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West Nile virus found in North Carolina

An N.C. State expert says that the rare form of encephalitis is not a great risk in N.C.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

A dead crow near Jordan Lake in late September tested positive for the West Nile virus, the first-ever case of the encephalitis disease in North Carolina. Crows have reason to be concerned; one N.C. State professor thinks that people do not.

According to NCSU Professor of Entomology Wes Watson, N.C. residents need not be too concerned with the virus.

"It's not a very serious disease," Watson said. "People just need to be aware that it's out there."

The West Nile virus comes from the encephalitis family. When contracted, it causes flu-like symptoms, including headaches, muscle aches and pains and, occasionally, rashes. In certain individuals, primarily elderly people, young children and people with already-weak immune systems, the West Nile virus can be deadly.

"It's not a very severe disease at all, but it does fall within the group of diseases that are called encephalitis," said Watson.

The West Nile virus is not contracted very often, however. Watson said that, in New York City, where the virus had its first U.S. outbreak last year, only one percent of the population is at risk for the West Nile virus.

The United States Census Bureau estimated New York City's population to be approximately 8.7 million people in 1999. There have been 19 reported cases of West Nile virus in humans in New York City this year. One of the cases was fatal; it involved an elderly woman.

Further, Watson said, less than one percent of the mosquito population can carry the West Nile virus, and, even when bitten by an infected mosquito, a human would not necessarily catch the virus.

Carried by mosquitoes, the West Nile virus is fairly common in the Middle East, Africa and western Asia.

"Nobody knows exactly how, but it's somehow made its way to the United States," said Watson.

Horses, crows, ravens and an assortment of other birds are most susceptible to the virus. However, there has been no reported case of the disease passing from an animal to a human in the U.S.

There is no known cure for West Nile virus; treatment generally consists of rest and observation for the patient while the virus runs its course.

Once infected, Watson said, humans are generally immune to the virus after they recover.

Preventive measures center on avoiding mosquito bites. Watson suggested that people concerned with the virus wear long-sleeved clothing and use insect repellents when mosquitoes may be a problem.

"Try to avoid contact with the mosquito habitat," said Watson. "If you find that there are a lot of mosquitoes hanging around you, you might want to go inside or go somewhere else for a while."

The likely onset of cold weather nullifies much of the need for concern about preventing the West Nile virus in North Carolina.

"We don't have much of a problem now, here in North Carolina, since we're approaching winter," said Watson. "So, it's going to be kind of a saving grace."

The primary step the state of North Carolina is taking to monitor the West Nile virus involves the use of a sentinel bird program. In the program, researchers leave chickens in fields for a period of days with food and water. Later, the researchers retrieve the chickens and bleed them. They then test the blood to see if any virus particles are present.

There are also sentinel bird programs tracking the West Nile virus in the northeastern U.S. and Canada, where it is more common.

The N.C. sentinel bird program works primarily to detect cases of the more common Eastern Equine Encephalitis, rather than the West Nile virus.

Media stereotypes result in low self-esteem among disabled

Henry Holden, a professional comedian, actor and athlete, addressed media stereotypes of the disabled in a speech on campus Wednesday.

Lee Robertson
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 25, N.C. State Disability Services hosted professional comedian, actor and athlete Henry Holden. Holden travels around the United States speaking to audiences about his unique and, as he calls them, privileged circumstances.

Holden contracted polio at the age of four, and he now walks with the assistance of crutches. He does not believe that his crutches hinder him, however.

"Accessorize," he said. Holden's metallic-purple crutches matched his purple suit.

"I have crutches that match all of my suits," he said.Holden was on campus to speak to students and faculty about the role of the disabled in the media in a presentation called "Disability in the Media Everywhere."

"[The presentation] focuses on how the media portrays people with disabilities from the most negative to the most positive," he said.

According to a study from the University of Pennsylvania, the television is turned on in an average household for 6.5 hours per day. Disabled people are presented only 1.5 percent of that time.

"I don't blame the American people for their negative attitudes about people with disabilities," said Holden.

Holden went on to explain that the media rarely presents disabled people in a positive light. To prove his case, Holden showed the 80-person audience slides from national

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PHOTO BY KATHERINE MORRISON

Rebecca Wood (right) talks with Kelly Ticich during CALS Career Day held Wednesday in Talley Student Center

PHOTO BY JASON IVESTER

This year's Pillowcase Project collected 223 pillowcases decorated in honor and recognition of victims of sexual abuse. The pillowcases were added to last year's, for a total of 385.
The pillowcases were sewn together in panels, which will be on display in the Brickyard today. One panel will be on display starting today at the Cameron Village Library. On campus, a panel will be permanently displayed at the Student Health Center, and one of the biggest panels may be on display at Talley Student Center next month.
The project gathered support and participation from all sororities on campus, SADD, Health Promotions, Planned Parenthood, and Bragaw and Wood residence halls among other groups. Students from Meredith College produced 35 pillowcases.
"We're pleased with the participation that we got from Greek Life to residence halls to community organizations," said Justine Wilson, co-organizer of this year's Pillowcase Project.

Future uncertain for note-taking service Versity.com

Jennifer Furia
The Post (Ohio U)

ATHENS, Ohio — With the help of a friend named Versity.com, Ohio University sophomore Kelly Bartemes had no trouble turning off his alarm and falling back asleep without giving a second thought to the lecture class he would be missing.

"If you missed a day or two of class, it was nice to be able to get the notes easily online," he said. But with the disappearance of Versity.com, Bartemes said he is lucky that his classes this quarter do not rely heavily on lectures and that most of his professors now put their notes online.

Versity.com, an online service that posted free lecture notes for more than 6,900 classes at more than 145 colleges and universities, was practically a second roommate to some OU students by last Spring Quarter. This fall, however, Versity.com is no longer available.

"They were surviving, but they just weren't profiting," said Rachel Tomko, an OU senior who was employed by Versity.com last year. As a campus manager, Tomko hired all Course Research Coordinators (note-takers) and marketing representatives.

Versity.com was bought by CollegeClub.com, the number one college-oriented Web site, according to a report from Media Metrix and PC Data Online.

The San Diego-based CollegeClub.com has acquired several other college-oriented Web sites including CollegeStudent.com, eStudentLoan.com, Campus24.com and collegeBeat.com.

The new move seemed like a secure deal for Versity.com, considering that CollegeClub.com's membership grew from 1 million to 3 million in 10 months, according to CollegeClub.com's Web site (http://www.collegeclub.com). But then the problems started.

CollegeClub Inc. filed for bankruptcy, and Boston-based Student Advantage Inc. soon acquired it in August 2000 for a deal worth $20 million in cash and stock, according to the CollegeClub Web site. But there were some assets of CollegeClub.com that Student Advantage Inc. did not wish to acquire, one of them being Versity.com.

One reason that Student Advantage may have had a lack of interest in Versity.com is the controversies surrounding whether offering a professor's lecture notes online is considered copyright infringement.

OU psychology professor Paula Popovich, whose Psychology 101 lecture notes were available on Versity.com last year, said she thinks the information she covers in class should not be allowed to be reproduced online.

"I have on my syllabus a line now that reminds people that the information covered in this class is the intellectual property of me, the instructor, and for them to make money from it is not acceptable," she said. Popovich said it is extremely important for her students to attend class every day.

Bartemes, who used the Versity.com site last year, said he does not think getting notes online is copyright infringement.

"If you know someone in a class, and you copy their notes, that's the same thing as getting them online," he said. Bartemes said the notes were useful when a student missed a day or two of a class.

Constance Davis, an OU associate professor of journalism, said copyright laws tend to apply only to works in a fixed form, so a professor's spoken lecture is not necessarily protected by copyright laws.

"It is more of an ethical issue than a legal issue," said Davis.

Jamie Heberling, an OU sophomore employed by Versity.com last year as a CRC, said she sees no problem with the online service.

