

Transportation raises parking, student fees

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Tough times at NCSU transportation lead to higher costs for students.

JACK DAIN

N.C. State students can expect to shell out more money for transportation next year, as there could be an increase in both transportation fees and parking permit prices.

permit prices. The increases are due to rising costs, according to Cathy Reeve, director of transportation. Reeve is requesting a student fee increase of \$16, from 538 to 554, for the 1998-99 academic year, while parking permit prices will rise 10 percent. Student fees earmarked for transportation help fund the Wolfline service. A rise in the price of NCSU's contract with Laidlaw, the company providing Wolfline

■ UNC System President Molly Broad ordered a reassessment of affirma-

Last Thursday evening, Molly Broad, president of the UNC System, revealed her plan for the future of the system—a future that may not include affirmative action. "For more than 25 years the University of North Carolina has worked to overcome the effects of past racial segregation in our public

tive action policies. TIM CRONE



services, made the increases necessary, Reeve said. "It is costing more to provide the same service," said Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business. "Thus, we would have to reduce the system or increase fees, and reducing the system is not really an option." "If we don't get this fee increase, we would lose 6400 hours of service," Reeve said. "If we lost

President issues order

system of higher education," Broad said. "We have emphasized that every one of the university's 16 constituent institutions is open and available to applicants on a nondiscriminatory basis."

nondiscriminatory basis." While Broad affirmed the vast enrollment increases of minorities and women within the system, she questioned the legalities of affirmative action policies. "If we find that any of our practices are legally inapropriate

practices are legally inappropriate, we will change them. We intend to ensure that our house is well in

Lucky student to address

graduating seniors

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6400 hours of service, we may have to eliminate Wolflink, the night buses, the Vet School service, and the second Kmart bus." Along with keeping up the Laidlaw contract, the fee increase will also help alleviate overcrowding at Fratemity Court. "The fee increase will also provide two more buses for the

However, Broad's speech also expressed hope for future integration.

integration. "The reassessment does not mean that the university is retreating from or abandoning its long-standing applicants on a nondiscriminatory basis and striving to achieve the striving the striving to achieve the striving the striving to achieve the striving the striving the striving to achieve the striving the striving the striving to achieve the striving th

roadly diverse enrollments," she aid. "I think it would be extremely unfortunate if our efforts to review and refine were to be interpreted in any way as a retreat from what believe are time-honored

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NCSU dean elected to executive committee

Larry Tombaugh of Cary, dean of the College of Forest Resources at N.C. State, has been elected to the executive committee of the Nation-al Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board. The seven-person executive committee oversees the business of the board, which was recreated by the Federal Agriculture Improvement consultation to the U.S. secretary of agricultural on national policies and practices related to agricultural and forestry research, extension and delucation. The board has 30 members from a variety of groups specified by law, including academia, ndustry and science. Tombaugh hwas appointed last year by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to fill the board's one forestry seat. Tombaugh has been dean of the College of Forest Resources since 1989.

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Fall graduation has found its speaker.

LYNN ALLEN

Taking center stage at your own graduation is not something anyone would foresee. However for Tammy Hayes, that is exactly what's happening. She will be speaking at N.C. State's graduation on Dec. 12, as well as receiving her dialogna diploma

From the time she was able to read, Hayes has been groomed for this moment. With coaching and support from her parents, Hayes is no stranger to large crowds. When Hayes was a child, her

mother would insist that over

day. "I enjoyed writing and playing the piano from a very young age. For every misspelled word in one of my poems, my mother made me write it 10 times so I would never forget," Hayes said.

Hayes said. Once she entered Apex High School, Hayes' talents for writing really began to soar. She obtained a job at the Apex Herald as a Sports Editor her senior year, and won many press awards while employed there. In 1995, she won first place Sports Column, second place Sports Reporting, and third place Sports Feature.

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school, Hayes decided to attend N.C. State and major in English — with a minor in music. She received the Ausley Scholarship for \$1000, and a music scholarship for \$1000, from the N.C. Women's Club. Throughout her years here, Hayes has accomplished many things. One of her poems, entitled "Kohler & Campbell, Upright Piano," was published in Windhover Magazine. She has also given many concerts playing the piano on campus as well as off. "The music department has really netped me in w development as an artist. They should definitely not go unnoticed," Hayes said.

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Search sponsors drive

requested. Toys can be picked up from individual offices and departments upon request. Other drop-off sites are the NCSU Mail Room in Leazar Hall, (where they should be addressed to Educational Talent Search, Box 7319,) and the Educational Talent Search Office in North Raleigh, at 1200 Front Street, Suite 111.

For more information or to request a pick-up, contact Max Carter, coordinator of the drive, at 515-6447 or Marion_Carter@ncsu.edu.



summer vacation she write a poem, as well as practice the piano every

Upon graduation from high

holiday concerts

Stewart Theatre has On Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. the N.C. State Music Department is presenting its Instrumental Christmas Concert. There will be performances by the British Brass Band, the Christmas Concert Band, the Raleigh Civic Symphony, Pipes and Drums and Jazz Band. On Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m., there will be a Children's Christmas Matinee featuring performances by Bett Padgett, Ladies in Red, Pipes and Drums and Jazz Band. Admission is free for children younger than 12 who are with an adult. Also on Saturday, here will be a Choral Christmas Concert at 8 p.m., with performances by Varsity Men's Glee Club, Women's Choir, New Horizons Choir and the Chamber Singers. Tickets for all shows are \$5 for NCSU faculty and staff and 35 for students. All concerts will be held in Stewart Theatre. For tickets, call \$15-1100.

The Educational Talent Search Program, which serves under the Division of Student Affairs, is sponsoring its second annual toy drive through Dec. 20. The toys collected, which must be in good condition, will be donated to children who will spend the holidays in a hospital or other care facility. New and not-so-new stuffed toys are requested.

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Reno considers end to probes

Allegations of Clinton-Gore campaign scandal run deep and wide; Republicans say phone calls are too narrow a focus.

