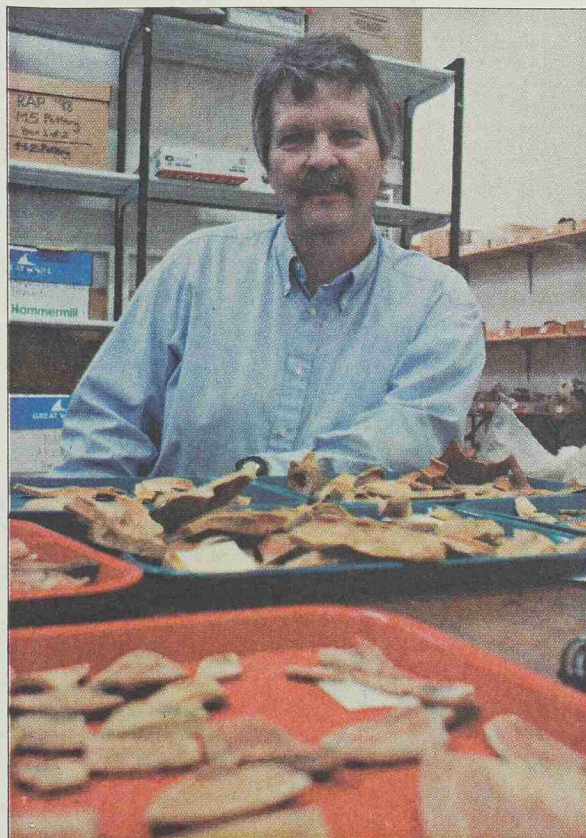


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Thomas Parker, an N.C. State history professor, brought back many specimens from his dig in Aila, Jordan. Staff Photo by Matthew Huffman

Evidence of earliest Christian church found

Thomas Parker, an N.C. State history professor, recently found an offering table in Aila, Jordan — confirming evidence of the oldest purpose-built church.

Rachael Rogers
Staff Reporter

Since 1994, Thomas Parker, has worked in Aqaba, Jordan, to uncover the lost city of Aila. Recently, all that hard work paid off when Parker, a professor in history, and his team of students, specialists and Jordanians discovered an offering table that may confirm what could be the oldest purpose-built church.

Parker has been working in the Middle East since 1971. As an undergraduate, he was a student volunteer. By 1980 — the year Parker joined the N.C. State faculty — he began directing his own projects.

From 1980 to 1989 Parker directed a project in Jordan where the main focus was to uncover a Roman legionary fortress. Fieldwork was completed in 1989, and it took five more years to write the final reports and submit them to the press. By 1994 Parker said he “was ready to think of a new project.”

This desire for a new project led Park-

er and his team to Aqaba, Jordan. The kingdom of Aqaba is Jordan's only access to the sea, so everything that enters and exits in Jordan comes through this city.

They went to Aqaba not to find the oldest church but to produce new evidence to shed light on the debate about the Roman Empire's economy. Some believe the economy was fairly simple, and others believe it was more complex. But finding what is believed to be a church was an unexpected discovery.

The purpose of these trips was to excavate Aqaba, a site which they knew from text to be a great international port of the Empire. They also hoped to produce new evidence that would allow them to “reconstruct its economy from the first to seventh century A.D.”

The summer of 1994 was the team's first season, and they had done major seasons every summer of the even numbered years. Parker's team totaled about 120 people each season.

“The era of the lone archaeologists, like Indiana Jones, is long over, and today archaeology is a team, multidisciplinary area that requires a host of experts in different areas to help interpret what is found,” Parker said.

Parker's team included 15 professional archaeologists and specialists who

helped supervise and analyze pottery, coins, animal bones, ancient plant remains and human skeletal remains. They also hired a number of geologists, several photographers and about 70 Jordanians to work mostly as manual laborers.

Parker also took several students. Each trip he brought about 35 students from NCSU and other American and Canadian universities. Parker feels that including the students is very important because “they touch history and are producing exciting, new evidence about our past and working in a culture very different from their own.”

Jenny Spruill, a junior in history, was one of the students who participated this past summer. She learned about the project in Parker's ancient history class.

“It was a sort of ‘Real World’ for archaeologists. You know: ‘Thirty historians. One apartment building. Two months in an Arabic-speaking country. They will eat, sleep, laugh, cry and party together,’” Spruill said. “Oh, and dig

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FIND YOUR PLACE

Events to be held by N.C. State and student organizations for the week of Nov. 11-17.

Architecture Lecture

Featuring James Carpenter, an artist and sculptor with a strong background in developing new and emerging glass and material technologies. Monday, 5:30 p.m. Kampheffer Auditorium

Carmichael Gymnasium Facilities Satisfaction Survey

Gymnasium seeks student opinions on gym improvements. Monday and Tuesday, 6-11 p.m. Carmichael Gymnasium

MANRRS hosts panel discussion

“How to succeed as a minority in the field of sciences.” Tuesday, 6 p.m. Witherspoon Student Center, Room 356

Holocaust Survivor David Faber to Visit NCSU

David Faber will speak at NCSU and share his memories of the Holocaust.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Talley Student Center Ballroom

“Party with the Pack”

The event to promote the General Motors marketing internship includes food, music and prizes. Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Brickyard

Basketry Workshop

The Alpha Pi Omega sorority and NASA will present a free basket-weaving workshop. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Talley Student Center, Board Room

Jazz by Candlelight

Fundraiser hosted by Omega Psi Phi fraternity to benefit the African-American Cultural Center; includes dancing, light refreshments and a silent auction. Thursday, 7 p.m. Witherspoon Student Center, Room 356

AFTERdark

The campus ministries will host a night of music and drama led by Derrick Webb and Joe White of Caedmon's Call. Thursday, 8 p.m. Paul Derr Track

Ladies in Red Concert

NCSU's all-female a cappella ensemble Saturday, 8 p.m. Talley Student Center, Stewart Theater

N.C. State Greeks surprise former director of Greek Life

Mindy Sopher, who has lived with cancer for three years, recently received an \$1,110 gift certificate from fraternity and sorority members.

Aniesha Felton
Staff Reporter

And it happened like this: first, a distasteful, guishing of what is a Ho-Ho and what is a Ding Dong; second, a planned speech, with an unexpected topic; third, a surprised class; fourth, a bombardment of gifts; and, finally, a teary-eyed, speechless Mindy Sopher.

On Friday during Sopher's public speaking class, David Wood, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity surprised the former director of Greek Life with an \$1,110 gift certificate for the Grove Park Inn.

In addition, Sopher received a book, The History of Grove Park Inn, a CD called The Songs of the Grove and a half-dozen roses.

“She was the best Greek Life director in the world,” Wood said. “She has helped out with membership, has gone to bat for us on many occasions and has just been a best friend to the Greeks. It was just time to give back to the woman who has given up more than her share of humor, kindness, time, dedication and recent inspiration.”

Sopher, a communication professor and research assistant for the National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional

Effectiveness, has lived with cancer for three years. In the October issue of the health magazine Biologics, Sopher writes and describes what the pill Xeloda has done in her life. She tells of the ups and downs of battling cancer and proclaims that it is always a good day because it is a day she is aboveground.

After taking time off from teaching due to her cancer, Sopher has returned to N.C. State and has worked full-time for two years.

“I love to teach; it gives me another opportunity to grow,” Sopher said. “These kids are awesome, even before this blessing of an event.”

After an hour and a half, Sopher still was flabbergasted.

“I can't believe it. I'm a speech teacher, and I'm so speechless,” she said. “I am so surprised. I was actually grading David on his speech; then I started crying, which did not make for effective grading.”

In addition to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Gamma Rho, Chi Psi, Delta Sigma Phi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Chi, Delta Zeta Sigma, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa, Theta Chi, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha all contributed to “Mindy's surprise.”

“I am truly blessed,” said Sopher. “I had a thousand people — college students — half of who haven't even met me to participate in this great thing. I

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Gymnasium seeks student input

Students are invited to offer input on Carmichael Gymnasium through a survey or an upcoming open forum.

News Staff Report

In 1940 William Donald Carmichael became the vice president and financial officer for the then three-college, consolidated UNC university system. One of Carmichael's main visions for N.C. State was to see the completion of a gymnasium. In 1961, Carmichael Gymnasium was born.

Carmichael serves approximately 30,000 student, faculty, staff and alumni and currently boasts outdoor and indoor tracks, swimming pools, basketball courts, racquetball courts and areas for wrestling, boxing, weightlifting and gymnastics.

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And now, NCSU officials are seeking student input and opinions on what they see in the future for Carmichael.