"What student wouldn't want to skip that 8 a.m. lecture class where the professor won't know whether you're there or not?" Heberling said. "I don't think it should be any of the professor's business if a student wants to type up their notes and share them with the world."

According to the Versity.com Web site (http://www.versity.com), the notes are meant to "fill in the gaps in their own notes; clarify points that they may have missed; gel their own thoughts." Heberling said she believes the online notes are not plagiarism.

"One thing that we were told was that we had to put the notes into our own words. We were not allowed to write verbatim what the professor had said," she said. "And any handouts that were given out by the professor had to be restated in our own words."

The "in our own words" clause is what upsets Popovich the most.

"It's not so much the profit that bothers me, as often as the distortion of (the material). There's no accountability for that, and that becomes a problem," she said. "I think that the best thing for (students) is to hear it from me as opposed to an unreliable online source."

Heberling said she did a more than adequate job, and that her notes were very reliable.

Tomko said Versity.com was

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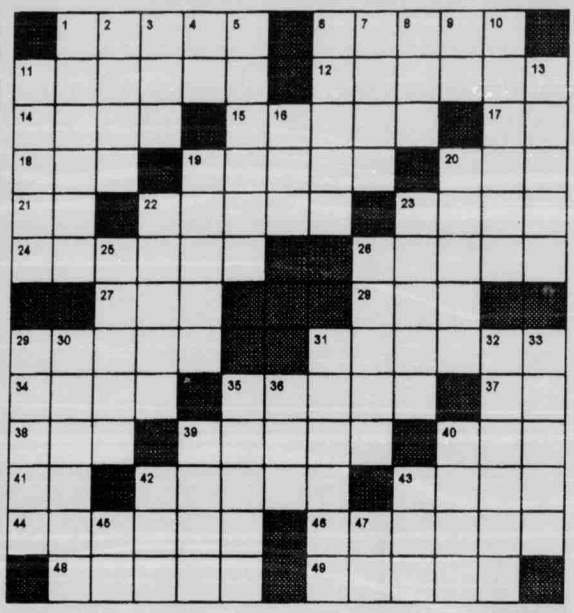

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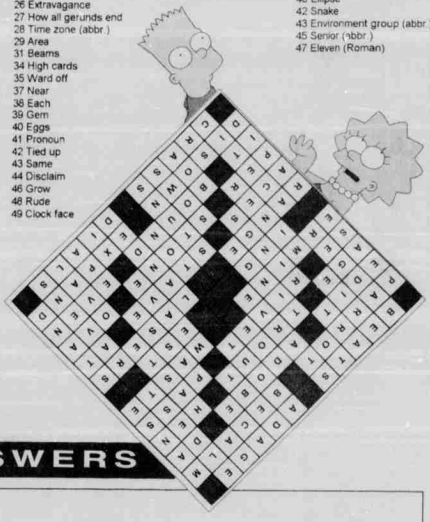

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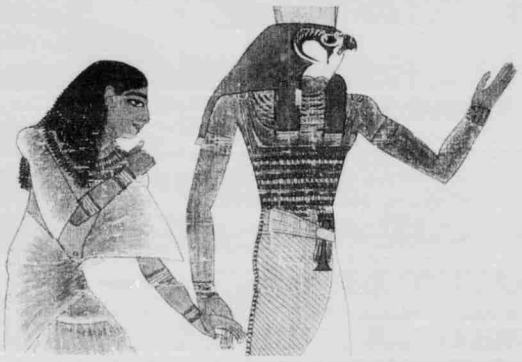

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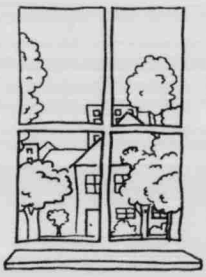

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newspapers with pictures of the disabled.

"A picture can be manipulative," he said.

Holden explained that the way the media presents disabilities to the public affects everyone.

"Sixty percent of people will get a disability at some point in their life, whether it is temporary or permanent," he explained.

According to Holden, the stereotypes presented by the media lead persons with disabilities to think poorly about themselves.

"The main thing that I am trying to do is talk about inclusion," he said.

According to officials at in disability services, the presentation was advertised across campus to interested students.

"People who are disabled need to see that this is not the end of life," said Holden.

Holden's disability has given him a new perspective on the world around him.

"I think people who don't walk on crutches walk funny," he said.

An American Sign Language interpreter presented the program to hearing-impaired students.

"Disabled people need to be given the opportunity to succeed, and to fail," said Holden.

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bound to encounter critics.

"If you're at 150 schools, there's going to be a few that don't like it," she said.

The future of these free online lecture notes is unclear because no company has purchased Versity.com. Neither Student Advantage Inc. nor CollegeClub.com were available to comment.

Two other online sites, study24-7.com and studentU.com, post free online notes for a few OU classes, but they do not offer the broad range of courses that Versity.com did.

OU students also can purchase class notes from Grade A Notes, 13 W. Union St. The company employs note-takers to sit in on certain classes and then sells their notes. Some professors, like Popovich, do not allow the note-takers in their classes. Representatives from Grade A Notes were not available for comment.

So until Versity.com finds a buyer or another free online service is born, students will have to roll themselves out of bed for those early lecture classes.

Profs crack computer code meant to protect online music files

Michael Grabell
The Daily Princetonian
(Princeton U.)

PRINCETON, N.J. — A team of researchers from Princeton University, Rice University and Xerox Tuesday defended their claim that they cracked four security measures being tested to prevent illegal users from listening to copyrighted music.

The group of two University professors, three graduate students, two graduate school alumni and two colleagues at Rice responded to a challenge issued Sept. 6 by the Secure Digital Music Initiative - a consortium of more than 200 companies including Sony, Universal, Warner, BMG and EMI.

The SDMI - an organization with the goal of curbing piracy of digital music - created a contest on its Web site challenging people to bypass four watermarking shields and two non-watermarking shields on downloadable music samples without damaging the original sound quality of the files.

Digital watermarks are hidden signals that are embedded in files and act as copyright marks for record companies.

With the Internet spawning MP3-distribution giants like Napster and recordable compact disc technology, record companies are scrambling to develop technology that would tighten security on their music.

The SDMI hopes to use the technology in digital music players that would deny access to any files without the correct watermarks.

Designers of the system hoped that if a hacker were to remove a watermark, the music quality would degrade.

But the researchers - who all had studied watermarking and computer security in the past - were able to penetrate the four walls without hurting the files' quality.

"We studied the technology to figure out how it worked and used signal processing to modify the music so that the hidden signals, the so-called 'watermarks,' were either removed or hidden," said Edward Felten, University computer science professor and spokesman for the group.

The other researchers in the group include University electrical engineering professor Bede Liu, Scott Craver GS, Patrick McGregor GS, Min Wu GS, Drew Dean GS '89, Dan Wallach GS '99 and two of Wallach's colleagues at Rice University.

There were 447 entries in the challenge that ended Oct. 8 and offered a $10,000 prize to successful groups. The Princeton group, however, is ineligible because it plans to publish its results - a disqualifying term in the contest rules.

Felten said he and the researchers were more interested in creating public dialogue by publishing the results than in receiving the money.

"One, it was an interesting technical challenge," Felten said. "It's rare to get access to a state of the art commercial security system. Two, we feel it's an important topic for the future of the public and music users."

The SDMI will announce if there is a contest winner after its next meeting Nov. 8-10.

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Inbox Invasion

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES EMPLOYERS TO READ THEIR EMPLOYEES' EMAIL. SHOULD THE U.S. OK OR CANCEL SIMILAR CYBERSNOOPING?

Last week, Great Britain's Department of Trade and Industry instituted some of the most draconian rules of Internet-related office surveillance in all of Europe. Heralded as a "legitimate business need," the policies gave employers the keys to their employees' emailboxes and "routine access to business communication" under the guise of a duty to reprimand "unauthorized usage."

