



NCSU student passes away

A N.C. State student died recently. Stacy Elizabeth Walker, a NCSU junior from Charlotte died on Wednesday Jan. 8.

Walker was a Mechanical Engineering major and was employed by Duke Power Nuclear Plant under the co-op program.

Stacy was diagnosed with Leukemia on Thursday, Jan. 2, and died Wednesday at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte. She was the daughter of Tim and Mary Walker and had one sister, Amy.

A memorial service will be held Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption, 4207 Shamrock Dr. Charlotte, N.C.

Tuition charge deadline in Jan. 23

The tuition charge and refund deadline for the 1997 Spring academic semester is 5 p.m. on Jan. 23. Tuition charge and refunds are based on the official number of hours and courses earned as of Jan. 23.

The last day to drop courses with a full refund of tuition is Jan. 23, 1997. Refunds resulting from courses dropped can be obtained at 1101 Pullen Hall.

The refund percentage for withdrawals on or before Jan. 8, 1997 is 100 percent. For withdrawals from Jan. 9-17, 90 percent; from Jan. 21-Feb. 5, 50 percent; Feb. 6-March 4, 25 percent; and after March 4 there is no refund.

Dixon named vice provost

Effective Jan. 1, George Dixon of Cary, who has served as director of admissions at N.C. State since 1987, has been named vice provost for enrollment management and services, and director of admissions at the university.

Dixon said the newly-created position reflects a national trend for universities to improve and coordinate all services offered to students, from admission and enrollment to applications for financial aid and registration for classes.

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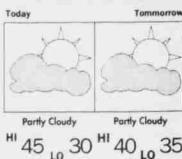
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Outside



## Larceny plagues residence halls over break

Two residence halls were broken into by thieves during the holidays.

By Dawn Wotapka  
 Staff Writer

Over the Intersession break, thieves broke into two N.C. State residence halls and helped themselves to several students' personal belongings.

The larcenies occurred at Syme Hall and the Aveni Ferry Complex.

According to Crime Prevention Officer Larry Ellis, most people incorrectly blame these thefts on Public Safety.

"Police get blamed for a lot of things," Ellis said. "You can't

blame us anymore than you blame the RA on duty."

Ellis pointed out that there are over 3,000 residence hall rooms protected. He added that protecting student rooms involves public effort, students and University Housing.

Theft victim Courtney Mace, a freshman in business, blames the break-ins on University Housing. "I think the dorm is responsible," she said. "We couldn't be here to watch it."

Sundiata Lee, a sophomore in business, also feels that University Housing let him down.

"They told us that the locks would be changed," Lee said. "We thought we'd be secure." Lee and his roommate, sophomore

in business, Joe Johnson, had over \$5,000 worth of belongings taken.

According to the housing newsletter, The State of Living and Learning, students are supposed to remove all valuables from their room over the break.

"When I travel, I take what's necessary and that's all," Johnson said. "I took the most important things," he said. "I guess the rest was up to chance."

Together, Johnson and Lee lost 122 compact discs, a television, a new pair of basketball shoes, four speakers, an amplifier, a tape deck, a CD-player, and a leather jacket.

Johnson said that the thief was selective and did leave some valuable stuff behind.

"They took the CD's and stuff but left a printer and a 486 computer," said Johnson.

He still has two other leather jackets hanging in the closet, obviously moved from where he left them before the break.

"Whoever it was was obviously Christmas shopping," he said.

Mace and Gabriele Glover, an undecided freshman in CHASS, also returned to emptier closets. Their rooms were broken into while maintenance personnel repaired damage caused by flooding.

Mace said she was told that the locks would be changed during the replacement of her carpet, to ensure that nobody could enter their room.

"The head maintenance guy told

us there was no way anything could be taken," she said.

According to Mace, the thieves stole an iron and a vacuum from her closet, in addition to a stereo, a halogen lamp, a fan, and a cordless phone and answering system.

All four have no guarantee that they will receive compensation for their losses.

"Everybody tells us that they are sorry it happened, but that they are not responsible for our stuff," said Glover.

Ellis said the main cause of theft is the creation of targets. He explained that the poor college student of ten years ago has gotten richer and brings a lot more expensive stuff to school.

## Tough crowd



One of the Brickyard preachers has a hard time finding a congregation Thursday morning.

## Library gets ready for new year

Library officials say the layout at D.H. Hill library will be more user-friendly this semester.

By Kristen Sprull  
 Staff Writer

Students visiting D. H. Hill Library this semester are likely to notice a number of improvements made during the semester break, including new computer terminals.

"We're taking this opportunity to upgrade the quality and delivery of service," said Charles Gilreath, the library's Associate Director for Public Services.

The reference area now boasts a centralized reference desk and new Compaq Proline 5100c computer terminals along the walls, plus new shelving to hold reference materials previously housed on index tables and in the document reference section.

Ginnie Davis, the Assistant Director for Planning and Research, said the documents desk is closing to pave the way for a merger between the documents and reference departments. Staff from both departments will combine to operate from one centralized service point.

Davis said the organizational changes do not involve the loss of jobs.

"Two positions were lost to the department, but will be relocated within the library in other areas that need extra help," she said.

Electricians have been crawling around in the rafters on the first floor, rewiring to improve telecommunications access and upgrading the lighting and fire alarm systems.

In addition to the changes in the main library, current periodicals will be moved from the library's basement to the first floor of the Erdahl-Cloyd Wing, just outside the reserve room.

Explaining the move, Gilreath said, "part of the problem before was that you had to have a treasure map to find the current periodicals room."

Gilreath said he does not foresee an increase in magazine theft due to the improved access to current periodicals, but that in a library the size of D. H. Hill, it becomes difficult to determine an actual loss figure.

