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DOT cracks down on illegal parking

N.C. State's Department of Transportation will begin to patrol parking lots on weekends starting Feb. 23. Officers will not be ticketing cars that are in violation of permit laws, only those that are parked in no-parking or illegal spaces. Parking Operations Manager Greg Cain said that students have a misconception that they can park anywhere on weekends, but some people have complained about cars being illegally parked in no-parking areas, such as reserved and handicapped spaces.

N.C. State receives NIH grant

N.C. State has received a five-year grant for more than \$5 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to fund an ambitious research program aimed at increasing scientific understanding of diseases and characteristics controlled by multiple genes. The Statistical and Quantitative Genetics Research Program at NCSU involves the work of 44 researchers. These researchers are studying subjects as diverse as diabetes in humans, body fat in mice, bristle number in fruit flies and wood quality in pine trees. It could have far-reaching implications in human health, agriculture, forestry and biological sciences, says program director Bruce Weir, William Neal Reynolds Professor of statistics and genetics. The long-term research program, which was established five years ago, aims to advance scientific understanding of the evolution of shared complex genetic characteristics in plants, humans and other animals. It also aims to develop improved methods for analyzing variations in proteins and DNA sequences. During its first five years, the NCSU program yielded discoveries that have improved the accuracy and sophistication of DNA forensics testing. A computer program that conducted statistical analyses necessary to locate multiple genes responsible for complex characteristics also has resulted. The program is now used by scientists worldwide. *Courtesy of NCSU News Services.*

NCSU programs receive financial support

Organizations that represent N.C. chicken and turkey growers have given \$4,000 to support scholarship and 4-H programs at N.C. State. The NC Poultry Federation Inc. and the N.C. Turkey Federation Inc. have each given \$1,000 to support the 4-H Awards and Recognition Program at NCSU. At the same time, each organization gave \$1,000 to the James A. Graham Endowed Scholars Program. Created to honor N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, the Graham scholars program provides scholarships to students at NCSU and elsewhere. Over \$1.1 million has been raised for the endowment, exceeding a \$1 million goal. *Courtesy of the Department of Agricultural Communication*

Overmier's new role with marching band unclear

N.C. State's music department is seeking a new director for the marching band, but the current director claims he will still be in charge.

By MICHAEL BIESECKER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

There's dissonance in N.C. State's Music Department these days and Director of Bands Douglas Overmier is not in tune with university administrators. The department is accepting applications for a new director of athletic bands, but department officials and Overmier appear to disagree as to what the new position

will mean for the NCSU Marching Band. Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Ronald Butler, who oversees the music department, said that the new position is being created to run the day-to-day operations of the marching band and that Overmier would no longer be directly in charge. "The new director of athletic bands will be the director of athletic bands," Butler said. "Certainly Mr. Overmier will be assisting, but the new director will be in charge of all athletic bands."

"Overmier will be in the background," Bob Petters, head of the music department, also said that the director of music would not be superior to the director of athletic bands, but the two would work closely together. "Who is going to be responsible for what remains to be seen... but the job (director of bands) is too large for one person," Petters said.

According to Petters, Overmier will be expected to take on these additional administrative duties left vacant by retirements in the department while the new director will assume responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the marching band.

Overmier said, "They are completely wrong." Overmier said, "Nope, it (the marching band) is directly mine, all mine — always will be, always has been."

But Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Thomas Stafford, who is ultimately in charge of the music department, confirmed that Overmier will no longer personally direct the marching band. "Mr. Butler and Mr. Petters are correct," Stafford said.

Overmier said that the new director would be conducting the daily operations of the marching band, but claimed the new director would be his assistant. "The new person will be in charge of day-to-day operations, but he or she will be my assistant," he said.

"I'm still doing the show planning and I'm still writing the music. I will be giving the new person direction and we will maintain what the band has been doing for the last three years."

But some have questioned the methods of direction Overmier has used with the marching band since he came to the university. His tenure at NCSU has been marked by repeated controversy — including an investigation by the North Carolina State Auditor's Office for mismanagement of funds.

Last year, three former band members filed a grievance with the university against Overmier and

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Gingrich promotes awareness

Candace Gingrich visited N.C. State on behalf of the Human Rights Campaign.

By NICOLE BOWMAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Candace Gingrich, the lesbian half-sister of U.S. House speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told an audience of 200 Monday that it is important to become involved in this year's upcoming elections. "The '96 election will determine the course of the United States into the next century," she said. "People can use their vote to send a message that intolerance is unacceptable."

Gingrich spoke in the Witherspoon Student Center campus cinema. She currently works with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the country's largest national gay and lesbian political organization. "Gingrich said voting was once considered a right, but now it has become a duty."

"Registering people to vote is important," she said. "Gingrich said HRC is involved with 150 election campaigns across the country."



HEIDI TERADA/STAFF
Gingrich highlights LGS week.

The organization is holding fund raisers with the goal of bringing money to North Carolina. Although Gingrich said HRC isn't endorsing a particular candidate, the money will go toward assisting Republican Sen. Jesse Helms. "Helms has been our arch enemy for so long," she said. "Gingrich identifies herself as a

Candace Gingrich candidly speaks about a variety of topics, including her half-brother Newt's reaction to her coming out as a lesbian.

Q: Was your brother Newt supportive of your coming out?

A: Newt's response was, "That's Candace's life. She has a right to live it as she wants to."

Q: What views do you and Newt share?

A: The only thing we share was when he was opposed to censorship on the Internet.

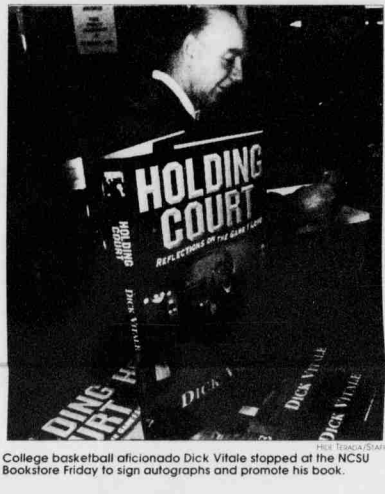
Q: What do you think of Pat Buchanan's statement of not hiring any gays and lesbians to high level offices because they discredit the government?

A: Being gay doesn't affect how well you do your job. What affects that is if you have a bigoted person at the job. People use us as a scapegoat.

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Rub my head



College basketball aficionado Dick Vitale stopped at the NCSU Bookstore Friday to sign autographs and promote his book.

Lawn Party proceeds donated to charities



MELISSA BAUER/STAFF
Brody Lasarsky presents a check to Sammy Foster.

The 1995 Lawn Party had a larger purpose than giving students a reason to party.

By JENNIFER D. WESTBROOK
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of N.C. State students braved the weather to party down at the Delta Sigma Phi Lawn Party last September. Now, local charities will benefit from the day of fun.