Such punishments have already happened in Britain, where telephone company Orange fired 40 workers in August for downloading pornography. A worker in Chesire, England, however, was fired last year for the "crime" of using the Internet to plan his vacation.

Critics argue the new policy is in contradiction with both a recent Data Protection Commission code on surveillance, which emphasis consent, and the new Human Rights Act, which grants everyone a right to privacy for correspondence.

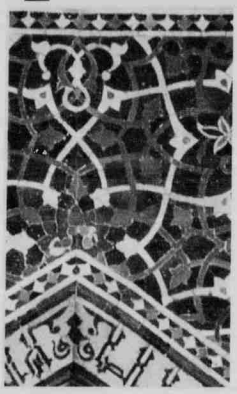
British policy is certainly not the norm. Germany, Austria and Scandanavian countries rely much more on worker consent and consensus. Even in Switzerland, which enforces strict privacy laws (think banks), there are few institutionalized constraints on Internet usage.

But why should this affect you, an American college student?

The notion that employees are cyber-slaves as long as they use their business' computer system is easily transferrable to the university environment, where administrative officials who increasingly rely on molding the university to a business model could very well dictate that students who use university computer systems thereby give up their privacy rights.

Such university policies are already in place at schools banning various data-sharing software like Napster on the grounds that students do not have the right to monopolize the university's available bandwidth, overloading storage systems and tying up data traffic flow.

There are substantial and legitimate grounds for limiting freedom of expression online only as far as policy dealing with impersonal matters like bandwidth, electronic storage and similar computer resources. When personal matters like email content, Web site histories and similar spy tactics are employed, however, violation of the 4th Amendments protections against illegal search and seizure must factor in. Reading email is no different than listening to phone calls. The privacy laws online cannot be treated any differently than those offline merely because they deal with new technology, which does not demand new perspectives on privacy.



Technician would like to apologize to anyone who was offended by Manav Tandon's column in Monday's edition entitled "Islamic fundamentalism a serious problem." The paper certainly didn't mean to imply that those of Muslim faith were non-peaceful.

Opinions expressed in the columns on the page are those of the individual author, not *Technician*. Nonetheless, we regret any pain we unintentionally caused.

image from the metropolitan museum of art

TV has remote control

Mark Anderson
STAFF COLUMNIST

On any given Saturday, you might find one of the male species fanatically watching television. And it's probably college football.

On any given Wednesday, you might find one of the female species furiously trying to understand a television character's emotions, actions and motives. And it's probably "Dawson's Creek."

The cornucopia of information is stimulating, even enchanting us into a state of in-the-zone-like captivation.

With dozens of teams to keep up with in six major conferences, the weekly scores and rankings are enough to remember. Throw in the always-changing statistics and star players, and you have quite a plateful of football food to digest.

And the "Dawson's Creek" plot has more folds than an origami ostrich. *What did Pacey do? Why didn't Joey say something? I hope Dawson finally comes through with his promise.* I'm sure there is much to understand.

Of course, the over-generalizations above are obvious. Not every male watches football on Saturdays. These other males probably have much better things to do, like watching professional football on Sundays. Then there's must-see rasslin' during the week.

The ladies deciding to pass on Dawson and the Gang surely have better plans in swooning over N'Sync on MTV or absorbing hours of "Jenny Jones" and "Ricki Lake."

All right, no one really watches television all the time. We do go to class, eat, do homework, go to work, exercise and so forth. Then again, we watch the tube doing many of those things, too.

Maybe we do watch TV all the time. You might measure your priorities by what you do alone, all by your lonesome self. What happens after we turn the knob and step into our homes, apartments or dorm rooms?

"*But the TV is already on!*," we scream in defense of ourselves. Let me be the first to declare that it is OK not to watch TV even when it is on already. I know it has extraordinary luring capabilities. Resist!

Often, we snatch up the remote control and press the big red button, simultaneously succumbing to gravity as we meet the plush support of our favorite seat. This is also known as the "plop."

After the plop, our minds shut down and surfing starts. It's the "plop, stop and surf" disease. I can almost hear it infecting someone now. It's like a computer shutting down. So much power when it is up and running; worthless when it is shut down.

If that doesn't bother you, stop reading now. Thanks for your time.

Otherwise, you might wonder why you are a slave to that little machine sitting on the shelf or a trunk. Who is in control of you? You or the TV? The clicker is the TV's remote control.

I have better things to do. Sure, I'll catch a baseball game or "Jeopardy" every now and then, but I really try to keep control away from the TV. This is moderation.

I want to read books about Martin Luther King, Jr., the pope, my career field, financial planning, etc. I want to play soccer better. I want to have firm calves and cut biceps. I want to learn French and Italian, and how to be a better teacher and a better communicator. I want to draw closer to God, for he will draw closer to me if I draw closer to him. I want to make myself smarter.

I do *not* want to atrophy. I do not want to form bad TV-watching habits that I will fight to break later in life, when I realize I haven't met any of my goals. I do not want to realize in 25 years that life is passing me by as I sit on the same plush support of my favorite seat. I am not smarter after an hour of TV. I *am* more relaxed. So, I use TV for relaxation, then I resume my pursuits.

We open our eyes, ears and minds wide when we watch TV. We allow anything and everything to enter. We become what we watch.

If you watch "RAW" every week, you will think rasslin' all the time. Football every weekend, you'll think football. If you prefer "Dawson's Creek" or "Days of Our Lives," you probably think about the show even when you aren't watching. We become what we watch.

If we learn from our behavior, we will see that connecting with God is not very different. If — when we turn the knob and step into our home, apartment or dorm room - we search for the Word of God as diligently and habitually as we look for the remote control, our lives would change.

No longer would television dominate our lives. No longer would we lure our friends and loved ones into the trap. No longer will television have remote control over us.

When we open our minds to God's promises for us as open as we once did with the TV, our lives will change. When we gaze as deeply into his love for us as we did into the temporary television images, our lives will change. When we see that what the world offers is evil in the sight of God, our lives will change.

When we ask for forgiveness from our sin, we will understand that he has a plan for us, a plan to prosper us and not to harm us, a plan to give us hope and a future.

For we are not guaranteed any given Saturday or Wednesday, or even the next five minutes.

In the Word of God, the Bible, read Jeremiah 29:11. The comments and suggestions in this column are those of the writer and his friend, Jesus Christ, whose love and forgiveness is saving and life-changing. Send comments and questions to mbander2@unity.ncsu.edu.

Leave me be

John Sico
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Walking around campus in the next few weeks, you can't help but notice the beauty of the leaves as they change colors. It's hard to stop yourself from staring up at the trees to see the orange hues of the canopy overhead. Even as the leaves fall to the ground, they swirl gracefully downward in a pattern that is also pleasing to the eye. This splendor, however, serves as a fitting distraction to make innocent students take their mind, just for a second, off of where they are walking. This second of contemplation is all it takes for disaster to strike.

Those leaves that were once so wonderful as they clung to their trees now lay scattered about the bricks of our institution in thick sheets, each pile like a veritable land mine, just waiting for an inattentive pedestrian to take a step into one. Newly fallen leaves, combined with the smoothness of the bricks that cover our campus, come together to create a walking surface that is so slippery; it requires the gracefulness of a figure skater to traverse safely. I know that I am not the only one who has had trouble with this, as I have seen many unlucky travelers underestimate the danger of this obstacle, and they have been rewarded with a turned ankle, or at very least with an embarrassing stumble.

N.C. State has recognized the danger of this occurrence and has employed a number of leaf-technicians to try and keep the walkways safe. You've probably seen these professionals at work while you were strolling to class. With their large hearing-protection, and the industrial-size leaf blowers that they use, they might be a little frightening to those who are uninformed of the good that they do. Fear not, however, these men are thankfully on our side.