ROBERTO SURG

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Janet Reno Monday reviewed recommendations from her top staff that she not seek an independent counsel to investigate fund-raising telephone calls by President Gore, officials said. But Republican legislators, who believe she will not ask for an independent counsel to investigate alleged fund-raising efforts by



Fraternity Court/Varsity Drive route," said Reeve. "The park and ride spaces will also more then triple, going from 180 spaces to 570

While some students may feel that only those who use Wolfline should pay for its increasing costs, Reeve said there is a simple reason for not resorting to charging riders a fee — no one would use the service. "Ridership doubled when students and faculty were able to ride for

and faculty were able to ride for free," said Reeve. "If we were to charge riders a fee, there would be a

Speaker

Hayes got a job as a freelance writer at the Cary News and did her internship at the North Carolina Museum of Art. She helped write press releases and edit the web page. This has turned into a full-time job. She has agreed to work there for four months after graduation. Hayes also plans to tour Europe for a month before beginning graduate school. The school she

Clinton and Gore, criticized her for pasing her decision on too narrow an

basing her decision on too narrow an issue. Reno must decide by Tuecday and Justice Department officials said they expect her to accept the recommendations, which she helped develop, that conclude that the phone calls constitute only a technical violation of a rarely invoked statute. "The focus on the phone calls is much too narrow," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." Specter said that the independent counsel process that Reno set in motion should have encompassed much broader allegations that the 1996 Clinton. Gore re-election effort circumvented campaign laws by a variety of

decrease in students. Plus, it would cost the students riding Wolfline about \$80 a year, plus the \$38 a

about \$80 a year, plus the \$38 a year fee." Kyle Foushee, a junior in accounting, thinks that the increase in transportation fees is reasonable, provided NCSU maintains the same service.

service. "As long as they keep the Wolfline free, the transportation fee increase is fine," Foushee said. Rising costs will also cause parking permit stickers to increase in cost by 10 percent, according to Percent

Reeve Reeve. "There has been no increase in parking permits in three years," said Reeve, "However, our costs have continued to increase. Repair costs have gone from half a million (dollars) to three-quarters of a

will attend is currently unknown, but she hopes that it will be UNC-Wilmington. "I love the beach," she said.

Haves plans to get her Master of Fine Arts in creative writing and become a professional writer while working for a newspaper to support herself.

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means, including the misuse of Democratic Party funds and the solicitation of illegal donations from

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Although they had questioned the propriety of the fund-raising calls Clinton and Gore made from the White House, Specter and other Pepublicans insisted Sunday that Reno is wrong to have made the uponing decisions on Clinton and ore; who are the focus of separate preliminary investigations. Senate Judiciary Committee Charman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, said that while the phone calls alone could trigger appointment of an independent counsel, he called them

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million." Reeve continued by saying that the transportation office does not receive any funds from the state. The only means of revenue is from parking permits, tickets, and nevers.

meters. To reduce the effects of the increase in prices of parking permits, there will be also be some zone collaborations, according to Reeve. For instance, the C/E area around Bragaw will become one

around Bragaw and the same that area. Some students are not as sure that the increase in parking permits is a good idea. "I think the parking stickers are indiculously high as it is," said Eric Tweed, a senior in environmental engineering. "I don't think that it is necessary at all."

faculty. She was among 10 other seniors who tried out, all of whom had to obtain two letters of recommendation to be considered.

"I was very shocked that I won. Everyone else looked so together, and I felt rather inadequate," Hayes said.

Apparently she was not. Hayes' speech lasts five minutes, and is considered to be a motivational speech encouraging graduates that "it is time to take action."

As graduation day approaches, many students are excited, nervous and scared. However, Tammy Hayes is feeling confident and ready to take on the world.

herself. "When I got the call that I had received the honor to speak at graduation, I immediately began jumping up and down. I was very excited, "Hayes said. She received the call from Martha Welch, the University Registrar, after she gave her speech before a group consisting of students and **UNIVERSITY**

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commitments of the university." Yet, UNC-Greensboro researcher Linda Wightman recently claimed that there is no way, other than racial quotas, to create a racially diverse campus body. She has experimented with socioeconomic factors, intended majors and native region, and has yet to find a standard by which she can produce a diverse campus.

factors, intended majors and narre-region. and has yet to find a standard by which she can produce a diverse campus. Nonetheless, Broad had little choice but to institute the self-assessment; legal challenges in other states have the UNC General Administration fearful of a time-and money-intensive lawsuit against North Carolina's public universities, despite hesitaney on the part of current administrators to abandon the tied-and-true policies of the past. "The general public is coming to believe the effects of the past discrimination have declined to a point where race-based ... preferences simply can't be justified anymore," said UNC-Charlotte Chancellor Jinkiw & aren't quite there yet." Despite the hesitancy expressed by may of her co-workers, Broad expressed hope for the future of diversity within the UNC System. "The university is committed to using proper and effective means of sustaining and exceeding lihe diversity of toachieve the solad or future economic and social vitality, the university must reach out to the sprogriss of instein proved college- going rates throughout the state. We believe that is the right course." Broad continued, "It is also the appropriate course for the university founded more than two centuries ago to extend the benefits of higher education beyond the runks of the nvileged."

university founded more than two centuries ago to extend the benefits of higher education beyond the ranks of the privileged." Note: All quotations used in this article were provided by the associated press and the office of Molly Broad.

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Sports

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Technician

Nittany Lions get revenge on 1996-97

Soorts Staff Report

Sports Start Report The N.C. Stare Wolfpack dropped its second game of the season, losing on the road to Penn State, 61-57. An eight point deficit at the half led to second half but unable to overcome the balfume margin. State communited 20 fouls in the contest, as compared to just 10 from Penn State, who had the advantage of playing in from of a home crowd of 9,012 fams. Freshman Ron Kelley foulded out of the game, despite playing 26 minutes and socining 10 points for the Pack. Kelley also, uled down seven rebounds. Freshman Renny Inge stepped up in the sense of forward Damon Thomion, who is out with a fractured foot. Inge played all

season's loss.

Got a problem?

Sometimes in our lives, we all have faith, we all have sorrow? Call the Sports department at 515-2411 or by e-mail at sports@sma.sca.ncsu.edu.

Premiere Classic. Duke won three straight games to earn honors as the Maui Invitational Champions. The Blue Devils beat Chaminade, 106-70 and Missouri, 82-59 to advance to the finals with No.1 ranked

to advance to the finals with No.1 ranked Arizona. The No.4 ranked Devils beat the defending National Champion Wildeats, 95-87, as point guard and senior co-captain Steve Wojciechowski was named the tournament MVP. Florida State advanced to the finals of the Pre-season NIT, but fell, 73-58 to the No.2 ranked Kamsas Jayhawks. Maryland played all 12 of its players in a 117-70 win over Florida International. Curtis Staples poured in 19 points for the University of Virginia as the Cavaliers beat Delaware, 64-57. Loren Woods scored 20 points to help

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of the holidays, I thought give everyone a little In ho inder of the th ild be thankful fo

