeting concerning the project was set up. But according to Rebecca Askew, the director of Annual Funds, Moore sent a memo to Ricks that said Melissa Smith, a '94 alumnae, had volunteered to represent the class for the project. The memo included Melissa Smith's address and phone number.

Moore said that six months later, she received a call from Ricks, who said Melissa Smith had not contacted her. It was about this time that Moore contacted Smith.

Lost yet? Some university officials

seem to be. This is clearly a case of some bureaucrats — apparently the Campus Planning variety — not being able to find their hind quarters with both hands and a road map. In the meantime, \$10,036 is just sitting in ar account at the N.C. State Foundation.

Campus Planning finally appears to be pulling its head out of the sand and is getting its bearings to complete the

It's unfortunate that they just couldn't do their jobs in a timely manner, but better late than never.



■ The Centennial Center is quickly becoming a multimillion dollar money pit — and the foundations haven't even been laid yet.

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the N.C. General Assembly have each
pledged \$22 million to build a sports
complex beside Carter-Finley Stadium to be known as the Centennial Center. The only problem is that the final plans for the arena are years overdue and no one seems to years overdue and no one seems to know exactly how much the project will cost or exactly when it will be completed. The estimates have changed with the seasons — every year the completion date has been pushed back and the cost estimates pushed up.

The Centennial Center project has been a comedy of errors since its

inception. Last year, the plans for the complex were rejected and sent back to the designer because they did not include luxury sky-boxes. Currently, project managers are waiting on the redesign. Reports have estimated that with each month's delay, an additional \$360,000 is added to the cost of the project.

Therefore, the university's own Inerefore, the university's own planners are now admitting that the project will cost well over the \$66 million originally estimated. There might not be enough funds to complete the entire project.

Yet, NCSU Vice Chancellor George Worsley said this week that construction will begin next June and the project is slated for completion netime in late 1996.

Without knowing how much the project will cost and without final designs in hand, the university is still planning to start construction. It would seem that with so many millions at stake, someone should have a more precise idea of what's going on. Especially since NCSU's students will be paying \$400 more next year in tuition maybe they should have skimped on the sky

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Commentary

Pets relieve stress during exam week

Well, folks, it's finally here. There's no turning back now. We all gotat ago through it some time. Not guess again... It's finals week! Yey... isn't that just so exciting ... being stressed and all ... OK, name to exclude the strength of the strength of

against my nose and her tiny paws playing with my fingers, I knew I did the right thing



awake, I would sit her on my lap and give he her to something to chew on to research papers.

So far, this schedule has worked perfectly. I am not half as stressed as I was before I got her. At least now I have someone to keep me company while I'm studying, and to play with during breaks. This may sound really dumb, but I am actually looking forward to finals week because when It's over. I'll have even more time to play with her.

As for other concerns such as costs of a pet and veterinary bills, don't worry because they don't amount to an arm and a leg by any stretch. Usually dogs are somewhat more costly than cats because, for one thing, hey're bigger so they eat more. But if you can hold off on just one expensive outfit, that will probably cover your pet's expenses for several months. As for veterinary bills, I've never had a dog, so I don't know much they run. For cats, if will cost you eaxt to nothing if you adopt it from an animal hospital. Since the hospital is required to give pets all needed shots before they can be given up for

adoption. The hospital either doesn't charge you anything or if it does charge, it will not be more than the price of lunch. The most important thing to remember here is not how much you will have to spend on your pet, rather the satisfaction you and your pet will have once you form that special, unbreakable bond. That will be your greatest reward. During my lifetime, I have cared for eight cats, four hamsters, two parrots, two turtles, a lot of love birds, a parakeet, a few small fish, a goat, a sheep, several rabbits and several chickens. Except for the sheep, the goat, the chickens, the rest were all pets.
Having a pet is really a wonderful

the sheep, the goat, the chickens, the rest were all pets.
Having a pet is really a wonderful feeling. It not only relieves your stress during finals, but it also teaches the value of living in harmony with all of nature's creatures. It makes a person much more conscious of preserving his or her environment for the benefit of us all—humans, animals and plants. In an odd kind of way, pets are also a great in preparing you for parenthood.

