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Staff Reports

Three professors from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro have received a \$30,000 grant to prepare high school teachers

from three Piedmond-Triad school systems for teaching earth sciences/environmental studies courses.

**Eighteen** teachers from Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County, Alamance -

Burlington and Rockingham County school systems will attend a twoweek summer institute June 14-25 at UNCG. Dr. Ceola Ross Baber, Dr. Jerry Walsh and Dr. G. Jay Lennartson of UNCG will conduct the institute with grant funds from the UNC Math and Science Education Network.



Stan Hill from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, Denise Morton from Alamancefrom Rockingham County were directly in-

> volved in the plangrant.

The grant will help local schools meet a new state requirement. Students entering N.C. high schools as freshmen in 2000

will be required to take an earth science/environmental studies course in order to graduate, said Bill Tucci, high school science consultant for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

"The project is expected to teaching of earth/environmen-

schools and to increase the number of teachers who are capable of teaching it," said Burlington and Kay Rogers' Baber, an associate professor of curriculum and instruction and acting associate

dean for teacher eduning process of the cation at UNCG.

The 18 teachers will participate in hands-on activities in UNCG laboratories and among the fields, woods and ponds of the UNCG field station in High Point. There they will probe earth

systems science with topics such as ozone, the greenhouse effect, water chemistry, rocks and minerals and meterology.

"We hope to provide them with active involvement in activities and teaching situations

Science coordinators Dr. tal science in local high mental topics," said Walsh, an associate professor of chemistry at UNCG.

> The earth systems science approach is an attempt to show how earth sciences such as

> > biology, oceanography, astronomy and geology are connected rather than separate sciences.

> > "I don't think a physicist or a chemist or a biologist approaches it in that fashion," said

Lennartson, an assistant professor of geography at UNCG.

"The fate of our planet lies in a good understanding of how all of these different systems work individually and collectively," Lennartson said. "So it is important that our students understand these, and they won't understand if the

teachers don't."

The teachers will spend some time in the UNCG geography imaging laboratory. The lab contains computer software and hardware designed to

download images from the Internet, such as maps, and to analyze land use patterns, river flows and vegetation types. Each participating teacher be will given probeware to take back to the classroom.

"Students can actually collect data which is fairly sophisticated and representative of that done in upper level science classes or research laboratories," Walsh said. The hands-on approach to teaching science. through earth and environmental sciences is a good way to show the important application of many sciences,

such as physics and chemistry, Walsh said. "In classes we may spend a lot of time on what seems mundane, but here you take the same information and apply it to real systems. It's a

good way to show the importance of these

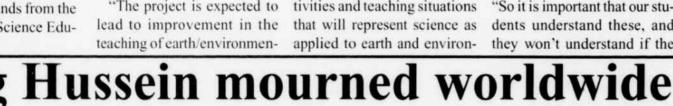
basic scientific studies."

Baber's role will be to help the teachers take the content they have learned and develop lesson

Lennartson

plans and units of study based on state standards. The teachers attending the institute will also be included in follow-up professional development. Each will attend the N.C. Science Teachers Association meeting in the fall where they will be encouraged to give presentations on what they have learned.





Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** (AP)-Mourning the only Arab leader they ever took to their hearts, Israelis lowered flags to halfstaff Monday, posted pictures of flowers on the Internet and prayed at a peace memorial while King Hussein was laid to rest in neighboring Jordan.

As a sign of the monarch's importance, Israel sent a 30- nian soldier in 1997 that most member delegation led by touched the Israeli public.

complained that no Arab was included and sent a separate group.

Hussein was popular in Israel when Jordan and Israel were still formally at war, and his beaming smile began to. win over Israeli hearts with the 1994 signing of a peace treaty. But it was his condolence visit to families of seven Israeli

girls gunned down by a Jorda-

daily devoted the entire front page to a picture of a smiling Hussein and a banner headline, "Goodbye, king."