The guys in Reynolds Coliseum:

reminder of the things that we should be thankful for. The gays in Reynolds Coliseum: Word is that the light meter is going to be fixed really soon. I think they said that they were just looking for someone to repel down from they said that they were just looking for someone to repel they find someone by Jan. 3, if you have to ask what Jan. 3 is, please stop reading this column right now. addas: They aren't just dreaming about soccer anymore. Not only did they do a great job at Jast basketball season's NIT Tournament games, but they also did a great job in recognizing the fact that our cross you missed it on television or in the major media outlets thecause it wasn't there), last weekend the bid to host the ACC Volleyball tournament, and not only did they do a great job, this in the nation, and the women's team took. If that the NGAA Championships. MSU: So the university wins the bid to host the ACC Volleyball fournament, and not only did they do a great job, but, in looking out raffs for each team a nice-looking windbreaker commemorating the contracted commemorating the contracted commemorating the contracted commemorating the conference to give gifts — for videocassette recorder combos, for widersaket the NCSU had the sense ose the problem with that. The Georgia Bulldogs: Not that.

sure glad that NCSU had the sense to see the problem with that. The Georgia Bulldogs: Not that we actually want anyone to lose -okay, anyone except Chapel Hill — but the Bulldogs' 27.24 win over the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets sure made the Bowl picture got a little brighter. Not that Vrignina's win over Virginia Tech or Clemson's defeat of South Carolina didn't dampen it just as much. So, not to forget the Scrooges out there, here are a few things that really, really stink.

really, really stink. ACC onlepsball: So. 1 know that her intention is to give the postseason tournament's No.1 seed the most advantage that is possible, but the conference took it a little tournament's No.1 seed tournament's No.1 seed night before, the No.4 vs. No.9 match-up for this year's ACC Volleyball tournament was held at 10 an. Not a problem until the winner has to turn around and play the conference leader in kills, didn't even make the All-ACC second team? When was the last inne that the conference's touskethall wasn'thonced? Time zones: I think we need a tousy.1 am gutting the darget place to the conference leader in football or base the setting the do for the set of the set tousy.1 am gutting the do for the set of the set tous the setting the do for the set of the set tous the setting the do for the set of the set tous the setting the do for the set of the set tous the setting the do for the set of the set tous the setting the do for the set of the set of the set tous the setting the do for the set of the ACC volleyball: So, I know that

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scored eight points on Saturday as the Pack fell to Penn State, 61-57. State defeated the Nittany Lions, 44-41 last season in Raleigh.

With seven talented freshman and several key upperclassmen returning, the Pack gymnastics team is eager to begin the

JAMES CURLE

Assetter Source Enter Last year, the 1997 Wolfpack gymnastics team laid an excellent foundation for a championship team of the future. This year, Coach Mark Stevenson has begun to build upon that foundation. To that end, Stevenson has brought in a slew of talented freshmen — seven, to be exact — to complement his already strong corps of returning laten. "The freshmen are really strong coming in," senior co-captain Stephanie Wall said. "We're hoping they're going to do really well. With the upperclassmen that are anchoring the team, as well as the freshmen, these are seven Division 1-caliber gymnasts and should challenge the upperclassmen throughout the year for "They're all really really send"

upperclassmen throughout the year for playing time. "They're all really, really good." sophomore Maggie Haney said of the fresh crop. "They could be a team of their own. Only six people compete, and we have seven really good freshmen. It makes it harder to make lineups for the older people because the freshmen are so good."

good." But don't look for the juniors and eniors to just cough up their starting

spots. The Pack's upperclassmen, including Wall and senior co-captain Ashley Hutsell, aren't exactly slouches and will be crucial to the success of N.C. State this year. Having several years of experience is an invaluable commodity in the gymnastics world, especially during the more difficult meets of the season. "L think ti's enod, in terms of

more difficult meets of the season. "I think it's good in terms of consistency," junior Stephanie Flanagan said. "You know what it's all about; you've already been there; you don't get as nervous." There will be quite a few of those difficult meets on tap for the Pack this year. Competing in one of the toughest schedules in the country, State will face several top-10 teams during the year, including Alabama, University of Massachusetts and a home match-up against Georgia.

against Georgia. The Georgia match will be especially big for the Pack, as it will give the

Sights set on Nationals

gymnasts a chance to avenge a horrible performance against the Bulldogs on the road last season. "We got there last year, and there were 9,000 people in the Georgia Dome," Haney said of the pre-match activities, "Before the meet started, they cut off the lights and it got totally quiet. They showed on these big-screen TVs the Georgia gymnastics team and all of the 10s they had scored in the past year. They had spolights going everywhere, and then they shot off fireworks inside of the coliseum. The Georgia girls came out, ad 9,000-plus people just went nuts. The whole [Pack] team was just standing

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there, totally intimidated and in shock. So, we did not have a good meet." The atmosphere of the Georgia Dome kept the Pack from getting into synch throughout the evening, and consequently they suffered through their worst meet of the ensure.

they suffered through their worst meet of the season. The gymnastics team hopes they can give the Bulldogs a dose of their own medicine when they come to Reynolds Colseam this year. "I hope we get a lot of people there." Flanagan said. "That would definitely help us out."

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Pack falls in Pennsylvannia

but three minutes for the Wolfpack, scoring 11 points, collecting a game-high 11 rebounds, along with one block and

Senior co-captain C.C. Harrison led the Pack's scoring with 14 points, hitting two of six shots from behind the arc. Ishua Benjamin dished out a game-high seven

assists. Penn State had four players score in double-figures, with guards Dan Earl and Pete Lisicky leading the way with 14

apiece. State now stands at 3-2 overall, as they prepare for their first ACC match up of the season, taking on Georgia Tech on Thursday, Dec. 4, in Atlanta. The Yellow Jackets won the Puerto Rico Shootout this weekend, as Matt Harpring's 18 points pushed Tech passed No. 19 Louisville, 73-69 in the championship eame.

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State improved to 6-0 this weekend in Illing

State starts strong

N.C. State women pick up two wins, take championship in Illinois.

Sports Staff Report

The Wolfpack women picked up two wins this weekend, taking the championship in the DePaul Morgan Realty Classic. The Pack defeated host DePaul on Sunday night, 83-76, despite trailing for most of the game. Chasity Melvin scored 27 points and collected eight rebounds and four assists. Junior guard LySchale Jones added a career-high 18 points en route to the Pack's sixth straight win of the season.

eason. Both Melvin and Jones were named to the All-

Tournament team. Also named to the tournament team was Blue Demon senior All-American candidate Mfon Udoka, who seored a team-high 22 points and added seven

scored a team-high 22 points and added seven rebounds. DePaul moves to 2-1 on the season. In the first round, N.C. State defeated Yale, 83-53. Yale center Katy Grubbs scored 13 points. Melvin and reshman Tyneshu Lewis each scored 14 apiece, and sophomore Nailah Wallace and transfer Summer Erb each added 10 points. Melvin also recorded six rebounds and five assists. The senior co-captain was named the 1997 season's first ACC Player of the Week. In East week's games against George Washington and Charleston Southern, Melvin collected 22 points and 26 rebounds. Melvin ad UNC-Chapel Hill senior Tracy Reid are the only two returning members of the Aul-ACC First Team from last season. Eleven players saw action for the Pack against the Buildogs, as State out-rebounded Yale 37-30 and recorded 12 stals.

