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Students speak out about Iraq

With the possibility of war looming on the horizon, N.C. State students discuss their thoughts on world events.

Bess Futrell
Staff Reporter

After years of uncooperativeness, Iraq claimed Monday that it will allow the United Nations to conduct unconditional weapons inspections.

Saddam Hussein, the leader of Iraq, is believed to have stockpiles of chemical warfare agents and possible nuclear weapons, as well as the ability to produce masses of biological warfare weapons.

Twelve years ago, Hussein promised to disarm such weapons, but since then, he has consistently ignored his promise, as well as the U.N.'s security regulations, which has given birth to the question of whether the United States should attack Iraq.

"President Bush should wait and see what is accomplished with these weapons inspections," says Duane Alvins, a junior in nuclear engineer-

ing. "If Hussein begins to put restrictions on the inspections, then we have a reason to attack."

The U.S. government considers Iraq's compromise a tactic to disrupt the creation of a new U.N. Security Council resolution, which would force Hussein to desert his illegal weapons programs.

In addition, the United States believes that the only way to prevent similar problems in the future is the disarmament of these weapons of mass destruction. Iraq has repeatedly violated U.N. resolutions by pro-

ducing these illicit weapons, and President Bush believes that, in order to protect the lives of millions of people in numerous countries, action needs to be taken against Hussein's regime.

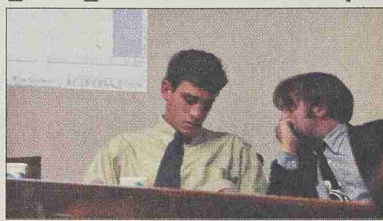
France and Russia question whether the United Nations even needs to develop such a resolution since Iraq has already agreed to unconditional weapons inspections, but Secretary of State Colin Powell thinks Iraq would be kept under more pressure if a deadline were put into effect.

While the U.N. Security Council

continues to debate the creation of the new resolution, the United States asks its fellow countries to authorize military action against Iraq if it does not disarm all weapons in question by a specific deadline.

"It would be best to get a great deal of support from other countries before beginning a war against Iraq," says Lauren Milstead, a junior in criminology. "We may have the power and money to do it alone, but we need the support of the other countries involved because it affects them also."

Student Senate discusses budget, proposed lottery



Brent Rowe, chief justice, and Dan Gilligan, treasurer, exchange ideas. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp

Following recent state legislative decisions, Student Senate reviewed the events of the last week.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

After several debates, N.C. State's Student Senate passed two pieces of legislation Wednesday night and received several updates concerning the budget cuts.

Jonathan Ducoté, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, announced that the tuition increase of 8 percent for in-state students and 12 percent for out-of-state students will remain. In addition, Ducoté noted that because the proposed N.C. lottery did not pass approval by the state, the budget cuts will be 3 percent, as opposed to the 2.4 percent previously proposed.

The Senate also adopted Resolution 24. This resolution allows Student Government to hold a special election entitled the "Fall Special Student Body Election" with polls occurring on Oct. 28 and Oct. 29. This will give students the opportunity to vote for "Leader of the Pack" — the annual homecoming student representative — online.

Another legislation adopted was Government Bill 23; this act establishes a permanent committee that will govern the rules for the student senate. This act was designed to speed up the bill process inside the senate.

The freshmen class now has its representatives in place as the following students were appointed to the Student Senate: Steve Thompson, Carolyn Gillikin, Sean Casey, Jason Moody, Lara Marxreiter, Lock Whiteside III,

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REFLECTIONS

Q: What do you think are the negative/positive aspects of the United States going to war with Iraq?

A: To the rest of the world, we look more arrogant and like the initiator of war, but if Iraq does have nuclear weapons and we find them, we have stopped a potential World War III.



Reeba Monahan
Freshman, Political Science

Q: After Bush's address to the United Nations, do you think we have created more allies or discouraged support for the United States?

A: We have discouraged support because a lot of people depend on the [United Nations]. By undermining their authority, we catch flack.



Briana Sauer
Senior, History

Q: What's your opinion on Iraq's construction of nuclear weapons?

A: I think it's a cause for concern. That's a reason for going to war with them.



Steve Kandl
Sophomore, Computer Engineering

Photos by Ziggy Zaher

Nacoste steps down

After two years as Vice Provost for Diversity and African American Affairs, Rupert Nacoste returned to teaching.

Anthony Exum
Staff Reporter

Trained in the United States Navy, N.C. State professor Rupert Nacoste was instructed on how to deal with the growing concern of diversity among groups of people. The training in diversity that he gained in the Navy is what he had hoped to utilize at NCSU.

Yet, after two years as vice provost, Nacoste and Provost Stuart Cooper came to an agreement that Nacoste had exhausted his resources to deal with diversity.

During his run as Vice Provost of Diversity and African-American Affairs, Nacoste witnessed silence toward the issue of diversity and internal segregation with efforts regarding diversity. Nacoste notes that although this was the key reason his position was created, it was in some of his col-

leagues that he saw this silence.

As an introduction to his plan to diversify NCSU, Nacoste developed a "four vines of diversity" approach. In this, he means that diversity is not an all-or-nothing matter but is "central to the core mission of the university." Diversity is the responsibility of each unit of the university. In addition, Nacoste notes that the engine of authentic diversity is dialogue.

"It is not blacks vs. whites, and it is not a choice of focusing on race or 'the rest'; diversity is about race and ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation," said Nacoste in a recent Technician Campus Forum letter.

He feels that the university needs to address the forms of diversity as one idea instead of continuing to separate them. Other major qualms Nacoste has about the approach some administrators are taking with diversity, have not been addressed, but he believes that they must for NCSU to succeed.

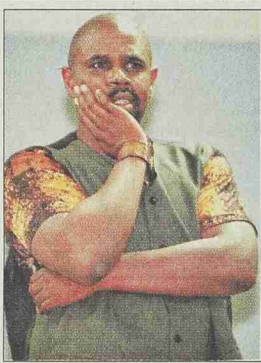
After undergraduate studies at the University of Florida and graduate school at the UNC-Chapel Hill, Na-

coste joined the staff of NCSU in 1988.

During his ongoing tenure as a professor, he has been named as a member of NCSU's Academy of Outstanding Teachers in 1994 and as an Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor for the years 1999-2001.

Nacoste has also delivered lectures at the World Conference on Remedies to Racial and Ethnic Economic Equality, the U.S. Department of Defense World Wide Equal Opportunity Conference and at the Department of Defense's Equal Opportunity Management Institute.

In April 2002, Nacoste was chosen to give the annual Flenmie Kittrell Lecture at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Named in honor of the first African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. in home economics in the United States and at Cornell University, the Flenmie Kittrell Lecture is committed to addressing commentary on diversity in a multicultural society. The choice of Nacoste for the lecture was in part due to his position at NCSU, which was created with Na-



Rupert Nacoste is currently an NCSU professor of psychology. File photo

coste in mind.

When asked if he had seen changes in diversity since 1988 at the university, Nacoste said, "Diversity in both the United States and NCSU has become more complex. There has been an influx of Latinos, Hispanics and Native Americans. There have been new dynamics brought on by demographic diversity and, more recently, Sept. 11, all for good."

New inquiry program targets freshmen

The First Year Inquiry program is attempting to make the high school-to-college transition smoother.

Andrea DeLeo
Staff Reporter

The First Year Inquiry program (FYI), which has been in existence since the fall of 1999, is steadily growing into a well-known program at N.C. State. The program, specially designed for first-year students, is helping students make the leap from thinking at a high school level to thinking at the university level.

"FYI is really all about developing your thinking from high school to

college and doing so in a comfortable environment," said sophomore Michael Mitchell, a former FYI student.

Each class is limited to 20 students so the students can develop a close relationship with their professor.

The FYI pilot seminars began with small course offerings and large goals.

These pilot seminars were designed to see what differences these courses could make in students' overall learning. In addition, the pilot seminars attempted to identify any problems involved in offering FYI courses and the strategies for implementing the program.

The objectives of these courses are to help students develop a sense of

inquiry and of responsibility toward learning. They help foster growth and intellectual maturity. They also provide guided practice in critical thinking.

"Having that community of peers of the same age gives first-year students a chance to further develop their thinking on a more in-depth level, which is a key element as you progress in your education," said Mitchell.

If the FYI program has a lasting impact on its students, it will mean that students will continue to take charge of their learning in larger courses.