At any point in the day (strangely, most often in the early morning hours), you might run across one of these brave souls, blower strapped to his back, fighting loudly in vain to direct the leaves to a place where they will be of no harm to anyone walking around. In spite of their efforts, however, the nefarious leaves tend to just float teasingly into the air, toward a safe place, before finally settling where they began. One can only imagine the frustration that accompanies this job.

Luckily, the trees that reside around the brickyard have not yet begun to drop their leaves in very large numbers. When this high traffic area becomes coated with the fallen slippery little devils, there could be trouble. I only hope that by the time this happens, the administration has provided for a more effective leaf disposal procedure. Letting this problem get out of hand could bring about consequences including lawsuits and various injuries to students. Even worse, if one of our esteemed athletes should slip and hurt themselves, the effect on our sporting seasons could be terrible. How embarrassing it would be to have to say that we lost the big football game because one of our star players was out due to a nasty fall on some leaves.

What can you do to protect yourself? The most important thing to do is to stay attentive. Don't get distracted by the girl that just walked by, or whomever may be preaching in the Brickyard. Keep your eyes focused ahead of you, and try to avoid large piles of leaves. If you must step into leaves, keep in mind the danger to which you are subjecting yourself. Short of staying inside until this epidemic is cleared up, this is all you can do to escape injury. I wish you luck in staying safe during this time of peril, and

I hope that this may help to prevent any injury.

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Hollywood finds the Kingdom of God

William Adler
GUEST COLUMNIST

Last Saturday, I viewed the movie *Stigmata* for the first time. Several of my students had been urging me to see it, mainly because it referred to *the Gospel of Thomas*. Because *Thomas* is one of the non-canonical gospels I regularly assign in my classes, I was curious to see how the scriptwriters handled the subject.

According to *Stigmata*, the Vatican had discovered in the vicinity of the Dead Sea a scroll containing authentic sayings of Jesus, composed in the Aramaic dialect spoken in Galilee of Jesus' time. Included in the text of this gospel is the following passage: "The Kingdom of God is inside all of you, not in buildings of wood and stone." Fearful that these words would spell the end of the Church, Roman Catholic prelates hatch a scheme to suppress publication of the scroll. One of them even tries to strangle the heroine when he learns that she has been writing the words of the gospel (in the original Aramaic) on the walls of her apartment.

I might have forgiven the producers this cinematic exercise in conspiracy-mongering and Vatican bashing were it not for a sly disclaimer appearing on the screen right before the credits begin to roll. The passage about the kingdom of God, it says, originated in a book described as the Gospel of Saint Thomas and found in Nag Hammadi in 1945. Even though scholars "around the world" believe it is the closest record we have to the teachings of the historical Jesus, the Vatican, we are told, has condemned *the Gospel of Thomas* as heresy.

Let's start from first principles. There is no Aramaic "Gospel according to Jesus," discovered among the Dead Sea Scrolls, and hidden away in the dark recesses of the Vatican. The Dead Sea Scrolls, writings of a Jewish sect from around the time of Jesus, reveal no knowledge of Jesus, much less of a gospel written in his name.

Nag Hammadi is located in upper Egypt, far away from the site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. And the text of the *Gospel of Thomas* is not in Aramaic, but in a dialect of the Egyptian language known as Coptic.

When the *Gospel of Thomas* was first discovered, New Testament scholars were struck both by its contents and structure. Devoid of historical narrative, *Thomas* consists entirely of Jesus' sayings, several of them quite similar to teachings of Jesus recorded in the New Testament. Some *Thomas* experts now suggest that the gospel might be independent of and possibly earlier than the four canonical gospels. They are entitled to that opinion. But one has the distinct impression that there is more to this than pure scholarship.

The *Gospel of Thomas* says nothing about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Renunciation of the world and the pursuit of self-knowledge ("the kingdom of God within") are the true paths to salvation. This is sweet music for those more at home with "Jesus the sage" than with Jesus the crucified Messiah and apocalyptic prophet. With the fervor of religious reformers, *Gospel of Thomas* fundamentalists now argue that it, and not the canonical gospels, best captures the essence of Jesus and his teachings. Their zeal is starting to reap dividends. A recently published book, entitled *The Five Gospels: What Did Jesus Really Say?*, conveys the not so subtle message that the New Testament canon could stand a little revising. Now Hollywood has joined the crusade.

Not too long ago, a book appeared making the equally obnoxious and spurious claim that the Dead Sea Scrolls were also the target of a vast Catholic conspiracy. The book was immediately exposed for what it was: pure sham. But its authors did demonstrate one thing: put the words "Vatican" and "conspiracy" in the same sentence, and — presto! — instant bestseller. The producers of *Stigmata* seem to have absorbed that lesson very well. I don't know how the *Thomas* crowd convinced Hollywood moguls that "scholars around the world" support their claims (unless "around the world" means "around Los Angeles"). But I doubt they needed a hard sell. "The kingdom of God within" is the perfect slogan with which to pitch the canard that Vatican operatives will do whatever it takes to preserve their own kingdom of wood and stone.

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RULE OF THUMB

Harcourt Higher Education

Accredited last week by the Massachussetts Board of Education, the Web-based university brings together the best of information technology and online education while also conveniently removing bad cafeteria food from college life.

University of Oklahoma

A hazing incident involving the Ruf-Nek spirit group sent a woman to the hospital with intoxication. Suspicions arose when it was discovered students involved were part of the notorious fraternity Betta Getta Swig.

Clinton

Yeah, yeah, you hate Clinton. But he did sign a bill requiring states to have a .08 blood alcohol limit by 2007. The date was chosen to ensure that people wouldn't get too liquor-happy when they finally get to vote either Bush or Gore out of office in the 2008 Election.

Secrets

Research put out by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Methodist University in Dallas says blabbing gossip relieves tension. D'oh! Should we have told you that?

The North

North Korea pledged no more missile launches from the "rogue nation." The long struggle with Northern agression is over, and the South has won. Enjoy it; it's the only time you'll see that sentence.

Pop music

U2's Bono and George Michael both condemn pop's shallow embrace of "pretty young things." Surely, the comments spurred music execs to rush towards pre-packaged marketing of the next music trend: ugly old things.

Dubya

The governor is holding a razor thin two percent lead over Gore. Still, he's campaigning hard with his "Barnstorm for Reform." After all, he's seen razor thin lines disappear before.

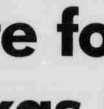
Got University

The "university" is a Web-based venture offering self-paced business education owned by GotMarketing.com. About the naming, there's just one question for the school's innovative title: got originality?

New York City

Who needs the rest of the world when the World Series is the Subway Series? Excitement is filling the city...and giving the Jets and Giants something fun to watch.

Monday morning at Reynolds



The ticket disaster proves that the administration has absolutely no cares about any of the student body's feelings in any way, shape or form...except when they're begging us to vote for their bond referendum.

CAMPUS FORUM

Allow campout

Does anybody attribute the chaos during the ticket distribution to the cancellation of campout by Chancellor Fox? There are many reasons why we should still have campout that outweigh the reasons not to. In a personal viewpoint: I have had a cold since Friday of last week. I found that whenever I left the warmth of my dorm building, my cold escalated in severity. I am a die-hard Wolfpack fan and nothing was going to stop me from attending the FSU game. So I went out with three others to stand in the cold until 7 a.m. Because there is no campout everybody had to walk around and find something to do so that we wouldn't miss lineup. If I had had a nice warm tent with sleeping bags I wouldn't be sitting here typing this while sucking on Halls and using up a box of tissue every half an hour.

I don't blame it on my decision to go out in the cold for hours. I blame it on not having any resources to keep out of it without missing lineup. I blame it on not being able to set up a tent in front of Reynolds. I missed all my classes Monday because of how bad my cold got. I am still feeling it. Sure, the last campout was chaotic in some aspects, but it was a bonding among NCSU students, fellow Wolfpack fans. The campouts should not have been canceled; it wasn't only the students' faults. I found out that it was partly due to the people organizing the UNC campout, who allowed more groups than usual to participate. So it was really their fault that it all escalated to the proportions that it did. Instead of cancellation altogether, an organized campout should have been put together for the FSU game, but with warnings that if it were as disastrous as the last campout, that then it would be canceled. Or maybe they should cancel the organized campouts and allow, at the very least, our own little congregations of tents, so that it would actually be fair to the people who spend 12+ hours outside waiting to get tickets. Brent Road was taken away but why campout, a campus tradition that helps to set us apart as the most loyal devoted fans in the U.S. of A?