The Israel Government Coin and Medal Institution announced it would produce a limited-edition coin in honor of King Hussein in 14-Karat gold, silver and bronze. The king's profile will be embossed on one side, while the other will show Jordanian and brave like he was to keep fol-Israeli flags below an inscrip- lowing his path." tion to read

neral. In the Red Sea resort of Eilat, dozens of ships scattered wreaths of flowers in the water near the Jordanian port of Aqaba. Hundreds of Israelis paid their condolences on the Internet, posting flowers, candles and messages of mourning on two sites set up by Israeli companies.

'I am deeply sorry," wrote Edna Hazan. "Be strong and





President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Benjamin to "Peace Island," along the Netanyahu, second in size to the 31-member American mission.

Israeli politicians and officials wrangled over a spot on the delegation until the last minute. Israeli-Arab leaders

The girls were on a class trip Israel-Jordan border when a deranged Jordanian border guard opened fire. He was

eventually sentenced to life in prison and Hussein offered financial compensation to each of the families. The Maariv

Abraham," a wish the king often expressed in calling for peace between Muslims and Jews.

Throughout the country, many Israeli flags were lowered to half-staff during the fu-

Others expressed their ap-'Peace for the children of preciation for Hussein's peace effort, including his repeated personal intervention in the arduous Israeli-Palestinian peace process since 1993.

> Israelis also waited in line at the Jordanian Embassy in a Tel

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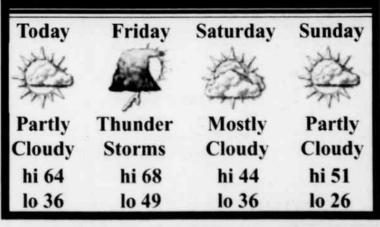
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Valentines Day is coming up and different organizations like UAED are in the Atrium all week selling Valentines that they will send for students.

# **Celebrate Black History Month**

1990 - South African President, Frederik Willem de Klerk announces that Nelson Mandela will be set free on February 11th.

# Weather



# NCG Professor is co-editor of historical reader series

Staff Reports

Dr. William A. Link, a professor of history at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is co-editor of a two-volume set of historical readers, titled "The South in the History of the Nation."

The books have just been released by Bedförd/St.

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ated as a collection of source professor of history at the Unimaterial focusing on a single region, Link said, and are designed to supplement teaching of a two-semester, collegelevel American history course. The first volume is subtitled, "Through Reconstruction," the second, "Since Reconstruction." Link's co-author is Dr.

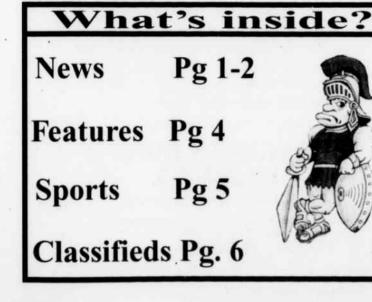
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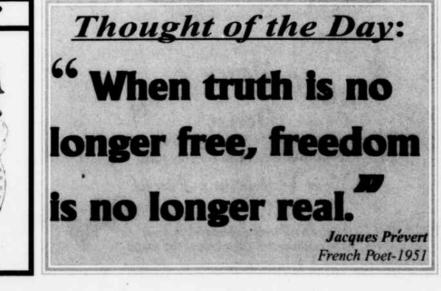
> "We wanted to provide a reader that would help students become more fully engaged with the study of American history," said Link. "In each of the chapters, the readings relate local and regional

developments in the South to themes of national importance.

"This approach of using a single region of the country as a focus is unique among primary source readers. We wanted to bring together material that would show that the historical forces See Professor, Pg2

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#### Hussein, from Pg 1

Aviv suburb to place bouquets and sign a condolence book under a large portrait of the king.

The Jewish National Fund, which maintains Israeli forests, said it would plant a pine forest to memorialize Hussein. In the Tel Aviv square where Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by an ultranationalist Jew in 1995, Israelis quietly placed flowers and candles on the pavement in memory of the king. A strong friendship had bound Rabin and Hussein.

A wall of TV sets stood was erected in the square to allow passers-by to watch the funeral. High school senior Maor Zagouri came with her class from the southern desert city of Beersheba to pay her respects.

'When Rabin died, we said goodbye friend," said Zagouri. "It is most appropriate now to say goodbye to our best friend in the region."