Bulldogs, as State out-rebounded Yate 37-50 and recorded 12 steals. The Pack will kickoff ACC action this week when they take on the Florida State Seminoles this Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

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Pack fans set record for football attendance

Last Saturday, when Carter-Finley Stadium was sold out for the match-up with in-state rival East Carolina University, the Pack not only gained the win, but set a record as well.

East Carolina University, the Pack not only gained the win, but set arecord as well. The 51,000-plus crowd bumped the season attendance average to 48,867 for Wolfpack home games this season, breaking the previous record. The previous record was set in 1979, when the Wolfpack played to a 5-1 mark in the ACC, winning the conference title under Coach Bo Rein. In the two seasons previous to the 1979 season, N.C. State had gone to a bowl game. According to reports from N.C. State's Sports Information Office, the achievement of 95 percent capacity at Carter Finley this season is "especially gratifying as plans are being finalized for future facility improvements." The figure is an increase of and average of 3731 fans per game from last year's 3.3 kession. N.C. State now ranks fourth in the ACC in overall average football attendance.

ACC women fair well in **NCAA tournaments**

The women's soccer and field hockey teams in the ACC have been busy proving themselves on a national level.

a national level. The UNC-Chapel Hill field hockey team grabbed is third straight national championship last week with a 3-2 win over the Old Dominion Monarchs in Storrs, Conn. on the campus of the University of Connecticut. The Tar Heel women's soccer team is looking for its 15th national championship in 17 years this week, after advancing to their 18th straight Final Four with a 1-0 victory over Harvard in Chapep Hill this weekend. Serior Midfielder Aubrey Falk socred her only goal of the season to lead the Heels to the victory. The Final Four with begin Eridax in

The Final Four will begin Friday ireensboro and the UNC Greensboro campus

The Clemson Tigers almost earned a spot in the Final Four themselves, falling to No.3 ranked Santa Clara, 3-0 this weekend.

Win, loss, leave State bowl bid up in air

Only two teams among the ACC football ranks were in action this weekend, but both games were watched closely by the Wolfpack, as the outcomes could end up having a huge impact on State's both hopes. The Georgia Bulldogs gained their seventh straight win over the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Straight in been been appeared to have the game wrapped up with 48 seconds left when Charles Wiley made a three yard touchdown run. The Dogs came back, with quarterback Mike Bobo throwing an eight-yard touchdown pass with eight seconds remaining. In Virginia, the Cavaliers defeated in-state rival Virginia Tech, 34-20. Charaterback Aaron Brooks threw for a school

Quarterback Aaron Brooks threw for a school ecord 390 yards.

The games will have an effect on the teams in the middle of the ACC get bowl bids. The bowl announcements will come on December 7th.



Men's Basketball Standings **Overall Records**

UNC-Chapel Hill	6-0
Duke	5-0
Wake Forest	5-0
Georgia Tech	3-0
Florida State	5-1
Maryland	3-1
Virginia	3-1
Clemson	3-2
N.C. State	3-2

Lauren Mazzurco gives it her all on the uneven bars for the Pack last season.

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Reno

"technical violations of the law ... I don't think that's what we're

Technical Vitations of the law don't think that's what we're intersted in." Hatch, on NBC's "Meet the Press," said Reno "might try to hide behind" her decision to consider only the phone calls but that would mean she ignored the charge of broader wrongdoing, "and if she does, she just brushed it under the table." Democrats responded, as has Reno, that the inquiries cannot, by law. Gepart from broad, unfocused allegations. "You don't do an investigative mandate about the state of society or abuses," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Sunday on "Meet the Press." "You do it where you think there's been a criminal act

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by hese particular individuals." Reno returned to Washington over Thanksgiving holiday in Florida with family, said Justice Department appeared to have fully recovered from a fainting spell during an official visit to Mexice City last week, and she put in several hours at er office sunday as is her habit of Sundays. Brandenburg said. Under procedures outlined in the fundependent Counsel Act, Reno must by Tuesday either ask a special panel of judges to appoint outside prosecutors to further explore the "no reasonable grounds that further investigation is warranted." Public begring the test official said, either the destination of the sore, department recommended to Reno sat week that she drop the inscore, department officials said. Clinton has said publicly that he

cannot remember whether he solicited campaign donations by telephone from his White House offices. Gore has acknowledged offices. Gore has acknowledged making several dozen such calls. Both officials voluntarily gave interviews to FBI agents and Justice Department prosecutors last month, and the White House has turned over extensive phone logs and other documents to the campaign finance investigation.

investigation. Allegations that the Clinton Allegations that the Clinton-Gore campaign improperly used the Lincoln Bedroom and other White House facilities for fund-raising purposes began to emerge shortly after the 1996 election. Republicans in Congress asked Reno last March to seek an independent counsel investigation of these matters -including phone calls by Gore - as a violation of a 114-year-old statute known as the Pendleton Act that prohibits fund-raising on federal property. property

Gym

National Guard expansion proposed

Unconventional warfare may ultimately give the guard broader new responsibilities.

PAUL RICHTER

WASHINGTON - A proposal to give the National Guard a broader role in defending an increasingly vulnerable U.S. homeland would provide a badly needed new mission for the organization, but may fit poorly with the Guard's desires and current capabilities, some defense analysts say. In a report to be released Monday, a congressionally mandated panel has urged that the guard take an expanded role in countering the threat of attack from chemical or other unconventional threats. The advisory group, called the National Defense Panel, contends that the military has not moved quickly enough to counter the new dangers from enemy nations and groups, and argues that the Guard is well-suited to help respond to such emergencies because of its routine contacts with local civilian agencies.

them one of the most time-sensitive, least clear-cut threats out there," said Daniel Goure, a defense expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "They may be one of the worst choices for this," he said. Moreover, Goure said, because their units might be called to active duty during a national emergency, many would be unavailable for such civil-defense responsibilities in time of war. in time of war

In time of wal. Guard members generally train one weekend a month and two weeks a year. While they have a long tradition of helping local authorities with natural disasters, nots and similar emergencies, their first mission is to take part in war. They lag behind active-duty Army units and the Marines in receiving training in defense against chemical and biological weapons. One panel official, who asked to remain unidentified, acknowledged that the Guard does not have the technical expertise to train civilian agencies in the defense of these weapons. Guard members generally train

We have to get them ready," he said, as other agencies also must learn how to deal with the variou aspects of the new threat.

Asia's economic crisis felt worldwide

East Asia faces its greatest struggle of the post-World War II era.