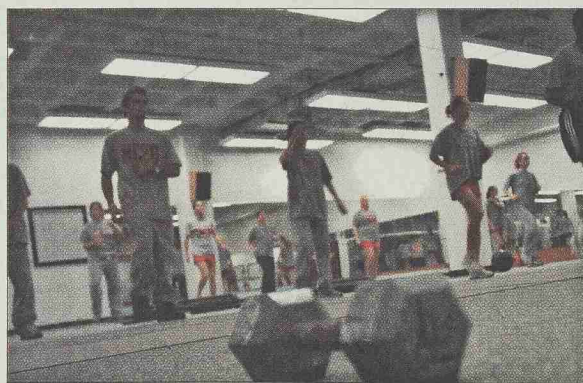
On Monday and Tuesday, Carmichael is inviting students to come and fill out a brief facilities satisfaction survey. The survey will take place from 6 to 11 p.m. at the entrance near the gym's weight rooms.

According to Dawn Sanner, the gym's director of facilities and operations, “there have been discussions of a Carmichael Gymnasium expansion.”

Sanner and other university officials want to know what students think about certain areas in the gym. One specific area that gym officials are focusing on is the outside basketball courts.

“Student input is very important in all

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Students in Gary Wall's PE 105 class work on circuit practice at Carmichael Gymnasium. Staff Photo by Matthew Huffman

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through about 400 years of history in six weeks."

Spruill enjoyed working with Parker and the team.

"Dr. Parker is more than just the director. He is the driving force behind his crew; he motivates, inspires and challenges us to succeed," she said.

Stephanie Bowers, a senior in history, also admits she had a memorable experience working on the project.

"This project has absolutely, without a doubt, changed my life," Bowers said. "Not only has it changed my course of study, but also it has changed my outlook on life. After the 2000 season, I noticed I was much more open to many issues and cultures. I long to continue traveling abroad, and I hope to use my profession to do so."

Parker, along with his team, worked throughout these summers at digs. "There is a kind of romantic view of archaeology that is not all true. Most of the time, archaeologists dig garbage. You

find a lot of fragments, coins, ruins of structures, but when you put that all together, it gives you a very detailed picture of people's lives 2,000 years ago," Parker said.

They also had to consider what was once there but did not survive, such as clothing and wood. They accomplished this by looking for indirect evidence, such as incense burners and loom weights that were used in textiles.

The team got up each day to look for this direct and indirect evidence at 4 a.m. to beat the heat. Aqaba is a hyper-arid, desert area with less than two inches of rain a year. During the summers, the temperatures can reach 130 degrees.

The team worked from 5 a.m. to noon, and after lunch it washed pottery and worked in the field notebooks during the hottest part of the day. Then the evenings were usually free and members would typically sit on the roof of their apartment building and enjoy the view of modern Aqaba.

But the team was working under a big time constraint. It was "in a race against time trying to identify, in still undeveloped areas of the site, where the ancient ruins

lay," Parker said.

Aqaba is a fast-growing city, and the ancient city Aila was quickly being taken over by this rapid growth. The Jordanian government helped with this race against time.

Jordanian officials "took steps to permanently protect these sites. If we hadn't started in 1994, the site would have been developed and lost forever," Parker said.

The first season was "something like a crashshoot. There was nothing visible, and some of the areas they first dug into were just sterile, but in other areas all we had to do was scrape the surface, and things began to appear," Parker said.

During the 1994 and 1996 seasons, a building began to appear, but its purpose was uncertain. Later evidence suggested that it might be a church.

"By the end of the 1998 season, we were ready to go public with the suggested interpretation ... What surprised us was to find it was built at the end of 300 A.D.," Parker said.

The dating of the structure is secure because of coins and inscriptions. What is not proven is

that this structure is a church, "but circumstantial evidence leaves this as the most possible conclusion," Parker said.

If this is in fact a church, it is the oldest purpose-built Christian church in the world. At the time of its construction, Christianity was an illegal religion, and practicing Christianity was a capital offense.

Because of this, it was largely an underground movement, and people practiced it in the privacy of their homes, but in the late third century, there was de facto toleration, and "text shows that many beautiful churches were built during this time," Parker said.

However, in 303 A.D. the Roman government decided to reinforce the laws, and most of these churches were pulled down. This lasted until about 311 A.D., and in the Aila area, these laws lasted until about 313 A.D.

However, the church that Parker's team found "escaped destruction because Aila was in the extreme southeastern periphery of the Roman Empire and, because of this, authorities might have been content to close this build-

ing," Parker said.

This church was re-opened and probably used until 363 A.D., when an earthquake probably collapsed the upper walls of the structure.

The church is interesting because, unlike other early churches, it was not reconstructed after the earthquake destroyed it. Instead, it was abandoned and left outside the city's fortification walls. So, this church is original.

The building's plan points to its having been; it "parallels other mud-brick churches in Egypt," Parker said. The orientation of the church is also toward the east, like all early churches, and the artifacts found inside are evidence that the structure was once a church.

It is a large building, and there is no evidence that suggests it was used for domestic or industrial purposes. Researchers found pieces of glass oil lamps and an alabaster plate, implying that the building was of great importance.

And this past summer, they uncovered the most convincing piece of evidence — an offering table.

Now the fieldwork is done, and

team members are moving into the final publication of the findings and results. And, they have not lost their main focus of the project — the reconstruction of the Roman economy.

They are also working with the Jordanian government to conserve and protect the sites and hopefully use them to increase tourism, which is one of Jordan's biggest economic boosts. Parker and his team are working on creating an archaeological park with a museum, and they will return the museum-quality artifacts.

Most of the artifacts, however, are the property of N.C. State, which is a "great asset to the university," Parker said.

"Everyone thinks of N.C. State as a technical and agricultural school, but here is a project in the humanities that is bringing N.C. State worldwide attention in an area that is not one of its traditional strengths in the public's perception," Parker said. "This project is showing another side of the university that most people aren't aware of, and it was an honor and privilege to lead the team and to direct this project."

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always said I worked with the best kids when people asked me who I worked with.

"[NCSU fraternities and sororities] are living what they say they are. I wholeheartedly appreciate their support, caring hearts and faithful prayers." "She is just a wonderful and inspiring person," Wood said. "To see her live her life to the fullest while having a major setback in her life is very inspirational. I hope to have that spirit always."

CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police for last Thursday.

8:50 a.m. Safety program

A police officer conducted a safety program at Venture III.

9:06 a.m. Medical assistance

A student was feeling nauseated and lightheaded at Sullivan Hall. The subject fell and struck his or her head, receiving a minor injury. The student was transported to Student Health Services.

2:29 p.m. Police violation

A staff member reported a student for violating transportation rules and regulations regarding improper use of a stolen decal.

2:46 p.m. Traffic accident

A student reported a traffic accident in the Delta Zeta parking lot.

3:26 p.m. Larceny

A faculty member reported the larceny of two laptops from Grinnells Lab.

4:36 p.m. Hit and run

A faculty member reported that his or her vehicle was damaged while parked in North Hall lot.

5:51 p.m. Larceny

A student reported his or her bookbag stolen from D.H. Hill Library while he or she were sleeping.

7:54 p.m. Safety program

An officer conducted a safety program at Bowen Hall for 40 students.

8:20 p.m. Safety program

An officer conducted a safety program at Schaub Hall for 22 people.

8:43 p.m. Suspicious vehicle

A student reported subjects sitting in their vehicle with the lights off in the Aventura Ferry Complex lot. Officers checked the area with negative results.

9:09 p.m. Trespass warning

A non-student was issued a trespass warning in reference to an assault that took place in North Hall. The victim did not wish to pursue charges.

10:23 p.m. Checkpoint

Officers conducted a checkpoint on Varsity Drive; they issued 13 verbal warnings and one citation.

11:03 p.m. Alcohol violation

A staff member reported underage drinking at Becton Hall. Officers checked the area with negative results.

1:31 a.m. Traffic stop

A student was cited for speeding, 35 in a 20, on Dan Allen Drive.

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of this," said Sanner. "We want to see a lot of students participate in the survey."

In Nov. 18 and 19 Tuesday and Wednesday. Students are encouraged to come out and give suggestions to gymnasium officials regarding improvements that could be made.

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Tiny credit cards make debt easier to get

Many people will get to see the mini cards soon; Bank of America is mailing them to 1.2 million of its customers.

Andrew Shain

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mini credit cards introduced by Bank of America and Discover this year have opened a new battlefield to win over consumers — the key chain.

Card issuers are betting people will enjoy the convenience of dangling the mini cards among their discount grocery tags, gym passes and house keys. And with the average American household carrying 14 credit cards, marketers

hope the tiny ones become the favorite at the cash register.

Many people will get to see the mini cards soon: Bank of America is mailing them to 1.2 million of its customers.

"There's no better place for 'on-go' Americans" than the key chain, said Patrick Kiernan, a consumer consultant from Colorado. "You don't have to reach inside your wallet. And you don't have to make a choice."

This latest micro trend begs some big questions: Will thieves start going for our keys? Are we careful enough with our key chains? And will we charge more? "Every time you get your keys out to start your car, you're reminded the card is there," said Curtis Arnold, who runs an In-

ternet news and discussion board about credit cards. "You could spend some more."