Holly Bezant
Freshman
Wildlife Science

'More seats needed, not fewer fans'

What a delight it was to read that the demand for football tickets exceeds availability...it was just a year ago that availability exceeded demand. On the down side, how very sad that all of us who love The Pack won't be in the stands on Saturday...you see, my third generation Wolfpack son who was counting on getting his ticket as a member of one of the groups requesting a block of tickets was a victim of too few seats. He'll be there; he deserves to be; he is a senior and a loyal fan.....he'll be in my seat and I'll be at home. May I suggest you consider group membership requesting tickets and allocate the number of tickets based on that percentage? With regard to ticket allocation for individual students, an option to consider is to give priority to graduate students, seniors, juniors, sophomores and lastly to freshmen.

Of course, these suggestions are for the short (very short) term...an expanded stadium is clearly in our future! The shortage of tickets is not a problem...it is an opportunity to be proud and keep howling! As a second generation NCSU Alumnus, I will tell you that "The Pack is Back" and ticket allocation is going to be a problem as long as Coach Amato is the "Head W[illegible]"...we need more seats, not fewer fans!

Melanie Davis France
Class of '73

Another FSU story

Yes, here is another story of how a life-long, die-hard Wolfpack fan got totally and mercilessly screwed out of the opportunity to see what will be the biggest football game for us of the year.

My friends and I, despite the ban on camping, decided to go out to Reynolds at 1:30 a.m. in the morning...just in case. Of course, we were run off by cops and told, repeatedly, that *nobody* would be allowed to line up until 6:00 a.m. Nobody. Our mistake was in believing them. But the mistakes don't end there.

By the time we got back at 5:45 a.m. (after staying up all night in anticipation), there were already hundreds, if not thousands of people lined up. So much for the 6:00 a.m. rule. But we took our place in line and waited, as any true fan would do, without trying to break or cut, as any fair person would do. Once tickets were finally being handed out, it slowly became obvious we were in trouble...half an hour had passed, and we hadn't moved 10 feet. By the time tickets were gone, we were literally only inches away from where we were to begin with. Now, I know there were a lot of people ahead of us, but this is ridiculous...

While I personally did not witness what Delta Zeta did, there are enough first-hand accounts out there to make their actions provable in any court of law. And with such information, *how can anyone defend them?* They cheated, they broke and they got 300 of our hard-fought tickets! *For who?* Nobody who got up at 1:30 in the morning, that's for sure. And they were let to go first, even though they were *not* in line! Isn't that the *point* of a line, or should I too have ran to the window, demanding that I get my ticket before the people in front of me do, and thus cause chaos as everybody realizes what's going on and mobs the windows?

Because that's what's going to happen from now on, from fear of being screwed again.

So now, instead of some true Wolfpack fans who sacrificed in order to cheer their team on in a game that will give us the national respect we deserve, 300 of our seats could very well be filled by girls who don't have one-quarter of the dedication of the true fans (no, I'm not trying to be sexist...I'd be just as pissed if a fraternity pulled this stunt, nor am I implying girls aren't as hard-core of fans as guys...that's definately not true). Don't you wish the rules didn't apply to the rest of us, as they don't seem to apply to Delta Zeta?

And secondly, *whatever happened to the six tickets per person rule*? I mean, was this just rumor, or yet another screwup?

As far as the Campus Crusade for Christ is concerned...what little I know of that, it sounds like they merely got lucky in the "lotto". While what they did may be perfectly legal, it's still an abuse of the system from what I've heard.

My question is (and maybe this is an ignorant-freshman question), why has camping been banned? Should not the hardest of the hard-core fans, who put up with overnight waits and the discomfort of camping in the middle of campus, be granted a fair chance at tickets? Would these same people not be the ones who would yell the loudest and provide the most support for our teams when it is needed most? If it's for academic reasons...shouldn't the student be able to judge personally whether or not he/she can afford the distraction

Josh Lockamy
Freshman
Meterology

Morgan (only slightly) incorrect

Richard Morgan again has written a thoughtful, interesting article regarding the "death penalty." He cited eight "reasons" which underlie his belief that it is wrong. Yet his article errs marginally in two respects.

His first seven arguments are easily confuted by recognizing the penalty's true purpose: "punishment."

His last argument ("from the Bible") is confuted by Scripture itself. The passage he cites has no bearing upon the death penalty. It deals with "how I, as an individual, ought to act towards others—even towards my enemies." This is not something "new" nor "different from Old Testament times." It stands in clear affirmation of Leviticus 19.17-18 and Proverbs 25.21 (comp. Exodus 23.4-9; 2 Kings 6.14-22; 2 Chronicles 28.13-15).

At this point, someone will surely introduce the tired, alleged "contradiction" in the Bible on this matter: "It says 'you shall not kill' and then that 'you shall love your enemy' and then that it's okay to 'kill someone as a punishment.'" Yes, the commandment from the Thorah clearly states "you shall not murder." But the definition of "murder" is further clarified in Exodus 21.12-14 (one needn't read far past the Ten Commandments to get to this) and in Deuteronomy 19.11. It is "to cause someone to die, doing so with visibly manifested malicious (hateful) intent or premeditation." The death penalty is not equal to "murder." It wasn't to be enacted by the people out of spiteful hatred for the guilty person (which would be disobedient to Leviticus 19.15-18, and make the executioners themselves guilty of murder).

In addition to all of this, there were numerous provisions for protecting those who killed someone accidentally or in self defense; and there were distinct bounds on the evidence which necessarily had to be furnished before the death penalty could finally be enacted (Numbers 35.9-34; Deuteronomy ch.19). All of these regulations were ultimately subject to a governing, judiciary body's thorough review. The death penalty, then, was not to be enforced hastily, nor by someone acting autonomously, but only in cases of clear evidence and judicial review. Individuals were commanded never to "take vengeance for themselves" (Leviticus 19.18; Proverbs 20.22 and 24.29).

The government, only under these conditions, has a moral responsibility to enact the death penalty (Genesis 9.6; comp. Romans ch.13—government bears the "sword").

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Why vote for Governor Bush? Texas is the reason

Nathan Lintner
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People often try to justify their apathy with less-than-well-thought-out excuses. Politics is no exception. I have heard it said time and again by politically inactive individuals that there is no reason to vote because politicians will say whatever it takes to get elected and do what ever they want once they're in power. I cannot disagree that some politicians choose their profession because it allows them the opportunity to benefit personally. But it is the inactivity of citizens that allows dishonest politicians the ability to procure power. The "politicians will do whatever they want" argument, like almost all slothful apologies, acts as a self-destructive weapon against apathetic individuals, at once confounding and discrediting their stance as they become the perpetuators of so discouraging a process.

The truth is the few politicians who only care about their legacy or wealth give a bad name to the many honest public servants who actually do care about the country. I realize that if one were to only focus on the last eight years of Clinton-Gore there would be much cause to distrust the system. But there is much more to politics than those like Gore, whose dishonesty, corruption and arrogance offend me. Goals actually do get achieved; like those Bush, contrary to what the vice president would have you believe, has worked toward to benefit the peace, security and lives of the populace he was elected to lead.

