

Omnibus

Up front:

6 Holiday happenings It's not over yet. With a few days of classes and a whole exam period left to go, Chapel Hill will be populated for another two weeks yet. Exams are no excuse for not going out and having a good time with the rest of the world. So, true to our reputation, we have provided the ultimate guide to fun, holiday or otherwise.

3 Unnatural acts from Texarcana to N.Y.C. Joe Bob checks out homophobia down west and Chino-phobia back east. So what if it's all old news, blood, gore and sexual deviance are always worth a laugh or two.

4 More washroom wisdom You got the scoop on women's rooms last week. This week, Grafitti descends into the depths of (quick — take a deep breath and hold your nose) the men's bathrooms on campus. Okay, you can breathe now.

4 Taking The Toll Shunning the fluff of much modern music, The Toll uses the medium for more serious things. With songs about white imperialism, male chauvanism, and oppressive Catholicism, this new band set its message to a rock 'n' roll beat.

5 A 13-inch escape hatch Yes, dear readers, that dinky TV your parents gave you when you went off to school could be the key to relieving exam stress. After all, even the new Brady show is more fun than trying to do a half a semester's reading in 12 hours flat.

8 On the first day of Christmas . . . We've got goodies for each and every day from here until the end of exams. To heck with tradition — who wants a stupid partridge anyway?

8 The real meaning of Rudolph Our own Ms. Random tackles sexism, non-conformity and economic theory in everybody's favorite secular Christmas story. And you thought it was about a reindeer! Next year, try it with a beer (or six).

9 Two hunks and a babe The best thing "Tequila Sunrise" has going for it is its three steamy stars. Too bad about the plot, but then again, maybe Mel Gibson will take his shirt off.

9 Slapstick on parade From the makers of "Airplane" and "Police Story" comes probably the silliest movie of the season. Veteran silly-man Leslie Nielson stars with ex-Elvis-squeeze Priscilla Presley. Pretty silly, huh?

10 Seasonal vinyl We know that Santa isn't always as hip as we'd like him to be. So, rather than leave him to his own devices in a record store (and risk getting the new Tiffany album as a stocking stuffer), we've got some choice picks for every Christmas list.

10 Christmas on the silver screen Eager to tap into those bored-at-home potential audiences, all the studios have major releases coming up. They'll give everybody tired of sitting around staring at their relatives something else to sit around and stare at.

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