According to program officials, students in the program will be getting

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Brickyard lessons



The Muslim Student Association sets up an informational table in the Brickyard to educate the public on the Quran and Islam. Staff photo by Shemeka Crudup

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additional guidance on their general education experience and will be better prepared to be inquiring, self-motivated learners within their major programs.

Furthermore, the program hopes to prepare students to work and cooperate with people of different races and backgrounds and within difficult situations.

Randy Hamilton, a former FYI student, said, "The FYI class that I took gave me a

very different outlook in the respect of living conditions of different people. It gave me the chance to discuss issues without the fear of offending anybody because of the fact that it was in a class setting."

Registration for FYI spring courses is on first-come, first-serve basis. Registration for these courses is at the same time as regular registration; however, in the spring, classes are limited. To find out if an FYI course is appropriate for your own academic program of study, consult your academic advisor.

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Vann Lassiter, Jared Milrad, Hannah Gatlin, Michelle D'Uva, Tommy Ozbolt, Caroline Hollifield, Jessica Horne and Erin Pope.

The remaining senate seats were ap-

pointed to Alexis Fantroy, Kimberly Alexander, Rakhi Chakraborty, David Brewer, Marion Peele and Keith Horton.

For interested students, senate meetings are open to the public. You can also talk to your Student Senate representatives if there are issues that you are interested in.

Officials: West Nile in blood supply but public shouldn't overreact

Federal health officials are scurrying to find a way to test hundreds of thousands of units of donated blood for the West-Nile virus.

Seth Borenstein

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON — If you need a blood transfusion, the Food and Drug Administration suggests that you consider alternatives, such as storing your own blood or delaying surgery, to avoid a chance of infection with the West Nile virus.

The virus is known to be present in some of the nation's blood supply, and federal health officials are scurrying to find a way to test hundreds of thousands of units of donated blood for the sometimes deadly mosquito-borne disease. But because those tests will not be developed and ready to use before next spring at the earliest, the FDA is advising people who need blood transfusions to consider alternatives.

"We believe there is a risk and we're acting on it," said Dr. Jesse Goodman, the deputy director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. "We in all honesty do not have information yet to define how great that risk is."

Officials emphasized that they're acting on a precautionary basis and that the public should not overreact. Even though some people probably have gotten the disease through blood transfusions, it's not as if all the nation's blood supply is tainted, said Dr. Louis Katz, the president-elect of America's Blood Center.

"The question is how frequently (getting the disease through a blood transfusion) would happen," Katz told Knight Ridder Newspapers. "My guess is it's not very frequent."

Health officials repeated that people cannot get the disease by donating blood and that current blood supplies are tight, so donations are needed urgently.

Officials from the FDA, National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the nation's blood banks and medical testing companies will gather Friday in Bethesda, Md., to discuss how to speed development of quick West Nile tests, Katz said.

As of Thursday afternoon, 1,745 human cases of West Nile had been confirmed this year in the United States, causing 84 deaths.

Six cases in Mississippi and Louisiana have been associated with polio-like paralysis, officials said Thursday.

Goodman told reporters Thursday, "It's most prudent to assume that blood-borne transmission can and likely has occurred."

After weeks of investigating whether any West Nile patient got the disease from blood transfusions, officials said the evidence was convincing that a 24-year-old woman contracted the disease through blood transfusions after giving birth in July. The woman received 18 units of blood, 15 of which were tested after the fact. Of those 15, three had West Nile.

Officials also are investigating at least five other cases in which people are suspected of contracting the virus through blood transfusions. And the CDC has confirmed that four people contracted the disease from transplanted organs.

"We believe to wait until we have proof on additional cases . . . before moving blood-screening testing forward would be a mistake," Goodman said. "It is likely that it will be needed."

For the 4.5 million people who receive blood each year, "the potential benefits outweigh the risk" of contracting West Nile virus, Goodman said. Even so, he added: "We do think people need to be aware of this potential risk." Goodman said patients might want to look at alternatives to receiving blood if they were worried. Those include donating blood for your own surgery in advance, utilizing blood-recovery techniques during surgery and perhaps delaying elective surgery.

"Those are all valid possibilities," Goodman said. "There's too little information to make a general recommendation."

The FDA is trying to quickly find ways to test blood for West Nile, but there are many obstacles to overcome. The virus seems to live in the bloodstream for only a few days. During that period, if someone who is infected donates blood, the virus can be passed to someone else. The most developed test for West Nile looks for the antibodies that people develop when exposed to the disease. But early tests revealed that antibodies show up only after the virus has left the bloodstream, so this method isn't a good way to screen donated blood.

"Many people will have this antibody in their blood and be perfectly safe as blood donors," said Dr. Lyle Petersen, an expert on West Nile at the CDC.

Cuban forecasters put aside politics to protect people from hurricanes

A storm called Isidore was expected to hit the western end of Cuba on Thursday night and Friday as a hurricane.

Martin Merzer

Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — A hurricane was under construction Wednesday in the Caribbean, and though the threat to South Florida diminished — but did not disappear — the threat to Cuba intensified sharply. So forecaster Richard Pasch picked up a telephone, punched in 13 digits, had to try again, tried a third time and finally got through. He manifested a sense of urgency.

A storm called Isidore was expected to hit the western end of Cuba on Thursday night and Friday as a hurricane, and it could be bad. Then, as it moves through the Gulf of Mexico, Isidore could clip the Florida Keys and its squalls could reach Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

Lives were at stake, in Cuba and possibly soon in Florida or elsewhere in the United States, so international grievances and tensions were temporarily set aside. At 9:46 a.m. EDT Wednesday, an American forecaster called a Cuban forecaster and they began working together.

"The atmosphere doesn't know anything about frontiers," Jose Rubiera, head of Cuba's Institute of Meteorology, later told The Miami Herald. "We have to have help from Cuba," said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade County. "They have information that can help us, and we can help them."

The cooperative effort to protect people from hurricanes inspired the phone call. "Hello? Hello?" Pasch said. "Yes, this is Richard Pasch in Miami. At the National Hurricane Center. El Centro Nacional de Huracanes. Yes. Jose? Is this Jose?"

On the other end, Rubiera came on the line. Under international agreement, U.S. forecasters coordinate hurricane warnings throughout the region, but Cuba is responsible for issuing its own alerts.

Pasch spoke slowly and loudly through a static-filled connection. "We understand you want to issue a hurricane watch," he said. "For which provinces?"

Speaking in English, Rubiera told him: Pinar del Rio, the Isle of Youth, the province and city of Havana, Matanzas, pretty much all of western Cuba. "OK," Pasch said. "We'll get it out at 15Z." "Z" is meteorology-speak for Zulu or Greenwich Mean Time — in this case, 11 a.m. EDT. And there it was, on the next official advisory from the National Hurricane Center: "At 11 a.m. EDT, 1500z, the government of Cuba has issued a hurricane watch for western Cuba, from the provinces of Villa Clara and Cienfuegos westward, and including the Isle of Youth."

A hurricane watch means that winds of at least 74 mph are possible within 36 hours. The watch was likely to be upgraded by Thursday morning to a warning, meaning that hurricane winds are expected within 24 hours. Tropical storm warnings also were in effect for the Cayman Islands and Jamaica, whose residents endured a thorough soaking Wednesday.

Mayfield also came on the line, trading impressions of the storm with Rubiera, thanking him for helping to clear the way for flights by U.S. Hurricane Hunter aircraft through Cuban airspace. Mayfield and Rubiera have met at meteorological conferences, and their forecasters have become familiar with each other in recent years, but their interaction is rarely seen in public.

"I think I get more Christmas cards from Cuban meteorologists than from my own staff," Mayfield said.

Hurricane Hunter missions such as those flown Wednesday and consultations with Cuban meteorologists, acknowledged to be among the world's best, helped Mayfield and his forecasters get a better handle on Isidore.

The storm was expected to reach Cuba on Thursday with its outer edge and make landfall Friday as a Category 1 hurricane — with winds between 74 and 95 mph — though it could become stronger. Rubiera said he predicted about eight inches of rain and some flooding and wind damage.

"We are prepared," he said.

Long-term projections suggested that Isidore then would take a more northerly course than previously believed, moving into the Gulf of Mexico at an angle that could keep its core and much of its rain away from South Florida.