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity members formally presented the money they received from their annual fall fundraiser, Lawn Party 1995, to four local charities on Monday.

Delta Sigma Phi's 31st Lawn Party raised \$34,300 for four local charities. Chris Feathers, president of Delta Sigma Phi, said he believes that the Lawn Party makes a great contribution to the local community.

He said the fundraiser is completely organized by the fraternity and that every member contributes to its final goal. The fraternity does not pocket any money from the event.

Three \$9,000 donations were distributed to representatives from Habitat For Humanity of Wake County, Raleigh

Rescue Mission and Assistance in Dialysis Expenses (AIDE).

The organization also collected \$7,300 for the Gregory Allen Patterson Fund. Patterson is the NCSU student who was shot and wounded in October 1995 while attending the Million Man March in Washington.

Patricia Johnson, Patterson's cousin, accepted the donation on behalf of the family. She thanked the many students and faculty from the university who have contributed to Patterson's rehabilitation efforts.

Johnson said Patterson is still paralyzed from the neck down. Patterson is currently rehabilitating in New Jersey and will return to North Carolina in March.

One of the charities that the fraternity has chosen to support is Habitat For Humanity of Wake County. Laurel French, a representative of the Wake County chapter, said that the money donated by Delta Sigma Phi will be given to NCSU's Habitat chapter. Usually NCSU students work on Wake County projects, but this donation gives the NCSU chapter a project of their own, French said.

Kelly Edgerton, president of the NCSU Habitat chapter, said the organization is constantly looking for volunteers and

donations to support its cause.

"Many volunteers feel that once a house has been built, a great accomplishment has been made," she said. "They tend to forget that many other families are needing houses as well."

Edgerton said Delta Sigma Phi's contribution gives the chapter its first opportunity to build a house since 1991.

Sammy Foster, executive director of the Raleigh Rescue Mission, said the donation the mission received is a true blessing. The Rescue Mission is a Christian-based facility that assists and gives guidance to the homeless and less fortunate. The organization will help approximately 140,000 individuals this year.

"As we do not receive any federal or state funding, donations from organizations such as Delta Sigma Phi are wonderful," Foster said. "We really appreciate donations from young people who already have the heart for those not as fortunate."

Feathers thanked all those that supported and attended this past Lawn Party and said he hopes the fundraiser will continue to assist the local community's needs.

"We are very pleased that we are able to

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NCSU tackles a weighty issue

N.C. State is making efforts to educate the community on eating disorders.

By JENNIFER THOMPSON
SPECIAL TO TECHNICIAN

N.C. State is one of 600 colleges and universities across the nation offering informational programs about eating disorders during National Eating Disorders Awareness Month.

The NCSU Center for Health Directions is also offering screening opportunities for those questioning whether they have a disorder.

Marianne Turnbull, the center's

coordinator, organized the programs through Student Health Services. She said the programs focus on eating disorders and what causes them.

Eating disorders are an emotional issue, Turnbull said. People suffering from these disorders think maintaining a thin image is good, she said.

The programs stress prevention and recovery. "The sooner you catch yourself, the better off you will be in getting your life back in balance," Turnbull said.

The screening consists of a private paper-and-pencil test. Professional consultations are available to interested people. The program provides writing resources and information about finding

help. The center is not the only organization at NCSU addressing these issues.

The NCSU Women's Center offers students the chance to talk about weight problems. A group named Consumption and Conversation meets every other Wednesday at 4 p.m. to discuss eating habits and body image.

NCSU junior Beth Frazier came up with the idea for this group. Although she doesn't suffer from an eating disorder, she feels pressure to be thin and recognizes that eating disorders are an important issue for women.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

MEETING — The Outing Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Carmichael Gym, Room 2015.
MEETING — The Social Ballroom Dance Club will meet in the Carmichael Gym dance studio. Beginning lessons begin at 8:45 p.m. and Intermediate at 8 p.m. For more information, call Heather at 512-2883.
MEETING — A group that focuses on eating habits and body image will meet in the

Women's Center, Nelson Hall, Room B-18. Call 515-2012 for more information.
MEETING — Circle K, a service organization, will meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth floor of the University Student Center. For more information, call Parul at 512-3590.
MEETING — Campus Christian Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center, Room 107. For more information, call Jim at 859-6800.
MEETING — There will be a

Biology Club meeting to discuss service projects and trip.
TALK — A talk on eating disorders will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in Carroll Residence Hall's study lounge. For more information, call Marianne Turnbull at 515-9355.
MEETING — EKTA Indian Students' Organization will meet at 7 p.m. in Harrelson Hall, room 107. For more information, call Ankur Parekh at 512-9981.
DINNER — Ted Cain, the N.C.

State football team's offensive coordinator and quarterback coach, will speak at Meredith College's "Dinner with a Winner" series at 6 p.m. For more information, call 829-8353.
FILM — Hindi Urdu film "Baazigar" will be screened at 7 p.m. at D.H. Hill Library's Erdahl-Cloyd Theater. For more information, call 832-1237.
WEEK — This week is Engineer's week. Events will be held throughout the week,

as well as presentations at Cary Towne Center.
ORIENTATION — A Cooperative Education orientation will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Caldwell Hall, room G-108. For other dates and times, call 515-4427.
SEARCH — An academic job search for doctoral and master's students seeking positions in colleges, universities and research will be held at the University Student Center, room 3118 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Topics

covered will include: write effective CV's, letter and learn how to interview.
FILM — Hindi Urdu's film "Junoon" will be screened at 7 p.m. at D.H. Hill Library's Erdahl-Cloyd Theater. For more information, call 832-1237.
THURSDAY
MEETING — CERES International will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Polk Hall, Room 5-A.

Donation

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 organize a fundraising event of such proportion," he said. "However, we could not do it without the continued support from NCSU students and surrounding communities."
 Lawn Party 1996 Chairman Chris Rini said the event will continue to generate money for local charities.
 "Donating to local charities greatly helps our community," he said. "We all can see its impact and appreciate it."

Overmier

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 then-music department head Ron Toering. The accusations made by students John Halsabeck, Matt Nicholson and Paul Kehle included charges that Overmier had physically and verbally assaulted some of his students and that Toering had attempted to improperly expel at least one student.
 Later that year, Toering was moved to an administrative position within the University Student Center. Since that time, he has left NCSU.
 Though the results of a hearing on the case last spring are supposed to be privileged personnel information, Overmier chose to break the legal gag-order and comment on the findings of the inter-departmental investigation.
 "I wasn't found guilty of assault," Overmier said.
 Overmier said that the hearings last spring had "incredibly strengthened" his position as director of bands.
 Overmier also filed a grievance against six students, including Halsabeck, Nicholson and Kehle, claiming that they "hazed" him and threatened his person, but later dropped the suit.