TOM PETRUNO, EVELYN IRITANI, SONNI EFRON, DAVID HOLLEY AND DAVID LAMB LOS Angeles Times

Just a few months ago, the 21st century still seemed certain to be the Asian Century - an era in which Western dominance of the global economy would be surpassed by Sai's mighty industrial engine and burgeoning wealth. Today, devastated by collapsed currencies and stock markets, their banking systems empeculated and

currencies and stock markets, their banking systems emaculated and their people's confidence deeply shaken, the eve of the 21st century finds the nations of East Asia facing perhaps their greatest challenge of the **post-World WarII** era. It is a mammoth challenge for the rest of the world as well. With one-

of its industrial apacity, the path East Asia follows in its

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drive to recover its economic health -or in China's case, to maintain it -will invariably alter the landscape of the global economy. Some experts believe that the future of world capitalism itself is at stake. After two decades of tremendous growth and rising incomes, much of East Asia has been made poor again be this financial crisis.

East Asia has been made poor again by this financial crisis. The temptation to walk away from the tenets of international trade and cooperation, a major global triumph of the 1990s, could become overwhelming - which would have

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dramatic implications for every contry. Millions of jobs could be at itsk: price deflation could ravage may companies, or inflation could with expression with selection of goods on which are also as a selection of goods water the decade's stock built markets could crumble. To row, global financial authorities are trying to extinguish the most adaptors fire: the spreading doubts about Asis's banking systems requires confidence above all else to survive. Ast Asia's focus will turn magin to fue there. That is subilized, fast Asia's focus will turn magin to fue survive the trans. May Western analysts fear that the states in the region will simply weath a flood-the market strategy that could raise simmering protectionist seminering source the protectionist seminering other nations' pobs.

The Seminoles, who didn't win a match in the ACC last season, beat Ole Miss this weekend, 64-54, improving to 3-1 overall. In other ACC action, the 3-1 Clemson Tigers defeated South Carolina, 73-59.

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Clemson Tigers defeated South Carolina, 73-59. The Duke Blue Devils picked up two wins in the San Juan Shootout, improving to 4-0. The Devils beat petroit, 87-65, and then turned around and took care of Southern Illinois easily, 76-54. Georgia Tech upset Charleston Southern, 87-64, improving to 3-1, with their only loss coming at the hands of the Maryland Terrapins. Chris Weller's Terrapins improved to 2-2 flis weekend with at 81-51 win over Harvard. Virginia remains undefeated at 5-0 after defeating Virginia Commonwealth, 61-54. Alisha Mosely hit a shot at the buzzer to push the Wake Forest State, 70-68. UNC-CH shot just 31 percent from

State, 70-68. UNC-CH shot just 31 percent from the floor but escaped its match-up with Oklahoma with a 68-61 win.



To help make that a reality. State's sport to great lengths to make to make the search of the search

The proposal tracks with a Pentagon initiative, announced last week, to give the 400,000-member guard new responsibilities to help lead the response against chemical and biological attack.

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IN LE W B Defense officials have been searching for a new role for an organization they believe to be underused, but possessing too much grass-root political support ever to be eliminated. The Pentagon has been "looking desperately for missions for the National Guard." said one high-ranking defense official, adding that officials understand that "they won't go away."

Some analysts believe, however, Some analysts believe, however, that the guard's training level and historic mission make it a poor choice for a job requiring quick reaction and highly specialized technical expertise. "You're talking about handing

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'Flubber' is high-flying, gooey fun

New science-themed movie is fantastical and funny, thanks to William's wit and some terrific animation.

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KELLY MARKS

When I first saw the preview for Disney's "Flubber," which opened nationwide this past Wednesday, I thought to myself, "Great, another remake. How many movies are they going to re-shoot and rearrange and re-market? How many old sitcoms must be brought back to life and bludgeoned to death before the fiends in Hollywood are appeased? Do they think the public is supid? Do they doubt that we maintain enough intelligence to know when

Do they duals that we maintain enough intelligence to know when we're being spoon-fed a rehashed re-run?" I continued the rant all through the movie and the next few months until I found myself seated in my friendly local theater this weekend to see "Flubber." So I was wrong. I was expecting "The Absent Minded Professor, Part Deux," but what I got was something very different indeed. "Flubber." while loosely based on the 1961 Disney classic, takes modern technology and elaborates on — or rather perfects — the original version. Williams does a fine job as Professor Phillip Brainard, paling Fred MacMurray's original performance in the role. But, if's the special effects, new and improved, that steal the show.

But, it's the special effects, new and improved, that steal the show. One major change from the original was to change the Professor's sidekick — a dog in the original — to a flying robot named WEEBO. Equipped with a video screen, WEEBO's thoughts are conveyed through stills and snippets of popular films, old



Not only does Professor Brainard's (Robin Williams) invention contain amazing energy, it has comic improv and ad lib skills -- and can do a mean Mambo!

Disney cartoons and famous sitcoms, all in a "Dream On/All MacBeal" type fashion, if you will. Often, the digitized images displayed by WEEBO, which was given a female characterization and placed in a romantic triangle, give the film some of its more comedic rooments. ients

moments. The real star of the movie, though, is the Flubber itself. In the original version, the Flubber was very animated but lacked any sort of character. John Hughes has instilled within the up-dated green goo a very distinct personality. It is, as producer Ricardo Mestres described it, "like a child - precocious, but a

trickster, yet ultimately very noble and protective of the good guys." The high-flying Flubber of today's screens is the product of Industrial Light & Magie's groundbreaking technology. The Flubber looks so real that it's hard to imagine the difficulties behind creating and minimating the scove screen surv difficulties behind creating and animating the gooey green guy. Until this film, ILM had never worked with a substance that did not have a fixed structure, skeletal system, or regular shape of some sort. Supervised by Douglas Smith, who received an Academy Award in 1997 for his work on "Independence Day" and began his career with "Star Wars," the ILM

team not only rose to the challenge, it also surpassed it.

Though the movie has a certain kiddie appeal to it — it is Disney, after all - there is more to the film than some sight gags and flatulation jokes. Williams makes a very contrived character not only human, but humorous as well. And you've never seen a dance sequence until you see the Flubber do the mambo. Check out information on the

novie at Disney's web site at http://www.disney.com/DisneyPict ures/Flubber/club_flub/index.html.