Jean Ann Fox, consumer protection director at the Consumer Federation of America, said key-chain cards could be too tempting to people who make impulse purchases or have large debts. "They don't need it to be easier to use a credit card," she said.

Customers will need to be responsible, card issuers said. "When you use a Visa card, it's the one we want you to use," said Jamilly Pentz, product manager for Bank of America's mini card. "It's not that we want you to use it more."

The tiny credit cards owe their start to the supermarket discount cards that have won a place in

three out of four American households. It's expected that people at the checkout will use the credit card on the same key chain as their discount card.

"People have become used to waving their keys and some sort of financial transaction happening," said Thomas Hine, author of the upcoming "I Want That! How We All Became Shoppers."

Until now, losing a key chain card wasn't a crisis. What's the worst a thief can do with your grocery discount card? Make it look like you have a sudden interest in Cheez Doodles and Budweiser? A credit card in the wrong hands, though, opens many more possibilities.

"It seems to fly in the face of the trend of people wanting more se-

curity," Hine said. "To me, a wallet feels more secure than a key chain because a key chain is more likely to fall out of your pocket. Pickpockets have had no incentive to rob your key chain. Now they will."

Bank of America and Discover say customers are not liable for any unauthorized purchases. Victims have to spend time straightening out their accounts, something tough to place a price on. People will need to exercise the same precautions with their key chain as their wallets, Pentz said.

Patsy Mobley of Charlotte said the convenience of no longer having to search her handbag for a credit card outweighs worries about thieves. The cracker-size cards could spark more key-ring

goodies.

Exxon Mobil Corp. already has about 5 million customers for its SpeedPass, a car key-size wireless wand that puts purchases on a credit card with a wave in front of sensors. McDonald's is testing a similar wand in Florida and the Midwest.

So what's after the key chain? How about your wrist? Timex has introduced a watch with the SpeedPass sensor. Chips embedded in wrist bands grant access at Six Flags and Stone Mountain parks in the Atlanta area. Cardweb.com President Robert McKinley said.

Said Bankrate.com editor Daniel Ray: "You might want to watch where you're waving."

Some in GOP worry party could push its agenda too hard

Some religious conservatives, anti-tax activists and business leaders are urging the GOP to push ahead on their pet causes.

Jill Zuckman

Chicago Tribune (KRT)

WASHINGTON — Now that Republicans will control the House, Senate and White House, everyone from religious conservatives to anti-tax activists to business leaders has begun urging the GOP to push ahead on their pet causes, demanding results as a reward for their loyalty. But some conservative activists and Republicans are worried that the pressure to quickly satisfy important but narrow GOP constituencies could result in political harm to their party and ultimately their cause.

The last thing the party needs looking toward the next election in 2004 is an extremist image that could prompt voters to turn back to the Democrats, they said. The key question for the re-empowered Republicans is whether they can avoid the overreaching that so often seems to afflict a party that controls the levers of government, analysts said.

Aware of the pitfalls, some Republicans cite the leadership style of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., after the party took control of the House in 1995. It was so harsh that it repulsed voters and yielded a decisive re-election for President Bill Clinton, they said.

"I think it's fair to say there was a certain arrogance and gloating after all those years of being out of power that came across and

was to the detriment of the party," said Gary Bauer, a former Republican presidential candidate who heads American Values, a public policy think tank.

Others noted that the GOP controlled Congress and the White House when President Bush was elected in 2000, only to quickly alienate one of its own, Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont, who abandoned the party and handed control of the Senate to the Democrats.

It's a reaction that works both ways. When the Democrats controlled the government in 1992, they sought to push through an ambitious health-care reform plan, prompting voter backlash that gave Republicans control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

Some Republicans are warning their colleagues not to give in to

certain groups and repeat those mistakes.

"There are unsophisticated and unhelpful parts of the coalition who stand up and say, 'I want 'X' today,'" said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, who leads a coalition of 120 conservative activists.

Paul Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation, a conservative think tank, has been warning GOP leaders to lower expectations despite last Tuesday's midterm election that gave Republicans control of the Senate with at least 51 seats. The GOP added to its majority in the House.

"The constituencies got really fired up. Bush fired them up," Weyrich said. "Naturally, they expect some action, and it has to be explained to them what the realities are."

Still, across the Republican spectrum, special-interest groups are making their lists and beginning to agitate for attention to their causes.

"We are going to continue to push our agenda, and the leadership can either take it up or not," said Lori Waters, executive director of the Eagle Forum, a conservative group advocating a ban on late-term abortions and human cloning and an end to amnesty for illegal aliens.

Business groups have issued statements calling for permanent tax cuts, a drop in the capital gains tax rate, tort reform, trade and energy legislation, and a terrorism insurance measure, among others.

So far, Republicans have said they want to pass homeland security legislation, confirm federal judges and make permanent

last year's tax cuts. But Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi has signaled that he is proceeding with caution. Lott lost his position as majority leader in 2001 when Jeffords left the Republican Party.

"While I'm excited and elated and ready to go to work, I have learned from experience," Lott said last week. "I'm getting a second chance to do this job. I hope I will do it, you know, better than last time and learn from those experiences. And one of them is, you don't take off down the trail, saying what you are going to do, without a lot of consultation."

Saddam will get 'zero tolerance' from U.S. during weapons checks

Saddam has until Friday to accept the U.N. Security Council's resolution on Iraq's disarmament.

Drew Brown

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The United States will have "zero tolerance" for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein if he fails to cooperate with tough new weapons inspections scheduled to start next week, Bush administration officials said Sunday.

Saddam has until Friday to accept the U.N. Security Council's resolution on Iraq's disarmament and until Dec. 8 to give a full account of Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and missile programs. The Security Council plans to meet again to

decide what action to take if Iraq fails to comply with the resolution.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell, appearing on television news talk shows Sunday, said the pressure was on Saddam to adhere strictly to the resolution in order to avoid a war. The resolution passed by the 15-member Security Council on Friday gives Saddam one last opportunity to comply with U.N. demands that he submit to renewed inspections. The resolution declared that Saddam has been in "material breach" of previous international demands to disarm since the end of the 1991 Gulf War. The action by the world body sets into motion what appears to be the end game for the Iraqi leader.

Saddam deceived and stalled

international monitors for years before they finally left the country in frustration in 1998. A new advance team of international inspectors plans to arrive in Iraq next Monday.

"This time no one is going to have any tolerance for the kind of games of cat and mouse that Saddam has played in the past, for these games: 'We don't understand it,' 'Maybe it's just this term, maybe it's just that term.' There should be zero tolerance of that," Rice said on ABC's "This Week." Rice said it was up to Saddam to cooperate by leading inspectors to weapons facilities and providing access to Iraqis who know about the weapons programs. "The inspectors are not going to go hunting and pecking all through a country the size of France, trying to prove that Saddam Hussein does or does not

have weapons of mass destruction. It's up to him to allow this to take place."

Powell repeated the Bush administration's assertion that the resolution does not preclude the United States from taking action on its own, even without explicit council approval.

"I can assure you that if he doesn't comply this time, we'll ask the U.N. to give authorization for all necessary means, and if the U.N. is not willing to do that, the United States, with like-minded nations, will go and disarm him forcefully," Powell said, speaking on CNN's "Late Edition." "We believe we ought to approach this with a zero-tolerance attitude because we have been down this road before," Powell said.

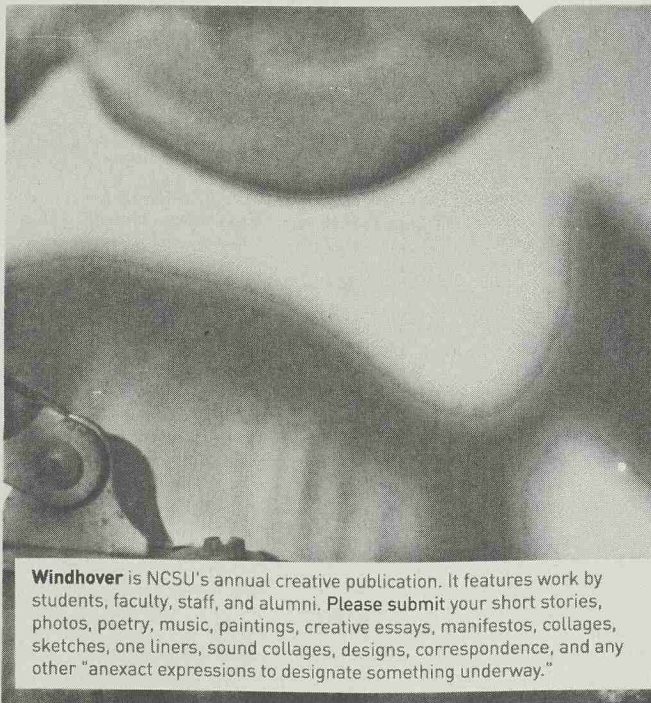
Iraqi state television reported Sunday that Saddam ordered the Iraqi parliament to convene to

discuss the U.N. resolution and decide whether the country will accept it. Rice dismissed the idea of Saddam seeking advice from the parliament as "ludicrous" and a "ploy." "Saddam Hussein is an absolute dictator and a tyrant," she said. "And the idea that some he expects the Iraqi parliament to debate this — they have never debated anything else."