Texas under Bush has been painted as a haven for pollution, violence and mean-spirited conservatism. Nothing could be further from the truth. Under Governor Bush Texas:

- saw at least 1.2 million jobs created
- was the third state in the country to require reduction of harmful pollution
- saw environmental spending go up 29 percent
- approved $60 million in bonds to restore state parks
- required HMOs to cover immunization costs of children
- saw welfare roles cut in half
- gave its public schools an $8.3 billion funding increase
- led the nation on improvement of student test scores
- saw the total number of Texans living in poverty decrease 21.5 percent
- saw the overall number of children living in poverty decrease 19 percent
- reduced the release and disposal of toxins by 43 million pounds
- raised drinking water standards from 88 to 96 percent compliance
- provided over $4 billion in health care to the uninsured
- saw violent crime decrease 20 percent and violent juvenile crime decrease 38 percent
- saw legislation provide for the health care of more than 423,000 children.

Former Democratic Chairman of the Texas House Public Health Committee Hugo Berlanga, issued a statement on Oct. 12 that appeared on www.bush2000.com, saying, "As a Democrat and the former chairman of the House Public Health Committee, I know that George W. Bush has done more to improve health care in Texas than any other governor in recent memory." Berlanga added, "Bush's bipartisan leadership passed...measures to get health coverage to more than 423,000 low income children."

Berlanga, however, was not so supportive of fellow democrats Gore and Lieberman, when, in the same statement he said, "Al Gore and Joe Lieberman should explain why there are more than 4million more uninsured adults during the last eight years, and why they've failed to pass much needed Medicare and prescription drug reforms for our senior citizens." Forty-three million Americans are now uninsured, four million more than there were when Gore and Clinton took over in 1992 (*U.S. Census Bureau, Sept. 28, 2000*). In the 1992 Vice Presidential Debate, Gore said, "We have...a health insurance crisis...It is time for a change." He has more recently reiterated this point while vowing to help senior citizens with prescription drugs and Medicare. Perhaps the vice president is comfortable disregarding public needs, thankfully leaders like Bush are not.

This year's election represents a pivotal point in the life of our young nation; a point where we will either recover from the ills cast upon us by the current administration, or fall prey to their devices and reelect the very uninterested spirit that has ensured our decline. After this year, America will either be permitted to grow and prosper as a global symbol of hope and liberty, or be dealt a blow so severe that recovery could be deemed ultimately impossible. In this, as in every election, we are not merely deciding upon a leader; we are forging the destiny of our future.

We have before us two candidates, Bush and Gore, of whom one will be our next president, and between whom no greater difference could exist. If the latter, whose dishonesty, corruption and civic apathy have been thoroughly pinpointed and divulged, is to be our president, I fear that this country will profit little and only suffer more from the soon to be irreversible moral and social decay begun just eight years ago. If it is to be the former, then I think our country and the world can only sigh a breath of much anticipated relief, as we begin the prideful task of rebuilding, reuniting and reinvigorating America.

For every apathetic citizen who disregards their political responsibility, a deceptive politician is waiting to capitalize; as our apathy grows true public servants go unnoticed and the wrong people assume power. Such apathy once prompted Plato to write, "The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." As a public servant in Texas, George W. Bush has established, sought after and achieved practical, beneficial goals; after 25 cloistered years in the power-vying world of Washington, politician Gore is not only out of touch, but continues to campaign on everything while refusing to do anything. For me, Texas is the reason. Bush, the remedy.

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AMATO

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The relationship Amato misses the most, however, is the one he forged with Bowden, his friend and mentor. Amato learned much of what he knows about coaching under FSU's head coach and obviously has unending respect for him.

"They don't only have great players; they're a well-coached football team," Amato said. "Those coaches down there don't assume their talent. They coach those young men hard — and I mean hard."

The respect between the two goes both ways. Bowden essentially made Amato his right-hand man for the last 14 seasons, placing him in the role of assistant head coach. Amato primarily coached defense, but Bowden involved him in all aspects of the team.

"He is sharp, analytical, always optimistic and very smart," Bowden said. "He used to come in and sit in on our offensive meetings. He would ask if he could listen in because he wanted to learn it. Now I wish he hadn't. But he wanted to learn it all."

The student has taken what he's learned from the teacher and applied it to his new team. Amato put the Pack through a grueling workout program over the summer and has the players working harder than ever before. But most importantly, he's brought a winning attitude to State.

"He's got them believing they can do it," Bowden said. "That's the first thing you've got to do is make them believe. If you can't do that forget it."

Despite the mutual admiration, both coaches realize they have to get their respective teams ready to play each other. From a strategic standpoint, Bowden said that Amato's knowledge of the Seminoles could prove valuable for the Pack.

"They know a whole lot more about us than we know about them," Bowden said. "He has been around all of us. Now, we know more about him, but we don't know their offensive coordinator and defensive coordinator."

Amato knows that personal feelings aside he has to prepare his new team for an important game against his old one, the giants of the ACC. And there is no question about where his loyalties lie for the contest.

"Now I've got a new family that I think the world of, my coaching staff here and the administration and my players here," Amato said.

DAYS

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ACC. Burnette has had double figures in tackles in four of the six games, forced two fumbles and recovered two as well.

He led the team in tackles against Arkansas State and Southern Methodist with 16 and 15 respectively. The Pack defense dominated SMU, holding their offense to only 176 total yards.

Burnette made his presence known in a win over North Carolina with 10 tackles overall. When State defensive tackle Shane Riggs forced UNC quarterback Ronald Curry to fumble, Burnette recovered the football.

The big play allowed the Wolfpack offense to take over on the Tar Heel 15-yard line. Two plays later, State scored off of fullback Cotra Jackson's seven-yard run.

"That was a great win," said Burnette. "We went out there and played them hard. They had a good team and played us hard. We played as a team and came up with the victory. It was one we really wanted to win because it was seven years, so we went out there and stuck it out all four quarters."

Burnette is pleased with the name he has made for himself in only a year and a half, but isn't looking to stop anytime soon.

This Saturday, the Pack will host sixth-ranked Florida State at Carter-Finley. The Seminoles have a powerful offense, led by Heisman hopeful quarterback Chris Weinke. It features both a dangerous ground game and air attack that will present a huge challenge to Burnette and the Pack defense.

"As you can see, they have a really great team," said Burnette. "They're just a good team all-around. They're good at running the ball and passing the ball. Come game time, they are going to be ready to play. But we are going to be ready too. We just want to go out there and play good defense and play as a team out there."

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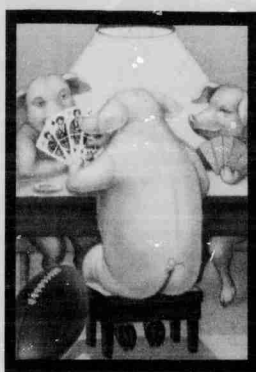

WEEK NINE

TOP 4

- Caulton Tudor 76-20
- Jesse Helms 76-20
- Kermit Hall 75-21
- Mike Solarte 74-22

BOTTOM 4

- Marye Anne Fox 73-23
- Chip Alexander 72-24
- Adam Gold 68-28
- Bates Battaglia 64-32

PIGSKIN PICKS

Games to be played for the week of ~

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OVERALL SCORE	76-20	73-23	75-21	72-24	76-20	64-32	74-22	68-28
Florida St. vs N.C. State	FSU	N.C. State	N.C. State	FSU	FSU	N.C. State	FSU	N.C. State
Maryland vs. Duke	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
North Carolina vs. Virginia	Virginia	UNC	Virginia	Virginia	UNC	Virginia	UNC	Virginia
Georgia Tech vs. Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Nebraska vs. Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Nebraska	Oklahoma
Ohio State vs. Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Ohio State	Purdue	Ohio State	Ohio State
UCLA vs. Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	UCLA
Georgia vs. Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Georgia
Arkansas vs. Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Arkansas
Northwestern vs. Minnesota	Northwestern	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
Penn State vs. Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Indiana	Indiana
Grambling vs. Texas Southern	Grambling	Texas S.	Texas S.	Texas S.	Grambling	Grambling	Grambling	Texas S.

BOWL

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remaining five games, the Pack will be strong favorites against Wake Forest and Duke.