Pets need to be trained, disciplined, taught the rules of the house and what their limits are just like kids. Even if you don't use the same disciplinary techniques on children that you would on animals, you still get to learn how to be gentle at times but know when to get angry, when they disobey the rules of the home.

Now that I have told you all the great benefits of having a pet, what are you waiting for? Go out there and adopt yourself a friend for life — one that will never betray you or walk out on you, but rather, stand by your side under any circumstance and love and cherish you always.

Separation is not analogous to racism

Lam writing in response to John Critcher's letter, "Division of races plagues campus," published in Wednesday's Technician. Unfortunately, Critcher has the same misconception that most people have. Please understand, separation is not racism.

understand, separation is not racism. Good of Mr. Webster Gefines racism as "the belief that some races are inherently superior to others." People are naturally going to migrate toward groups in which they feel comfortable. Because I am white and most of the people I associate with are white, does that make me racist?

No. I feel absolutely no superiority to any group; it just

No. I feel absolutely no superiority to any group; it just happens that I have more in common with other white people. I appreciate and embrace the wonderful aspects of diversity. Diversity for the sake of diversity will never work. However, diversity for the sake of working toward a goal is much more likely. Example: Put a white male, a black female, and Asian female, and a Native-American male in a

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group, and conversation will be awkward and scarce. Give them something to work on though, and racial barriers will begin to fall. Remember, integration is forced, and no one likes to be forced to do anything. I also want to commend Lemanski for his excellent article. His challenge to serve relax, and challenge to serve, relax, and enjoy this wonderful season truly captures the meaning of Christmas. Merry Christmas t all!

Aron Hall Freshman, Mathematics Ed. All dining halls

are not equal I read the front page article on Wednesday Dec. 13, about Case Dining Hall with disgust. In the article, Jennifer Sorber writes how Case and Fountain are similar. Similar? Only as similar as a Rolls Royce is to a

Yugo!

If that article was the only information you had, you might believe the only difference was that Case is smaller and more intimate. This is not the case. Case has food of much higher quality. How do I know this? I had eaten there several times before the rules were changed to limit who could eat there by region of residence. What does a slightly more limited selection matter when every selection is mouth-watering good? I won't go into great detail describing all the food, but the selection is mouth-watering good? I won't go into great detail describing all the food, but trust me, it is awesome.

And another thing. Why do they arbitrarily decide that only people who live on East campus can eat there? Are they any better than those of us who live on the west side? They might say they just don't have room for more people, but of the 20 or so times I have eaten there, I have never had to wait for a table. The real reason they don't want east campus people over there is because they know we are willing to make the sacrifice of a long walk in order to get good food. They want to seemingly abide by the new NCAA regulations, but in actuality they don't want anything to change. The

athletes are to be treated like gods, and how can they be if they must eat in the presence of mere mortals?

Joshua Carr Freshman, Textiles Und.

Case beats Fountain any day of the week

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I feel it is a huge advantage
for the students on east campus
to be able to eat at Case. The
food they prepare is of a much
higher quality than that at
Fountain. I disagree with the
comment that Fountain has a
larger selection than Case.
I don't recall Fountain having
a potato and pasta in like
Case. I also find it astomishing
that if any of the non-athletic
student body is allowed to eat
at Case, it doesn't include the
scholar students. The scholar
students should be the ones
who get the privilege to eat at
a dining hall that makes
breakfast to your personal
taste, considering they have
the most challenging courses.
However, regardless of who
gets to eat at Case, we all pay
the same amount to go to this
University, therefore there

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Grawburg should get cable

This is in response to Chris Grawburg's commentary on "Excessive money spent on AIDS research"