Forecasters began speaking in terms of inches of rain in South Florida, rather than feet. If the region is lucky, no serious wind will reach Miami-Dade and Broward.

"I'm feeling a lot better than I did yesterday," Mayfield said, "knowing that I don't have to put up my shutters, at least for now." South Floridians' good fortune could mean misfortune for someone else.

When a storm moves into the Gulf of Mexico, it has to make landfall somewhere, and Isidore could grow into a large, powerful presence. Its most likely destination appeared to be the coast of Texas or Mexico, Mayfield said, but not until next week — and not for sure. He emphasized that long-term projections are inherently subject to error, and atmospheric steering currents are extremely uncertain, so it was too early to draw any conclusions. So, state and local emergency managers remained on alert. They noted that only a small change in the projected course could bring Isidore over the Keys.

"We're definitely eyeballing this one very carefully," said Mike Stone, a spokesman for the Florida Division of Emergency Management. "The Gulf waters are so warm that these storms can go to hurricane strength in a matter of hours."

Mayfield and other forecasters agreed that Isidore had excellent growth potential. Atmospheric conditions favored strengthening, and it was crawling through water so warm it was "like high-octane fuel," Mayfield said. And that, he said, made Wednesday's cooperation with Cuban meteorologists extremely important. "Anything that moves through the Caribbean toward Florida has to go over Cuba," he said. "We can't do a good job without their help. Who knows? Maybe this will help political relations between our two countries."

Bush sends Congress resolution allowing use of force against Iraq

At the U.N., Iraq's Foreign Minister read a letter from Saddam declaring that his country was free of nuclear and chemical weapons and inviting U.N. weapons inspectors to come.

James Kuhnhehn and Diego Ibarguen

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Saddam Hussein traded insults Thursday as Bush alerted the U.N. Security Council that the United States will act with its allies against Iraq if world leaders don't move to eliminate the Iraqi dictator's weapons of mass destruction.

At the U.N., Iraq's Foreign Minister Najib Sabri read a letter from Saddam declaring that his country was "clear of all nuclear, chemical and biological weapons" and inviting U.N. weapons inspectors to come and see without conditions. He accused Bush of lying about Iraq's weapons out of lust for oil and loyalty to Israel.

"The U.S. administration wants to destroy Iraq to control the Middle East oil, and consequently control the politics as well as the oil and economic policies of the whole world," Saddam's letter said. Bush mocked it. "I didn't hear it. Let me guess: The United States is guilty. The world doesn't understand, we don't have any weapons of mass destruction. It's the same old song and dance that we've heard for 11 long

years," Bush told reporters at the White House.

Bush sent Congress a proposed resolution Thursday seeking authority to use all means, "including force," to ensure that Iraq no longer has weapons of mass destruction. "The United Nations Security Council must show backbone, must step up and hold this regime to account," Bush said. "Otherwise, the United States and some of our friends will do so."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Sabri couched Iraq's invitation for unfettered inspections with the hope that it would eventually lead to a lifting of sanctions against Iraq. But Saddam's letter also said that previous U.N. resolutions were "unjust" and that previous inspections were tainted by inspectors spying on Iraq.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, testifying before Congress, voiced doubt that Iraq will cooperate with new U.N. inspections. "Many U.N. members, including some on the Security Council, want to take Iraq at its word and send inspectors back in without any new resolution or new authority. This is a recipe for failure and we will not support it," Powell said.

Powell called Iraq's agreement to readmit U.N. weapons inspectors a "tactical ploy," and said the U.N. speech by the Iraqi foreign minister showed that Baghdad had no intention of making good on its pledge. Powell warned that the United States would "find ways to thwart" any attempt by the Security Council to send inspectors back to Iraq

without giving them greater powers. He did not elaborate.

Following a briefing of the U.N. Security Council, chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said Iraq's cooperation was essential to successful inspections.

"I think the criterion is cooperation on all respects," Blix told reporters. "Without cooperation on all respects, it will be difficult for any inspections." Blix said he hopes to get the first inspectors on the ground in Iraq by Oct. 15.

The administration's latest tough talk came as public support grows for a confrontation with Iraq. Americans increasingly believe that Bush is making a clear case for military action against Iraq, according to a new poll by the Pew Research Center. Some 52 percent now believe that, up from only 37 percent one month ago.

Bush made clear that he does not want Congress to place any hurdles before him. "If you want to keep the peace, you've got to have the authorization to use force," Bush said at the White House after meeting with Powell. "This is a chance for Congress to indicate support, a chance for Congress to say, 'We support the administration's ability to keep the peace.'"

House Speaker Dennis Hastert expects a House of Representatives vote on the congressional resolution during the first week of October. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has said the Senate will vote before adjourning next month too.

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University of North Dakota makes changes following civil rights check

According to an OCR letter to UND President Charles Kupchella, an investigation found that the university was aware of claims of a racially hostile environment on its campus.

David Dodds
Knight Ridder Newspapers

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — On the heels of a two-year investigation by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, the University of North Dakota is making its discrimination, harassment and grievance policies more explicit.

According to an OCR letter to UND President Charles Kupchella, the investigation found that the university was aware of claims of a racially hostile environment on its campus, but it failed to take "appropriate responsive action."

"The complainants further alleged the intensity and frequency of the harassment increases during periods of public discussion over the university's use of its Fighting Sioux nickname and Indian head logos," stated OCR Associate Director John Nigro in the letter dated July 18.

The investigation led to a resolution agreement between UND and the OCR in which the school has promised to take numerous steps over the next two years to make it clearer to students, staff and faculty that harassment is unacceptable. The school also will make it easier for people to understand correct procedures for reporting discrimination and harassment.

UND's general counsel Julie Ann Evans and affirmative action officer Sally Page will monitor the school's progress in meeting its promises, Kupchella said. "I think we're a better institution for this," Kupchella said. "It's not like we're admitting anything other than we can make some improvements on where our policies are posted, how explicit they are and making it clearer what the procedures are for handling complaints. "If they had found that we had discrimination going on here that was pervasive and severe, they would have shut off our federal funding; fact is, they didn't find anything like that here," Kupchella said. The OCR contended that the school's policies against harassment didn't go far enough and did not specifically mention the words "racial harassment."

"We cleaned up some of the language to address some of those issues that they came here to look at," Kupchella said. "I think what I interpret them as saying is, 'Well, your policies are OK; they're just not clear to everybody.' "Naturally, if you spend so many weeks on any campus in this country, in any organization, you will find some things that should be improved."

Kupchella added that the OCR also wants UND to provide "harassment training" to all of its faculty and staff members.

A UND student group known as BRIDGES (Building Roads Into Diverse Groups Empowering Students) has been following the investigation from the beginning. Its Web site is highly critical of the resolution agreement between UND and the OCR, calling it a "plea bargain" that enables UND to avoid a potentially humiliating public censure. The Web site goes on to note two separate visits to UND by OCR investigative teams, checking out a complaint filed by a UND professor and an American Indian student. BRIDGES said that during those visits, the OCR compiled 16 fold-

ers of information suggesting a hostile atmosphere at UND.

"Before that evidence could be analyzed formally, UND, through its legal counsel, decided to strike a deal," the Web site states.

"Thanks to this process, UND spokespersons will now be able to assert that although UND was investigated by the OCR, no formal findings against the university were delivered." A spokeswoman for the education department in Washington said that although the Web site's analysis of the agreement is not that far off base, finding guilt and publicizing it is not the OCR's primary goal. "We're interested in results," she said. "This is an extensive agreement with a lot of things that (UND) has to do. We just want the problems to be fixed."

The OCR said that its investigation of UND would be resolved and closed once all steps of the agreement are implemented. Kupchella said that despite the investigation that was brought against UND and the various concerns it brought to light, his school has little to be ashamed of when it come to its treatment of American Indians. He said the school has a steady stream of American Indian students enrolling each year, as well as 20 to 30 programs specifically designed to help those students succeed.

Many of the presidents of North Dakota's tribal colleges are UND graduates, as are the doctors and nurses of the Indian Health Service and the teachers in the state's tribal schools, Kupchella said. Kupchella said that when he visits the Indian reservations of the state, he hears from those who would like the school to get rid of its controversial nickname, but he also hears from those who have great reverence for UND and what the school has done.

"I think it's a very special place indeed," Kupchella said, "and despite some of the rancor that's gone on over the issue of the nickname, American Indian people generally recognize that, too."