This World AIDS Day calls for awareness



Group calls to National AIDS hotline can inform many about HIV/AIDS

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People like Ryan White did a lot People like Ryan White did a loft for getting information to the public about AIDS, yet AIDS is still a word that often inspires fear. Many don't understand exactly what it is, and much is still unknown considering that the first case wasn't diagnosed until the early 'Ste

'80s. AIDS is an acronym for "acquired immunodeficiency syndrome." The virus weakens the body's immune system. The scientific name for the virus is "human immunodeficiency rus is "human immunodeficiency rus," or HIV. HIV is not AIDS until the pers

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7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 G. I. Jane 6:30, 8:45, and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 G. I. Jane 6:30, 8:45, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 7 p.m. FREE

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and Wood Cat's Cradle Thursday, Dec. 4 Gibb Droll with Ekoostik Hookah Saturday, Dec. 6 Stereolab with

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by the disease. Anyone reading this who knows a lot about AIDS is probably wondering who wouldn't know these kinds of basic facts about the disease. However, many are still plagued with misconceptions because they're afraid to ask questions about a disease that is associated with such bad connotations. Some of these dulsions include the myth that only gay people get the disease, or it unly affects "druggies." The truth is in that this day and age, anyone can get AIDS, not just homosexuals or drug users. One of the ways that AIDS is communicated is through

intercourse. If you have unprotected sex, you run the risk of not only contacting AIDS but other sexually transmitted disease communicated is through

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Solace at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 Decoy at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 Smokestack Lightening at 6 p.m.

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Your Horoscope

Aries (March 21 to April 19) -You go on a shopping binge early in the week without paying attention to your budget. Fortunately, your purchases are practical and affordable in the long run. Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Work of a creative nature i

Work of a creative nature is inspired. A niggling relationship problem reaches a happy conclusion. Avoid being dominanting

conclusion. Avoid being dominecring. Gemini (May 21 to June 20) -You and a loved one disagree on a decorating matter. Although pleasure interests are accented for the weekend, you must be careful with money. Love brings much joy. Cancer (June 21 to July 22) -Some friction at work with a coworker is irritating, but a positivo outcome is assured. Agreements are reached. This weekend, do something different.

reached. Ins weekend, do something different. Leo (July 23 to August 22) -Your thinking is inspired as well as down-to-earth. Don't spout off ideas; act on them. A domestic matter is of concern.

Virgo (August 23 to September

individual concerns."

Group calls are available at any time, but the hotline is suggesting the service to teachers and group leaders as a special program on today, Dec. 1, when World AIDS day is observed under the sponsorship of the United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS.

Launched in 1986, the National AIDS Hotline is operated by the American Social Health Association under contract with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To arrange a group call or to find out more information about the disease. contact the about the disease, contact the National AIDS Hotline at its English service, 800/342/2437; Spanish service, 800/344/7432; or TTY for the Deaf service, 800/243-7889.

> COUPLESY OF KING FEATURE 22) - Financial news is good. However, you still feel it wise to be frugal, which is the correct course. You and a loved one are in

Technobabble

Wondering what to get the geek on your shopping list this holiday season?

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Stoff Geek Every year, there are certain people on your holiday shopping list that are impossible to buy for. They're not into sports, or avid golfers, or collect ceramic clown statues, so the options for gifts are limited. Often, the hardest people to shop for, whether they are relatives, significant others, or just good friends, are gecks. We speak our uninitiated friends, have a difficult time understanding what exactly it is we want for birthdays or holidays. Sometimes you just need a little help, maybe a lot, in order to figure out just what it is we're been dropping hints about for the last few weeks. Well, that's why I'm here.

This last Technobabble of 1997

here. This last Technobabble of 1997 (if's been a nice run, hasn't if?) is a sort of geck's wish list. The items I have listed here are things I might buy myself, if I were to hit the first thing I'd do would be to max out my current computer's RAM, and buy a new machine just to keep it company, but there are a few less extravagant items on my wish list as well. I wouldn't nind seeing one or two wrapped up under the tree, come Christmas, either. First off, let's be sensible. You don't have thousands of dollars to spend this year, and if you did, it would probably go into a trip to Aruba, and not gifts for your gecky relatives. However, for a conservative S30, you can give a special someone a year's subscription to one of the hundreds of computer magazines on the shelves these days. Many of these will come with companion CD ROMs each month, with shareware for the Macintosh enthusist, like me, it's hard to get by without For the Macintosh enthusiast, like me, it's hard to get by without reading MacAddict or Macworld each month, and the MacAddict CDs are one of the reasons my hard drive is getting full. As far as PC magazines go, PC World is one that 1 like to read, but every geek has his own particular tastes. Take a casual look at his coffee table reading, or nummace through your everk's trach

look at his coffee table reading, or rummage through your geds: strash to see what he buys at the newsstand if you need some ideas. Maybe he already has all the magazine subscriptions he needs, or has already renewed them all for next year. Some people are more on the hall than others, or need to keep up-to-date on the latest news in the computer and business world. Then there are people who couldn't care less about what the magazines have to say. Perhaps, instead of actually using the computer for work or school, your friend likes to play games. There are all kinds of games on the market these days, and in the next month, even more new releases will be hitting the shelves. Most of the decent game sets, including expansion packs for your favorite games from last year, can be had for less than S50. The best value in this arena is to be found in undels. — two or more games sold together, often a series of sequels all sold in one package. With the newest games, and the most recent releases will wold roll of ollars, if you're feeling generous. The patient to discuss of time than any you have seen before. I can't wait. If your gaming friend is into vitolent, tougher to master, and bigger wates of time than any you have seen before. Can't wait. If your gaming friend is into vitolent, tougher to master, and bigger wates of time than any you have seen before. Can't wait. If your gaming friend is into vitolent, taugher to master, and bigger wates of time than any you have seen before. Can't wait. If your gaming friend is into vitolent, taugher to master, and bigger wates of time than any you have seen before. Can't wait. If your gaming friend is into vitolent, the and pressed to be at "Myth: Fallen Lords," from Bungie. In the military strategy tradition of Warcraft and Command and Conquer, Myth allows you to command armies of soldiers in battle against either computer adversaries on human players over a metwork. The gore is all in real-time 3D, however, and is not for the weak of heart (not many games let you pick up th

ww.bungie.com. With a lot less violence and a lot

more thinking involved, two games in particular strike my fancy. Riven, the long awaited sequel to Myst from Red Orb, has more puzzles, a fully rendered 3D environment, and more plot twists than your favorite soap opera. Screen shots and ever-essential hints can be found at www.riven.com.

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soap opera. Screen shots and ever-essential hints can be found at www.rven.com. Set to be released early next year, and not in time for this holiday secason, but highly anticipated nonetheless, is Douglas Adams' Starship Tiatnic, from the Digital Village. If you're familiar with Adams' science fiction/humor style, you'll have to check out the game's stie at www starshipitiantic com. I've put in my order already. In addition to games, there are all kinds of software packages you can get for that lovable geck. There are even virtual pets, like Catz and Dogz - from the demos I've looked at, 1 prefer Catz (www. pfmagic.com). More interactive than Tamagotchi, and better at taking control of your computer than any screen saver, Catz have their own personalities, several breeds to choose from, and, in the latest version, loads of 'toyz' to lay with. Best of all, there's so litter box to clean.