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**Professor, from Pg 1** that propelled events such as colonial development, or Progressivism, or the

New Deal had unique manifestations in the South, and yet they were part of a larger national picture, affecting all Americans in one way

or another at the time." Each of the volumes contains 15 chapters, organized around major topics that are standard fare in United States history courses

across the country, Link said. Chapter introductions provide the context for the special documents, which were written by individuals in

the region during the historical period, and connect the chapter topic to larger themes in American history.

Chapter topics include "Cultures in Conflict: Indian-European Encounters in the American South," "Colonization: Religion and

the Founding of Maryland,' "The Eighteenth Century Prosperity and Planter Elite, "Antebellum Reform: Religion and Morality in the

Debate over Slavery," "Westward Expansion: The Texas Frontier," "The Civil War: The Minds and Hearts of the Southern People."

Link joined the UNCG faculty in 1981 and is head of the Department of History at UNCG. He specializes in 20th century Southern history, the

history of education and the progressive era. Link received the 1995 Mayflower Cup for "William Friday: Power, Purpose and American Higher Education."

his biography of the former UNC system president. Earlier, he received the 1993 Mayflower Society Cup for his book, "The Paradox of

# 52 year old, the oldest student in **Colorado university's dormitory**

Associated Press

FORT COLLINS (AP)-Like many students, Betty Plotz's parents gave her a little help dressing up her college dorm room.

Ms. Plotz's parents supplied a small refrigerator ``for beer," and Ms. Plotz added ear plugs, a magazine picture of ``an older woman who looks good" and pictures of her children. At 52, Ms. Plotz is the oldest student in residence at Colorado State University, a senior English major.

'I was scared. I didn't think I could do it," she said. ``I'm reading Shakespeare. I've never read Shakespeare before! It's a whole new world. I feel so intellectual."

A 1964 graduate of Englewood High School, Ms. Plotz dabbled in college, but soon dropped out. She spent the next 25 years as a homemaker in Salida.

'My parents are from a different generation, in which a woman's place is in the home,"

tify spending all the money if I was going to be a housewife.

Since I never completed college, I was always sort of a failure. Now I'm going to complete something."

Ms. Plotz separated from her husband in 1994 and eventually decided to return to college. "When the marriage ended, I found myself working for \$5 an hour. It was a dead end and I wanted to throw myself up against the big world and see how I matched up," she said. "One thing about 50, either you put up or shut up. Do it now, or forget it."

Ms. Plotz is a resident adviser in Braden Hall, with both women and men as neighbors. A box of condoms hangs on the outside of her dorm-room door with a small handscrawled sign says, "Free." She rides a bike to get around campus and a bus to get around town.

Her room is decorated with posters of powder skiing and

she said. "They couldn't jus- prints by Georgia O'Keeffe and is taking American fiction, Albert Bierstadt. There's a sticky note on the mirror:

> "Poetry doesn't belong to those who wrote it, but to those who need it."

She doesn't have a roommate. "I wouldn't want to do that to a 22-year-old. That would be like sharing a room with your mom," she said.

Her daughter, Becky, 22, is studying communications at the University of Denver and her daughter Margot, 19, attends the University of Colorado. The three sometimes put their heads together on respective math assignments and at other times, the daughters offer encouragement.

Sometimes I tell them I have trouble meeting people my own age and they say, 'Don't worry, Mom, you will.' But I miss my old friends. When I hit menopause, there was no one to relate to. These kids can't relate to that."

She has found she matches up well. Her grade-point average is 3.45. This semester, she creative writing, Shakespeare and sociolinguistics.

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"The professors remember my name, and I can add a different perspective to class," Ms. Plotz said. "All these kids think the hippie years were drugged-out orgies. I was more influenced by the rebellious aspect.

'One kid caught me in the laundry room and ask me what the hippie years were like. He was enthralled."

Ms. Plotz qualified for a first-generation student scholarship that pays her annual tuition, and she gets free room and board as resident adviser,

patroling the halls for outof-bounds parties and coordinating programs on everything from effective study habits to anorexia or sexual awareness.