First of all, Grawburg, I suggest

First of all, Grawburg, I suggesty ou go out and rent the movie, "And the Band Plays On." It was an HBO special, but it is available at video stores. It is an excellent movie about the history of AIDS. It saw it during the Thanksgiving break, and I am recommending it to you and everyone. I hope that after watching the movie, you will understand why AIDS research needs so much money. Your solution to ending the AIDS epidemic is a great idea, and indeed the virus would die out. But do you really think millions of people are going to stop having sex? Also, yes contracting AIDS by blood transfusions has significantly decreased, but getting it from nonsterile needles in illegal drug use is still happening. Reality is that people are still going to have sex and continue to use drugs. To your question, "If AIDS is not a gay disease, then why have more than 60 percent of the AIDS cases reported in the last two and a half years been in the homosexual community." My answer is this: The AIDS virus is not a gay disease. When it first came out, society called it "The Gay Cancer" because the only known victims were gay. Then it started spreading to everyone. The only way AIDS could be a "gay disease" is if all the AIDS patents are homosexual. We all know this disease is everywhere and can happen to anyone. I think the last statement in your article, "They should be forced to live with the consequences of their actions, instead of burdening the people who use their brains, to pay for their reckless behavior" is fidelious. It takes time to detect HIV, and in this time, carriers can special to to others. How are they supposed to know they have the virus when medical technology hasn't found a quicker way to

detect the disease earlier, let alone a cure? Babies get the disease if their mothers have it. How are they responsible for their actions? They have no choice of what happens to them while they are in their mothers' womb.

mothers' womb.

The number of AIDS cases is growing faster everyday. Money is needed to obtain more advanced research and technology that will help find a cure sooner. Then so many people won't be suffering from this awful disease.

Smita Varia Freshman, First Year College

Yaman's terms of consent make no sense

Consent make no sense

I am responding to a forum letter written by Kimberly Yaman featured in the Dec. 4, 1995 issue. Yaman seems to think that femenazis expanding the definitions of rape is merely "defining the terms of their sexual consent." Yaman is making this sound like surrender in a war. There should be surrender in a war. There should be surrender in a war. There should be surrender in a war. There is either yes on no. If after the female says no and the male threatens to kill or harm her for denying him sexual contact, that is rape (it doesn't matter whether it occurs on a date or on Neptune).

Yaman complains that "women had to take on the burden of proof in the public." arena of law." I hate to inform Yaman, but in a court of law, the plaintiff always has the burden of proof in every crime in existence. (Unless that plaintiff is the EPA or the IRS.)

Yaman also thinks that by pointing out the fact that a female who is scantilly clad and drunk is vulnerable to attack by rapists (not to mention murderers, robbers and anyone who would take advantage of a female in that position) is cruel, Yaman, we can no longer stick our

of a female in that position) is crue Yaman, we can no longer stick our heads in the sand and deny reality.

A female or male can protect him/herself from all these debates by abstaining from sex until marriage. Yaman, the 1960's sexual revolution is over. We had free love then and look where is has gotten us.

I also noticed Yaman's title when she signed the letter. It should have been signed "Public Misinformation Assistant, Alumni relations."

Matthew Hamby Sophomore, Textile Chemistry

I'm not a homophobe just a citizen

I feel that the campaign by various elements in our society to elicit sympathy from the masses for "victims" of AIDS is a great farce. I do not feel sympathy for them because they suffer from the direct result of their actions.

result of their actions.

Now before I go any farther I would like to say that this only pertains to people who, knowing the risk, continue using unsterilized needles, having upprotected sex (homosexual and heterosexual) and generally keep putting themselves at risk.

at risk.

I do, however, feel sorry for those who contracted AIDS through tainted blood transfusions, by being born to a mother who was HIV positive, and other medical malpractices.

Having sex with someone who is HIV positive, even if they do not tell you, is still your fault. There is no excuse for being ignorant of AIDS in our society where we are constantly warned about this deadly disease.

The main point of this article is that if you knowingly engage in risky activities you must be prepared to accept the consequenc of these actions without expecting sympathy from others.

sympathy from others.