Weight

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 Consumption and Conversation was intended to focus on dieting, but Frazier and Women's Center Director Rhonda Mann were surprised participants included women with more serious problems.
 According to Mann, the NCSU Counseling Center does not want the group to become a support group for people with eating disorders because it is not led by a professional in that area.
 However, Mann said eating disorders are a serious problem, and NCSU needs a group focusing on this problem and helping students deal with it.
 Program times are Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Women's Center and Friday at noon in Student Health Services, Room 408.
 Molly Hays Glander, a certified eating disorders specialist, will speak Thursday in the Women's Center. Glander worked in the NCSU Counseling Center for 10 years before starting her own practice.

Technician Fun Fact:

The largest penis in the world belongs to the blue whale, measuring in at a whopping 10 feet.
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How your brain works ... really

Joseph Chilton explains some of the intricate workings of the human mind.

BY BETSY STROUD
STAFF WRITER

The three-part structure of the brain and its relationship with the heart will be the main topic of Joseph Chilton Pearce's lecture Wednesday night in Riddick Hall.

Pearce, who has spent over 20 years researching the nature of human creativity and intelligence, believes that the brain is divided into three major parts.

"We essentially have three distinctively different brains. Each one has its own set of characteristics and a role that it plays," Pearce said.

He breaks down the brain into

three parts consisting of the "higher" and "lower" neocortex, "reptilian" and "mammalian" structures nested below the neocortex. His research suggests the neocortex, the most recently evolved part of the human brain, does not fully develop because we fail to integrate the "reptilian" and "mammalian" brain structures. Thus, we leave many of our naturally evolved abilities untapped.

There is also new research that describes the role the heart plays in learning and development, which Pearce will discuss.

This research states the heart is more than just an organ that pumps blood throughout the body. It is also an endocrine gland that releases chemicals. These chemicals continually communicate with the brain to

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Missed at the Oscars

"Leaving Las Vegas" and "Dead Man Walking" were two films missing at the top of Oscar's list this year.

BY CLARENCE MOYE
ASSISTANT ET CETERA EDITOR

That uproar you hear from film lovers everywhere is the sound of reaction to last week's Academy Award nominations. Two films many people consider to be great, "Leaving Las Vegas" and "Dead Man Walking," failed to be nominated for Best Picture of the Year.

What's so shocking about the

whole thing is both films received nominations in Best Director, Actor and Actress categories.

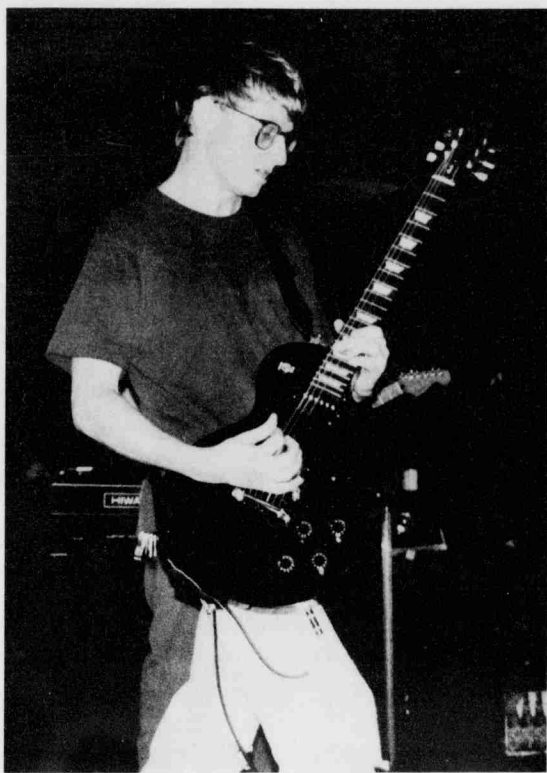
But only one film of the two can claim a robbery, of sorts.

"Leaving Las Vegas" stars Nicholas Cage as Ben, a Hollywood screenwriter who lost his wife, his friends and his job. So he cashes in his severance check and heads to Las Vegas to drink himself to death.

And this movie is promoted as a love story?

The "love" comes from a Las Vegas hooker, Sera, who Ben picks up one night, but not for

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ADRIAN CHRISTENSEN/STAFF

Musical group Hum performed at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro Monday night. Mercury Rev opened. Hum is completing its US tour this week and plans on releasing a 7" single for the song "Stars." They are also filming a full-length video called "The Pod." Look for it soon. Lead singer and guitarist Matt Talbot, seen above, solos his rock and roll heart out.

Technology ruined my whole life!

Michael Preston

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It's 4:30 a.m., and I've decided to go back to the basics. I'll take out my contacts, sit in front of the laptop and start typing.

Up to this point, the difficult part has been finding something to type. Writer's block has killed better men than I, but I still find motivation somewhere deep in the dark recesses of my bowels to continue on my quest.

There is a topic so simple, one that has been covered in such great detail for a great many years, yet I can't put an individual spin on it. Apparently it's just as hard to teach a new dog an old trick.

And this is where I'm baffled. Melville wrote roughly 700 pages about a whale, and I can't put that many words together and write a coherent essay about, of all things, some part of technology and how it relates to my life. How do I do that?

Sure technology affects my life, probably every day, but not to a point where it's a deterrent. It can only help, but I don't know how in this situation.

John Steinbeck wrote a novel about the Dust Bowl. A novel about something I could have essentially summed up in three

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OTHER ASSISTANCE:	
DATE:	Thursday February 22nd
TIME:	7:00 to 9:00pm
PLACE:	Women's Center - Nelson Hall
PRESENTER:	Dr. Holly Hays, Graduate Ed D, CSCAC (Certified Eating Disorder Specialist)
SCREENING ASSISTANCE:	NCSU Counseling Center, Center for Health Directions, Dietitian from University Dining
OTHER ASSISTANCE:	
DATE:	Friday February 23rd
TIME:	12:00 noon to 2:00pm (Bring Lunch)
PLACE:	Student Health Service - Room 408
PRESENTER:	Dr. Lee Salter
SCREENING ASSISTANCE:	NCSU Counseling Center, Center for Health Directions, Dietitian from University Dining
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Las Vegas

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sex, mind you. He picks her up for companionship, a rational wish for a man who has sentenced himself to death.

Ben and Sera have an unusual relationship. Both are engaging in self-degradation and are "all right with that," as Ben says.

If you've heard the film is depressing, you're half right. It's not only depressing, it's very depressing (especially if you see it by yourself on Valentine's Day).

But that's not to say the film isn't good — it is. Director Mike Figgis has pulled a stroke of genius by bringing this dark tale to the screen without having a happy ending slapped on it.