'If I can do it, anyone can," she says. "I was at a dead end looking at a lifetime of mediocrity. When I got here and saw my name on the door, I cried. I had actually done it. I love this learnin' stuff."

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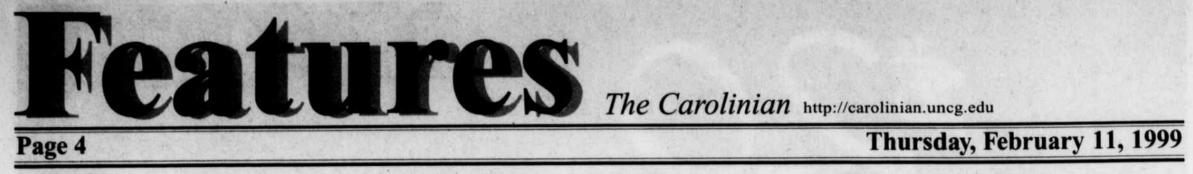
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# The Faces of Eve: The Riot Grrls

**Jennifer Osborne** Senior Writer

Now that women have taken center stage as leaders of today's music, one shouldn't be surprised to find a rapidly multiplying set of female acts joining the girl culture bandwagon. Whether in rap, country, rock or pop, chances are a woman is carrying the torch of progress.

In a three part series, The Carolinian will examine some of the fastest growing genres through a representative artist's album. The following, Part 2, focuses on the Riot Grrls.

Starting sometime in the 1920's, suffragettes flexed their political muscle and succeeded in wrangling the right to vote for women across the nation. Time passed and around the sixties, women decided the vote wasn't enough. Tired of the homemaker role, they traded in their bras and Hoovers for N.O.W. protests and a little thing called independence.

Now the third wave of feminism is sweeping across the continent and at the core of the movement lies a group of disillusioned women affectionately dubbed the Riot Grrls.

Nowhere near as 'pretty-

faced' as the hippies before them, the Riot Grrls live in a world of punk rock and piercings, flannel and combat boots. And, just as the 60's had Joni Mitchell to lend her voice to the political battles of the day, young women of the 90's look to such female bands as Hole, L7 and Veruca Salt to churn out the soundtrack to their lives.

Though they might vary in musical style, the aforementioned artists do share a common bond in the realm of inspiration- outrage over the state of sexual equality.

Not surprisingly, feminism constitutes a large part of the Riot Grrl creed.

Ani DiFranco, the concentration of this piece, may not be an integral part of the Riot Grrl scene, but she definitely upholds its message as one of the industry's most visible angry young women.

January 19, 1999 marked the release date of DiFranco's twelfth album, Up Up Up Up Up Up, an eleven track compilation of today's most pressing feminine issues.

The first of these is feminine independence; something which, when threatened or tampered with, yields the best of angry ballads. Such a track



Stone's Natural Born Killers, when lead character Mallory Knox (Juliette Lewis) kills an overly flirtatious man to the tune of L7's "Shitlist," while screaming, "How sexy am I now, flirty boy?"

A similar but tamer tone haunts Up Up Up's wurlitzer laden "Virtue," where DiFranco likens herself to a cat- "The kind of cat that you just can't pick up/ And throw

doesn't mind being held/ Only when it's her idea."

Her autonomy is further asserted by her reaction to big name labels seeking to make her a part of the corporate rock family. Righteous Babe Records, her own independent label, allows DiFranco not only to maintain artistic control over her material, but provides economic prosperity for her hometown HQ workers.

Though Up Up Up is lacking in her traditional "That's Mr. DiFranco to you" attitude, Ani's anger hasn't left. Says the artist to her fans, "My anger is intact, alive and well inside me." She continues to express that rage in what is, perhaps, the most laudable feature of the genre- that of exploring taboos. Living a life relatively free of illusion, these artists aren't afraid to speak of the dark underbelly of societyrape and suicide, race and crime. It is here that DiFranco shines.

Two of Up Up Up's tracks deal with the war on drugs. "'Tis of Thee" is a slower political piece that laments the crumbling state of civilization-"Why don't you just go ahead and turn off the sun/ 'Cuz we'll never live long enough/ To undo everything they've done outspoken. They have transto you."