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Vincent's inter contect course, You and a loved one are in sync over the weekend. Libra (September 23 to October 22) - One thing after another falls into place in business this week. However, dealings with family or coworkers could be touchy. News that comes this weekend makes you very happy. Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) - You begin the week upbeat, chartming and positively glowing. A major breakthrough befalls you on a particular work project. A close fined is in no mood for joking this weekend. Sagitarius (November 22 to

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) - An unexpected financial windfall comes in handy. At work, avoid forcing the issue and ease up on that coworker. Later n the week, avoid an urge to pick an argument just for the sake of it. Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) - You are blessed with

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Opinion of the day:

Any time that you enjoy wasting is not wasted time. On the other hand you can never get that time back Opinion Monday, December 1, 1997

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I FEEL, THEREFORE

I AM ...

Has something gotten you all riled up? E-mail it to TechForum-L@ncsu.edu. The whole campus could share your thoughts.

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Editorials "Dead" week?

Refusing to rise from the dead.

Artisang of iser from the deal.
This week, better known as students stressed about the ending of the semester. Nots of us have several research papers due, not to mention extra assignments that come along with the end of the semester. We drudge through another week of nothing but studying. When you have a paper due at the same time, the amount of work along with normal activities can be very strenuous.
Dec. 1-5 are designated as an exam study period. Professors should not make papers, honework or other assignments due during this week. Why? Because this is the week we dig through our notes and books and study.
Exams are the most important

week we dig througn our notes and books and study. Exams are the most important outcome of our overall class average. They determine what letter grade we receive, and whether we have to take the class over or not, with all the stress of exams, students deserve a week to do nothing but worry about exams, Most professors, however, have assigned other things that are to be designate all of our time to studying for exams if we have to write papers and do homework. Professors obviously know how Professors obviously know how important exams are to students; if professors didn't, then they

wouldn't make exams count for half of the percentage grade. Since exams are so important to us, and to some of us can be devastating, it is important that we have enough time to use toward the studying of our exams. This cannot and never will be accomplished if students are finishing assignments and writing. We are not comiscient; it is not possible for us to know everything. The 1993-94 Guidebook for Students and Parents states, "In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests and prepare for find examinations, faculty members shall not give major tests during the final week of the semester." Some professors are ot abiding by this guideline. This is a nile, therefore, it should be followed.

followed. Although this rule does not include papers and extra work assignments, it should. Some students need more time to write a paper than to study for a test. Baming tests during dead week is not erasing the problem. Papers require just as much, if not more, time

time, " Every student hears of the mythical "dead week," but none of us ever get to actually experience it. Too bad. It would mean the difference between mediocre grades and great grades. If professors dight 1 assign so much value to exams, then this misuse of dead week wouldn't be such a nonlenn week wouldn't be such a problem But, since they do, it's completely illogical to turn dead week into "crunch week."

Fees necessary

Future fee increase will benefit commuting students.

O nce again, N.C. State students are being asked to shell out more money in

But, this time the increase is

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problem. If students had to pay bus fare every time they got on the bus, it would cost more, or perhaps students just wouldn't use it. By charging a flat rate, things are better for everyone involved. And since everyone needs transportation, the flat rate makes things better for everyone.

everyone needs transportation, the fair ate makes things better for everyone. Another transportation increase will be in parking permit prices, by 10 percent, Any student still knows that this is a small amount and more than fair. If you park your car in one of the pay lots around carmpus, prices can run anywhere from 51 an hour to 525 a week. These are outrageous, and much more than a 10 percent increase in parking on campus. These are outly would be nie if prices could stay the sume, but with the increase will owner the other first or all students. Two new buses to help ease vovercrowding will be a benefit to everyone. Sure, it would be great if prices never changed, but at least but repaired parking spaces as well.

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live and worship God according to the dictates of their own When they arrived, they found a when they arrived, they found a cold, barren and desolate wilderness. During the first winter, half of the Pilgrims died of starvation, sickness or exposure. When spring arrived, the Indians taught the settlers how to plant com, fish for cod and skin beavers for coats. Life improved for the Pilgrims, but they did not yet prosper.

This is a crucial point in the istory of the Pilgrims.

history of the Pilgrims. Anyone who cannot learn from history will be doomed to repeat it. The reason the Pilgrims were not yet prosperous is because the original contract they entered into with their sponsors in London. It called for everything the Pilgrims

produced to go into a common store, and each member of the community would get one common share. All of the land cleared and the houses built belonged to the entire community as well. In other words, the Pilgrims attempted to practice socialism. This was long before Clinton arrived to try to force socialism demokine down our throats. And this is long before Karl Mark was even born. Yet, the Pilgrims had discovered and experimented with socialism. What resulted was, according to

experimented with socialism. What resulted was, according to Governor William Bradford, "For this community [socialism] was found to breed much confusion and discontent, and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort. For young men that were most able and tif to labor and service direpine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children without any recompense ... that was thought injustice." Translation: people do not do their best without incentive.

Bradford then changed the rules. Each family was assigned its own plot of land to work and permitted to market its own crops and

products. No more of this collectivism. No other family would be able to rely on other people for their well being. This resulted, according to Governor Bradford, in that "They had very good success for it made all hands industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been." In other words, Reaganomics was practiced and widely accepted back in the 1600s.

practiced and vertice accelered back in the 1600s. Thanksgiving was a devout expression of gratitude to God grounded in the traditions of the Old and New Testaments. Now that Thanksgiving has passed, think about the story of the Pilgrims. Every time anyone speaks about the failure of capitalism, think about the Pilgrims. That story is irrefutable proof of the failure of socialism. Personally, I gave thanks that the evil empire of the Soviet Union was crushed with Reagan's iron fist. If everyone learns the lesson of the Pilgrims, much needless pain and soffering can be avoided in the fautre. Hamby is Technician's resident

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It's beginning to look like Christmas

the tree, I forgave her, of course — it being "the season" and all — but my friends' ribbings really hurt my inner child's feelings. I think that's where the appeal of the season lies — in some inner excess. I love Christma because my nore child loves Christma because my the big outer child I'm always displaying. Okay, so I look like I'm 12. I know it, everyone else can see tif let's all accept it and move on). For me the yuletide season makes me feel all happy and giddy like a tittle kid. The size my eyes get all sparkly and I know I get incredibly anong the hell out of all of those around me. There's just something in the air al Christmas that makes it em like like is good and only good things can happen.

seem like life is good and only good things can happen. I know I build it up a lot and consequently, I do get disappointed after the holday. I'm still mending the wounds from the year that I found my gifts from Santa in our attic a week before Christmas Day. Even at the ripe old age of four, I knew that the St. Nick stuff was all a myth. However, unlike some kids who lose the sense of excitement or the anticipation once they know the real truth — that their parents are behind the fully assembled bike and that Santa doesn't really leave the boxes and wrappers in each individual child's garbage can to boxes and wrappers in each individual child's garbage can to make it easier for the reindeer — 1 went on getting hyped up about