Figgis, along with Cage and Shue, evokes several emotions from the audience by overlaying several disturbing scenes with peppy Sting soundtrack songs. Just think, if the traditional haunting Hollywood musical score had been used in this film, they'd be selling grave plots outside the door.

Nicolas Cage is just fabulous in this movie, going against every drunken stereotype that exists with an edgy and thoughtful performance. In the beginning of the film we're laughing at his drunken antics, but when

Cage lets us in on pieces of his damaged soul, we realize he never was very funny to begin with.

But as good as Cage is, Shue equals him in acting presence. Her Sera is a tortured soul as well, but she doesn't realize how self-destructive she is until learning about Ben and sharing his pain.

Both these characters are on a collision course with doom, but it takes Ben's pained soul to show Sera the path to the light. This film is a haunting piece of work, and it is a travesty it was not nominated for Best Picture.

On the other hand, Tim Robbins gives a fine debut performance as director of "Dead Man Walking," a film which, despite its powerful subject matter, never rises above TV-Movie-of-the-Week status.

Susan Sarandon plays real-life Sister Helen Prejean, a nun who works with poor people. She is called on by death-row inmate Mathew Poncelet, Sean Penn, to help him file his appeal process since he claims to be wrongly convicted of his crime.

It reminds me of what "Shawshank Redemption"'s Morgan

Freeman said: "There ain't a guilty man in all of Shawshank Prison."

Prejean's quest is to get through the hardened-criminal facade of Poncelet and get him to admit to his crime for salvation since his lethal injection is rapidly approaching. Poncelet's many efforts have done little to slow his impending execution.

The subject matter in the film is handled very well. Robbins balances the death penalty argument between a frightened convict who wishes he could take back the past and a set of grieving parents who wish they could kill

him themselves.

The biggest problem with the film lies within its most lauded aspect: Susan Sarandon's performance.

She spends half the film with a blank bulging-eye stare on her face and, despite ample script opportunities, never seems to make the character more than a one-dimensional holy woman.

Sean Penn is the real revelation here. His character is a bottom-of-the-barrel racist pig. Though he has many formidable and bad characteristics, we still feel for him at the end of the film.

Penn's redemption at the end is by

far the most powerful moment in the film. The film makes you ponder the death penalty, regardless of your opinion, and it raises several important issues. But it's not the kind of film Hollywood would praise since it could have easily been a TV movie.

"Leaving Las Vegas" was the better film, and definitely deserved the nomination for Best Picture. "Dead Man Walking" is still a very good film, but it would have been better if the character of the nun were more exceptional.

"Leaving Las Vegas": A
"Dead Man Walking": B+

Brain

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modulate emotional responses.

His research also shows a mother's heart and that of her newborn child communicate through electromagnetic fields.

The role of the heart is being studied as a major part of the bonding process between mother and child at birth. Pearce believes this bonding is critical for proper development of the mind.

"Bonding between mother and child at the moment of birth is a biologically-programmed event that is critical to the early learning and development of emotional intelligence," Pearce said.

Modern childbirth practices may disrupt the natural bonding that occurs between mother and child. The disruption can slow certain stages of learning, making the child feel passive and alienated from experience. It can also disrupt the emotional development that takes place later in life and reduce the child's desire and capacity to learn.

There are other activities that can retard neural development in children. One such activity is extensive exposure to television of a preschool child. It is not the content of the show the child watches as much as the actual process of watching television that retards neural development.

"[Children watch] over 6,000 hours of television before the age of five. This interferes with their development unless they receive a great amount of feedback in other areas of learning because watching television serves as a substitute for actual living experiences," Pearce said.

Even though these activities have kept the neocortices of many people from being fully functional, Pearce believes the situation can be rectified with some effort, and the neocortex can become highly developed.

"Evolution completed its biological framework for this great venture long ago, and we are it — complete and needing only to develop that which lies perfect but dormant within," Pearce said.

The lecture, entitled "The Evolution, Biology and Development of the Human Spirit" is being sponsored by the Self Knowledge Symposium and will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 242 Riddick Hall. Admission is \$2 for students and \$6 for the general public.



Susan Sarandon consoles Sean Penn (left) as Tim Robbins watches from behind the camera (right)



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Humpday

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short sentences: It's dry. We're broke. Let's go out west and try it out there (I hear Huntington Beach is nice this time of year).

But I, sitting alone under the dim light given off by my desk lamp, can't even start to form a sentence or two about something George Orwell turned into one of the finest literary works of the modern era.

"Big Brother is watching," Orwell wrote. Well if he is, he's probably having a pretty good laugh at the predicament I'm finding myself trying to overcome.

I'll bet Hemingway never had to cope with writer's block. He just

lay in his hammock with pen in hand and started writing. Whatever entered his mind would be the topic of his next great American novel.

"An old man trying to catch a real big marlin — sounds like a winner to me" is a thought that probably raced through the master's mind before he began.

But that was back in a time when real men went out and lived their lives. These people experienced the world, every nook and cranny of it. They sailed the high seas, ran with the bulls, fought in wars and cavorted with pretty women from here to as far as the eye could see.

But I digress from the topic at hand. Have I ever done anything exciting like the great ones? Not really. I got my fingers caught in a

revolving door when I was 5, but I hardly think that constitutes anything that could be transformed into great literature, especially when I'm supposed to be contemplating the marvels of technology.

Swift never thought about the marvels of technology as he penned "Gulliver's Travels." It was just the big guy in the land of the little people. Admittedly, I've never read the book, but it's gotten nothing but rave reviews from people I've talked to about the land of the Lilliputians.

All that was there was imagination. All that's here is a bad case of writer's block.

You'd think in his grandiose world where technology is king I'd

be able to figure out something. I don't even have to leave my room to access any World Wide Web site I could think of with the click of a button.

I don't even have to lift a finger. Hemingway actually had to run with the bulls. That means he had to find a way to Spain. He probably slept in the streets, drank with the locals, talked until the sun rose and set each day and risked his life in a once-a-year event that probably left him reliving the stories by telling them to his grandchildren over Christmas dinner. Whew.

Thank goodness for the Internet and computers so I don't even have to think about that mess. Do you know what the exchange rates are like right now? I can just go into

one of those chat rooms and talk to some faceless plebe about getting an idea to break out of this writer's block.

It's just a shame the great novelists of years gone by didn't have access to the same advantages I have. If Bronte ever got stuck, she was in a heap of trouble. She couldn't just hop on the information superhighway and call up "schoolgirl woes" or what have you.

Or Jack Kerouac — what do you think he ever did if the words just weren't flowing that particular day?

I may have writer's block, but all the tools are at my disposal to get around the problem. The early writers wasted so much time, but I just have to go to my computer.