The three games that could decide where State spends the New Year's holiday are Florida State, Maryland, and Virginia.

If the Wolfpack loses all of those games, a trip to Miami for the Micron PC Bowl is likely, and while unlikely, the Pack could also head to the Aloha Bowl.

If State wins one of those games, the Pack is probably Peach Bowl bound. One win over those teams would leave State at 5-3 in the ACC, probably tied with few other teams.

Since Atlanta hosts, State would probably get the nod over Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets are a local team and enthusiasm might not be as great. Since State has proven it will pack in fans, it would likely be selected over Virginia as well.

If the Pack wins two of those swing games, either the Peach Bowl or the Gator Bowl will be in the cards. If the Pack is going to get a Gator invitation, it will likely have to have Clemson lose to FSU but win the rest of the games and receive an at large BCS game, with FSU getting the champion's slot. If Clemson falters against South Carolina or some other team, it will likely get the Gator Bowl with State getting the Peach.

If State is able to win out, things could get very interesting. At worst, the Pack would go to the Gator Bowl, with maybe even a bigger bowl being offered. At the State-UNC game, there were two Sugar Bowl representatives that made the trip to watch the Pack.

"If they win the rest of their games, they'd be very attractive," Sugar Bowl rep Jim Landis told Doyle.

UPSET

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down play.

Little did FSU know that those points would be its only tally of the day.

The Seminoles' next possession set the tone for the day.

Less than five minutes into the game, Florida State had yet another golden scoring opportunity inside of State 10-yard line. On a third and 4, however, Lloyd Harrison intercepted Weinke's pass at the goalline to shift the momentum.

On the ensuing sequence, the Pack drove 99 yards in 11 plays to knot the score at 7-7. The drive featured three third-down completions and a 33-yard pass play from Jamie Barnette to Torry Holt. The drive was capped by a 31-yard pass play to Eric Leak.

The Wolfpack defensive began to assert its prowess on the next drive, forcing the high-octane FSU offense to punt after only five plays.

The resulting punt was fielded by Holt at the 32-yard line and returned 68 yards for a touchdown. The extra point attempt was missed, however, so the Pack went up 13-7, a lead the team would hold onto at halftime.

In the second half, the defensive pressure on Weinke continued. In the end, the Pack defensive backfield intercepted Weinke six times, the most the interceptions by a Wolfpack team since 1965. State was able to add a field goal and a late touchdown to seal the win.

Torry Holt killed the Seminoles catching nine passes for 135 yards and score two touchdowns.

FSU head coach Bobby Bowden sees similarities between State's star receiver in 1998 and Koren Robinson this year.

"That team had a Holt. This team has a Robinson," said Bowden. "I know some of the pros think that Robinson may be the best wide out in the country."

On the whole, however, this year's State team appears more talented and better coached that the one that beat FSU in 1998.

In 1998, State was an up-and-down team, with wins against Florida State and Syracuse but losses against Baylor, North Carolina, Georgia Tech, and Virginia.

This year, the Pack has been able to ride the arm of freshman quarterback Philip Rivers to victories in every game except Clemson. The bend-but-don't break defense has orchestrated several key defensive stands, which have preserved State's season.

Although State is better, FSU has far more experience in this encounter. In 1998, it was the Pack who had the senior quarterback in Jamie Barnette. Weinke was playing in his first Atlantic Coast Conference match, and many attributed his mistakes to inexperience.

This year, Weinke enters the game as a senior Heisman Trophy candidate. It is improbable that he will make as many mistakes.

SHOW

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FSU defense throws the Pack's way.

"They're doing a pretty good job," Robinson said. "There's a lack of depth, and they've got always beat out there and always play. For the amount of reps they're getting in, they're doing a great job."

Robinson had his best performance of the season against the Tar Heels, rushing for 110 yards and scoring twice in three quarters of action. Robinson and sophomore Cotra Jackson carried the Pack to 171 yards on the ground in the 38-20 victory. State proved that it can run the ball, but the Pack may have a difficult time repeating that success against FSU's stingy run defense, which is rated fourth in the country.

"Whatever works," Robinson said. "In our game plan, we've got running and throwing. We've got to different things for them because they're a real physical team. They fight really hard. As long as we go out and throw a lot of different things at them and confuse them a little bit, we should be able to do everything."

Robinson missed the last quarter of the UNC game with a bruised foot, but he said earlier in the week that he'll be ready to go. Wide receiver Koren Robinson, who on Thursday was named one of the 10 semi-finalists for the Biletnikoff Award, is also ready to go after undergoing minor surgery on Oct. 15 for a sprained ligament in his left thumb.

AROUND THE ACC

Maryland (3-4, 1-3) at Duke (0-7, 0-4)

The Terrapins thumped Wake Forest 37-7 last weekend and now get a Duke team that ranks 112th in Division I-A in total offense and total defense. The Blue Devils were outscored 160-46 in their last three games, which were against Clemson, Florida State and Georgia Tech.

North Carolina (3-4, 1-4) at Virginia (4-3, 3-2)

The Tar Heels enter this one on a three-game losing streak and desperately require a win to boost their sagging bowl hopes. The Cavaliers are in a similar situation with games against Georgia Tech, N.C. State and Virginia Tech still ahead. This is the 105th meeting between these two schools, making it the ACC's longest-running rivalry.

Georgia Tech (5-2, 3-2) at No. 5 Clemson (8-0, 6-0)

After picking on the worst teams in the conference in two consecutive home games, the Yellow Jackets have a slightly more difficult task in front of them this weekend when they travel to Death Valley. This game is the final tune-up for the Tigers before "Bowden Bowl II" next weekend in Tallahassee, Fla.

'Thunder Dan' brings physical play to Pack

JAMES CURLEE/STAFF

Dantonio Burnette is third on the team in tackles.

♦State linebacker Dantonio Burnette is making his own forecast predictions.

Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

To most N.C. State football fans, the defense is known for powerful hitters, with standout names such as linebacker Levar Fisher and strong safety Adrian Wilson, but one player who is continuing to make his presence known is sophomore linebacker Dantonio Burnette.

Burnette, who was dubbed "Thunder Dan" in high school, has punished opposing players like a hellish storm.

"I got the nickname in high school from hitting people hard," said Burnette. "My friends just started calling me Thunder Dan cause they had seen the big hits I had been making. When I would hit them, you would hear a loud noise like thunder, so they just started calling me that."

At Northside High in Warner Robbins, Ga., Burnette played both fullback and linebacker. He recorded 391 career tackles, 116 in his senior year. He helped carry his team to the state quarterfinals.

After coming to State, Burnette was named the new starting middle linebacker in only his second collegiate football game, replacing injured Butkus candidate Edrick Smith. He made a successful transition into college football.

Against South Carolina, Burnette was in on 68 plays and tallied up a total of 10 tackles, including a quarterback sack.

At the end of the 1999 season, Burnette's powerful hitting and basic fundamentals had paid off. He posted the best tackles per play mark on the team, averaging a defensive stop every 6.02 plays. His 124 stops were good enough for him to be State's second-leading tackler. Burnette also finished the season ranked 10th overall in tackles in the ACC.

So far in the 2000 season, Burnette has kept other teams' offenses trapped in a storm of pain and confusion.

After playing six games, Burnette's 66 tackles ranks third best on the team behind Fisher and Wilson and sixth best in the

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SHOWDOWN

STATE, FSU PREPARED FOR A SHOOTOUT

JAMES CURLEE/STAFF

After coaching for the Seminoles for 18 seasons, Chuck Amato will host his former co-workers Saturday.

The Amato-FSU connection

♦ N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato gets his first crack at his old team.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

For 18 seasons, Chuck Amato proudly donned the garnet and gold of Florida State as an assistant coach.

For 18 seasons, Amato worked with head coach Bobby Bowden to build FSU into a national powerhouse.