"Come Away from It" takes a more personal stance on the damage drug abuse does to a relationship, reading, "Are you trying to tell me this world/ Just isn't beautiful enough?/ Do you want to get off?/ Is this your stop?/ Do you gotta have a tripledecker super fudge sundae/With a goddamn cherry on top?"

post-industrial slum problem through the song "Trickle Down"; a tale of unlucky families left in poverty when their only source of income, a steel plant, is shut down. And, like her counterparts, DiFranco succeeds in painting the picture of a broken woman.

In the style of Hole's melancholic, dying self-esteem classic, "Doll Parts," "Jukebox" is a third person narrative of the same style and caliber that has its subject spouting off lines like, "My whole life blew up/ And now it's all coming down." In short, the tale of a woman's unsatisfactory findings in life, lost love and failure to make it in a man's world. Of all the growing genres, the women who make a living in this one are without a doubt the most honest and formed years of living in the real, and somewhat unfair, world into songs of experience, standing strong in the face of their findings.

However, there is a growing sect of naive young dames who sing whatever they're told in exchange for fortune and awfully short lived fame. Look for Part 3 of faces of Eve, Bubblegum Pop, in our next issue.

DiFranco also tackles the

# **Dining on good literature**

Staff Report

Continual Learning of The ines have been compared to The national bestseller "The University of North Carolina at that of Fannie Flagg's "Fried Greensboro. Information is available by calling 336-334-5414 or 1-800-306-9033. The program's coordinator is Betty Byron. The discussion and the food will have a Cajun flavor as both revolve around Rebecca Wells' novel, "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood." The novel concerns four Louisiana women and their 40-year friendship. The book has been compared to Pat Conroy's "Prince of Tides" in its discovery of fam-

sponsored by the Division of ily secrets. Its humor and hero-Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe."

# **Upcoming events: School of Music**

Staff Report

Johann Schuncke.

Johann Schwegler and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21, in Hart Recital Hall. Their pro-

The School of Music at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro has scheduled the following upcoming free performances:

\* An alumni horn recital will take place on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 5:30 p.m. in Hart Recital Hall. The recital will feature music alumni Jacqueline Ekstrand, Melissa Edwards and William Schaffer as well as the UNCG Horn Ensemble. The program will include works by Mozart,

Ensemble will perform a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, in Avcock Auditorium. The concert will include works by Arthur Sullivan, Paul Gregson, Philip Sparke and Dmitri Shostakovich. Dr. John Locke, a professor of music. and Nicholas

Holland, a doctoral student, will share conducting duties.

\* Cellist Parry Karp and pianist Howard Karp will perform a guest artist recital at

\* The University Wind gram will feature works by Franz Liszt, Ludwig van Beethoven, Alberic Magnard and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Parry Karp has performed

> as a soloist or chamber musician in 21 countries. Howard Karp has been a guest recitalist for the American Liszt Society, the Maryland Piano Festival and the Shenyang International Music Festival in China. Both musicians are faculty members at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" will be the focus of "Eat Your Words," an evening of intellectual discussion and good food, at Mud Bugs Restaurant, on Monday, March 29. Formerly the Cajun Lady, Mud Bugs is located at 309 State St., Greensboro. The social begins at 5:30 p.m. with seating at 6 p.m. The cost is \$30, seating is limited and registration is required. The evening is a special event for Women's History Month. It is

Dr. Hephzibah Roskelly, an



UNCG, will lead the lec-

Rebecca Wells Sion.

### a contender Playstation promises to remain

Associated Press

Gaming consoles have historically faded from popularity after three years. The makers of the Sony PlayStation, which first appeared in September 1995, are determined to break that trend.

Sony Computer Entertainment America plans to introduce about 100 cutting edge games and a new, handheld PocketStation later this year in an attempt to solidify its hold in the United States, where one out of every six homes has a PlayStation.

But serious competition awaits.