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Israel fires on Arafat's compound; Palestinian suicide bomber kills 5

The Palestinian attack and the Israeli assault seemed to turn back the clock to June, the last time Israel besieged Arafat's compound.

Michael Matza and
Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

JERUSALEM — Israeli forces opened fire at Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah Thursday night. The attack came six-and-a-half hours after an unidentified Palestinian man detonated his explosives-filled backpack aboard a city bus in a crowded Tel Aviv shopping district, instantly killing five people and wounding at least 60 others.

In Ramallah, one of Arafat's guards was shot and killed by Israeli troops who surrounded the compound in 10 armored personnel carriers and two tanks. They used loudspeakers to call on Arafat to hand over 20 high-ranking Palestinians whom the Israeli government insisted were linked to terrorists, and threat-

ened further attack should the men not surrender. The Palestinian attack and the Israeli assault seemed to turn back the clock to June, the last time Israel besieged Arafat's compound.

A day earlier, a suicide bombing in northern Israel that killed a police officer ended a six-week lull in such attacks. That long period of relative quiet had raised Israeli hopes that extensive military operations along with weariness of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation might deter new attacks on Israel.

Thursday's violence dimmed prospects for an early movement toward peace, and also threatened to complicate President Bush's moves to isolate and possibly attack Iraq, since many potential allies might be reluctant to join forces against Iraq while fighting rages between Israelis and Palestinians.

An emergency Israeli Cabinet meeting voted Thursday to isolate Arafat rather than expel him from the West Bank. Among the Palestinians Israel wants are Gen. Tawfiq Tirawi, head of the Pal-

estianians' general intelligence division on the West Bank and Abu Awad, head of Force 17, Arafat's bodyguard force, which has long been implicated in terrorist attacks.

Leaders of the Palestinian extremist group Hamas claimed responsibility for the lunchtime Tel Aviv bombing. The Palestinian Authority quickly condemned the attack, but officials in Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office reasserted his charge that Arafat is to blame for terrorists who remain free in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israeli troops re-imposed a full curfew on all but two West Bank cities Thursday afternoon.

"We will not live in fear and we will not succumb to terrorism," said David Baker, an aide to Sharon. An Israeli Cabinet statement said: "This is a war in which Israel will continue to show determination and stamina and in which Israel will be victorious."

Israel's strategy has been to respond quickly and forcefully to Palestinian attacks in order to drive home the message that Israel

will not flinch under pressure and that Palestinians only hurt themselves by attacking Israel. However, the danger is that Palestinians will blame Israel, not their own leaders, for their plight, generating greater support for extremist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Almost daily, police thwart Palestinian militants attempting to enter Israel from the West Bank with weapons and explosives, Israeli Police spokesman Gil Kleiman said. Most notable was a 1,320-pound bomb discovered in August by police reservists inside a Palestinian car.

"It looks like it's starting again," Kleiman said. "We never felt that it stopped. Civilians felt a lull, sure. Police haven't." President Bush, at a meeting in the Oval Office, condemned the latest attacks. "We continue to send our message to the good people of that region that if you're interested in peace, if you want people to grow up in a peaceful world, all parties must do everything they can to reject and stop violence," he said.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Right to a referendum

A lottery referendum to learn more about the concerns of citizens would have been the best option for N.C. lawmakers.

"Budget cuts" seem to be the newest buzz words across North Carolina, affecting nearly every state agency — including the educational system here at N.C. State. Lawmakers are aware that something must be done to offset rising costs, and therefore a lottery has become a proposed, yet much-debated, alternative to raising taxes or cutting more funds. Although the issue of a lottery has been very controversial, N.C. voters should still have had a voting say about the idea. Yet, on Tuesday, legislators voted 69-50 against allowing a lottery referendum.

A referendum in which voters can voice their opinion about a N.C. lottery would be a completely reasonable way to learn more about the true stance of citizens. If voters did approve a lottery, lawmakers would not necessarily be forced to adopt and implement a system, although many would feel obligated to fight for the wishes of their constituents.

For now at least, the legislators should let the voters have a say about the direction of the lottery debate. If voters choose against a lottery, the debates would likely stop and no planning would have to go into the formulation of an effective program.

Opponents site reasons against a lottery, such as it serving as a tax on the poor, that sells a sense of false hope, but this argument is simply a situation where a group of people are attempting to set moral standards for others. Citizens have an individual right as to how they legal-

ly spend their money, so lawmakers should not reject a program simply because they themselves are personally against the morals of the topic.

Instead, they should rely on the beliefs in the community that they were elected to represent and make a decision based on that vote. A referendum is the most feasible way to examine how many people are passionate about their stance on the issue, as opposed to simple polls that may gather opinions but not determine if people truly cared enough to go vote.

Something must be done to bring more money into the N.C. economy, and although a lottery may not be the best final solution, it is a start. According to Rep. David Redwine, a democrat from Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., residents are spending money on the lottery programs of South Carolina and Virginia, which, in turn, "are educating their kids, paving their roads and loving it." States like Georgia have implemented strong programs, providing scholarships for higher education and benefiting the state as a whole. If N.C. could start a program this effective, it would not only benefit those who receive education funding directly, but the entire system could save funds.

Starting a lottery may be a difficult process for North Carolina, but before lawmakers halt the process, they should have listened to the citizens and at least allowed for a referendum. The General Assembly was elected for the purpose of representing constituents and ensuring that their opinions are expressed, and the best way to accomplish this is to let the people vote.

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Michele DeCamp
Staff Columnist

I have to say that I never really thought of Sesame Street as a groundbreaking television program. Sure, it helped us learn our ABCs, but beyond a few moral lessons here and there, I think it was just a cute show to teach kids between the ages of three and seven how to

horrific AIDS statistics for South Africa before. Even now, one out of every nine South Africans has HIV, with the potential to get AIDS. I initially thought that the South African government was trying to simply educate kids about HIV, since it has become such an epidemic for its part of the world, but HIV has already personally impacted millions of children in Africa.

The United States has estimated that 40 percent of deaths in South Africa in 2000 were AIDS related. Also, this past summer at the International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, it was reported that by 2010, 20 million children in Africa will be orphans because of AIDS-related deaths.

My only question is, will Kami be able to make a difference? I think that is a difficult question to answer because thus far South Africa is still struggling to control the virus. That is partly because only citizens with medical insurance can get the medicines needed to stay well. One government-run hospital is trying to use donated funds to help treat children with AIDS, but many people go untreated and the deaths continue. South African Education Minister Kader Asmal feels that education is the only widespread tool they can use to combat this problem.

At first, I thought that exposing children to such a grim problem on a television show was going to create more questions than answers. But then I realized that it is time to face facts. Kids are losing their parents and even their young friends to this disease. Kami can let them know that HIV is not something to be ashamed of, and it is a problem that we need to be

aware of in order to protect those who do not have the virus. Television is the only way to get the message across to lots of children.

We just do not know how lucky we are to not have to face such a numbing reality every day of our lives. It is not surprising that the U.S. version of Sesame Street has decided not to introduce Kami into its cast of characters. For our country, it is not necessary. I still hold firm to the idea that we should not make children grow up any faster than they absolutely have to. Unfortunately for some South African children, they are going to have to grow up very quickly, and Kami is going to be as big a part of their lives as Big Bird is for young kids in the United States.

Over half of the people in the world who are infected with HIV/AIDS are in Africa. I wish that kids did not need to realize the harsh realities of life, but hopefully Kami will be a positive influence on South African children. I only hope that more foreign aid will go to helping South Africa create programs that will educate and, more importantly, treat those who have HIV/AIDS. Some may say that this is South Africa's problem, but just like Sesame Street is a community for all creatures, both birds and trash-can monsters alike, our world is a community of people who need to come together to help one another battle HIV and AIDS.

Sesame Street episodes make all of Michele's days sunny. If you want to watch with her, send an e-mail to mlhage-ma@unity.ncsu.edu.



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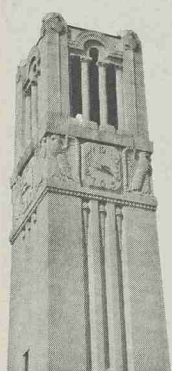
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Adios amigos



Kevin McAbee
Staff Columnist

America needs some change. Therefore, I have decided to ask the government to allow me to send a manned spaceship directly into the sun. It will be a joint effort with the Department of Homeland Defense to rid the United States of all "undesirables."