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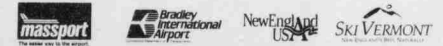


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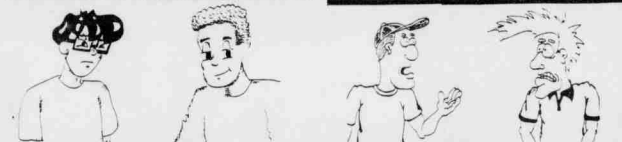
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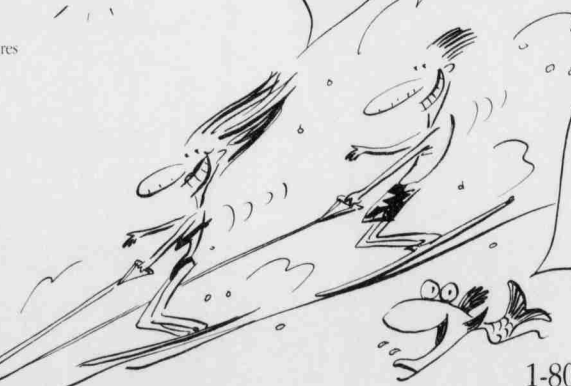
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Gingrich

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Democrat. She said she likes the party's stance on gay and lesbian rights issues.

Gingrich also said homosexuals should speak publicly to help break stereotypes portrayed about them in the media.

"If we remain silent, we allow stereotypes to prevail," she said. "We need to show people who we really are. Not talking doesn't make the stereotypes go away — it makes them worse."

Gingrich said although a small number of people don't understand gay and lesbian issues, the majority

of Americans understand it is unfair to discriminate against people due to their sexual orientation.

Gingrich said people legally can be fired from their jobs because of their sexual orientation. HRC is co-sponsoring the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would make that practice illegal.

"We want to be protected from discrimination in the workplace," she said.

Gingrich said homosexuals should be able to do their jobs without fearing they will lose them.

Gingrich also discussed same-sex marriage. She said the argument used in the 1960s against interracial marriages is the same one being against same-sex marriages now.

"It's my human right," she said. "I

should be able to spend my life with someone I love."

Gingrich said homosexuals need to work toward receiving their rights on a federal level.

"As Americans, we should be allowed to live anywhere and have the same rights and protection," she said.

Gingrich said even people who don't publicly declare their homosexuality still can work for their rights.

"You don't have to come out to write a letter," she said.

Gingrich said coming out sometimes makes people vulnerable.

"I'm not saying that I'm in favor of outing, but you have to take risks to get what you want," she said.

Candace

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The Republican Party was formed to be against taxes and communism. In the '90s it's been gay bashing. ... Not many Republicans hold Buchanan's beliefs.

Q: Why is the Human Rights Campaign opposing U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms?

A: Helms has been our arch-enemy for so long.

Q: Have you ever met Helms?
A: I've never been anywhere near him.

Q: Where do you see yourself in five years?

A: I'm definitely going to be involved somehow. Being an activist is something that doesn't go away. I don't know whether it will be at a state or federal level. I don't know if I will be touring or behind a desk.

Q: What has struck you the most during your travels?

A: Last year, I was involved in the National Coming Out project. There was a town meeting in Rochester, N.Y. A man came up and told his story to me. He had married ... to please his family and knew that it didn't feel right. As a

school teacher he felt badly about not being out at school. He had taken a vow to dispel ignorance, and he was basically living a lie.

At the town meeting the press asked him to comment on the meeting. He thought about it for about 15 minutes and decided to come out then on television.

Q: What was it like to be on the television show "Friends"?

A: It was a lot of fun. It was a drop-of-the-hat thing. The producers called me on a Friday, and I was there Sunday. The people who played the lesbians were nice. They thanked me for the work I'm doing.

Compiled by Nicole Bowman

Just a little bit more info than the law will allow

Wolfpack Notes

Next stop, Atlanta '96
N.C. State Gymnast Christi Newton was named East Atlantic Gymnastics League Gymnast of the Week for her demolishing of the competition this past weekend against James Madison.

Newton's score of 39.550 in all-around competition Friday was not only a personal best, it was also an N.C. State record.

The senior from Jacksonville, Fla., won the vault, the bars, the beam and floor competitions with no less than a 9.85 on any of the events. State defeated J.M.U. 193.650-185.50.

This is the third time in Newton's career at State she has been named Gymnast of the Week.

All-Ricky, All-American
Former N.C. State cornerback Ricky Bell was named a member of the All-American Football Foundation's all-American team, as announced, oh, last weekend.

Bell, who's headed for the big bucks in the National Football League next year, completed his stellar 1995 season with 61 tackles (good enough for fifth on the team), one interception and a team-high six pass breakups.
Go get 'em, Ricky!

What the ...?
The Blue Ribbon Basketball Services, expert in the world of college basketball, has actually predicted the Wolfpack to face Oklahoma State at Stillwater (a.k.a. "Big Country") in the opening round of the NIT.

Don't get too excited, folks. It also has Duke playing Marquette in the Southeast Regional in Indianapolis.

Just what we heard, that's all
According to a Charlotte television station, an unnamed source in the Wolfpack Club said it is almost a done deal Les Robinson will not be coaching the Pack next year.

Possible replacements mentioned were Jeff Capel (the older one) at Old Dominion, Sydney Lowe (the only one) and John Calipari, who is reportedly doing one heck of a job at some small school up North.

Just the good of boys
In case you care, "The Dukes of Hazard" is back on the air! You can catch Bo, Luke, Daisy, Jesse, Enzo and Roscoe P. Coltrane every weekday on TNN at 4 and 7 pm.
What does that have to do with sports? Well, there's a lot of heated racing action that you don't see between Dale and Jeff. Plus, for everyone in archery, Luke can shoot a mean bow. And then there's Daisy ...