Christmas. Hon't know what the attraction the severyone else's reasons don't the severyone the severy severy the severy severy the severy severy severy severy severy severy severy the severy severy

that they like Christmas for the commercialism? There must be something else. And there is. Christmas has always been a big deal in my family. It's the one time of year that everyone — all 957 of my relatives — crosses the continent to come together for a few days of good old-fashioned feeding, frolicking, and

feuding. Christmas is fighting to see which grandchild gets to be "Santa" and pass out all the gifts on Christmas Eve. It's the smell of sugar cookies, peanut brittle, and this while chocolate confection that my mom has dubbed "trash". It's a fire in the fireplace, and the sound of ripping paper, and my little cousins yelling outside as they try fogure out how to steer their new remote-controlled cars, and my older cousins being jerks, and Christmas dinner with sports having in the background. And it's that night, lying awake in bed, with my own personal Christmas tree glowing in the comer, knowing that the next day will be wonderful.

Christmas will always be the one time of year when I am truly happy, no matter how bad things are in my life. It's familiar and familial all at

once. So I get excited in December, I'm not ashamed to admit that my tree has actually been up since Nov. 20. I don't care who thinks I'm a bit odd. I've long since been too old for Santa and there's not a lot that I believe in, but I believe in Christmas. And I find immense comfort in that belief.

comfort in that belief. So go ahead and laugh. Kelly would like to take this moment to wish you and yours the very joillest of holiday seasons and to say that if you have any gifts you'd like to pass her way, she can be reached at knmarks@ unity.ncsu.edu. We can work out drop-off points and exchanges later.



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C O M M E N T

Thanksgiving is known as a time of engaging in the practice of gluttony. It is also a time when the animal-rights wackos come out of the woodwork, ranting about how thanksgiving is murder. Of course, I enjoy feasting on a turkey, the bird I feast upon being raised specifically for the purpose. But, Thanksgiving is more than just a good excuse to eat lots of food. It is a time when we should give thanks for our fortunate circumstances just as those Pligrims did back during the exploratory period of the New World. The story starts around the early

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Call me crazy (my suitemates ften do — I've come to see it as a

term of endearment), but I love

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I hear people complain about the commercialism and the fact that the stores now start displaying trees along side those plastic orange pumpkin-backs you trick-or-treat with, but I can't help it. I love it. All of it. From the elaborate and tasteful boughs of holly to the big tacky animated waving Santa Clauses with the cheesy glowing reindeer sleighs, each and every decoration, be it beautiful or not, makes my heart skip a beat. I start humming Christmas carols the first week of November and don't stop until after the start of the New Year. Several of my friends find this tremendously funny and even somewhat annoying. I guess I can see their point. I mean if I saw some girl flitting ights and ornaments everywhere with some sort of manical elfish glee. I might giggle too. The fact that I own my very own Christmas tree and a box full of decorations is rather amusing. I guess, in a certain light — but I fail to see the complete humor of it all. I was rather offended when my roommate blurted out, "They match! Your ornaments match!" between a loud and constant cackling that endured throughout the entire trimming of

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Schedule

Stewart Theatre NCSU Music Department Christmas Concert Series, Tickets: 8, General Admission; 55, NCSU Faculty/Staff; 53, Students, Senior Citizens; Children under 12 admitted free with an adult, Call Ticket Central at 515-1100. Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. Instrumental Christmas British Brass Band, Christmas Maine Concert Band, Raleigh Civic Symphony, Pipes and Drums, Jazz Band. Saturday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. Children's Christmas Mainee: Bett Padgett, Ladies in Red, Pipes and Drums, and Jazz Band. Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Choral Christmas Varsity Men's Glee Club, Women's Choir, New Horizons Choir, Chamber Singers. The Carolina Theatre Thomsen Ub at Im Chonsen 9

Horizons Choir, Chamber Singers. The Carolina Theatre Thursday, Dec. 4 Jim Brickman 8 pm. Tickets 228, 524, and 520. Friday. Dec. 5 Holiday Pops, the N.C. Symphony 8 p.m. Wednesday. Dec. 10 Winter Solstice Concert: A Celtic Christmas 8 p.m.

Christmas 8 p.m. **The ArtsCenter** Sunday, Dec. 7 Open Jazz Jam with Beverly Botsford. Tickets are \$3, Participating musicians admitted free of charge. Show starts = 7,20 a.m.

admitted free of charge. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. N.C. Museum of Art Sunday, Dec. 7 Mallarme Chamber Players at 3 p.m. European Galleries. Free admission.

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Poetry Reading Tuesday, Dec. 2 First Tuesday Poetry Reading: Debra Kang Dean and Tony Abbott at the Regulator Bookshop. Readings start at 7 p.m. and are free. College of Humanities and Social Sciences Wednesday. Dec. 3. CHASS

Social Sciences Wednesday, Dec. 3 CHASS Holiday Party from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in Caldwell Lounge. Free pizza will

University Scholars Program Friday, Dec. 5 Scholars and Sullivan Semiformal, "An Evening in the Park." Tickets are \$5, on sale

Holiday Decorations Workshop Saturday, Dec. 6 Kathleen Turner teaches participants to make wreaths and table-top arrangements. 103 Kilgore Hall \$50 fee, call 515-3132

Performances

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Tuesday, Dec. 2 "A Christmas Carol" The Goodnight Lounge Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6 Rod Reyes and Brad Trackman. Call 828-5233 (LAFF) for reservations and information. Duke University Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6 "December Dance" at Reynolds Auditorium. Students, faculty, alumni, and guests showcase a variety of dance styles. Call 684-4444 for information. ArtsCenter Friday, Dec. 5 Improv Theater:

4444 for information. ArtsCenter Friday, Dec. 5 Improv Theater: TET (Transactors Experimental Theater) All tickets are 53, show starts at 8 p.m. Paul Green Theatre, Country Club Drive at UNC-CH Friday, Nov. 28: Sunday, Dec. 21 Nutcracker, 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays \$9-\$20.

Lectures

N.C. Museum of Art Wednesday, Dec. 3 "HopeWell: The Rhythms of Healing" World AIDS Day Observance. Lecture runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free admission. Contact Brooks Britt at 839-6262, ext. 2186 for more information.

Opportunities

Meredith Performs Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 5 Auditions for "A Piece of My Heart" by Shirley Lauro from 6-9 p.m. Needed: one male to play variety of roles in the show which will be performed Feb. 10-15. Call Catherine Rodgers at 829-8586 for informatio.

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