Call it a cleansing if you will. I have already compiled the list of those who will be seized.

Carrot-Top — Is there a more annoying person on the planet than this joke of a spokesman? He can no longer be referred to as a comedian, because nausea is not an equivalent to laughter. He must have the marketing department of 1-800-CALL-ATT bound and gagged in a broom closet somewhere, because surely they don't think this guy actually sells anything other than birth control to red heads. However, he might just be the punch line in 1-800-CALL-ATT's joke on America. They did actually make us watch David Arquette before Carrot-Top.

Mike Tyson — Only a combination of many blows to the head, time in prison and eating mass quantities of paint chips as a child could make a man this insane. Someone needs to forcibly remove him from the sport of boxing, because until

then, fight promoters will continue to think that his fights are entertaining. As Tyson bites ears, gets pummeled in the ring and threatens to eat his opponents' children, America yearns for more. Isn't it great that sports figures are such wonderful role models?

Hillary Clinton — If riding coattails were a sport, Hillary would be the grand master. Sure, she has some accomplishments, but were it not for her husband's high status in the country, she would most certainly not be a U.S. Senator. Using Bill's power for her own exposure, Hillary had a plan from day one. Hillary stood by Bill only because a divorce is a bad political move. Too bad she couldn't get Bill to keep his snake in his pants or she might be president herself.

Anna Nicole Smith — Those who watch her new show actually become dumber. How can America reward a gold-digging airhead with her own television show? If "The Anna Nicole Show" is reality TV, then I don't want to be real anymore. This woman couldn't spell millionaire, yet after her billionaire sugar daddy died, she probably has enough money to pay all of our tuitions combined. At least her guidance counselor knew that any job that required more than getting naked was too much for her.

Jason Giambi — A larger traitor has never existed. He was one run away from leading the small market underdogs to an upset of the overpaid champs, and the next minute he was on the overpaid champs' roster. He left his brother, his

teammates, his city and his dignity behind for a bigger contract. When a man known for his long hair and tattoos shows up at the press conference wearing a suit and a short haircut, you know he has sold his soul. Oh, another reason he left is because he couldn't handle the pressure of being a leader. Poor little baby wants daddy Steinbrenner to buy him a World Series ring like he bought Jeter and everyone else.

The North Carolina Legislature Budget crisis and no lottery — need I say more?

And finally, let me present those honorable mentions who only deserve a brief explanation.

Mathew Lesko (the guy in the question mark suit on television); Duke University (University of New Jersey South); Garth Brooks (for divorcing his wife and dating a cow named Trisha Yearwood); The Roadrunner (the stupid bird never gets caught by the ingenious coyote); Lance Bass (he wants to go to space, right?); anyone associated with American Idol; Barbara Streisand and Liza Minelli; any member of the audience of TRL (for the profuse screaming); The Kids in the Hall (for wasting good time on Comedy Central); Teletubbies; and The Loch Ness Monster (for not existing).

Kevin is just jealous of all the extremely talented people. E-mail him at ktm-cabee@unity.ncsu.edu with your suggestions for who should be deported into space, like that guy from the Dell commercials.

No, honestly — tell me what you really think



Ben McNeely

Staff Columnist

Being a new columnist for Technician, I am new to the idea of having 30,000 people read what I am writing. I am really new to the idea of people e-mailing me and letting me know what they think about my articles. I take this in stride, however, because it is their right as Americans to speak their minds. The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech.

In general, I am a big believer in the First Amendment, and any limitation on the freedom of speech is in direct violation of the Constitution and is, frankly, un-American. I will defend anyone's right to freedom of speech, whether I agree with what they say or not. That being said, I find the comments and letters to the editor that people send to their local newspapers hilarious. They can be the most entertaining part of the newspaper. Why are they hilarious, you ask? They are reactionary, conciliatory and, most of the time, not well thought out.

The letters to the editor section of the newspaper is the place where people can express their opinions about what is written in the newspaper. A similar feature in Technician is the Campus Forum section. Usually, it is empty because nobody seems to get riled up about anything anymore, except the really radical

outspeak few who write because they like to see their name in the paper and have nothing better to do.

But my column last Friday about Iraq got y'all thinking. And it got y'all writing. So much, in fact, that there was one submission to the Campus Forum printed on Monday; not to mention the numerous message-board posts that called my article "mindless drivel" and one e-mail that I had a difficult time comprehending because there was no punctuation. (It was one long run-on sentence.)

People were reacting to what I had said! It was great! I loved every minute of it. But still, I produced and you responded. That is the way our system is designed: to get an open, healthy campus dialogue going about the issues that we face in everyday life.

A great example of free speech in action was the "read-in" at the library on Sept. 12, and the march to the State Capitol on Tuesday. Students from all over the university exercised their free-speech rights and protested against the limited library hours and the current state budget, which has left N.C. State in a crisis.

I applaud everyone who went out and supported the protests. It shows that at least you care about what happens to NCSU, even if the situation is difficult. But the point is that free speech was exercised, and nobody was hurt. Our country has learned from the fateful Kent State University incident where protesters were killed for speaking out against the Vietnam War. Peaceful sit-ins and protests do have an effect. Changes in civil rights would

never have happened if there had not been peaceful sit-ins like the one in Greensboro, N.C., at the Woolworth's lunch counter. Civil disobedience, when necessary, works.

So what is your duty as an American? Speak your mind. Write to Technician or any other forum and tell the world what you think. Tell the administrators what you think about the parking situation on campus. Let your voice be heard. But be smart about it and make yourself look good. Present a clearly stated rebuttal (with punctuation) and let it speak for itself. Do not limit others' right to free speech because you think they are wrong. Agree to disagree and move on with your life.

Too many times, people are silenced because they feel intimidated by the popular or majority opinion. It is OK to be in the minority. In fact, just once, I challenge my readers to take the minority position on an issue. It makes you see another side of an issue and see where someone else is coming from. You might be surprised at what you learn. Do not sit there and go through life without a voice. Speak your mind! Whether you are conservative or liberal, religious or atheist or anything in between, it is your God-given right to be heard, so speak up. If you don't, crazy people, like Jerry Falwell, James Carville and myself will.

Ben sits around and laughs at the comments made by people who think his columns are mindless drivel. Keep on sending them to bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu. It is your right.

RULE OF THUMB



State budget nears passage

State legislative leaders and Governor Mike Easley announced Wednesday that they had finally agreed on a state budget for the coming year. "We figure we should have this baby written and passed by, at the latest, March of 2006," said a spokesperson for the governor's office.

Bush pushes invasion anyway

President Bush said on Wednesday that he would ask Congress for authorization to use force against Iraq despite the nation's promise to allow U.N. weapons inspections earlier this week. "I don't buy it for a minute," said Bush. "Besides, Mr. Cheney told me that they done hid their nukes. Inspectors won't never find 'em."



False terrorist ticket dropped

Law enforcement officials have dropped the traffic citation issued against one of the three Muslim medical students detained in last week's false terrorist alarm in Florida. "We dropped the toll booth thing, and now we're working on getting his dignity back," said a spokesperson for the Collier County Sheriff's Department.

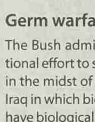
FBI reiterates plane threat

This week, the FBI reiterated a security advisory stating the terrorists could use planes as weapons. "I can't figure out if they're trying to scare us some more or just make themselves seem totally redundant," said one traveler at RDU International Airport. "I know I sure needed a reminder."



Denver airport employees busted

About 100 employees at Denver International Airport were detained this week for allegedly falsifying Social Security numbers on their job applications, FAA officials announced Wednesday. "We got antsy when we noticed that their name tags all said 'Leroy,'" said one official. "Even the women."



Germ warfare accord abandoned

The Bush administration this week abandoned an international effort to strengthen the Biological Warfare Convention in the midst of an international debate about terrorism and Iraq in which biological weapons figure heavily. "No, Iraq can't have biological weapons. No, we don't want to talk about. No, we aren't making any sense," said a State Department official.



Chocolate safe — for now

On Tuesday, the trust company that controls Hershey Foods Corporation reversed its two-month-old decision to sell the company, which had aroused anti-trust suspicions in Congress. Throngs of women took to the streets of America's cities, weeping tears of joy for the survival of the simple but elegant Kiss and the hallowed Milk Dud.