"Once you get two million volumes, it's really just a spot check and an estimation," he said.

Library clerk David Storey said that while magazine theft used to be a big problem for the library, the presence of security guards on a twenty-four hour basis has reduced the theft rate somewhat.

"People see that uniform," he said, "and they don't steal as much."

The space formerly occupied by current periodicals, in the basement of the bookstack tower, has been allocated to a new project designed to store and preserve print materials. Preservation Librarian Winston Atkins said he hopes to have his department operational by the end of the calendar year.

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## Student Senate condemns possible rent increase

A resolution meant to protect the financial well-being of on-campus residents was passed by the Student Senate Wednesday.

By Mark McCraw  
 Staff Writer

N.C. State on-campus residents could face a sizable rent increase over the next several years because of renovations to several residence halls.

The first of two important resolutions passed Wednesday night by the Student Senate was a plea to keep students from having to pay for the cost of these renovations.

NCSU will be co-hosting the 1999 Special Olympics, and as part of the agreement, air conditioned housing must be provided for 4,500

students. Currently, only 2,275 spaces with air conditioning are available.

The additional 2,225 spaces must have air conditioning installed by the fall of 1998.

Estimates on the cost of the project predict it to be around \$12.4 million. In addition, \$2 million must be spent to install sprinkler systems which meet 1996 General Assembly mandates.

University Housing is opting to raise student rent by 7.12 percent to cover the cost of improvements necessary to house the participants of the games.

Because the games will generate approximately eighty million dollars for the area, the senate passed a resolution by consent to recommend that the North Carolina General Assembly allocate funds to University Housing, rather than

have the cost shifted to the students.

"If the General Assembly doesn't pass it, the students will have to pay for it," said senator Danielle Greco, who co-introduced the bill.

The resolution was passed by consent in the senate after passing by a unanimous vote in committee.

Also passed was a resolution to promote new physical education requirements that would allow students to graduate with only two semester hours of physical education. The resolution said both of these hours should be counted toward graduation.

The senate also called for a complete exemption of any physical education requirements for veterans of the United States Military who choose to attend NCSU.

## Dropout survey brings students back to NCSU

N.C. State hopes its Re-Enrollment Project will help more students get their degrees.

By Shannon Umberger  
 Staff Writer

Who says big colleges aren't responsive to the needs of their students — or even their former ones?

As part of the "1996 Re-Enrollment Project" of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, students who left the university after the Spring 1996 semester, and were eligible to return in the fall but were not enrolled as of the summer, were given a telephone call.

George Dixon, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, said

NCSU "wanted to send an unmistakable message that the university is concerned and wants to do everything in its power to help [students not re-enrolled] get their degree."

Admissions staff explained to suspended students that they have options like summer school and course repeats. They made sure all students were aware they could get help from campus departments like the counseling center and the financial aid office.

The time put into the project saw some pleasant results. Of the 1,945 total calls made, 1,213 contacts were reached and 596 students later re-enrolled for the Fall 1996 semester.

"N.C. State does not admit any students who do not have the

potential to graduate," Dixon said. "They have to do the work, but we want them to know the support systems are in place."

Students were identified in one of four groupings: those who were academically eligible for Fall 1996 but had not registered; suspended students who were not academically eligible to return; "stopped out" students who had been enrolled during the previous year but did not return after a year off; and those who had been suspended in Fall 1995 that did not try for admission.

Dixon said the identified students were broken down by college. Staff at each college called the students over the summer to find out their reasons for leaving and to offer any help possible.

Dixon said that most NCSU

students think they are just a number because they have, "a preconceived notion of a big school." The Re-Enrollment Project is an effort at an "individual approach."

Common reasons for suspended students not having enrolled were: poor academic performance; not sure of major; and in the process of transferring. Students "stopped out" in good standing were not enrolled because of taking time off; financial problems; and personal problems.

As a part of the project, administrators also mailed out 1,067 questionnaires to students who had not re-enrolled.

Dixon said the project's ultimate goal is to ensure that 100% of NCSU's students get their degree.

### Driving through a winter wonderland

A blanket of snow can turn a highway into an obstacle course. Here are a few safety tips for winter driving:

#### How to get out of a skid

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- 5 Straighten wheel as car rights itself



NOTE: This method does not work with front-wheel drive cars during a skid  
SOURCE: American Automobile Association

#### Other tips

- Drive slowly at a steady speed
- Increase following distances, especially when traveling uphill
- Signal for lane changes well in advance

## Library

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Davis said that officials also plan to move the cataloguing department to the basement and move the special collections upstairs.

"The grand design," she said, "is to put public services where people can get to them."

Gilreath estimated that current library improvements should be finished by the end of the month.

Have you hugged your student senator today?

## Arboretum director passes away

One of N.C. State's most distinguished figures passed away during Christmas break.

BY PHILLIP REESE  
News Editor

The founder and director of N.C. State's Arboretum, J.C. Raulston, died Saturday, Dec. 21.

Raulston's co-workers described him as a tireless worker.

"J.C. put in a good 80 hours a week," interim Arboretum director Bryce Lane said. "It was not uncommon to see him nearly every night at 11 p.m. And he would be back in every morning at 6 or 7 a.m."

Raulston came up with the idea for the Arboretum more than 20 years ago, Lane said. The Arboretum has won numerous local, state and national awards since that time.

"We have received condolences from numerous organizations across the country," Lane said. "Raulston will be missed by the horticultural community immensely."

Raulston also taught horticulture classes at NCSU. In 1995, he was named an Alumni Distinguished professor.