Arab ministers meeting in Cairo said Sunday that Saddam had accepted the resolution and would allow inspectors back into the country. The ministers welcomed the U.N. resolution as an opportunity for a peaceful settlement of the crisis. But they insisted that Arab experts be included on U.N. inspections teams and that the United States adhere to pledges that it gave Syria not to use the resolution as a pretext for a military invasion, Egypt's Middle

Eastern News Agency reported.

Saddam has insisted in the past that all of his weapons programs have been dismantled. But intelligence experts believe that Saddam still possesses vast stocks of chemical and biological weapons, including nerve and mustard gas, anthrax and ricin. Since the late 1990s, Iraq has accelerated its attempts to develop a nuclear weapon and has actively sought to purchase uranium abroad. According to an assessment by the British government, Iraq could produce a bomb within one or two years if it obtained fissile material from foreign sources.



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Carmichael calls for student input concerning improvements

N.C. State officials are inviting students to complete a satisfaction survey today and tomorrow concerning Carmichael Gymnasium's current status and possible improvements for the future. Next Tuesday and Wednesday, students are also invited to an open forum in which gymnasium officials will listen to individual comments.

Nearly every student will need to take physical education courses at Carmichael Gymnasium, so the status of the facility has a large effect on N.C. State. The gymnasium is a place where students work-out to start the morning or to end a tough day, to practice their favorite sports, and even to gather with friends for aerobics classes or Intramural-Recreational events.

Since the gym impacts so many, it is commendable that university officials have chosen to ask students about personal concerns. While other committees make decisions without consulting the student body (or by merely asking a few students), this is an opportunity for every member of the student body to participate through either a survey or the open forum.

One of the specific places where university officials want input is the outdoor basketball court area. Gymnasium officials have hinted at the possible expansion of Carmichael, and the outdoor area would be a logical place for this expansion to occur. Although growth of the facility may be needed, the basketball courts are a positive asset to the gymnasium and should not be removed unless new courts can be constructed. The courts are often used by students, and they provide an alternative to the indoor gymnasium.

CAMPUS FORUM

ECPs are a form of terminating a pregnancy

I take exception to the editorial printed supporting ECPs. First of all, the author should have made mention of what her definition of "pregnancy" is. I personally believe that pregnancy (as well as life, but that's a more controversial issue) begins at fertilization. Therefore, by my definition, as well as many other people's, is that this pill does, in fact, end a pregnancy. I do understand that "medical science" defines pregnancy as implantation; however, I do not take everything that medical science throws at me as being the gospel truth. They have been wrong before, and I guarantee they will be wrong again.

Secondly, this pill is not 100 percent effective. The article was misleading in that regard. Correctly taken contraceptives are over 99 percent effective, and this pill can vary in efficacy from 75-89 percent. I wouldn't take those chances. It seemed to me that this editorial was insinuating, "Hey, if you mess up, don't worry about it! Just come on down to the pharmacy, and we'll estrogen you right up, no worries!" It's not that simple, sorry.

In the future, please try to show all sides

of an issue, and try hard not to paint the "religious freaks" as anti-contraceptive Nazis. I happen to be a Christian, and I am on birth control. I support birth control. For crying out loud, if you can't take one pill a day or one shot a month, do not have sex!

Katie White
Graduate Student
Veterinary Medicine

Editor's Note: Darren O'Connor's column "Confused about drug war," which ran on Wednesday, also appeared on the Web site for a national magazine, Cannabis Culture. The column generated many responses from across the nation.

True conservatives do not support prohibition

Major kudos to Darren O'Connor for his outstanding op-ed: "Confused About Drug War" (11-6-02). As a "true" conservative, I am insulted by the hypocrisy of someone who supports the policy of prohibition being considered a conservative.

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Domestic regime modification



Chris Hickling
Staff Columnist

Along with Dubya in the White House, control of the House and a majority in the Supreme Court, the conservative planets have aligned for the trifecta.

First of all, and I can't believe that this is going in print next to my name, kudos to the Republicans. At summer's end, the economy was in the tank, we still hadn't caught Mr. Bin Laden, and corporate irresponsibility was as pronounced as the oppressive heat.

The issues hadn't changed much when leaves started to fall from the trees, but the GOP found a way to flip the momentum to its side. The Republicans took lemons and made lemonade that spelled out total control of our federal government.

Anyone who knows the institutions of our government sees what is in place now. Republicans had control of all three branches at the start of Bush's term, but things didn't go as smoothly as his administration anticipated.

Our future can be summed up in one

word: judges. Two of our Supreme Court Justices were born in the 1920s. Six more were born in the 1930s. In the year 2002, that translates into retirement. With justices in their 70s and 80s, there will be new faces in the nation's highest court during Bush's term.

The consequences of this change will affect Bush's grandchildren. At this moment in time, a woman's right to choose is now in play. Affirmative Action is now in play. With Election 2000, the nation saw how much the Court could affect policy.

With these issues on the horizon, butterfly ballots and Broward County are the least of our worries.

Beyond that, there are issues on Bush's agenda that will have an easier time, such as war with Iraq and tax cuts. Economic policy and sending our troops overseas are potentially not as lasting as abortion rights, but the outcome will come in the next months. When stocks plummet and soldiers come home in body bags, the blame can be put on Wall Street and Saddam Hussein, but responsibility should be placed on the voters (and those who chose not to vote).

This election has been called a referendum on Bush, and rightfully so. Our President defied conventional and historical wisdom. When Minnesota voted for Norm Coleman, when North Carolina voted for Elizabeth Dole, when Florida voted for Katherine Harris, a certain portion was due to the candidate's positions, but a different portion was to tell President Bush that he has the reigns more now than ever.

Instead of spending time in Washington working with his Cabinet to find alternatives to sending men and women to Baghdad, and instead of consulting economic advisors on the sliding economy, our Commander-in-Chief was out barnstorming in 40 different states. I would not expect anything different from the chief officer of the right wing, but the blame can now be put on one side of the fence.

If things go well in the next two years, I can take the newsprint this appears on and eat my words. It things go less than well, instead of eating this paper, a change is the civic duty of any responsible voter. America has more elections than most other governments for a good reason — if things don't go well, if promises aren't kept, if kept promises fail to give results that are positive — there is a solution. When any employee does not perform to standard, he is fired. You have "hired" a Republican government.

Thomas Jefferson, a founding father, called for revolution every generation. At the end of the summer, problems dotted the American landscape — corporate lying, terrorism, the economy and more. When the next election comes around and the problems have not been solved, revolution is the answer.

Citizens of America: You have made your bed. It's time to lay in it.

Chris is moving on from Election 2002, slowly but surely. E-mail him reassurance that this new government won't screw it all up at cwhickli@ncsu.edu.

Making discrimination intolerable



Ariel Urena
Staff Columnist

veteran status."

While the passing of this resolution does not change university policies, it does specify what the university considers to be discrimination. This is an incredibly positive move on the part of our university. While discrimination by default includes discrimination based on sexual orientation, this resolution drives the concept home to students and faculty members.

There are several reasons why discrimination based on sexual orientation has been tolerated for so long. One reason is that people have tended to think that sexual orientation is something that someone chooses for him or herself. Unlike race or gender, many people believe others make the conscious decision to be homosexual, and therefore homosexuality should not be acceptable.

Yet there is increasing evidence that sexual orientation is biological and genetic — not a matter of someone's choosing. In light of this, it makes sense that discrimination against homosexuals should

not be tolerated any more than any other kind of discrimination.

We also have to consider that we are in an institution of learning. Many students come from backgrounds where friends and family members were much like themselves; they were people of the same cultural and religious upbringing. University life may come as a rude awakening to many that not everyone thinks and behaves like they do. But this enhances the learning experience and gives people the opportunity to understand that our world is composed of a wide range of people who are all deserving of the same rights and learning opportunities.

Growing up, a lot of us remember the worst insult a boy could receive was being called gay. If somebody was considered to be uncool by his peers, it made him queer. I don't think that many kids these days would consider using racial slurs against their classmates because this has become so taboo, yet insulting somebody by calling her or him a homosexual is still acceptable among children and teens.

So it's no wonder that this problem persists in the university atmosphere. Possibly, this behavior has been tolerated by parents, or even reinforced if parents thought that homosexuality is a sin or unnatural. But this remains a matter of opinion; homosexuality is a characteristic that doesn't harm others and therefore should be tolerated.

If the university doesn't step in to make this concept clear among students, prejudice against homosexuals could con-

tinue for many generations to come. Certainly it's someone's right to believe that homosexuality is sinful. But by the same token, it's someone else's right to identify himself or herself as gay and to continue to pursue an education without fear of prejudice or violence.