Libertarian ladies go pin-up

The North Carolina Libertarian Party has begun selling calendars featuring photos of several of its female notables in skimpy lingerie. When asked what they were calling the calendar, one woman responded, "We were thinking about 'Yet Another Blow to the Credibility of Third-party Politics.'"



Distant signs of water

Italian astronomers using a 32-meter radio telescope have found signs of water in the atmospheres of planets orbiting several stars far outside of our solar system, indicating that life is at least remotely possible in the distant reaches of space. "We looked for root beer and didn't find anything," said one of the researchers. "But water? Who would have guessed?"



Deep-fried Twinkies a hit

Two brothers from Washington have struck it rich selling deep-fried Twinkies at local fairs in the state. "We figured that people just weren't fat enough, you know?" commented one of the brothers, Clint Mullen. "We're working on deep-frying pure lard. It'll be awesome."



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CAMPUS FORUM

Library is back

Congratulations students, you've won back your library. For all of those who participated in last week's action at the library and the wake-up call at the chancellor's house, you've made your voices heard. The library will be open at full hours soon, and your actions made all the difference. When people demonstrate their power, they get what they need. Now, the bonus is on students to continue to demonstrate the power that we have as a body of nearly 150,000 statewide. If we don't continually duplicate last week's actions, we will be put aside as usual. But if students begin to vote, begin to hold legislators accountable and begin to organize ourselves to upset the balance of political power, we can become a force in the politics of the state.

Despite the words of

those who will patronize us as some "angry kids," we believe students actually have a fairly sophisticated political analysis. We understand that the state's economy cannot continue to slash the budgets of education and human services. We know that without justice for students (the innovators of the future), workers (the foundation of our society) and those usually left out (like the mentally ill), this state will continue to slide backward economically, and the downturn will become a catastrophe. And all the while, banks and other major corporate interests reap the tax-break benefits of lining the campaign pockets of the legislators downtown. This is not only unjust but also unsustainable.

See, in the final analysis, students don't have that kind of power. We can't spend money like the corporations, we can't lobby

with the big boys and we can't pull slick backroom deals that undermine democracy. In fact, democracy is our only power. And that can manifest itself in one of two ways.

First, we can vote in November. We can educate ourselves about where candidates stand on issues regarding education and working people. We can mobilize to elect those who work for us and boot out those who cater to the corporate elite. That is how electoral democracy works.

Secondly, we can engage in action (like challenging the hours of the library Sept. 12) aimed to show those in power that we can (and will) make their lives difficult if we have to. That is how popular democracy works.

Either way, we demonstrate that democracy represents government by the people, not government by the backroom deal.

And a democracy, that's what we are, right?

Bryan Proffitt
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Marijuana mayor response

Finally, finally, I say! Finally, a politician is standing up for what he believes in! Who would've thought it? Why, we've all been asking for it for so long, we've all been searching for that politician who will fight for what is right without public opinion polls and governmental think tanks ... and now that we finally see it — why Technician condemns it!

In a world where politicians have become mere puppets of corporate donation, it is a very welcome change to see an elected official take such a steadfast stance on such a controversial issue. The man is not waiting until election time to debate

ideas about what should be done, to use the issue as Technician would have had it in his "campaign platform." No, this man is taking immediate action for what is right and, perhaps more importantly, for what he believes in.

When was the last time we saw anyone in a position of power do that? Mayor Krohn is not sending a message to the children to use drugs. He is telling them in a most straightforward manner that withholding medicine from the sick is wrong, and again more importantly, he is sending them the message that when you truly believe in something, so long as you are not harming others, you stand up for that belief despite the consequences.

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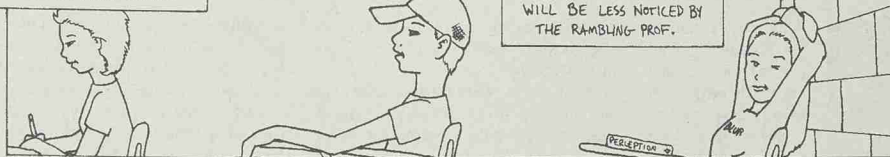
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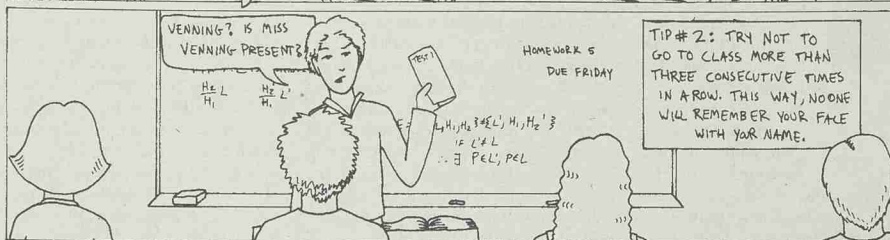
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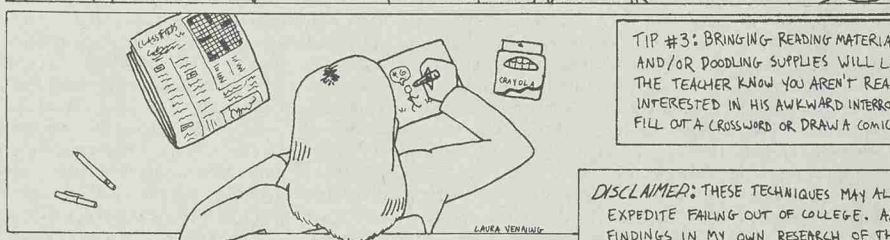
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The "angel" Maxine felt herself falling down the giant ant's throat. The organic darkness surged around her, and it seemed as if the rushing winds lifted her up as she plunged, plunged, plunged deeper into the ocean of oblivion swimming through gastric juices. The darkness went blacker and...Lo! There was a flash of light!

Maxine shrieked as she stood up and looked around. She was right where she had started her nap. There were no vines constricting her movement, no little ant who said things to make her angry, then grew enormous and devoured her...nothing of the sort. She was right where she had fallen asleep, under the tree that the boy Zathael had been sitting in. She looked up in the tree and saw that he had gone. Perhaps he had ventured back to the camp or perhaps he had wandered into the comet-ruined metropolis of Achillia.

Maxine decided that a trip farther into the parameters of this city was justified. "After all," she thought to herself, "I have been chosen to aid in the reconstruction of this destroyed city...I may as well do a little exploring. It will be good to become familiar with the land that I will seize control over once the rebuilding is finished."

She stood up and dusted her blue woven dress and took to the sky. She sailed over the train yard that she had such fun smashing up before her nap. Something puzzled her though: if this was a great city (and it was the second greatest city she had ever seen), where were all of the bodies of its dead inhabitants? To be sure there would be other remains rather than hundreds of toppled



"The 'angel' spotted a piece of architecture and swooped down to investigate further."

Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

buildings and thousands of wrecked cars. Maybe all of the organic material was vaporized...but...there were still traces of trees and some forms of life had returned to the outer regions, like the little bird she had seen earlier...hmmmm...

Maxine flew further into the expansive city. There were build-

ings built on top of buildings. Entire complexes must have supported millions before the comet had come. Roads spiraled miles through the immense structures. Entire coliseums and airfields were built resting on skyscrapers as more streets veined through the iron canyons below.

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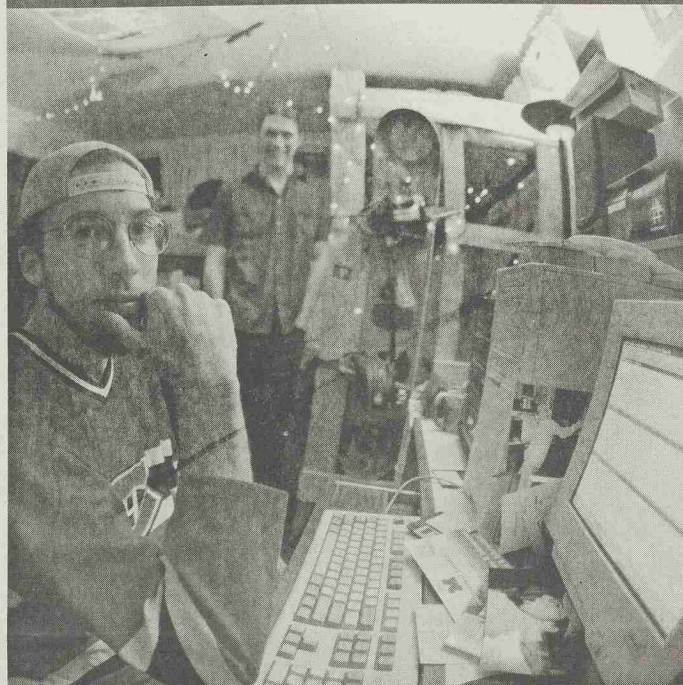
ful," Maxine thought. "It will be gorgeous to rule this municipality."