A memorial service for Raulston will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. in the McKimmon Center.



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# Terps have had State's number in recent years

■ And the Terps are soaring after a huge comeback win at North Carolina.

By K. GAFFNEY  
STAFF WRITER

This Sunday the N.C. State men's basketball team is looking to accomplish what it couldn't do last season.

In two games and 85 minutes of play against the Maryland Terrapins, State was outscored by five points, and suffered two losses.

Now, with a revamped defense and a new offensive look, State will try to pick up its first ACC win of the season and its first win over Maryland since the 1993-94 season.

Maryland has won nine out of the last ten matchups, including four in a row. Maryland has had the upperhand in the 1990s, winning ten out of fourteen.

polls, the Terps came into the season ranked No. two in the conference, and are proving their ground.

The Terrapins are coming off a 95-75 upset at No. 13 North Carolina. Maryland battled back from a 22-point deficit with a nine-minute run in the second half, outscoring the Tar Heels, 23-2. By the time the fans at the Smith Center had departed, Gary Williams' team had compiled a 41-9 run.

All-American candidate Keith Booth has led the Terrapins all season long. Against Carolina, Booth scored 20 points and collected 12 rebounds while leading Maryland to their biggest comeback in history.

Obinnia Ekezie added 21 points and helped down eight rebounds, helping the Terps to control the boards.

Maryland has shown no signs of trouble adjusting to the losses of team leaders Johnny Rhodes and

Duane Simpkins. The Terrapins are 13-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

Booth is one of just four players in Maryland history to score 1,100 points or more, and looks to be the next target of State Coach Herb Sendek's defense.

In the two State/Maryland matchups during the 1995-96 campaign, Booth collected a double-double in College Park, and scored 17 points when the Terps visited Raleigh.

The last time the Wolfpack defeated the Joe Smith-led Terrapins was the 1994 season, in which State won 79-71 in Reynolds.

The game Sunday will tip off at 1 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum. The Wolfpack will then take its show on the road to Clemson and Carolina next week, before returning to the friendly confines of Reynolds for a Jan. 21 matchup against Duke. The Devils won both matchups last season.

# 'I can guard you with my eyes shut.'



Not even Jennifer Howard's super defense could keep the defending ACC Champion Clemson Tigers from beating the Wolfpack. State will try to stop a two-game losing slide, having lost to both Georgia Tech and Clemson, against rival Virginia Saturday at Reynolds Coliseum. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

## Giglio

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talent Pinkins has. On the bright side, it will give freshman Andre McCullom and Tim Wells a large dose of ACC reality. That can only help in the long run. That is, of course, if history would not only stop repeating itself, but stop beating the team into a bloody pulp.

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## Primanti

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preseason goal, not only earning the respect of his teammates, but becoming, dare it be said, a role model for future Wolfpackers.

"I had to beat every odd that was out there to be beaten," said Primanti, reflecting on his career.

"I guess that I am really proof that if you go after something, and you want something bad enough, You can make your dreams come true."

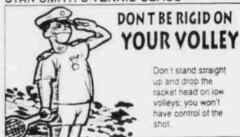
## Gymnasts

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beam. With a loaded-up schedule and the hope of consistency throughout their routines, the Wolfpack looks forward to its seventh straight trip to the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships and hopes to leave there as one of the top twelve teams in the nation, a feat that translates into a bid to the NCAA National Championship meet.

The meet against the Gators will begin at 7 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum. Student admission is free.

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# Tech Too

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## How to get even with Mr. Wrong

► Who says that getting even can't be fun???

By KELLY MARKS  
STAFF WRITER

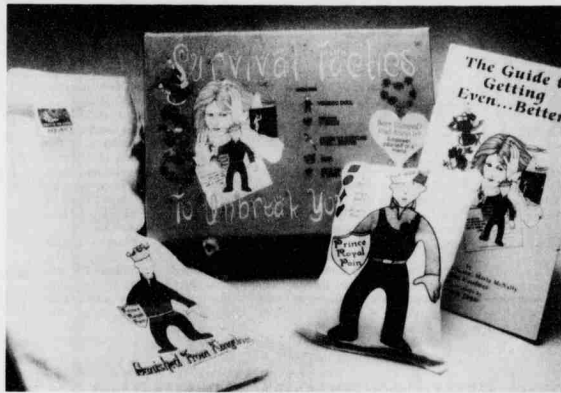
Attention all ladies who have been done wrong — here are ways of dealing with a bad break-up that do not involve crying and screaming. Sometimes the best ways of coping with all of the pain and angst you have been caused is to cause it right back.

Revenge is supposed to be sweet, but crafting your own means of getting even can often be tiring and time-consuming. For those who are craving a release of emotion without actually having to exert any energy, a new product has been developed which aims to not only get you over him, but to help you get even, too. A company called Enchanted Tails has released "Survival

Tactics to Unbreak Your Broken Heart."

Using humor and a variety of clever props to help women through difficult relationships, this kit is the first in a series of "empowerment tools" meant to help maneuver people through emotionally trying situations. "I don't have the patience for going through a 12-step program... we designed the line to take things you would learn in 12 steps and condensed them into two simple ones — just snap out of it and get on with your life," said Co-founder Maria McNally.

"Survival Tactics to Unbreak Your Broken Heart" comes with a "Guide to Getting Even... Better" to help plan a devious revenge and a voodoo doll for immediate gratification. The character, Prince Royal Pain, is labeled with everything from a royal paunch to the crown jewels and includes a number for ordering more pins if



'Survival Tactics to Unbreak Your Heart' comes with all you see here.

necessary. A t-shirt bearing the prince's likeness and the words "Banished from the Kingdom" is also part of the package.