The university atmosphere is very representative of the world that we live in. When we go home to see our families, it's true that we most likely associate with people who are much like ourselves. But for many people, college is one opportunity to learn that the world is composed of a wide range of people, and whether or not we choose to associate with them later in life, we must understand that we all coexist, and we must be accepting of our differences.

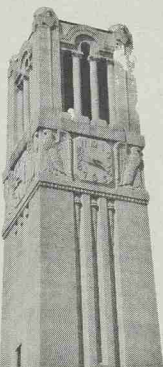
North Carolina has historically been a rather homogeneous state — predominantly white or black, predominantly Christian and predominantly conservative. Yet the face of our state is changing rapidly as industries and cities grow. As a diverse range of people begins to establish North Carolina as home, we should understand that those people will not all hold the same beliefs and lifestyles that have been mainstream here for many decades. And by making this understood at the university level, that tolerance will carry on for future generations.

Ariel hopes that she has stated the obvious, but she would still like to answer your questions and entertain your comments. Reply to midnitelamp55@yahoo.com.

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Abbie Byrom
Staff Columnist

In today's column, I thought I would address an issue that I am sure all opinion columnists will appreciate. We opinion columnists do not claim to be geniuses. We share our opinions for your daily entertainment and education. These columns are thoughts, biases and stances we take with the issues that students and the rest of the world face daily.

Part of our job is to get feedback from the students. Most of the time, we enjoy the e-mails that are sent to us, telling us we did a good job; however, there are a few bad apples that we just don't like. If you want to send us e-mail about our columns and tell us what you think, by all means go ahead and do so. I have decided to make a list of dos and don'ts to follow when you want to e-mail the writ-

ers.

1. DO tell us if you don't like our topic and think our ideas are stupid. There is always room for improvement, and you will find out that most of the writers will acknowledge that.

2. DO tell us if you think a particular column hit home or was enjoyable reading, whether it was because it was an issue you agreed with or just because it was a funny column that made your British literature class a little more exciting.

3. DO e-mail us if you have an idea or two you think we should cover. A lot of times columnists just can't think of something to write about, and we don't mind your help. Our paper represents the whole student body, and opinion should, too.

Now for a few don'ts:

1. DON'T send us hate mail that borders on being threatening, racist or harassing.

2. DON'T e-mail telling us we are not competent enough to do our jobs. If you want to do better, all you have to do is

come by 323 Witherspoon and fill out an application.

3. DON'T e-mail telling us we do not know our facts without supporting evidence of where we went wrong. Our columns go through a series of editors, outside of our own research on our topics, and we try to present facts as accurately as possible.

I myself, and some of the other columnists as well, have received mail along these lines. In our country, we preach tolerance. Tolerance of religion, tolerance of men dressing like women and tolerance of same-sex relationships. We allow a lot on the issue of tolerance and expect the same respect as opinion columnists.

If our own college campus cannot respect the different writing styles and the different stances of the opinion writers, then our campus cannot possibly respect diversity. In the past, our nation has learned that acceptance and embracing diversity are what make our little world

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The other side of some athletes



Decker
Ngongang
Staff Columnist

This semester I have had the chance to work with a class that studies the effect sexist culture has on males. I have seen the ways in which many males perpetuate those horrible acts and the notions that inhibit sexual assault and rape. I have also learned about stereotypical groups that often nurture such thoughts and actions.

One of those groups we so freely characterize as macho, sexist, ultra-masculine is the football team. No other group typifies the alleged definition of sexism than the one sport where females are absent from competition and where toughness and "manliness" are required to succeed.

My classmates and I were able to conduct a panel discussion with the freshman football players, and we were amazed at the end of the class — but not at some horrible thing someone said or at the acts they had committed. We were amazed at the honesty, the genuine attitude that they brought to the table.

We realized that they are no different than any other male on campus, except their high-profile status makes them an easy target. I learned that football players, like many male social groups on campus, don't realize the effects many of the things men do have on women and the way in which they perpetuate sexist dialogue and the culture that causes rape.

Talking to freshmen like Manny Lawson, T.J. Williams and, yes, the much-hyped T.A. McClen-don was refreshing. So often we think of them only as highlights

instead of real people. Talking about such a serious topic as rape with them was just a way to open the door for dialogue; I look forward to talking with them some more about the subject and what they can do to stop it.

In the class I am taking on ending rape and sexual assault, we are asked to facilitate dialogues with many groups around campus, and this group of football players was the most honest and dynamic I had seen. It all stemmed from their seeing that it affects them so much, and even that pales in comparison to how it victimizes the women in their life.

In the workshop we told them to make a list of four women they know, and then we told them that one in four women is sexual assaulted or raped in her lifetime. The players were taken aback. I believe one even said, "Hold on,

my momma's on this list man." That's when it became real.

It was awesome to see them take a real look at this culture of rape and start to make a little bit of a change. It is amazing the strides some of the players make to change the perception of themselves and how little we "common folk" do to respect that change. In the end, all we want is a high-light.

After meeting with the freshman players I wanted to check out the Bible Study held by J.J. Washington, the senior corner-back on the football team. What I saw and felt amazed me almost as much as those freshman football players. The Weisiger-Brown auditorium had about 20-25 people inside, mostly student-athletes, all with Bibles, and they all were listening intently to a message about changing our lives and making them more centered on

God. Watching a football game, looking on ESPN.com or just walking around campus, we would never imagine big, strong football players to be sitting in a Bible Study. Yet it is true, and they were there, listening. It felt like a little society.

This was their niche, and we, on the outside, see them as tough athletes who don't really do the things we do as much. They eat different food, they wear clothes bought for them by athletics, and they go to different parties on the weekend.

In that little hour-and-a-half Bible Study, I learned that they are just like you and me. There are countless Bible studies on campus, but this one is where they go. This might not mean anything to you, but it does to me.

I have been at this school for

three and a half years, and I have slowly kicked a lot of stereotypes from my head. I came in very narrow-minded about certain things. I was open, but only with what I was comfortable with.

Recently, I have learned so much about the lives of student-athletes as I have lived and interacted with them. They live life much as we do, with their own set of pressures and faults, but in the end they are just like us and need air to breathe and food to eat. A simple sexual assault prevention class and a Bible study might seem normal, but this week it opened my eyes.

Decker is always searching for eye-opening experiences — especially through the form of e-mail. Send your comments to dtrngonga@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Prohibition is the policy of the government dictating to adult citizens what substances they may or may not put into their own bodies. True conservatives do not support the policy of prohibition. True conservatives believe in the principals of individual freedom and liberty as declared in the Declaration of Independence.

True conservatives do not believe the government should attempt to protect adult citizens from themselves.

Prohibition is certainly not a policy that our founding fathers would support nor tolerate.

True conservatives believe that the people should be protected from the government: not the other way around.

Kirk Muse
Mesa, AZ

Confused about Drug War

Drug prohibition becomes unimaginably confusing when we learn that before America's drug warriors began their meddling, no one was robbing, whoring and murdering over drugs when addicts could buy all of the heroin, cocaine, morphine, opium and anything else they wanted cheaply and legally at the corner pharmacy.

When drugs were legal, addicts held regular employment, raised decent families and were indistinguishable from their teetotaling neighbors. Overdoses were virtually unheard of when addicts used cheap pure Bayer heroin instead of the toxic poisons prohibition puts on the streets. (See: The Consumers Union Report on Licit and Illicit Drugs - Chapter 5. Some eminent narcotics addicts: www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/Library/studies/cu/cu5.html).

Where drug crime was unknown, we now have prisons overflowing with drug users. Where addicts lived normal lives, we have hundreds of thousands of shattered families. Where overdoses were extremely rare, we have tens of thousands of drug deaths every year. The addiction rate is now five times greater than when we had no laws at all. (See: Snow Job The Demonization of Cocaine By Jacob Sullum <http://reason.com/opeds/js092799.shtml>).

Proof that American drug policy, not the drugs themselves, causes overdoses, disease and "drug crime" comes from the Swiss Heroin Maintenance Program, where there were zero "overdoses" among the 856 case-hardened Swiss heroin addicts in the three-year program. Compare that with the unintentional drug deaths in the North Carolina area every year.

Moreover, there were only three new HIV infections, four hepatitis B infections and five hepatitis C infections (in a total of 11 people) during the Swiss study. Compare the Swiss HIV-AIDS infection rate with North Carolina and the rest of the United States, where 30 percent of all new HIV-AIDS cases occur among injection drug users. Cause of death — drug prohibition!

Criminal activity among Swiss addicts in the pro-

gram (856 for three years) dropped 90 percent. Permanent employment among patients in the program more than doubled, and the number of unemployed fell by more than half. Compare that with the crime and employment rate among addicts under America's "lock 'em up and throw away key" drug crusade. (See: Programme for a Medical Prescription of Narcotics: Final Report of the Research Representatives-Summary of the Synthesis Report, 1997 www.lindesmith.org/library/swiss_index.html).