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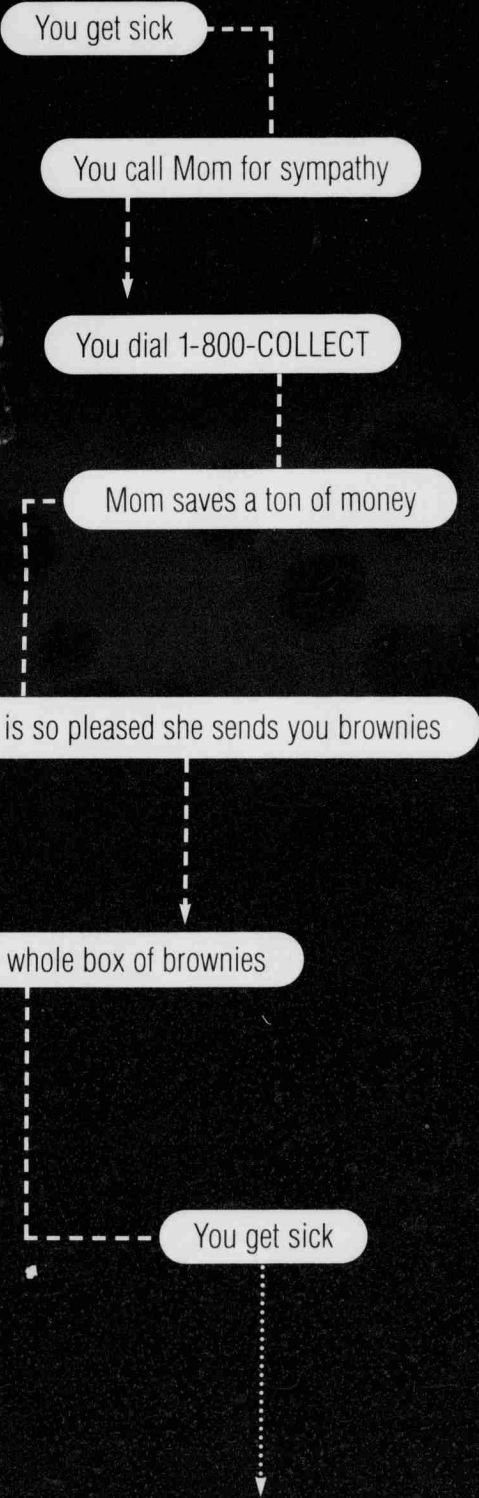
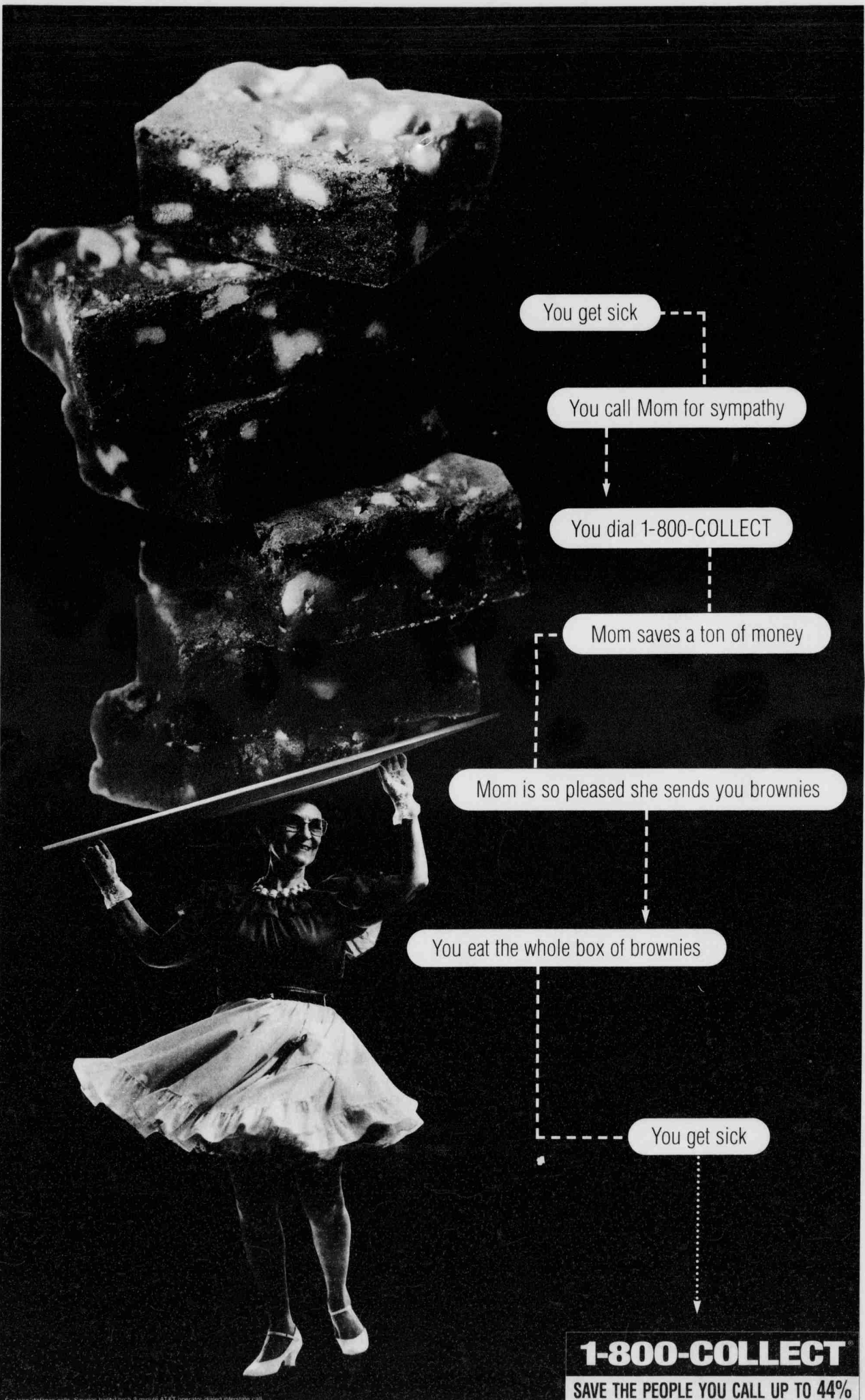
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To wear or not to wear...

■ The choices involved in Blue Jeans Day are symbolic of the struggles of homosexuals in the campus community.

What some people wear to class today says more about them than just their fashion sense, or lack thereof.

Several students, faculty and staff will wear blue jeans today to show their support for the rights of homosexuals and bisexuals. Some will wear blue jeans because they haven't done laundry in a few days.

Many people don't even think about what they'll wear. The choice boils down to jeans, jeans or jeans.

Other students — students who usually wear jeans — will wear shorts, army fatigues or dress pants, and they'll do it intentionally to show their lack of support for homosexual and bisexual members of our community.

Today is Blue Jeans Day. It's a day when the Lesbian and Gay Student Union wants people to make a conscious decision before putting on their clothes. But if people don't know what kind of a fashion statement they are making, are they really doing anything for the LGSU's cause?

There has been some confusion over the years as to what Blue Jeans Day really means to those who wear jeans. Some detractors are chagrined when they learn they put on jeans the very day they meant to dress up. And that's the point.

Many people wake up in the morning and don't think about what they'll wear. They simply do what the natural thing and grab a pair of jeans. Choice doesn't even come into the picture. Similarly, gays, lesbians and

bisexuals lead the lifestyle that comes naturally to them. It's not a choice, and it's the only comfortable way to live.