The kit even comes with its own form of guarantee: Should the voodoo doll and book fail, one can always enlist the Witches of Salem Network to cast a spell on the unsuspecting male.

Enchanted Tails founders first envisioned the "Survival

Tactics" kit when they noticed their friends were going through similar life experiences. In the future, the company promises products which will handle other of life's little inconveniences. Titles such as "Survival Tactics to Get Checks from Your Ex" and "TRA," a temporary residence agreement for parents of children who move back in, are already available. Other kits will deal

with avoiding road rage, lending money to friends and getting it back, and how to understand your welcome.

The "Survival Tactics" line of products are available by calling Enchanted Tails at 1-800-559-6999. Priced at \$19.95, they make great gifts for a friend going through a rough spell or those who are experiencing a break-up and looking for a cathartic release.

## WEEKEND STRESS RELIEVERS

**Music**  
Friday — January 10  
Athenaeum and Marcy Playground at the Brewery, 3009 Hillsborough St. 834-7018  
Saturday — January 11  
WCPE 89.7 FM The Metropolitan Opera, La Boheme, 1:30 p.m.  
North Carolina Symphony with Cellist Lynn Harrell and Guest Conductor JoAnn Falletta at Durham's Carolina Theatre, 8 p.m.  
Everything and All Mighty Senators. The Brewery, 3009 Hillsborough St. 834-7018  
Sunday — January 12  
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**Film**  
Friday — January 10  
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Campus Cinema: "Emma," 7, 9, and 11 p.m., \$1.50/\$2.00  
Saturday — January 11  
Campus Cinema: "Emma," 7, 9, and 11 p.m., \$1.50/\$2.00  
Sunday — January 12  
Campus Cinema: "Meet Me in St. Louis," free

**Theater and Arts**  
Thursday-Sunday, January 9-12 and 16-19  
"Picnic" by William Inge, The Arts Center, 8 p.m., 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 300-G E. Main St. Carrboro, 929-2787  
Saturday — January 11  
"Riders in the Sky," Stewart Theatre, 8 p.m.  
Contra Dance Instruction, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church Gym, 117 South Academy St. Cary

**N.C. Museum of Arts**  
January 10-11  
Winter Foreign Film Series: Louis Malle Retrospective, "May Fools" (1990), 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Sunday — January 12  
Lecture: "Cezanne's Bathers: A Psychoanalytic View", 3 p.m., free, reception will follow.

**WUNC-TV Channel 4**  
Saturday — January 11  
The Governor's Inauguration, live coverage and pre-recorded showings, 11:00a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Football**  
Sunday — January 12  
NFC Playoffs: Carolina Panthers at Green Bay, 11:30 am EST

## Club comes 'Alive' with battle of the bands

► Bands mix up the music tonight at Alive's band contest.

By LISA IRBY  
STAFF WRITER

Has Old Man Winter got you down? Well, it's time to get rid of those winter blues and go to a place where the music is hot. Tonight, the nightclub Alive is hosting a battle of the bands contest called "First Friday Finals."

The seven bands scheduled to perform are: All the King's Men, Jody Globe, Electric Mistress, Henry Acrobat, Rictus Trin, Within and Past Life Aggression. These bands blend a variety of sounds ranging from Southern rock to an alternative beat to light heavy metal. It's sure to create a mixture that will make you forget about the arctic weather outside.

"First Friday Finals" is not based on one type of music, and because of this we are able to view many bands at one time. This works better than one band trying to book the club," said Matthew Drost, coordinator of live events.

The owners of Alive are trying to create an atmosphere which is open to all local bands. "We are trying to put local bands on the map, and we will do anything we can to support the bands in our area," Drost said.

The bands had to create fliers and/or tickets to distribute around the area. These fliers acted as publicity, and they also act as a way of determining the winner of the contest. The other aspects of determining the winner are the crowd's response and the sound person's opinion.

"By having the sound person judging the bands, it makes the competition less of a popularity contest," Drost said.

The band that gains the most votes in each area will receive a prize of five recording hours and 50 cassette duplicates.

Alive's doors open tonight at 7 p.m. and the first band starts playing at 7:30 p.m. The cost of admission is \$5, but if you present a copy of one of the band's fliers you will receive \$1 off the admission price.

## Questions raised over Cobain suicide

► Controversy over Kurt Cobain's death still lingers on the Internet.

By KELLY MARKS  
STAFF WRITER

With all of the media hype and awards nominations for rocker Courtney Love's performance in the new movie "The People Versus Larry Flynt" one might think that the star is on her way up. However, Love, frontwoman for the popular band Hole has come under fire lately for events surrounding her late husband Kurt Cobain's 1994 death.

Cobain's death was officially ruled a suicide — the lead singer for Nirvana was found dead in his home beside a 20-gauge shotgun and drug paraphernalia. A note, which Love read aloud to his fans at his funeral, was on the desk with a pen stabbed through it. His recent stay at a rehabilitation clinic and what psychiatrists termed "suicidal tendencies" left the police with what they believe is an open-and-shut case.

Toby Amiraull, a 31-year-old Boston writer, would like the case reopened. He is currently

writing a book, "Tar Pit Trap: The Murder of Kurt Cobain," that intends to prove that Cobain didn't die at his own hand, but at the hand of his wife. Basing his book on information compiled by Los Angeles private detective Tom Grant, Amiraull has waged an Internet-based campaign with the hopes of pressuring the Seattle police into re-examining their evidence.