European countries that dropped criminal sanctions against drug users have seen their "drug problems" diminish exponentially. (See: Psychoactive Substances and Violence, www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/GOVPUBS/psycviol.htm).

It's worth remembering that Eliot Ness and the revenuers never put the booze barons out of business. Repeal and a regulated market for adult alcohol use ended the bootleg era. Regulation works for alcohol, and regulation will work for drugs. Prohibition, on the other hand, has never worked for anything, anywhere, anytime.

Redford Givens
San Francisco

O'Connor speaks truth about medicinal marijuana

I'm writing to you in response about an article in Cannabis Culture magazine's Web site. This very well-spoken Republican is seeing the very truth. I've had some problems in the past that needed medical attention, and when talking with my doctor about this subject he simply replied, "Dan! Don't you know we're living in the age of Puritanism again." It hit home very well.

I wish others would see that there has to be a certain tolerance to the things others like to do, which I could name many; doing it any other way just won't work in America. It's too involved for people to be the exact same way the other person wants them to be just to get along and not be arrested. For us people in America, being the creations we are, it's just impossible.

It's time we learn to accept these things that don't really hurt anyone else — marijuana's one of them; it's lots less harmful than alcohol and less toxic than aspirin. It is habit-forming, yes, but so is caffeine and chocolate and many other things.

But, it's proven by thousands of doctors, and Melany Dreher, the head of nursing at the University of Iowa school of medicine, professor of anthropology, and she says it's really quite harmless to the point [that] if smoked while a woman is pregnant there will be no damage to the woman or child. Tests show this, but it is not true with alcohol.

I've told my kids I never want them to drive and drink at the same time and never to smoke marijuana and drive. But from years of experience the next morning after a party, how do you feel? It's obvious which one of the two is harder on your body.

Dan Bramow
Iowa

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go 'round. NCSU will not go 'round without the same principles.

If free speech is your defense, fine. But our forefathers never meant for free speech to be used as a defense in spreading hatred. This may all seem a bit blown out of proportion, but I for one am tired of the few mean e-mails I get just because someone doesn't agree with my column.

Many opinion writers will tell you they don't really care if you like our columns or not — that's why we write our own personal

opinions. However, these columnists will also tell you how stupid it is to get e-mails that are laced with insult after insult, make racial slurs or even could be grounds for sexual harassment.

We are all adults and by now every student should know how to communicate effectively. If you don't know how, there are books you can buy and I strongly recommend them.

Think about this: Would you talk this way to your boss when she or he makes a decision you don't like? Would you e-mail your wife a barrage of insults at work because you think her idea of splitting the household chores is idiotic? Would you tell a cowork-

er where to get off because you think his or her idea of forming an issues-oriented discussion group is stupid?

If you wouldn't talk to anyone like this in your professional and personal life, then why talk to opinion columnists like this? We are not punching bags. We don't use the students for one, so don't use us.

Abbie can't speak for all opinion columnists with her dos and don'ts list, but do remember columnists are more likely to respond to respectful e-mails. Send your comments to Abbie at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.

War on drugs is unacceptable

I agree with Darren O'Connor's assertions in his column on Wednesday. The war on drugs is discredited and unacceptable. The original prohibition on a national scale was worse than the booze prohibited, and the sequel, now, on an international scale is worse.

At the very minimum, North America must re-legalize cannabis, especially when you consider the worst side effects of cannabis are police-inflicted.

Caging humans for using cannabis is so mean-spirited, repulsive and sinful that it should be asked if cannabis prohibitionists really even comprehend that they're admitting a desire to cage humans for using a plant.

One of the many actions we must take is to stop voting for prohibitionist politicians, Republican or Democrat.

Stan White
Dillon, CO

Big government is not appropriate response to drug war

Kudos to self-described Republican Darren O'Connor for speaking out against the war on some drugs. Republican opposition to the drug war is not without precedent.

Numerous conservative luminaries such as William Buckley, Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman, former Secretary of State George Shultz and New Mexico Gov. Gary

Johnson have spoken out against the drug war.

The drug war is in large part a war against marijuana, by far the most popular illicit drug. It's important to note that the deterrent value of the punitive

Nanny State is grossly overrated. The University of Michigan's "Monitoring the

Future" study reports that lifetime use of marijuana is higher in the U.S. than any European country, yet America is one of the few Western countries that uses its criminal justice system to punish citizens who prefer marijuana to martinis.

Unlike alcohol, marijuana has never been shown to cause an overdose death, nor does it share the addictive properties of tobacco. The short-term health effects of marijuana are inconsequential compared to the long-term effects of criminal records.

Unfortunately, marijuana represents the counter-culture to misguided reactionaries in Congress intent on legislating their version of morality. In subsidizing the prejudices of culture warriors, the U.S. government is inadvertently subsidizing organized crime.

The drug war's distortion of immutable laws of supply and demand makes an easily grown weed literally worth its weight in gold. The only clear winners in the war on some drugs are drug cartels and shameless tough-on-drugs politicians who've built careers on confusing drug prohibition's collateral damage with a relatively harmless plant. The big losers in this battle are the American taxpayers who have been deluded into believing big government is the appropriate response to non-traditional consensual vices. Students interested in drug policy reform should contact Students for Sensible Drug Policy at www.ssd.org.

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War on drugs is un-American

Thank you for publishing Darren O'Connor's excellent piece on the Republican party and the constitutional contradictions found in its support for the war on (some) Drugs.

Bluntly stated, the drug war is un-American. In fact, those who advocate this policy of prohibition doom us to repeat, in spades, the failures of our disastrous attempt at alcohol prohibition early in the 20th century. We need to remember the Constitution and its Bill of Rights is the document that empowers the people to control the government, not the other way around.

A nation such as ours cannot be governed by professional, greedy bureaucrats who expand political power through administrative manipulation of laws based on lies. A lie enacted into a law remains a lie and bears no justice for society, especially after 70 years of accelerating failure and increasingly fatal results for free people. The real criminals are those who ravage our Constitution. The drug war is un-American, as are the drug warriors.

Allan Erickson
Eugene, OR

Politicians use drug war to scare voters

Truth to tell, the drug warrior police, politicians, officials, media and civilians (secretly) don't list victory as an objective in their expensive and oppressive trillion-dollar war. When they do spout their "zero tolerance/total victory" rhetoric, how many of your readers actually believe them? How many actually believe that this year's multi-billion-dollar drug war budget will be the one that will achieve total victory after decades of billion-dollar budgets have totally failed?

Just remember that the drug czars' and warriors' jobs depend on the perpetual prosecution of, but never a victory in, the drug war. Also, remember that the politicians depend on the drug war and its rhetoric to scare up votes (by scaring voters). The politicians also rely on the drug war to sustain their constituent industries and institutions that depend on the economics of prohibition in order to make generous profits and campaign contributions that keep the drug warrior politicians in power and, therefore, keep themselves in business.

Remember what H.L. Mencken said: "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed [and hence clamorous to be led to safety] by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

Maybe the corrupt politicians and media are required to adhere to the party line of prohibition because law enforcement, customs, prison and military-industrial complex, drug testing industry, "drug treatment" industry, the INS, the CIA, the FBI, the DEA and the politicians themselves can't live without the budget justification. This is not even mentioning the invisible profits, bribery, corruption and forfeiture benefits that prohibition affords them.

The drug war also promotes, justifies and perpetuates racist enforcement policies and is diminishing many freedoms and liberties that are supposed to be inalienable according to the constitution and Bill of Rights.

Myron Von Hollingsworth
Fort Worth, Texas

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Aries
March 21-April 19

Today is a 7. Better consult a person with a great deal of common sense before spending all your money. A Taurus would be perfect. Get a reality check.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 7. Although it may seem like things are clicking right along, errors and misunderstandings could creep up quickly. Watch for them.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

Today is a 6. Stay objective if you can. Your mate or partner is encountering one setback after another. Your encouragement is much appreciated and should do the trick. Looks like all will end well.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 5. Don't believe the deal is cinched until the check clears. You'll have to explain and reconfirm every little thing. Luckily, you're patient.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

Today is an 8. Play by the rules even if some of the others don't. You'll succeed by taking the high road. You're not the only one who can spot a cheater. Important people are watching.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 7. You're eager to start a new endeavor, but it's not quite time yet. First, learn how to run a new system or machine. Developing a new relationship is good, too.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Today is a 6. Following through on an old obligation could lead to a very good deal. This is one time advice from an opinionated loved one is less likely to work. Use your own experience and judgment.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 6. You may feel as if you're in the middle, being pulled three different ways. If you wait, the appropriate action will become obvious. Trust your experience.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 6. Expect to encounter one obstacle after another. You don't have to run into them, though. That's the objective of the game: getting around them quickly.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is a 6. This is no time to get into an argument with your partner. You need all the reinforcements you can get. As usual, having facts that back you up would be a big help. Got any?