"In the video-game industry, the bar clearly has been raised," said Kazuo Hirai, chief operating officer of the Foster City-based Sony Computer Entertainment and the person

who is widely credited with the introduction and success of the Sony PlayStation.

Hirai said that huge holiday PlayStation sales more than 4 million were purchased in the last two months has created a latent demand for software in the marketplace right now. He's planning to meet it.

"Through blockbuster titles for a mainstream audience and a vast array of games suited for niche audiences, we are focusing on the console as the entertainment medium," he said in remarks prepared for analysts at the American International Toy Fair in New York today.

"As we have done all along, we will continue to increase the value within the life cycle of the PlayStation by increasing the level of entertainment we bring to consumers.

Since their introduction 3 1/ 2 years ago, PlayStations have enjoyed unprecedented success. They make up more than two-thirds of the game console market, with more than 50 million consoles worldwide. By the end of this year, owners will have more than 600 titles to choose from, ranging from cute and cuddly kiddie games to ominous shoot-em-up adult killing fantasies.

The fastest selling product in Sony's 50-year history, PlayStations have been trouncing their closest competition, Nintendo of America, which came out with the more powerful Nintendo 64 in 1996. Last year, consumers bought twice as many PlayStations as Nintendo 64s as prices on both dropped to \$129.

"Basically, Sony has been

able to develop the leadership role in the game console market through its success in attracting top developers and franchises," said Kevin Hause, an industry analyst with International Data Corp. "Sony has also benefited from its corporate expertise in branding and marketing, which has made not only the PlayStation a success, but also the Walkman and many other products," he said.

University of California, Santa Cruz senior Christine Candelaria was one of millions of Americans to find a PlayStation under her Christmas tree.

"It may be the greatest thing that ever happened to me. It's amazing, it's crazy, I'm totally addicted," said Candelaria, a longtime gameplayer. Industry research shows that the reason consumers pick the less pow-

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erful 32-bit PlayStations over Mass. "They've enjoyed a the 64-bit Nintendo consoles is because they have almost ten times has many games to choose from. PlayStation games, starting at \$20, cost about half that of Nintendo 64.

But analysts say 1999 is going to be tough for Sony. Nintendo is bringing out an array of new sports titles to appeal to adult players who have been opting for PlayStations.

And in November, Sega Enterprises Ltd. and Microsoft Corp. will launch the Dreamcast system with a 128bit processor in the United States.

"PlayStation has been a tremendous achievement for Sony, but I think they're pretty close to the peak of their cycle," said Jeremy Schwartz, senior analyst at Forrester Research Inc. in Cambridge,

combination of good graphics, good sounds, low price and for its time it had reasonable performance. That could change."

This year Sony Computer Entertainment America will introduce the PocketStation, a handheld extension of the console.

Hirai said he hopes the PocketStation, launched in Japan last month, will bring even more PlayStation users. The company has also said it is developing an updated PlayStation, although no release date has been set.

"We started in an interesting position: we were both David and Goliath; the industry newcomer and the corporate giant," said Hirai. "In just three years, Sony Computer Entertainment America climbed from underdog to top dog."

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# Wrastlin': Why it's hot!

#### **Bubba Richards Sports Columnist**

"WOLFPACK IN DA HOOOOUUUSSSSEEEEE!", will be the way Big Sexy Kevin Nash will be greeting the fans on March 1st in Chapel Hill North Carolina at the Dean Dome in just a few short weeks. Have you got your tickets? I know I have. Wrestling is the hottest ticket on television these days and many people don't quite understand why. Well in this column I will plan on explaining just why wrestling is so hot across the country.

To start with, wrestling makes seven of the top 14 television spots on cable primetime each week. Of course the main two events of each week are WWF Raw is War and WCW Monday Night Nitro. These two shows usually get TV ratings between 4.5 to 6.0 each Monday night. For the past six months, Raw has defeated Nitro every time. It is just like a soap opera. They both come on at the same and compete for ratings. I call it a soap opera for men.

Everyone I know gets around the TV on Monday

watch these two shows. For those that don't know how big wrestling is, an example I can use is that during football season, Wrestling usually beat

Monday Night Football in ratings week in and week out. Now that's pretty impressive.