I know that if this article is published I will be branded a hatemonger, a homophobe, and many other things but the truth is that I am none of these—just a citizen who is tired of being expected to show sympathy for people who have brought their troubles upon themselves.

The people we should feel sorry for is the families of those afflicted with this terrible disease who must watch as their loved ones slowly die.

I am totally convinced that the sooner a cure or treatment is found for AIDS the better off the world will be in the future.

Until then we must continue Until then we must continue educating people about how to avoid putting themselves at risk, while at the same time realizing that the vast majority of those who contract HV/AIDS are themselves at fault.

It was their choices that exposed them to the horrors of this disease.

Jason B. Nicholson Sophomore, Geology

Arranged marriage is old-fashioned

It was interesting to read Yasmin Aras' monologue on dating and marriage. While I commend her staunchly supporting the ways of her country, she characterizes the real issue rather simplistically.

I come from a conservative background: India. I will not hazard guesses about how things are done in Aras' country, but in India, marriages are usually arranged by

in Aras' country, but in India, marriages are usually arranged by one's family. In fact, they are still termed "alliances" rather than marriages. Lately, the popularity of western culture has caused an increase in change as members of the younger generation date, fall in love and marry. But by far, the way is still to have one's parents arrange marriage.

Although it is wise to consult and utilize the wisdom of elders, the world is an increasingly introverted and deliberate place. The wisdom of these elders may often be obsolete. In a country such as India, marriages work not because the people involved learn to understand and be considerate of each other, but because divorce is an alien notion. Society imposes a stigma on the idea which is almost insurmountable. The marriage inhelid 'together, even though it may not seem to be working. However, I do agree with Aras that the institution of marriage and the notion of divorce are taken rather lightly in America. This is definitely not a consequence of dating, rather one of the causal way in which people choose to enter and leave liansons.

If there is a problem, it is with this casual attitude, which comes from each of the individuals needing to adjust to the things life throws at them. Few people can explicitly tell you just what they are looking for in a mate. Most who doe are just repeating the variety of the world of the original first what an ideal marriage is and just how difficult it is to concider the complete implications. There are some who actually realize what an ideal marriage is and just how difficult it is to concider the complete implications. There are some who actually realize what an ideal marriage is and just how difficult it is to connecte and sustain.

To illustrate, let me rake up the did question of compatibility between two

Ideally, compatibility between two people would be: • Total independence coupled with

an affection for each other — two people should choose to throw in together. If there is the least disbalance in the relationship, eventually it will overbalance unless one of the people decides to suffer, or is plain stupid. The only bond should be that of affection and love. Similar if not identical mental abilities. It does not matter if Jack likes football and Jill thinks it is for savages, but if Jack and Jill cannot see and accommodate each other's motivations and goals, then it is a lie. If either is unintelligent enough to anticipate the other, then disappointment and disbalance will set in. If either is suffering from an emotional crisis and the other is insensitive or incapable of seeing it at all, then there is a major problem. It is quite possible to sustain a marriage on one or both persons giving the other room, but where is ideal in that?

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The kind of compatibility I suggest above is very much an ideal and very unlikely to be realized. This is the reason many people

choose to have a relationship, rather that marry and suffer possible fallout. Of course those people who try and do not realize just how difficult such compatibility is, will repeatedly try marriage and be unable to sustain it. Dating is probably the only way to discover just how difficult relationships are. It is the only way to get lucky and find someone near itedal. Having an elder, who neither realizes the speed nor the specialized way in which today's world moves, find one a spouse is definitely not the answer. Intimacy with someone you do not know

definitely not the answer. Intimacy with someone you do not know well is not possible and chances are that in an arranged marriage intimacy will never even develop. The only pitfall to dating is that people must be careful and capable about understanding their ideal and then judging the other persons' ability to match it.

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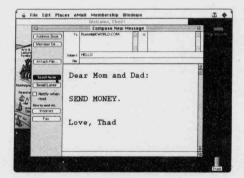
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