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SGA Supports Tuition Increase

By LAURA PARLIER
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 17, the first resolution for this academic year was voted down in UNCG Student Government. It was a resolution opposing the recent proposal of the Tuition Study Task Force.

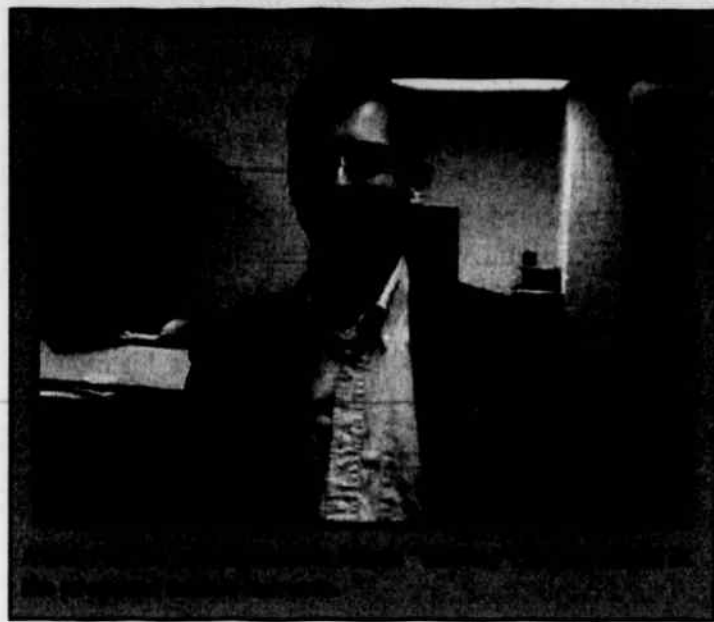
Five institutions of the UNC System (UNCCH, NCSU, ECU, UNCG, UNCW) received approval from the Board of Governors to impose campus-based tuition increases for the 2000-01 academic year. UNCG held deliberations of a Tuition Study Task Force, which met April through August 2000. This Task Force developed a recommendation for an increase of \$300.

The purpose of the resolu-

tion, sponsored by James Bryan, was to oppose this tuition increase. According to Bryan, "the resolution said more than simply that" his main objection was "the constitutionality of the proposal—from article IX, section IX of our State Constitution." Bryan also pointed out that the resolution commended the Chancellor for studying the tuition proposal (unlike other universities, such as UNCCH and NCSU).

According to Bryan, UNCG Student Government "overwhelmingly" opposed this resolution. Included in those who stood behind the increase was Student Body President John Shearin.

Bryan also said, "I believe that the rejection of this resolution is a great step backward



for the students of UNCG. Losses like this will continue until students take a more active role in Student Government. They need to hold their student representatives accountable for students' needs."

The next move for the Tu-

ition Increase Proposal is the Chancellor's formal proposal to the Board of Trustees.

Students can still make their voices heard with petitions or correspondence with the Chancellor and board of trustees.

Deadly Virus in North Carolina

By JEREMY WHITE
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, government researchers made a disturbing discovery. A seemingly normal dead crow was found to be infected with the deadly West Nile virus. Researchers found the crow in Chatham County, near the town of Moncure, about 40 miles southwest of Raleigh. The virus is new to the Western Hemisphere, and North Carolina is the farthest south the virus has been detected. Furthermore, researchers expect the virus to spread farther south.

West Nile virus made its first appearance in the U.S. in New York City last year. It killed seven people there. This year it killed one elderly man in New Jersey and has sent 16 people to doctors. Mosquitoes, along with ticks, are responsible for carrying and transmitting the virus. In turn, these insects pass it on to birds and other animals. So far, the

majority of infections have been found in birds, horses, cats, bats, chipmunks, skunks, squirrels, domestic rabbits, and raccoons.

Usually, the virus causes a flu-like illness in people. Symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, skin rashes, swollen glands, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis. In rare cases, it can cause encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, and death. Those most at risk are the elderly, children, and those with weak immune systems. The virus stops spreading after temperatures fall below 55° F. This is when mosquitoes are dormant. However, when mosquitoes are active again or birds migrate, the virus becomes reactivated.

Experts now predict that the West Nile virus will spread widely and uncontrollably. There is currently no cure or vaccine for the virus.

Bill Stevens and His Guide Dog

By KIMBERLY MOORE
Staff Writer

Bill Stevens and his Guide dog Doris work as a team on UNCG's campus. Steven's Guide dog is a three-year-old yellow Labrador "Doris is a very young dog, I've had her for almost a year now," he said.

To be a Guide dog, there's a certain process they have to go through. There are a dozen Guide dog schools in the country. Doris attended the school "Guiding Eyes for the Blind" in Yorktown Heights, New York. "The school breeds all of their own animals. One hundred and fifty dogs graduate as guide dogs. For seven weeks they are put into puppy homes for about a year and a half," Stevens stated. "The

dogs are exposed to many places as possible such as the mall and bowling alley, so they can get familiar with the situation. The schools look for dogs with self-confidence and intelligence."