Grant was originally hired by Love to locate Cobain preceding his death and worked for her for several months afterward. In the course of his investigation, he claimed to uncover some disturbing facts which led to the current accusations. Grant claims that Cobain was about to file for divorce when he died, a statement which is backed up by Love's father, Hank Harrison. He also holds that Cobain bought the shotgun because he was in fear for his life and that when the body was found, there were no discernible fingerprints on the gun.

Although the rumor-mill began to churn out conspiracy theories shortly after Cobain's death, the story has recently gained credibility and caught

the eye of the news media. CNN has formed its own investigation into the mysteries surrounding Cobain's suicide and "Hard Copy" has aired many of Grant's findings on their show.

Love's quick rise to fame following her husband's death and her conduct during concerts and interviews have led many Nirvana fans to accuse her of direct involvement. The theories have only been fueled further by Love's threats of legal action against anyone who accuses her of the crime. Many websites on the Internet devoted to Grant's investigation have been withdrawn, including Grant's own at website, earthlink.net/tomgrant. However, Amiraull continues to maintain his site at www.tiac.net/users/toby.

"Tar Pit Trap" will be available from Ivy Press. Information about the book can be obtained by writing Ivy Communications, Inc., at 38 Dyer Avenue, Melrose, MA 02176. Although "Larry Flynt" marked the end of shooting court scenes for Love now, there are those who hope to see her back on stand in the near future.



Courtney Love, widow of Kurt Cobain, stars as Alliea Leisure in 'The People vs. Larry Flynt.'

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13. "Twister"
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# No link between abortions, breast cancer

■ Researchers are debating the subject, but some still believe that a full-term pregnancy reduces the chance of breast cancer in some women.

BY RIDGELY OCHS  
NEWSDAY

Having an abortion does not increase the risk of breast cancer for the majority of women, according to the largest study on the issue to date, to be published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Using records for all women born between 1935 and 1978 in Denmark, where abortion is legal and its reporting is mandatory, Danish researchers linked abortion information to breast cancer diagnoses among 1.5 million women, 18 percent of whom had had an abortion. In the 95 percent who had had abortions between seven and 12 weeks of gestation, the most common time to have an abortion, there was no increase in

risk of breast cancer. "The public health question should be answered, which means that for the majority of women who have an abortion, there's no increased risk of breast cancer," Dr. Mads Melbye, the lead researcher from the Statens Serum Institut of Copenhagen, said in a phone interview.

"This study is a great leap," said Dr. Patricia Hartz of the National Cancer Institute. "It is well conducted with a complete popula-

tion. And because the abortion data is accurate, it really is a move ahead." In an editorial accompanying the study, Hartz wrote: "In short, a woman need not worry about the risk of breast cancer when facing the difficult decision of whether to terminate a pregnancy."

But Dr. Joel Brind, professor of endocrinology at Baruch College at City University of New York, called the study "horrible ... not an honest piece, not a good piece."

Brind, who is against abortion, is the chief author of a meta-analysis (an overall look that combines previous studies) published last year showing an increase in risk of breast cancer in women who had abortions.

He cited two objections to the Danish study: Although the study included women from 1935 to 1992, it apparently only used data on abortions from 1973 onward. Since most women get breast cancer when they are older, this could mean critical data is lacking on whether these older women had had abortions, Brind maintained. Similarly, women were included in the study, many of them in teens or 20s, who had had an abortion less than four years previously, and who would not be likely to show signs of breast cancer.

Melbye said that he and his colleagues specifically looked to see if there was any difference in risk relative to age or to the calendar time of the abortion or diagnosis of cancer. "There was no difference," Melbye said. "He is wrong."

Not all women who had had abortions showed no increase in risk in Melbye's study.

Melbye said that the apparent increase in risk among those with later abortions was "very interesting" and deserved more study.

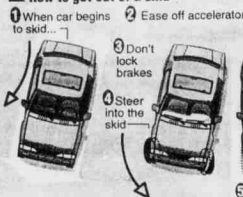
The biological explanation for a possible link between abortion and breast cancer has been based on the observation that a full-term pregnancy decreases the long-term risk of breast cancer — perhaps by causing primitive breast cells to fully develop and therefore be less susceptible to mutation.

Melbye and his colleagues suggest that the increased risk among second-trimester abortions fits into this hypothesis. But, he said that "this is only a tiny number of abortions and shouldn't be a matter of broad risk."

## Driving through a winter wonderland

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## NATIONAL NEWS

# King's sermons and autobiography go public

■ Time Warner has made agreements to release Martin Luther King Jr.'s work and autobiography — via CD-ROM, audio cassettes, and the World Wide Web.

BY PAUL D. COLFORD  
NEWSDAY

The written and spoken legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. will be collected and distributed in various media formats — much of the material for the first time — under a

large-scale agreement announced Wednesday by the King family and Time Warner.

The joint publishing deal calls for the release by Warner Books of "The Sermons of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." and a posthumous autobiography of the slain civil rights leader to be drawn from his extensive writings and speeches. In addition, memoirs will be written by King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and son Dexter, chairman of the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change Inc. in Atlanta.

Besides the four books, audio

recordings of King's speeches, a CD-ROM on King and the civil-rights movement and a King site on the World Wide Web will be made available by Time Warner. Its Book-of-the-Month Club will offer a boxed set of five books by King that were previously published.

"This will make an extraordinary contribution to promoting my husband's teachings," Coretta Scott King told a gathering at the Time & Life Building here. "Now, Martin's legacy will be disseminated widely throughout the world."

The centerpiece of the agreement is the autobiography, scheduled for

release in the fall of 1998, three decades after King's assassination in Memphis, Tenn. The book is being prepared by Clayborne Carson, editor of the King Papers Project.