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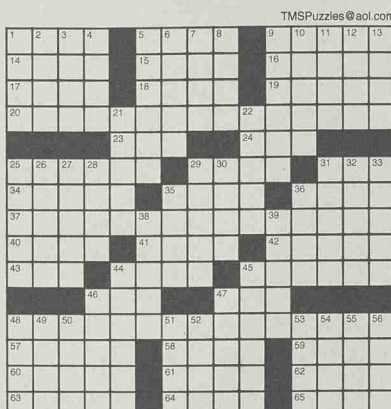
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Aries

March 21-April 19

Today is a 5. This is not a good day to travel. Ponder possibilities from your easy chair instead. Conditions are in a state of flux. Wait, watch and listen.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Today is a 9. There's confusion and trouble out there, but you can always find a way around it. Others worry, you don't. Why bother worrying? Plow through.

Gemini

May 21-June 21

Today is a 5. Isn't anything turning out as expected? Probably not. Could it be turning out more like you hoped or prayed for? Quite possibly. Keep it up.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Today is a 9. Concentrate on what you want to happen. Believe that you can make a difference, because you can. A problem you're worried about won't materialize.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 6. The truth is being revealed, possibly the truth about your investments. If you bought into a bogus deal, the truth could hurt.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 7. There are a few things you've been wanting to change, some corrections you'd like to make. This could be your big chance. Move quickly.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is a 6. Save your brilliant suggestions for this weekend. They'll be warmly received by your friends. Meanwhile, get an icky job done. No complaining.

Scorpio

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is an 8. You're still a calming influence to those whose lives have been disrupted. Continue to give them love and support. They'll be forever grateful.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 5. Things will never be the same, partially because of you. The pretenses are being stripped away. The truth is being revealed. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You can come up with answers the others seek. You're making up some of them as you go along, but they work. You're amazing under pressure.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is a 5. Have you been paying too much? Don't beat yourself up. Just make the correction. If you reassess your expenses, you'll end up with more in the bank.

Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 7. Don't let others push you around, even if they have clout. The best thing for them is not always the best thing for you.

THOMPSON

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off a big run? Hmm, that's a tough one. Maybe you go for his knees and cut off his ability to utilize those elusive legs? Nah, you can't do that! That's just not nice. He might get hurt.

Seriously though, on almost every play in football, there is the potential for injury. Quarterbacks are protected in the rulebook against helmet-to-helmet and other malicious hits. Once a quarterback like Vick chooses to leave the pocket, however, he becomes like any other player on the field.

If he's going to utilize the skills that made him the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, Vick is going to have to leave the pocket and he will take his share of hits. Now that teams know that he's sensitive about getting hurt, life for Vick isn't going to get any easier. Teams are going to be aiming for those knees.

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KINGSBURY

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would never relinquish the position.

Against powerhouse Oklahoma, Kingsbury finished 9-of-17 for 259 yards and three scores. It was Kingsbury who sparked a late rally to overcome a 21-16 deficit and defeat the Sooners 38-28.

And it has been games like those that have followed Kingsbury into his final year as a Red Raider.

Having already received his degree in management, Kingsbury has directed all of his focus on football and his Heisman run.

Thus far in 2002, through the air, Kingsbury has completed 83-of-131 pass attempts in three games. The strength of his arm has allowed him to rack up 980 yards and eight scores while giving him an efficiency rating of 141.77.

"Perhaps the only real difference I've seen [by watching film] between him [Kingsbury] and Rivers is that he can run a lot faster than Rivers," said defensive end George Anderson. "If he gets pressured, then he's out of there, but to me, he seems like he's a pretty poised player. If there's a guy open, he's going to get him the ball. He's got pretty good accuracy with his throwing, and he's a tough player. You can't just get one hand on him, or he's likely to get free."

But that advantage in speed hasn't shown up lately. While he has proposed a threat on the

ground in his past years, Kingsbury has yet to be any sort of running danger in 2002. In games against then No. 12 Ohio State, Southern Methodist and Mississippi, Kingsbury has been made human, gaining only 11 yards on 18 rushes, while losing 71.

As long as Kingsbury's arm stays hot though, he really doesn't need to worry about a running game.

Heading into Saturday's contest, Kingsbury holds 34 Texas Tech records in both passing and total offense. He is the Big 12's all-time leading passer with 8,392 career passing yards and is the only player in Red Raider history to have thrown for over 3,000 yards. (Kingsbury has done it each of the past two seasons.)

Furthermore, his accolades also include eight additional Big 12 records. Among those are most completions in a season (365 in 2001) and most touchdown passes thrown in a season (25 in 2001).

"He completes passes for lots of yards," said State head coach Chuck Amato. "The mechanics of the offense are that he spreads the ball around to everybody and he knows where they're supposed to be. He's like Philip Rivers is to our football team. He doesn't make a lot of mistakes, he doesn't get flustered and he's mobile. He can get away from the rush and can get out of the pocket and throw the football. And he can do more things that create more problems when he does avoid the rush."

LUBBOCK

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Defensively, both teams have made drastic improvements over the off-season. This season, the Pack is in the top 10 in the nation in total defense. All-ACC safety Terrence Holt blocked his 12th kick against Wake Forest, moving him into No. 1 all-time in the ACC in blocked kicks.

The State secondary has yet to face a passing team, and in Texas Tech, the secondary will encounter an extreme version of the pass.

As Kingsbury says, "We pass to set up the pass."

Preoccupied by sweeps and counter plays, State defensive backs will be tested up, about and all through the air.

"They [Texas Tech] actually use their passing game as their running game," said State defensive

backs coach Chris Demarest. "A lot of their routes aren't the posts or the take-offs; a lot of their routes are the crossing routes and the check-downs to the backs and wide receivers. If we miss tackles, then they're going to get a 15 or 16-yard play."

"The offenses are very similar. They're going to use three wide-outs, and they're going to use four wide-outs. They're going to spread you out, and when they use two backs, it doesn't necessarily mean they're going to run the ball. Practicing all spring and preseason, and working on what we do best in our coverages will help us prepare for this game."

Amato is also cautioning to his team that the Tech defense and special teams is formidable itself, even under the shadow of that prolific offense.

"There's no question that [the Texas Tech] defense played well

against Ole Miss — a team that's got offensive power," Amato says. "Sometime people get so enamored with their offense because they move the ball up and down the field on people and score a lot of points, but the number-one reason they do is because they play great defense and have an outstanding kicking game."

Kingsbury has had outstanding performances against great teams such as Ohio State and Mississippi and sees this game with the Pack as another exciting match-up.

"These are the games you practice hard for and you play for because it's so much fun getting all that attention and everyone's jacked up," Kingsbury said. "We're excited, and it's going to be another visible game and I think we'll play well."

The Pack is hoping to spoil the day for the Red Raiders.

MCLENDON

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anemic running game, ranked last in the ACC in 2001.

Others, some of them fellow Wolfpack freshmen, doubted that 178 touchdowns on the lowest level of North Carolina high school football would convert to success in the ACC.

Within the team at least, those questions were answered quickly.

"A lot of players who came up here from other schools, freshmen with me — they were just like 'Yeah, you came from a 1A high school. If you'd been in Florida, it's serious down there,'"

McLendon said. "After the first game, they were all like, 'You can play, you can play, you're the truth.'"

Any questions Amato may have had have been answered, too.

"I think he's got a great future here," Amato said. "Just the other night, [the] first or second carry he had, we turned a defensive tackle loose who hit T.A. in the backfield. T.A. ran through him for quite a few yards."

Ask McLendon what he loves about football, and you'll get a simple, perhaps even obvious answer: scoring touchdowns.

"That's what you play for," he said. "If you're playing against another team at their home and you

score a touchdown on them, it just brings the whole crowd down. I like to suck it out of them."