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 5. You could go to the head of the class. You might be asked to take on even more responsibility. It takes work and brains, but you could also get a lucky break. Do the homework so that you're ready.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6. One thing and then another prevent you from getting far, but don't complain. It won't do you any good, and it just makes you miserable. Tidy up your place instead. To music.

FOOTBALL

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said of Suter.

Late field-goal kicking was crucial. Less than 11 minutes earlier than Novak's game-winner, State kicker Adam Kiker missed a 28-yard field goal wide right that would have given the Pack a 24-21 lead with 13:20 remaining.

"We missed ours, they made theirs, and that's the difference in the game," Amato said.

Through three quarters, Rivers was routinely effective, completing 20 of 26 passes for 219 yards and a first-quarter touchdown. In the fourth quarter, however, Rivers went cold, completing only 4 of 14 for 78 yards and two costly interceptions (see sidebar).

Cotchery's injury came on the play before the last interception, a 40-yard completion to Sterling Hicks that got State into Terrapin territory.

Reserve tailback Josh Brown replaced McLendon in the second quarter and played perhaps his best game this season, rushing 17 times for 70 yards (63 in the second half) and a touchdown.

"He did a real, real, real good job for us," Amato said. "That's why I talk about these youngsters stepping up."

"Would T.A. have done better? Maybe. But that's the will that these kids have."

State jumped out to a 14-0 lead, riding Rivers' arm and legs. The first came on the game's opening

drive. Rivers hit Jericho Cotchery streaking down the right sideline for a 32-yard touchdown.

Cotchery set a career high with 12 catches, one more than he had against Maryland last season, for 144 yards and the lone touchdown. Cotchery went down with a high ankle sprain on the next-to-last play of the game.

State extended its lead on a 1-yard Rivers touchdown run early in the second quarter. There was some trickery on the play: On fourth-and-1, linebacker/occasional lead blocker Dantonio Burnette and two tight ends entered the huddle, an obvious running alignment.

As the offense broke the huddle, Burnette and tight ends Sean Burton and Joe Gray ran toward the sideline, replaced by a group of wideouts. State spread the field with five receivers, and Rivers just barely crossed the goal line.

Maryland came up short of tying the game just before halftime as the State defense held on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line. A contingent of defenders led by Burnette stopped Maryland tailback Chris Downs for no gain.

Burnette is putting the last two games behind him.

"We've just got to finish on a good note," he said. "The ACC's still open. You never know what can happen, so we've just got to keep our heads up and get ready to play ball next week."

WILT

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Rivers looked to hook up with wideout Bryan Peterson on a long pass play but was intercepted by Dominique Foxworth on the Maryland 36-yard line. Foxworth returned the interception to the N.C. State 36-yard line, and Maryland's offense scored a touchdown three plays later on a 21-yard misdirection quarterback scamper by Scott McBrien to draw even at 21-21.

"I thought he [Foxworth] was out there chasing a post," said

Rivers, "but right once I threw the ball he was sitting right on it. [It was] a poor throw by me and a good play on his part."

From that point on, the State offense was held in absolute check by the Terrapin defense. Rivers completed his first two passes of the next drive but then threw eight consecutive incomplete passes over the course of four separate drives. Rivers finally broke the streak on a 40-yard prayer to wideout Sterling Hicks in the closing seconds. Rivers' next completion would be to a Maryland defensive back.

With 19 seconds remaining and

the Pack on the Maryland 40-yard line, Rivers missed Peterson and was intercepted by Ray Custis to the 14-yard line to end the game.

"We just never got back going," said Rivers. "We had one more chance inside their 35 or 40. Then down there late at the end we had a chance, but we just didn't get it done."

"I thought I was going to get that one in there to Peterson on a corner route, but it was a poor throw. If I could have had that one back I'd throw it into the 15th row."

On the season, Rivers — a dark-horse Heisman candidate just two

weeks ago — is a mere 33-of-68 for 563 yards, three touchdown and four interceptions in the fourth quarter. In the last two weeks, he is 13-of-35 for 188 yards and three interceptions in the final stanza.

Rivers and State will have to pick up the pieces quickly to keep the season from completely falling apart, with upcoming games against Virginia and Florida State. Despite Rivers' late-game struggles of late, Amato remains confident in his quarterback.

"He's still my man," said Amato. "He's still my man."

ROLL

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Watkins finished 7-of-9 from the field, 3-of-4 from three-point range and pulled down six rebounds.

"I shot the ball well [tonight]," said Watkins. "We played together, and my teammates found me."

"I didn't like watching [last season], but we were winning, so it was a lot better. It just felt good to finally be out there and have a uniform on and not wearing those casual clothes."

Ilian Evtimov, however, was lost for the season after tearing his ACL in the first half. The injury is very similar to the one sustained by Watkins last year. Head coach Herb Sendek will now have to find someone capable of filling his starting forward's shoes.

Julius Hodge had a great night, continuing his success from his freshman season. Hodge was two rebounds and two assists away from a triple-double. He scored 15 points, going 7-of-11 from the field, 1-of-2 from three-point range. He also earned a technical foul for a thunderous, hanging-on-the-rim dunk in the second half.

"I was really just trying to get my teammates involved," said Hodge. "I know throughout the season we're going to have a lot of tough games, and I'm going to have to do a lot of scoring. Today I was looking to pass and was looking for my shot second."

Sendek was also pleased with his team's ability to pass the ball Friday. The Pack dished out 27 total assists on 34 field goals for the Pack. Hodge's eight assists led the team.

"[We're making] a special effort this year to pass the ball," said Sendek. "All the way up to the last basket that we hit in the corner when Levi found Will [Roach] and made the extra pass. I thought Josh [Powell] one time made a very unselfish pass to Dominick [Mejia]. I liked the unselfishness a great deal tonight."

State also had good scoring nights from Powell, who had 13 points, Clifford Crawford, who added 11 and Marcus Melvin, who scored 10. Roach, in a supporting role, scored eight points. He gained six of those points on perfect 2-of-2 shooting from three-point range.

"It was really no surprise with the way [Roach and Watkins] worked and the kind of young men they are," said Sendek. "Their play tonight was a fulfillment of an expectation. Those guys real-

ly had a strong sense of dedication."

For the game, N.C. State was 34-58 from the floor, good enough for a 58.6 shooting percentage. The Pack was 45.5 percent on 10-22 shooting from the three-point arc. State held the One World All-Stars to 39.3 percent from the floor for the game.

"We're going to be OK," said Scooter Sherrill. "I see it every day in practice. This team is coming together. We're a long way from where we were at that first scrimmage in practice a couple weeks ago. With these exhibitions coming around and our first couple games, we're going to get better and better."

The Pack will have its next and last preseason match on Wednesday when it hosts EA Sports at the RBC at 7:30 p.m.

EVTIMOV

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landed awkwardly on his left leg after going up for a rebound.

Evtimov fell to the ground, pounding on the floor in pain. He remained on the ground for several minutes until fellow sophomore center Jordan Collins and assistant coach Larry Harris helped Evtimov to the locker

room. Evtimov was unable to put any weight on the knee as he left the court. He left the game after playing 14 minutes and not attempting a shot.

"It's like, 'Oh no, not again.' Everybody knew it was his knee; you could see it," said junior guard Scooter Sherrill.

An MRI late Friday night revealed that Evtimov had torn his ACL — a season-ending injury.

Evtimov was expected to be a big contributor this year for the Pack. As a freshman last year he started in 11 games, averaging 21.9 minutes and 7.1 points per game. He also earned the ACC Rookie-of-the-Week award twice and was an honorable mention for the All-ACC Rookie Team.

Evtimov had been playing on the French national team's 20-and-under squad over the sum-

mer. He averaged 11.5 points and 4.5 rebounds in 14 games.

"He is certainly one of our very best players. We don't have another Ilian Evtimov," said head coach Herb Sendek. "Like any time you endure an injury of that magnitude, you simply have to ask everybody to raise his level of play and collectively as best you

can make up for his absence."

Sophomore forward Levi Watkins, who went down last year with a torn ACL, is one of the players who must elevate their play to make up for the loss of Evtimov. In his first action back on Friday night, he led the team in scoring with 19 points in 27 minutes.

"When he went down, I was just hoping that it wasn't the same thing," said Watkins. "I can help him out with whatever he's going through because I've been through it already. It's hard, but he can do it. If anyone can do it, he can."