"HEY YO! IT'S SURVEY TIME", is how Scott Hall will be greeting the crowd after the Wolfpack has entered the building on March 1st. To go along with the big names of course, you have to have beautiful women.

Thus, you have the Nitro Girls. They say that sex sales, and in this case, it is true. I have friends who can name every single one of the Nitro Girls without even thinking about it. Also, on WWF, you have the very lovely Sable, who many men drool over Foley, Cactus Jack, Dude each night, when she walks in the arena. Then on the more masculine female side there is Chyna, who could beat up probably any man on any night. However, I also have friends that think she is the hottest woman in wrestling because she is so well put together and at the same time strong as an ox. There is just

nights between 8 and 11pm to the "sex" theme that WWF will use to try to get fans to watch and it usually does.

> "MEEEAAAANNN, WHOOOOAAAA, GEEEEENNEEEE!", will be the first three words that comes out of the Nature Boy Ric Flair's mouth after he has walked down the isle in front of his home crowd, considering Ric Flair is from Charlotte North Carolina. As many of you know, it is the big names that also bring the fans. Think about it, on Monday Night, would you rather watch the Steelers and the Chiefs, or hear that glass shatter right before Stone Cold Steve Austin enters the arena on a Monday Night Raw. Many people would probably do the latter. Then there is also other huge names as Mankind, AKA: Mic Love. Yeah, many of you know who this man is. His finishing move being the Manible Claw, where he pretty much chokes you till you submit. Of course then there is my personal favorite group DX, who as many of you know are lead by Hunter Hearst Helmsley, better known as HHH. I think we all know his

big line: These are the names that people pay \$35 a ticket to get front row seats. These are the big names that we talk about each day before, during, and after class. You don't know how many times I walk into my 9:30 class and the first thing I hear is, "Hey Bubba, did you see Wrestling last night?". Then we will have a discussion through class whenever we can on what happened and why, trying to figure out "WHO'S NEXT?" Oh, for those of you that don't know, "WHO'S NEXT" is usually where the "GOLDBERG, GOLDBERG, GOLDBERG" chant gets started.

Why is wrestling so big? Well, if you haven't watched it yet, I suggest that you give it a try. For example, the ladies who watch soap operas during the day, but not wrestling at night because it is stupid probably shouldn't be watching their afternoon soaps then, because it is the same stuff. Every Monday night, you can be assured that at 8:00 pm, I will be in front of a TV somewhere, no matter where I am, watching Wrestling. And that's the bottom line because Big Bubba says so!



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alone eight months prior to summer and another though it would be better for their pro-

# Back up off me

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Sports



The Men's basketball team will go up against Georgia Southern this coming Saturday at 7:30 pm. Then on Monday, they play an away game at VMI.

# **Comic book creator** has McGwire ball

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) The man who spent more than \$3 million to buy Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball finally identified himself Monday, and quickly admitted he was a "psycho graphs from Babe Ruth and Lou fan" and a "sports geek." Todd McFarlane, the creator of Spawn comic books, held an offbeat news conference, saying his purchase "was a mixture of business, charity and self-indulgence to the Nth degree." The 37-year-old Canadian, who now lives in Tempe, Ariz., is a minority investor in the NHL's Edmonton Oilers. He has a company that makes action figures, said the timing of his announcement was tied to the yearly Toy Fair in New York. McFarlane, who paid \$3,005,000 for No. 70, had not seen the ball until Monday, when he came to New York fresh from a stay at the Baltimore Orioles' fantasy camp in Florida. Behind him was a banner with "Todd McFarlane Productions" spelled out 103 times. The balls were displayed in front of him in nine cases atop nine columns - white and gray for No. 70, black for the others with four burgundy velvet ropes separating them from the crowd and five men in blue security uniforms standing to the side. He said he would like to allow the Hall of Fame to show McGwire's 70th home run ball at times, would make it available to chari-

ties to raise money, and would let individual major league teams display it.

The price? "I'd like to be able to take 20 swings in every major league ballpark," he said.