Carson said he was drawing from speeches and a vast archive of writings to produce a first-person account in King's own words — a technique used by Alex Haley when he worked on Malcolm X's autobiography. Carson displayed the text of a letter that King sent to an acquaintance after the 1960 presidential election in which he attributed Richard M. Nixon's loss to John F. Kennedy in part to Nixon being "a moral coward."

Laurence J. Kirshbaum, the chief executive officer of Warner Books, declined to discuss financial terms, except to say it was a multimillion-dollar deal. Time Warner Chairman Gerald M. Levin called it "a distinctive relationship — I won't even call it a transaction."

# Texaco fires one official, suspends another

■ In response to the racial discrimination lawsuit, Texaco also revoked the retirement benefits of the employee who taped the incriminating meetings.

BY THOMAS S. MULLIGAN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK — In the latest fallout from the racial scandal that enveloped the oil giant two months ago, Texaco Inc. said Wednesday it fired one high-ranking executive, suspended another and cut off retirement benefits to two former officials.

The four people Texaco disciplined were those who attended a secretly taped 1994 meeting at which they discussed hiding or destroying evidence in a job-discrimination lawsuit brought by black Texaco employees.

Texaco, headquartered in White Plains, said it based its actions on the findings of the outside attorney it hired to investigate the situation.

The company said it submitted lawyer Michael Armstrong's final report to the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, whose criminal probe has so far resulted in obstruction of justice charges against one of the four executives.

Texaco said it agreed not to make the report public after prosecutors

told the company that releasing it "would interfere with the government's ongoing investigation."

The tape transcripts caused a storm of outrage when they became public in November because of the racially charged language used by some of the executives and their seemingly cavalier attitudes about concealing internal documents and other information considered potentially damaging in the lawsuit.

Fired was J. David Keough, assistant corporate treasurer at the time of the pivotal meeting and more recently an officer of a Texaco insurance subsidiary.

Peter Meade has been suspended without pay for two weeks, "and will attend a sensitivity and interaction training program upon his return," Texaco Chairman Peter I. Bjur said in a letter to employees released Wednesday.

The retired employees to whom Texaco cut off benefits are Robert W. Ulrich, the corporate treasurer who was the highest-ranking executive at the taped meeting, and Richard A. Lundwall, then a senior personnel manager in the finance department.

It was Lundwall who secretly recorded the meeting and who turned over his tapes to the discrimination lawsuit plaintiffs last fall, shortly after learning that his job was being eliminated in a corporate reorganization.

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# WORLD NEWS

## New leader tackles U.N. reform

■ With a bold new Secretary and with many challenges ahead, all agree that change is needed, but disagree over where to downsize.

By JOHN M. GOSHKO  
THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS — New Secretary General Kofi Annan said Thursday the United Nations is beset by financial and political crisis that requires far-reaching reform. But he pointedly declined to equate reform with massive or "arbitrary" cuts in personnel or vital programs, saying he had never supported "disjointed downsizing."

In an address to the 9,000 employees of the U.N. secretariat, Annan, who took office Jan. 1, called attention to the conflicting pressures that he will face over the next five years as he tries to steer the world body between demands from the United States for major downsizing and calls from the Third World for more U.N. assistance in their development.

"It is up to the member states to define what they want the United Nations to be and to do — to outline their vision of the goals they want us to attain, and to set new priorities," Annan said. "But it is up to (the secretariat) to shape this instrument of peace and progress to fit that new identity, to chart a route toward those goals, to develop the skills required to meet these challenges."

Annan, a Ghanaian who spent three decades in the U.N. bureaucracy, was elected secretary general last month after the United States blocked the re-election of his predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt, because the Clinton administration considered him insufficiently committed to reform. The administration now hopes that Annan will subject the United Nations to a shakeup capable of convincing the Republican-

controlled Congress to pay more than \$1 billion in U.S. debts that have brought the United Nations to the brink of bankruptcy.

In the U.S. view, reform means a top-to-bottom trimming of U.N. functions, expenses and personnel, and outgoing Secretary of State Warren Christopher reiterated that goal to Annan when he came here for a farewell visit Tuesday. Annan replied that while U.S. leadership is important, the United States must seek compromises with the vision that other countries have for the United Nations. And, as a man elected as a representative of Africa, he reminded Christopher that the poorer nations think the United Nations has no task more important than helping them to grow economically.

In his remarks Thursday, he elaborated on these themes, arguing that "reform is not an end in itself ... or simply a matter of dollars and cents." Instead, he said, "it is a tool to create a more relevant and a more effective organization" able to continue playing an important role in peacekeeping, conflict resolution and sustainable development.

"The next five years must be, above all, a time for healing," Annan said. "We must heal the financial crisis of the organization, which cannot be expected to move forward if it is dragged down by the burden of unpaid dues. ... But it is up to us to prove to the member states that their contributions are used wisely and efficiently for the implementation of programs which they have mandated."

Alluding to the genocidal massacres that the United Nations failed to prevent in Bosnia and in such African nations as Rwanda and Burundi, he said, "It is not reform when, for lack of funds, we have to turn our backs on massacres and suffering and collapse of civil society. ... I have never believed that disjointed downsizing, with arbitrary staff cuts that weaken essential capabilities, can bring real improvement."

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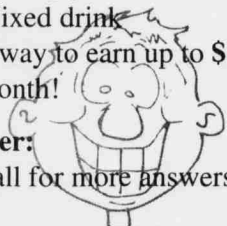
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## Getting grades to students

Records need to be set straight.

Many students were busy running around trying to find their grades at the end of last semester. Due to misleading information sent out by N.C. State's Registration and Records, many professors didn't post their grades, since Social Security numbers and other means of identifying what grade belongs to each person are seen as insecure. Most students found it hard to find their grades.