Blue jeans day serves another purpose: When people wake up they don't necessarily think about what they'll wear. They just jump into some jeans and go. It's not always that easy for some homosexual members of the community. Gays who are in the closet for fear of rebuke are faced daily with maintaining a mask; they can't just jump into what's easiest.

The LGSU's cause is a valid and symbolic one. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and their supporters are entitled to certain rights — what the U.S. Constitution calls "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." And those who believe homosexuality and bisexuality are deviant, even destructive traits have the right to express their opinions. But the fact remains, homosexuality and bisexuality are not simply lifestyle choices, they are facts of life.

And they are facts of life that are here to stay. They cannot be ignored. It has to "come out of the closet" and be faced by everyone.

If you don't support homosexuals' rights to live freely, openly and without discrimination, you may want to re-think your fashion choice today. If you think gays, lesbians and bisexuals are not entitled to these simple human rights and you're wearing jeans, you'd better run home right now and dig those khakis out of the closet.

Most members of the community though, can remain comfortable with their clothing choice, comfortable with their belief in and love of freedom and comfortable in their jeans.

Frat parties for a good cause

■ Delta Sigma Phi raked up for charities with Lawn Party.

The annual Lawn Party has become a tradition for the N.C. State chapter of Delta Sigma Phi. For one Saturday in the fall hundreds of area college students pack the grass for a day of great music and fun. But the grass is not all that is green.

This past fall's Lawn Party raised \$34,000 for local charities, including a donation to the Gregory Allen Patterson Fund. Student organizations such as Delta Sigma Phi demonstrated a true commitment to the community.

The organizers of this annual event, as well as those who purchased tickets, deserve commendation for their contributions. Without the support of these individuals and

groups, events such as the Lawn Party and other fund-raising campaigns that benefit the community, would not be possible.

Many agencies, including the Raleigh Rescue Mission, receive no state or federal funding to operate. Donations keep them running. Fund-raising events benefit these agencies, which serve as lifelines.

While money is extremely important, one should not forget that agencies such as Habitat for Humanity and the Raleigh Rescue Mission also need volunteers working in them. Therefore, contributions of time are equally important.

Fraternity and sorority involvement in volunteerism also merits praise. Such dedication to the community serves as a model for other groups and individuals to follow.

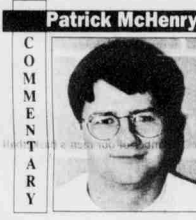


Commentary

Gingrich not telling the whole story

All right, imagine this: A lesbian, computer consultant/UPS package sorter suddenly becomes famous because her brother is Speaker of the House. Let's talk about riding on the coattails of someone else's fame. Her name is Candace Gingrich, and she spoke here Monday to kick off "Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week."

I actually went to hear what she had to say, and unlike the speech given by Denise Brown last week, it was not impressive. Gingrich started right off the bat talking about her brother, Newt, without whom she would still be just another package sorter. I'm not trying to be mean, but she is nothing more than another Kato Kaelen struggling for a minute and a half of fame. Now it would be too easy to dismiss Gingrich based on her riding her brother's coattails without listening to what she had to say about being gay. Well, I listened, and her ideas are also simple to dismiss. First, I think it's crazy to base your whole life on your sexuality. If you make the choice to be gay — and yes, it is a choice — fine, do that. But to focus your life around it is absurd and lame. People can lead their lives without letting them revolve around just one thing. And the only reason Gingrich is centering her life around her lesbian "lifestyle" is because she can make a good living doing it (unlike Denise Brown and her family who have not made any money talking about



Patrick McHenry

domestic violence). Second, Gingrich spoke of gays and lesbians not having "equal rights." She quoted Martin Luther King Jr. and compared what she is doing for "gay and lesbian rights" to what King did 30 years ago. I can't see the relationship between the two. Blacks didn't have the right to vote 30 years ago. Gays do. Blacks were discriminated against in numerous ways. Gays are not.

Gingrich said in 41 states gays can be denied loans based on their sexual preference. Well, I don't think this statement is totally accurate. The last time I checked, there was no line on a loan application asking "With whom do you prefer to have sex: men, women or both?" Without this line on a loan application, I think it's nearly impossible to say there is discrimination in the loan process. She also said gays can be fired because of their sexual preference. Again, she's a little off there too. I ask one question: Is the workplace an appropriate place for discussion of sex? I think not. And plus, I do believe the number of cases of people being fired based on their sexual preference is very small, "statistically insignificant." There are probably hundreds of cases among the millions of people in this country that hardly require the special federal protection for which Gingrich is asking.

Gingrich said, "Most people do not know that gays and lesbians are not

protected by the Constitution." I really don't understand the justification of this statement. Granted, the Constitution does not say "lesbian" or "gay" or "The Village People" anywhere in it. But it doesn't have to because it protects the rights of men and women. And that's just what gays and lesbians are, men and women. Gingrich complained gays and lesbians are not allowed to go into high schools and talk to students about being gay.

What a student. The guy sitting right behind me, Brian Heyward, asked me, "why is it illegal for religious groups to do the same thing?" That's a good question.

Why is it religious groups are so very evil, and these homosexual groups are so perfect? It's because of separation of church and state, right? What about reading, writing and arithmetic?

And what about gay marriages? Gays and lesbians (including Candace) want to do this, but the problem is in this country religious beliefs underlie many legal questions. And marriage is a legal question that comes mainly from our religious background. Religions all around the world have blessed marriage for one key reason, in order to procreate, i.e. to produce children. Of course that's not the only reason for marriage, but it's the key reason. And the last time I looked in a biology book, humans of the same sex could not produce children, ever.

If you listened to Gingrich speak, you may think the "plight" of homosexuals is the largest in the world. But if you check the rhetoric and look at the facts, you will see a totally different story.

Check the facts.

Enlightenment on Blue Jeans Day

So, it's that time of year again. More time points covers the Free Expression Tunnel, those nameless people group together again to remind the N.C. State community they exist. Slogans like "One in 10 of you may be one of us" and "We're here, and we're queer" appear beside rainbows and pink triangles.

In a community, many people live and work individually and together — each member living life with respect toward the other members. So, there could be two different kinds of communities that work well. The first kind is one in which everyone is more or less the same — everyone has the same beliefs, morals, likes and dislikes. Each person is a carbon copy of their neighbor. There are no arguments because they all agree, no altercations because there are no alterations from one robot to the next. Nothing would disrupt the status quo because there is nothing else.



Scott Starin

The other kind of community has many different kinds of people — maybe each person is different from all the rest in some way. Each different person has their own different ideas, tastes and system of beliefs. This community sometimes has arguments and conflicts because sometimes these differences in characteristics don't work well when they are forced to live together. But for the sake of the community, all points of view are considered, explored and respected. And whenever real disagreements arise, the community must decide what is truly important to all of its members. This type of community would have to define a basic set of rules to protect each person's individuality most effectively. Each member of the community would have basic inalienable rights — civil rights. And if anyone violated these rights, they would be forced to repay the community or be excluded from it.