The freshman continues pursuing touchdowns, and his goals for this season are not quite so stratospheric as his high school heights: an ACC title, a bowl win, maybe the ACC Rookie of the Year award.

Beyond that, who knows? The rookie's only 46 rushing touchdowns behind State record-holder Ted Brown and 70 behind national record-holder Travis Prentice of Miami, Ohio.

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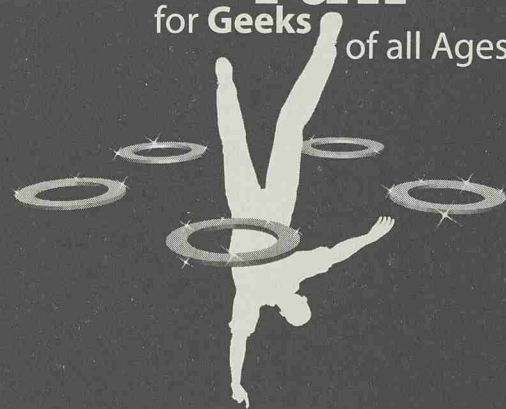
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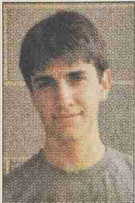
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He is a former college All-American at Virginia Tech — leading the Hokies to the national championship game. He is one of the most

promising young passers in the NFL. He is an elusive runner.

After this weekend's 14-13 loss to Chicago, however, Vick has shown the ability to take on a slightly less prestigious role — that of being a big baby.

"They were coming up to hit me," Vick told the Associated Press. "I heard one of their coaches scream, 'Take his knees out!' That was their goal, to knock me out of the game."

Vick went on to say that Bears defensive linemen forgot to count to five Mississippi before rushing him. Can you believe the nerve of these NFL players? I know that when I watch football, I want each team to be totally courteous to each other. If I was a coach and the opposing quarterback decided to run, I certainly wouldn't ask my defensive players to tackle him.

"Move out of the way, fellas," I'd yell. "Come on! Can't you see he's trying to score? Let's play nice!"

What a freaking joke! How in the world did Michael Vick advance this far in the football world without realizing that he's playing a *contact sport*?

It's not like I don't understand what Vick is saying. He thinks that the Bears were crossing the line between fair play and malicious behavior. And if those statements had been yelled when Vick was sitting back in the pocket trying to pass or lying at the bottom of a pile, I would totally agree that Bears defensive coordinator Greg Blache was out of line.

Vick, however, was scrambling out of the pocket and still trying to gain positive yards. What should the Bears do to try and stop him? Two-hand touch? I think not.

Let's examine the game of Michael Vick and see what is the best way to tackle him.

On the run, Vick is as dangerous and elusive as any running back in America. If you try and trip him up by his ankles, you're taking the huge risk of allowing him to slip past you. If you go for his upper body, he'll slide right through your arm.

How do you keep him from breaking

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T.D. McLendon

The holder of the national high school touchdown record is settling in at N.C. State.

Jimmy Ryals

Staff Writer

It's almost enough to make you seek a name change for T.A. McLendon — can we move that middle initial three letters down the alphabetical line?

Wouldn't it be perfect? A slight name change would tell you a few things up front about McLendon and what he loves

about football.

T.A. McLendon? T.D. McLendon seems more appropriate for the freshman who scored more high school touchdowns — 178 in four years — than anyone ever has.

The numbers so far have been more modest for the power runner with 4.35 speed: 40 carries, 152 yards and 3 touchdowns in three games played.

That first touchdown, a 5-yarder against East Tennessee State, was sweet, if a little short.

"I wanted a long-yarder," McLendon said. "But I'm in college, so I'll take them

any way they come now."

There were questions early on about how much playing time McLendon would see during his first season since more experienced backs Carlos Doggett and Cotra Jackson were returning.

But all that changed late last summer with the announcement that Doggett and Jackson were ineligible.

"I felt a lot of pressure because I think [the coaches] were looking for them to help me work my way into the system," McLendon said. "It had me messed up in the head for a little bit."

According to head coach Chuck Ama-

to, McLendon has grasped the offense well thus far.

"He's getting better each week, and that's what we want him to do," Amato said. "I think he's one of those backs that if we would hand him the ball 25 times a game he would have real good stats."

Despite his sterling high school record — he's fifth all-time on North Carolina's career rushing list and won a state title — how well he would perform on the collegiate level was a mystery. Some saw him as an iron supplement for State's

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Pack heads to Lubbock

The Pack goes for its fifth win of the season in a showdown of big-name quarterbacks.

Memie Ezike

Staff Writer

Texas Tech vs. N.C. State. Kliff Kingsbury vs. Philip Rivers. The potent Tech offense vs. the aggressive Wolfpack defense.

These and many other match-ups will show their faces on the field when the No. 17 State takes on the Red Raiders in Lubbock this Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

The Pack has been churning out points en route to a 4-0 record; however, this game will be the Pack's toughest test of the young season. This game will serve as a benchmark for the final eight games.

Of course, most of the buzz coming from this game involves the match-up between the two Heisman hopefuls —

junior Philip Rivers of the Pack and senior Kliff Kingsbury of the Red Raiders.

Rivers leads the nation in pass efficiency and with his 223 yards against Wake Forest, he moved into 13th on the ACC's all-time passing list with 6,593 yards. Tech's Kingsbury just became the Big 12's all-time leading passer with 8,392 yards following his 270-yard performance against Eli Manning's Ole Miss Rebels.

Despite all the hype of the quarterback duel, Rivers is resting easy and focusing on the game. He even notices the similarities and differences between the two quarterbacks.

"To tell you the truth, other than seeing him a few times on TV, I haven't seen much of him. From what I hear, he is a great [quarterback] and really leads that bunch. A lot of their success is due to the way he leads that team down the field," Rivers says.

Head coach Chuck Amato is also quick to give praise to Kingsbury.

"He completes passes for lots of yards. The mechanics of the offense are that he spreads the ball around to everybody and he knows where they're supposed to be. He's like Philip Rivers is to our football team," Amato says. "He doesn't make a lot of mistakes, he doesn't get flustered and he's mobile. He can get away from the rush and can get out of the pocket and throw the football."



State's George Anderson takes down a member of Wake Forest last Saturday. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

Texas Tech and State have two of the most potent offenses in the nation to date. Tech is averaging 389.7 yards total per game, 328.2 of those yards coming in the air. The Pack is average 400 total yards per game, with 238.2 of those yards coming from the arm of Philip Rivers. It is possible that an offense explosion could ensue during the game.

Tech rushes the ball rarely, so this is an

area that the Pack can exploit early and often during the game.

The Pack's trio of Greg Golden, T.A. McLendon and Josh Brown pose a formidable threat to the Red Raider defense. McLendon received ACC Rookie of the Week honors after his two-touchdown performance against Wake Forest.

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Bryan Peterson carries against Wake Forest. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

Kingsbury looks for all aces Saturday against Wolfpack

Heisman candidate and Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury will do all he can to lead the Red Raiders past N.C. State.

Justin Sellers

Senior Staff Writer

This weekend, when the N.C. State football team takes its perfect 4-0 record to Texas Tech, one thing is for sure: There's going to be a show put on by the quarterbacks.

While the Wolfpack features the arm of junior Philip Rivers, the Red Raiders take pride in a field general of their own, Kliff Kingsbury.

The son of a coach, much like Rivers, Kingsbury played for his father, Tim, in high school. It was at New Braunfels High that Kingsbury first began his quest to be one of the best.

Gradually his numbers rose and then in his senior year, Kingsbury passed for 3,009 yards and 34 touchdowns, leading his team to a 13-2 record, six of which were come-from-behind victories.

After redshirting his first year at Texas Tech, Kingsbury finally saw action in 1999. After playing in six games that year, Kingsbury gained the starting role in the season finale due to an injury to Rob Peters. He



The Pack's defense will try to keep Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury in check. KRT photo by Phil Masturzo

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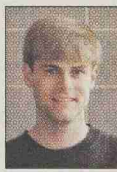
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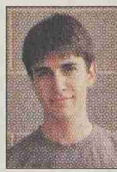
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Monday's trivia question: Before the Wake Forest game, when was the last time N.C. State's defense (not special teams) scored a touchdown, and who scored?

Answer: The last time N.C. State's defense scored a touchdown was last year's Duke game. Both Marcus Hudson and Levar Fisher scored for the Pack in that game.

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