For 18 seasons, Amato helped transform the Seminoles into a program that would appear in the top four of The Associated Press poll for 13 consecutive years, claim eight Atlantic Coast Conference titles in a row and win two national championships.

Quite possibly, no one other than Bowden understands Seminole football as well as Amato.

"Their goal is to win the national championship every year, not once every 10 years," Amato said. "You don't win 10 games or more 13 years in a row, or end up in the top four 13 years in a row if you don't set your standards high."

When asked about Saturday's game before the start of the season, Amato simply grinned and said that he would spend the day in Tallahassee, Fla., away from the contest. But as game day approaches, the reality is sinking in for Amato that he will have to face his former team for the first time.

"This is a different feeling than when I coached against N.C. State the first time because I didn't just leave North Carolina State when I coached against them the first time," Amato said. "I spent 18 years there."

It's nearly impossible to stay in one place that long and not make lasting ties. FSU has had little turnover of its assistant coaches over the years, which means the staff that Bowden has in place has remained relatively unchanged. Amato's return to his alma mater meant that he would have to leave behind friends he'd become close to.

Amato also bid farewell to a group of players that he won a national championship with last season. He still feels very close to them.

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♦ Two of the nation's top passing offenses will be on full display Saturday when the nationally ranked Wolfpack plays the No. 6 Seminoles.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

N.C. State hasn't seen the inside of Carter-Finley Stadium on game day in over a month.

Two bye weeks and two road games have kept the Wolfpack on the road or idle. Carter-Finley will be filled to capacity Saturday, however, when the 21st-ranked Pack (5-1, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) challenges No. 6 Florida State (7-1, 5-0) in the first game between ranked ACC teams this season.

Saturday's match-up has major conference and national ramifications for both squads. Yet State will enter the game playing the underdog role that it has become so familiar with over the season.

"It's nothing new," junior cornerback Brian Williams said. "Nobody's giving us a chance but us. I think this week of practice has been important for tempo. We're just going to come out to play on Saturday night."

The focus for both teams Saturday centers on the passing game. FSU leads Division I-A in passing yardage with 28-year-old senior Chris Weinke at the helm, averaging 401.5 yards per game. Meanwhile, the Pack and freshman Philip Rivers sit third nationally, posting 330.3 yards per game.

State has defended the pass well this season, allowing just five touchdowns and an ACC-low 173.5 yards through the air. But the Seminoles execute, by far, the most prolific passing attack that the Pack will face all year.

Weinke has put up Heisman Trophy stats this year, throwing for 2,784 yards and 22 touchdowns. He has thrown for 1,306 yards in the last three games, impressive numbers considering that he has been playing with discomfort in his ankle after spraining it against Maryland on Sept. 28.

"It does look like he is going to have to play the rest of the year with a level of discomfort," FSU head coach Bobby Bowden said. "The trainers have it wrapped up so well that there's not much danger of any further injury. We don't have an open week, or I would just sit him down for the whole week."

Unlike last season when Peter Warrick was the primary target, Weinke has spread the ball around to multiple receivers. Marvin Minnis, Anquan Boldin and Atrews Bell are all in the top 10 in the conference in receiving yardage and have accounted for 17 of Weinke's touchdowns. With that kind of depth, cornerback Brian Williams knows that the defensive backs will get challenged early and often.

"All of them make plays," Williams said. "They probably don't have a main guy like Peter Warrick."

The secondary enters the game less than full strength after losing starting cornerback J.J. Washington for the season. His replacement, freshman James Walker, started the first two games of the year but is still a newcomer to the position after switching from wide receiver during fall practice. Williams' experience on the opposite side coupled with Walker's rawness means that the rookie can expect Weinke to pick on him often.

"I see him as an improved player," Williams said. "By him sitting down, he has learned a lot. I think it has been for everybody's good."

State's main concern on offense is buying Rivers enough time to throw in the pocket. Two weeks ago, the Pack watched five consecutive drives end when the North Carolina defense sacked the freshman quarterback on third down. Head coach Chuck Amato expects FSU's defense, which has chalked up 32 sacks in eight games, to bring even more pressure.

"He's going to get hit faster than in the last couple of weeks," Amato said. "We've got to find a way to protect him, and that isn't easy."

State's offensive line has faced good defensive fronts before, including against Georgia Tech, Clemson and UNC. Running back Ray Robinson believes that those experiences should prepare the line, as well as the rest of the offense, for anything the

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FLORIDA STATE VS. N.C. STATE

When: Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Carter-Finley Stadium
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Line: Florida State by 19

5 KEYS TO THE GAME

Give the kid time. N.C. State's offensive line has already seen some outstanding defensive fronts this year, but Florida State's might be the best. If the line can give Philip Rivers time to throw, the Wolfpack could gain some serious yardage; FSU's defense ranks just 51st nationally.

Establish the run. The Pack did an outstanding job rushing the ball against North Carolina two weeks ago, outgaining an opponent on the ground for the first time all season. State will have a hard time duplicating that success against the nation's No. 4 run defense.

Home cooking. Saturday's game is State's first at Carter-Finley since a 30-23 win over Georgia Tech on Sept. 21. The contest has national ramifications, which will likely put the sold-out crowd in a frenzy from the start.

Attacking the secondary. Chris Weinke has gone to multiple targets this season for his 22 touchdown passes. The Seminoles likely view the Pack's secondary as vulnerable right now after losing J.J. Washington for the season, meaning the State defensive backs will get tested often.

The game within the game. FSU's kicking game has had problems at times this season, missing extra points and short field goals. If the score is close late like it was in the Seminoles' 27-24 loss to Miami, special teams could become an issue.

State's bowl picture fuzzy

♦ N.C. State could go to the Gator Bowl, or the Peach Bowl, or the Micron PC Bowl...

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

When the football season began, most analysts designated this season one of transition for Chuck Amato to hone his head coaching skills with the talent left by Mike O'Cain.

Many State fans would have been happy with any kind of winning season, probably happy just to beat North Carolina.

"The Wolfpack probably will go down before they go up under Amato," said ESPN's Greg Doyle before the season began.

Amato himself even talked about the lack of talent and depth on the team's roster when he first arrived for spring practice.

What a difference two months makes.

Following a 5-1 start in the first half of the season, highlighted by gritty wins over Indiana, Georgia Tech and UNC, the Pack has vaulted into the top 25. The team is now in a position to finish in the top three in the Atlantic Coast Conference and go to a relatively major bowl.

With five games remaining in the regular season, State has a chance to finish third in the league.

With one additional win, the Wolfpack will become bowl eligible for the first time since 1998-99 when the team went to the Micron PC Bowl.

Overall, the ACC is contractually guaranteed five bowl slots if five teams become eligible. The league champion represents the ACC in the Bowl Championship Series, with the other bowl-eligible teams going to the Gator Bowl, Peach Bowl, Micron PC Bowl and the Aloha Bowl.

Currently, the Pack is third in the ACC, trailing Clemson and Florida State. Of the

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'Noles remember 1998

♦ Two years ago, the Wolfpack handed No. 2 Florida State its second ACC loss ever.

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When Florida State visits Raleigh on Saturday, they will be heavy favorites.

After the Seminoles face N.C. State, a battle with rival Florida is upcoming. Despite the tendency of some fans and media to look ahead to the showdown with the Gators, it is unlikely the team will overlook the Pack.

"We're not going to sneak up one them," said Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato. "We're not going to Pearl Harbor them."

The last time FSU visited Carter-Finley Stadium, the No. 2 Seminoles came in as double-digit favorites and left with a double-digit defeat.

In one of the biggest games in Wolfpack football history, State kept FSU off the scoreboard for all but the first twenty seconds of the match up en route to a 24-7 victory.

The game began with a bang — for the 'Noles. On the first play from the line of scrimmage, FSU quarterback Chris Weinke connected with Peter Warrick for a 74-yard touch-

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Cotra Jackson and the Pack won't sneak up on FSU.