So the question is which type of community do we want NCSU to be? We wish we could believe everyone would want the second type, the community of diversity. But there are some people reading this article who believe the whole

world would be a much better place if everyone just thought and behaved just like they do. That would be so... simple. "We would all get along better if only there weren't any underscoring." Well, this week the word that most likely fills in the blanks is homosexuals (that's the most polite form, anyway).

But instead of aiming this article at the hopefully small number of people who would enjoy the community of automations, we want to take this chance to make everyone aware we do not live in the utopia of diversity as described above. We are supposed to have a basic right to free speech and free expression. This allows all opinions and beliefs to be expressed no matter who disagrees with them. Our campus has the beloved Free Expression Tunnel as a means to voice opinions to the entire campus. The community begins to break down when certain particular points of view are attacked not just with disagreement — which should happen — but with attempts at obliteration. No particular opinion should be allowed by the community to be obliterated, especially when the opinion is held strongly by so many of the community's members.

Another basic right under attack is the right to the pursuit of happiness. The observance of this right and all the

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benefits that relate to it concern the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender (GLBT) part of the NCSU community. This week is our chance to make our concern known, and today, Blue Jeans Day, is the community's chance to acknowledge our concern. Acknowledge the fact that there are people who cannot legally marry the person they most love because of discrimination against their orientation. Acknowledge the

absence of an anti-discrimination policy for GLBT members of this campus community. Acknowledge the existence of laws that do nothing but invade the privacy of North Carolinians by forbidding certain sexual practices in this state. This has nothing to do with religion — religion is a personal decision. This has nothing to do with AIDS — sex is a personal responsibility. This has nothing to do with your sexuality — your sexuality is your own business. It has to do with letting people live the life that was given to them through no choice of their own. Sex is an important part of life, but it's a

private part of life shared only with one's most trusted friends. At the start of this column, I mentioned messages and symbols painted in the Tunnel. The rainbow is the symbol we concentrated on this year because it stands for diversity. The rainbow represents many different things all brought together to create something beautiful, something more than the sum of its parts. We thank everyone who wore their blue jeans today in support of gay and lesbian awareness. We hope this year is another step forward in the direction of diversity.

Alum defends basketball coach

As a recent N.C. State graduate, I feel it is my duty to show my support for my alma mater both in and out of the athletics arenas. It is very painful at times to watch the Wolfpack lose so many heartbreaking games in the ACC. However, it would be much more painful to watch us win with the type of athletes who were here in pre-Les Robinson days.

Robinson has done more than turn around NCSU's basketball program from the academic point of view. He has turned it into one of the most respected programs nationally on the basis of morals and integrity. Granted that will not win games night in and night out in the ACC, but it will always win recognition and praise as the type of school we can all be proud to attend.

I have the good fortune to have known Robinson since his days at The Citadel, and he has always been a model of integrity. His players are men. He teaches them the value of life as well as the game of basketball. I am proud of his efforts and those of the team. They all deserve credit for their accomplishments.

We may not be in the Top 25, but we could easily be there if it weren't for about 20 points the other way. Les, keep your head up high as you always do, and we will continue to support you.

Jeff Henry
Class of 1995

Robinson can do wonders for team

I am not naive enough or basketball illiterate enough to send a letter praising Coach Les Robinson's work with academics. That does not matter on the court. In response to Giglio's statements about Robinson's coaching in the Duke game, I would like to ask which game he was watching because we most certainly were not watching the same one.

First of all, you cannot blame Robinson for things he cannot control. He can't do a thing about bad calls, Osh's slowly returning shot or where the butts of Curtis Marshall and Jeremy Hyatt want to go — albeit a little slower than we want — but we will reach our destination. Give him two more years, and I guarantee that postseason is on the horizon.

The Campus FORUM

Are we one of the top 64 teams in the nation (OK, close to the bottom, but still in the top 64)? You bet we are.

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Robinson has done a lot for NCSU

There have been many comments, letters and concerns expressed about the basketball team at N.C. State this year after Les Robinson's comment that he would resign if the fans and administration were not pleased with his performance this season. Although we do not have an outstanding ACC record, anyone who has watched our team play and looked at the GPA's of our team members this season, should be pleased with the team and Robinson. I read a letter written by alumni Brain Ezelle that appeared in Friday's Technician and agreed with the comments he made. I have also been an NCSU fan for many years and can name exactly where I was when many events in the history of our men's basketball team have occurred.

I was in third grade when NCSU won the 1983 championship and can name the members of the team and give a detailed description of the final shot, from memory. I loved winning the championship, but we didn't have an impressive season that year either, according to the media. Where do you think "Cardiac Pack" and the "Cinderella Princess" came from? Even though we won, we still were not respected by the media. The allegations that led to the resignation of Jim Valvano and Chancellor Bruce Poulton were not the beginning of our negative media. NCSU has always been the "underdog" and is not given the respect it deserves. Today, we have that respect, maybe not as a winning team, but we are known for our excellence on and off the court. This is the first season I can remember commentators and sportscasters having positive things to say about NCSU. This positive press is a result of basketball program Robinson built. The only negative press I have heard is the

disbelief that the administration and fans would want to get rid of Robinson after he has brought this program so far. We now have a respectable basketball program, one with integrity, and I would hate to lose that in order to win more basketball games.

I just finished watching the NCSU/Duke game where we lost by three points in overtime. Yes, I am disappointed that we lost another close game, but I know there are probably about 20 people who feel worse about it than I do right now — the team and coaching staff. The only people who have a right to complain about the performance of our team are those who are putting themselves on the line for our university by playing basketball. Any student who complains about our performance has no reason to complain unless he or she tried to walk on the basketball team and show that he or she can do a better job. The same principal goes for the fans with the coaching staff. Only those who have offered their services, officially, to coach the team and have proven they can do a better job have to try to complain.

I am a senior at NCSU and have been here through four disappointing seasons, but my job as a fan and as a student at this university is to support and love the team, not criticize them. I may have a childish way of looking at the situation, but a true fan endures both the good times and the bad times and still cheers just as hard, no matter what the final score is. I hope the administration here will realize what a blessing it is to have Robinson as our coach. He has brought respect to this school, not only on the basketball court but also in the classroom. I hold the highest regard for Robinson and every member of our men's basketball team. I see them everyday on my way to the gym going to practice and just as I did when I was a child, I stare in awe. These men deserve much more credit than our fans are giving them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robinson and the team for representing our school so well. They are doing a superb job and play hard every game. That's all I can ask for as a fan, that they put their heart in it. We may not have lady luck on our side this season, but we do have a reason to celebrate every game, the players have played well.

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