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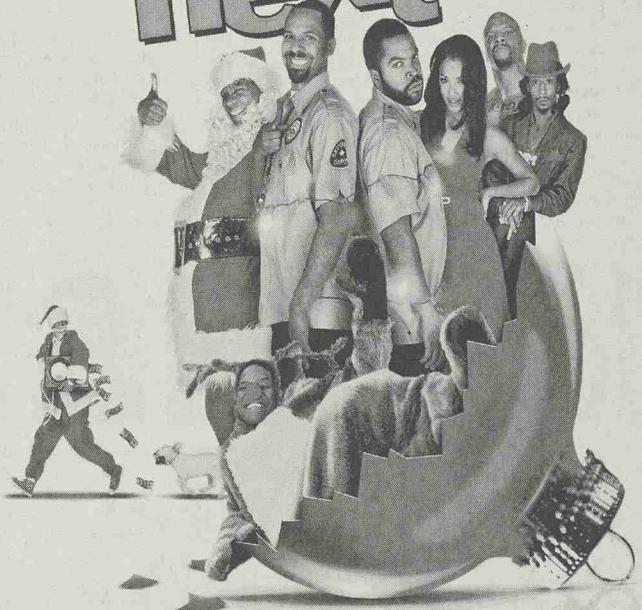


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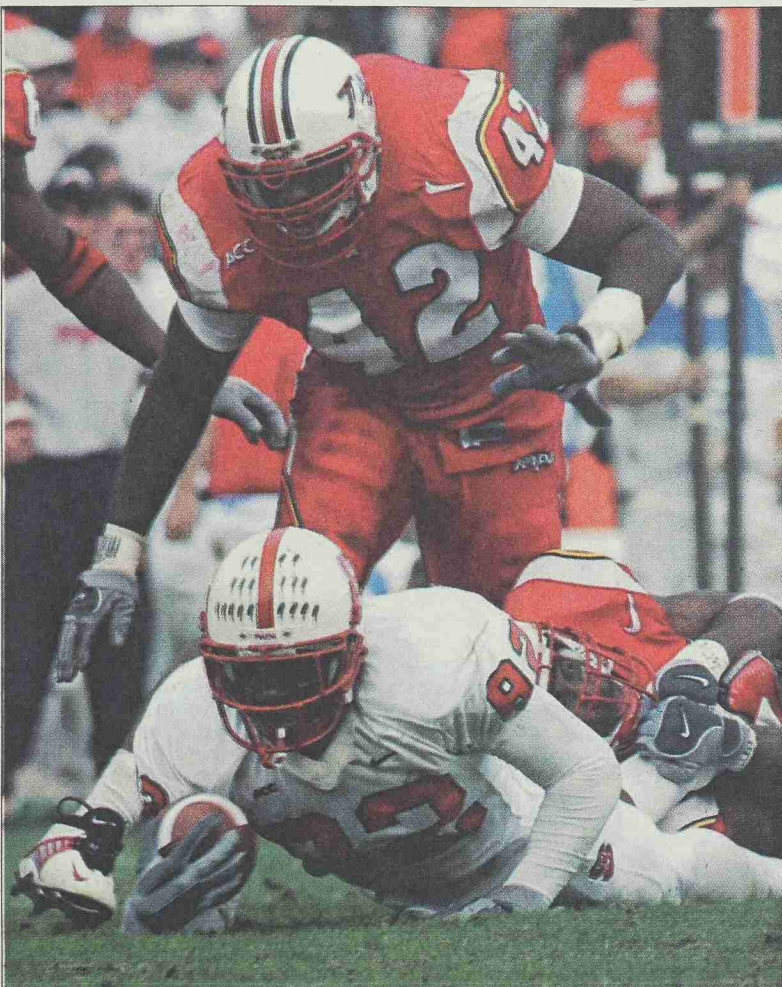
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Pack falls again



Jericho Cotchery (82) had a career day before going down with a high-ankle sprain. Staff photo by Matt Huffman.

Injuries, untimely miscues and a determined Maryland team handed N.C. State its second straight loss.

Jimmy Ryals
Staff Writer

A missed field goal, an uncharacteristically inefficient performance by Philip Rivers and a rash of injuries spelled doom for the Pack in a 24-21 loss at Maryland.

The loss by State (9-2, 4-2) likely ended its shot at a BCS bowl; a greater toll may have been taken on the Pack's health. Injuries felled four contributors Saturday: starters Shane Riggs (sprained right knee), T.A. McLendon (shoulder) and Jericho Cotchery (high ankle sprain) all went down, as did backup line-

backer Avery Gibson (right ankle). Safety Terrence Holt also received medical attention during the game, but he did not miss time due to injury.

"I'm worried more about the injury scars than the mental scars right now," State head coach Chuck Amato said.

On the field, the Terrapins (8-2, 4-1) took their first lead of the game on a Nick Novak 26-yard field goal with 34 seconds left. A 34-yard completion to all-purpose receiver Steve Suter set up the game-winner.

A close first down at midfield kept the game-winning drive going for Maryland; on third-and-2, quarterback Scott McBrien appeared to come up short of the marker at the 50-yard line. Referees signaled a first down with no measurement.

"The guy went down, and he was sort of inching the ball up," State linebacker Dantonio Burnette said. "The ref... did his job; he made a call, and I guess that's why we don't ref. We play the game, and that's why he refs."

Suter had perhaps the two biggest plays of the game for the Maryland offense, the first being his 64-yard touchdown run on a second-quarter reverse. On three touches from scrimmage — two receptions and one carry — Suter picked up 108 yards and the touchdown. He also returned four punts for 27 yards and one kickoff for 28.

"He's such a talent. When you've got somebody that can make plays for you, you've got to find a way to put the ball in their hands," Amato

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Rivers, Pack wilt at Maryland

A catastrophic fourth quarter ends N.C. State's hopes for an ACC title.

Steve Thompson
Sports Editor

N.C. State quarterback Philip Rivers stared downfield, slow to get up. He had just thrown a drive-ending interception to seal the Pack's fate — a second straight fourth-quarter loss.

The fourth quarter, which in his freshman year had been a harbinger of thrilling wins for Rivers and the Pack, has now served as a house of horrors — already derauling State's hopes for a national championship and an ACC championship.

"It's tough — losing two in a row like this," said Rivers. "Hopefully, you can take something good from it and learn from it."

For Rivers personally, the fourth quarter ruined what was shaping up to be a great showing. After three quarters, Rivers was 20-of-26 for 219 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. In the fourth quarter, Rivers was 4-of-14 for 78 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions.

"You're not going to get me to say I'm not a Philip Rivers fan," said head coach Chuck Amato. "He's the reason we're here; that's for sure."

At the end of the third quarter, the Pack was leading 21-14 and driving in Maryland territory. Behind substitute running back Josh Brown, State obtained a first down on the Maryland 17-yard line before the wheels fell off.

A fumbled snap led to a third-and-15 for the Pack, but State could only pick up 11 yards. On came kicker Adam Kiker for a 28-yard field goal, which he missed wide right. It was State's sixth missed field goal of the year.

"If we make the field goal, the energy might go [our] way," said Amato. "I don't mean that in a negative sense to our kicker, but we missed ours, and they made theirs, and that's the difference in the game."

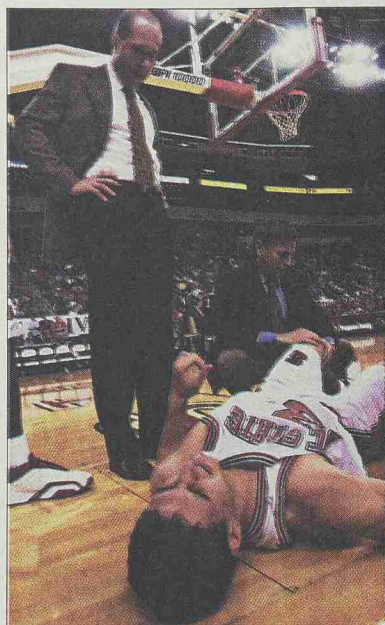
The Pack's defense, however, kept Maryland from gaining any momentum, stopping the Terrapins after only three plays to get State the ball back.

Then disaster struck.

On the first play of the ensuing drive,

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Evtimov out for season



Ilian Evtimov suffered a season-ending ACL injury in Friday's exhibition game. Staff photo by Jason Ivester.

Ilian Evtimov tore his ACL Friday night and will not play this year.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

The last thing players, coaches or fans want to see is a key player injured — especially in the first exhibition game of the season.

But unfortunately for the N.C. State men's basketball team, that's what happened Friday night against the One World All-Stars at the RBC Center. With 2:45 left in the first half, sophomore forward Ilian Evtimov

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N.C. State rolls in exhibition

The Pack played well in first competition since the NCAA Tournament.

Jay Kohler
Senior Staff Writer

The Wolfpack notched a victory against the One World All-Stars, 86-61, in its first exhibition game of the season, but the big news for the Pack at the RBC centered on what is a scary acronym in college sports — ACL.

Levi Watkins, who tore his ACL last year, returned to the court in competition for the first time since the first ACC game of last season. After coming off the bench for State, his presence was immediately felt.

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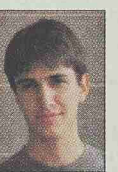
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Monday's trivia question: Who was the last N.C. State player other than Philip Rivers or Jamie Barnette to throw at least five passes in a game?

Send answers to ncsutrivia@yahoo.com. Be the first person to send the correct answer and win the chance to be next week's student guest picker.

The guest picker with the most correct picks in one week will win a Chuck Amato autographed Wolfpack football helmet. Ties will be broken during the bowl schedule.

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