For others, getting their grades through the TRACS system was close to impossible. Not all grades were available when students were ready to leave, and many don't have Internet access at home. So, many began a three-week period of torturous waiting. Although Registration and Records has apologized for the inconvenience, measures need to be taken so students can access their grades as soon as possible.

Teachers may turn in grades the day after exams, but many grades still come in late and are unavailable. Associate Registrar Sherwood Bryan says that many grades were not posted quickly on TRACS because most professors did not bring their students'

grades directly to Registration and Records and that the grades were probably sitting in an individual university department's office.

If students merely turned in their papers and reports to a friend who then waited until several days after the due date to turn in it, students would suffer serious consequences. So why is this allowed to continue to happen with grades?

Professors should be encouraged to post students' grades and follow through on where their grades are going, or else a new policy should be implemented as quickly as possible. Currently, the policy for next semester will still discourage professors from posting grades — but it should not mislead them into thinking it is prohibited. A new computer program that would allow professors to post grades on-line as they send them to Registration and Records should be used to prevent this from occurring again.

The exam period is stressful enough without having to deal with walking across campus only to find that the grades you were looking for aren't posted. Also, calling to get them off TRACS or waiting to look them up on the computer is no way to spend your vacation.

## Help outside of classroom

Staff members take time out to help students get a degree.

While many students worked and/or relaxed over the summer and the past Intersession, staff members called and sent flyers to people who didn't remain continuously enrolled. The effect of their efforts have been rewarding, helping some students get back on track to receive a degree.

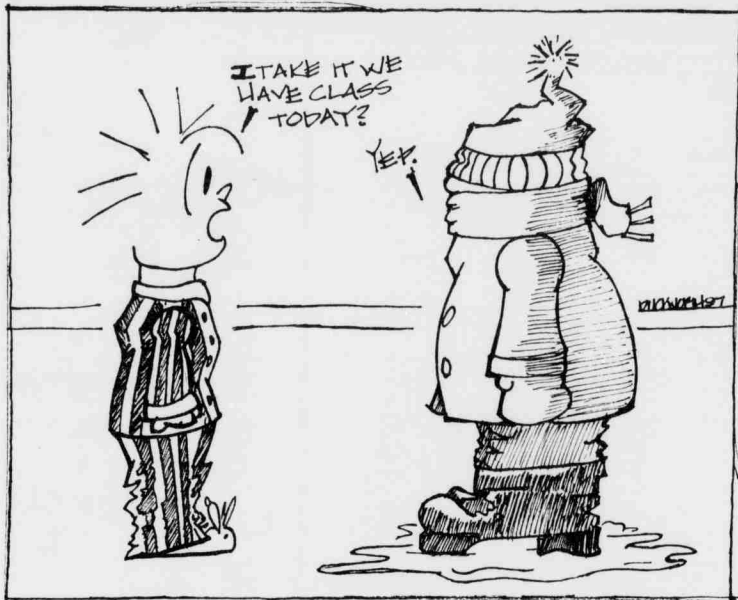
As part of the "1996 Re-Enrollment Project," administrators in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions called students who had left the university after the Spring 1996 semester and were eligible to return in the fall but not enrolled as of the summer. The goal was to send a message that N.C. State will do everything it can to help these students get their degree.

The project saw some pleasant results. Of the 1,945 calls made, 1,213 contacts were reached. Later, 596 students re-enrolled for the Fall 1996 semester. As a result

of such a response, during the eight working days between the fall 1996 and spring 1997 semesters, university staff mailed questionnaires to 1,067 students who were not yet registered for the spring semester. The ultimate goal of this phone calling and flyers is to have 100 percent of NCSU students get their degree.

While this goal may seem to be a long ways off, it is good to see that NCSU is making the effort to check on its students and show concern for them. In a university with over 27,000 students, it is easy to feel that someone could get lost in the shuffle. By making an effort to reach students who haven't re-enrolled, the sense of being just another number is forgotten. It is replaced with a sense of being a part of something and that somebody out there cares.

And they do. NCSU offers many services to help students. By contacting students who haven't re-enrolled, the university is adding a valuable service and resource to the student community



## New Year's resolutions - bah humbug

A few years ago, Calvin the cartoon kid, not the 16th century founder of a religious movement) had an insightful take on New Year's resolutions. He wondered why he had to change to fit the world. "Why can't the world change to fit me?" he asked in a proto-counter-culture tone one would expect from a little six-year-old with imaginary friends.

Though I admire the little guy's bravado, change is inevitable. If he were real (and barring the development of any psychoses) young Mr. Calvin would abandon Hobbes as an invisible buddy and discover wine, women and work (hopefully not in that order).

Calvin would not will himself to change with an annual list of "I shall's" and "I shall not's," and neither shall I. The whole idea of New Year's resolutions seems silly and horribly overblown. Most people don't keep their resolutions, and setting oneself up publicly for failure with trite little lists doesn't strike me as being terribly festive. My time would be much better spent watching football. This is not to say that changing one's ways is bad. Many lifestyle modifications can add years to your life, like giving up smoking or eating more veggies every day. I've made quite a few myself, like getting more exercise into my routine. And until I'm sure that there's an infinite supply of Glenfiddich and club soda in the

Alex Storey



afterlife, I'll do what I can to stay on this mortal coil as long as possible.

Even little changes like being more punctual or keeping the house or apartment tidier are helpful. My problem is the timing of the sudden attempt at mass conversion of the slovenly, overweight chain-smoking masses.

Is there something that just clicks in the pea-brains of the populace that drives them to undertake monumental life changes on Jan. 1? The day for college football and recovering from the previous evening's festivities is now the day of coming to grips with our inadequacies and making feeble attempts to make ourselves right by society.