McFarlane, who owns auto-

CHAPEL HILL (AP)-North Carolina officials said they were stunned and angered by Kent University's decision to back out of a contract to play in Chapel Hill in September. "Kent State's actions have really put us in a difficult situation," North Carolina athletic director Dick Baddour said. "It's unfortunate a university would drop out of a game at any time, let

kickoff. ... We realize many people plan functions around major university events, and this is one of several reasons we are upset with Kent's decision."

The Tar Heels said they didn't learn that Kent planned to play Pittsburgh instead on Sept. 18 until mid-January after the Golden Flashes published their 1999 football schedule. "One person at Kent thought we had been told last

we had been told in October," Baddour said in a prepared statement.

"They told us they decided in late December and it was their intention to notify us by mail later in January. In my opinion, that's a poor way of doing business with another NCAA institution."

Kent athletic director Lang Kennedy entered into a contract with the Tar Heels in 1994 but had recently decided

gram if they scheduled teams closer to home. "We regret very much having to make this decision but we have redefined our football scheduling goals and are looking to play more regional opponents," said Kennedy.

"I have to take full responsibility for this and I'm sorry about the timing." North Carolina is looking for an opponent to replace Kent on Sept. 18 or on another open date, Oct. 30.

Gehrig, said purchasing the ball was cheaper than buying a sports team.

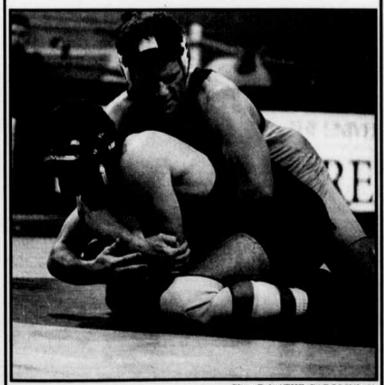
He mentioned the proposed \$800 million sale of the Washington Redskins.

"The way I look at it, I'm up 799 million bucks," he said. He said he wasn't worried about someone breaking the record McGwire set last September.

In all, McFarlane bought nine home run balls hit by McGwire and Sammy Sosa, including McGwire's first, 63rd, 67th, 68th and 69th, and Sosa's 33rd (his record 20th in June), 61st and 66th.

McFarlane bought the ball at auction Jan. 12, paying \$2.7 million to Philip Ozersky, a research scientist at Washington University who caught the ball Sept. 27 at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Guernsey's auction house got an additional \$305,000 as its commission. Sosa's final home run of the season, No. 66, cost McFarlane \$172,500. All the others he bought at the auction cost under \$20,000 apiece. As an anonymous telephone bidder, he outbid Irwin Sternberg, the president of the neckwear firm Stonehenge Ltd., for No. 70. Sternberg stopped at \$2.6 million; McFarlane said \$2.9 million was as high as he was willing to go. The group of balls will be called "The McFarlane Collection."

## Who's the man



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On February 10 the wrestling team went up against the men of VMI. Please continue to support the wrestling team as they contiue thier season.

# **Sports briefs:** basketball scores

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**'CATS AVENGE SPAR-**TANS: Six players scored double figures as Davidson defeated UNCG 101-69, avenging an earlier loss to the Spartans earlier this year in Greensboro.

Courtney Eldridge led UNCG with a career high 22 points and Sam Brinson chipped in with 11. Davidson took a commanding 56-27 lead at the half but UNCG gained ground narrowly trailing Davidson 45-42 in the second. Davidson shot 58 percent in the first half but shot only 37 in the second due to increased pressure by the Spartans.

UNCG (5-17, 3-9) traveled to Johnson City, Tenn. to face East Tennessee State Monday night. Saturday the Spartans return for their final home contest aginst Georgia Southern. WOMEN BREAK TIE: UNCG, in a three way tie for the Southern Conference lead, snapped a two-game losing streak with an 80-65 victory over Furman Saturday afternoon in Fleming Gym.

The Spartans(15-7, 10-4) placed all five starters in double figures. Melinda Goodson led the UNCG with 15 points in 18 minutes.

The Spartans shot 70 percent in the second half to seal the victory. The Spartans traveled to Davidson Monday night.

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