Just like Barry Manilow's comeback, we must ask, "Why now?" Why not any other day? Why does the dawn of a new calendar year usher in the age of the new you

as opposed to your birthday. Groundhog Day or some vague Canadian holiday like Victoria Day? Did it just not sink in last August when the agent at the airport ticket counter suggest you may want both seats 14-A and B because your wide load won't fit in one seat? Or did the big fat F you get in an freshman intro course last spring not compel you to do the unthinkable and go to class on even-numbered days as well as odd-numbered days?

Perhaps you noticed on any of the other 364 days of the year that you are as cheap as a polyester suit, leaving pitiful tips and throwing old but serviceable clothes away rather than donating them to Goodwill or a homeless shelter, but why the death-bed conversion on New Year's Eve? Recognizing that you are as wide as a barn, lazy as the average three-toed sloth or smoke like a bonfire is commendable. Acknowledging our own faults is a difficult thing to do, not to mention changing them. But hoarding our pledges to change for a new year is lazy in and of itself.

This begs yet another question: Why do we delay our life-changing resolutions for one day? It's not our parents' fault. And in this day and age, when it's not their fault, the only entities left to blame are society and big business.

No, yours truly isn't going soft — I'm still quite conservative, thank you very much — but this is just another case of the over-commercialization of holidays. Case

in point, Christmas. At the rate it's going, Labor Day sales will soon be pre-empted by reindeer and fake trees. Halloween? Thanksgiving? Just bumps in the road on the way to ringing cash registers.

So how is New Year's commercialized? It's subtle, but it is indeed there. Weight-loss centers and health clubs advertise new year's specials so you can get on with making your pound-shedding resolution a reality. There also seem to be a slight increase in nicotine substitutes like Nicoderm and Habitrol during the holidays, urging the pufflers among us to kick the habit... with their product of course. And many of the other things that will help make our lives cleaner, more organized, safer, etc. all happen to be on sale. What a coincidence.

My ladyfriend Paula told me awhile ago that she hates Valentine's Day because it's too commercial. She wondered why we would need to schedule one day to do something we should be doing every day. And she's right. Like showing your love for another, self-improvement shouldn't be just a flash in the pan, an anomaly that stands out among the many days in a year.

The old cliché is that Rome wasn't built in a day. Well, a slimmer, smoke-free and punctual new you isn't either.

## Government supervision on the Internet

Christine Oldham



Usually, to get access to pornography on the Internet, one has to submit proof of age, which generally means a credit card number. Most figure this is easy enough for children, acknowledged as the computer experts in America, to get around. Already parents can block out television shows with a "V-chip" and television shows on many stations have a rating system, similar to movies.

Under of the Communications Decency Act of 1996, now currently being ruled on in the U.S. Supreme Court for its constitutionality, it is a crime to distribute patently "offensive" or indecent materials over the Internet to children.

However, how do you enforce this law when everyone on the Internet is an anonymous entity to the user?

A person could unwittingly break the law. Moreover, some have the concerns that the vague terms in this act threaten the free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment. They worry that if these laws do go into effect, it will limit discussions on gay life, sex, AIDS and other open forums - some of the reasons why the Internet has become important to so many people.

Others, who use the Internet to sell pornography, worry about the cost and inconvenience for screening for age.

So, while the government is attempting to decide these limits, the Internet continues to expand into more and more homes with children. Currently, 35 percent of homes with on-line accounts have children under the age of 18 in their homes.

I feel that this is where Internet censorship should begin and end — in the home. Parents who allow children to use the computer and feel concerned about the possible content should watch carefully to make sure their children are viewing age-level appropriate material. Otherwise, just don't let them use the computer — take them to the library. (Not to say

what is on the Internet is not in books, because it usually is.) I also must add that most children will be exposed to this comedy, somehow.

At least one child sneaks their father's Playboy to school. Eventually, people become desensitized to things they see or hear everyday. Pornography is quickly becoming one of these things. I'm don't approve of this (especially for a child) but just like anything else, this easy access to pornography will probably soon become accepted.

So, while I am in favor of censorship for children, I don't think it is the government's job — they should leave it in the hands of parents. Children today have very little chance to be unjaded. As for the rest of us, it is our own business. Why try to censor what someone else is looking at when it is their own prerogative? It's your choice what you look at and read, so if you don't like it, don't look. But don't try to make everyone else stop looking, too.

Also, think of the positive side of the Internet — most people use it as a library to the world. And, as always, don't let a few bad apples spoil the whole barrel.

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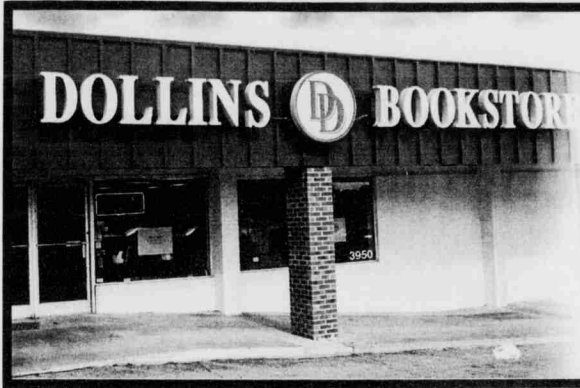
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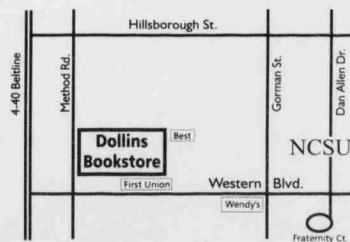
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