In order to receive a Guide dog you have to apply. "We have to fill out an application, then there's an interview." The minimum training time for dogs such as Doris is four months. The dogs go to class with the students. "There were 12 of us in my class. I trained with my dog for 26 days. It created a community in a sense that crosses out borders," he replied.

Stevens said that has a lot to do with the way the dogs learn. "They learn based on attention they receive. Guide dogs don't

work for food, they work for attention."

All of the dogs that attend these schools find homes. Sometimes there is a three-year waiting list and some of the dogs become sniffing dogs that work for police departments instead.

Stevens also stated that no dog becomes a Guide who doesn't really love working. "A small percentage becomes guides, they either stay focus or didn't want to do it or they didn't have those traits," he said. "There were twelve teams in my class and three were not successful." Stevens said this could be because of bad contact between the person and the dog or the dog doesn't like working.

"It's definitely work having

a dog," he replied. "It's a form of obedience. I can't let her run loose to the bathroom by herself." Steven's said that he takes Doris just about everywhere he goes. Stevens said that there are three things Guide dogs respond to. They are body position, hand gestures and voice. Leash signals are very important for guide dogs. "The neck is the strongest part of Doris's body, just like our thigh. It's more of a physical form of communication, not a form of abuse."

Safety is a main concern to Bill Stevens and his Guide dog Doris. "A college campus is a very high stimulus," Stevens said. Students still make a habit of petting and touching

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UNCG's Resident Ghost

By GREG SHEALY
News Editor

Now that Halloween is over and once again the fangs and cloaks are relegated to the closet, UNCG life returns to normal. Students will busily go to classes for the rest of the semester, and by graduation the ghost tales and spooky stories of Halloween will be a distant memory. Ghosts and specters are normally thought to inhabit only ancient sites like Boston, London, and Charleston; however, UNCG boasts having a ghost that has haunted it for 70 years, and in all likelihood will continue to haunt UNCG for years to come.

Like all good ghost stories, UNCG's ghost story begins years ago. In an old wooden house occupying a lot on Spring Garden St. The inhabitant was an old lady named Jane Aycock. By all accounts, she was an eccentric, lonely old woman. Jane Aycock withdrew from society and lived in the house all by herself for years. One day she decided to end her lonely life. She climbed into her attic and hung herself from the wooden rafters.

About seventy years ago, the University decided to build an auditorium to showcase the considerable theatrical and

musical talents of the growing university. They demolished the old house once occupied by Jane Aycock, and built Aycock Auditorium. Shortly after the theater opened, there were reports of a hazy figure of an elderly woman in the balcony. Many recognized this phantom as Jane Aycock. Over the years strange events have continued to occur in the theater.

Up until today, she continues to be seen. She has been sighted in many places in the Auditorium, such as the orchestra pit, the dressing room, the props room, and the catwalks. By all accounts, she is a fair, elderly woman with gray hair. In addition to materializing, Jane is also notorious for playing with the lights and props of Aycock Auditorium. She has been known to turn on and off lights, to dim lights, to hide and move props, and to make sounds late in life.

Regardless, though, Jane who had lived a lonely life in an old wooden house now occupies one of the preminent theaters in North Carolina. She sees world class musical and theatrical performances almost every day. Perhaps the lonely lady who killed herself is happy to finally be receiving the attention she lacked in life, and is entertained by productions she never left her home to see in life.

The History of Halloween

By SHEENA GARITTA
Staff Writer

The Halloween of 2000 was but one in a long tradition of festivities celebrating the ghoulish and macabre. The word itself, "Halloween," actually originated in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted version of All Hallows Eve. November 1, "All Hallows Day," or "All Saints Day," is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints. However, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain, the Celtic New year. In modern times, it is the occasion for pranks and for children requesting treats or threatening tricks.

In the Celtic and Anglo-Saxon times, it was the occa-

sion for one of the ancient fire festivals when huge bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. The date was connected with the return of herds from pasture, and laws and land tenures were renewed. In addition, Halloween was thought to be the most favorable time for divinations concerning marriage, luck, health, and death. It was the only day on which the help of the devil was invoked for such purposes.

In Scotland, young people assembled for games to determine which of them would marry during the year and in what order the marriages would occur. Many Halloween customs have become games played by children.

The Celts believed that when people died, they went to a land of eternal youth and happiness called Tir Nan Og. They did not

have the concept of heaven and hell that the Christian church later brought into the land. The dead were sometimes believed to be dwelling with the "Fairy Folk," who lived in the numerous mounds that dotted the Irish and Scottish countryside.

It is said that, on Halloween, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, those still living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the

fires in their homes, making them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

took on a more ceremonial role.

Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine brought the custom of Halloween to America in the 1840's. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhinging fence gates. Other mischievous activities performed by young men and boys included overturning sheds and breaking windows, and damage to property was ise

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Musical Chairs: The Congressional Elections

By ERIKA HUGHES
Opinions Editor

While North Carolina does not have a senatorial race during this election, the twelve districts in North Carolina will appear on ballots this Tuesday. House Representatives around Greensboro are up for re-election. Democrat Mel Watt is almost guaranteed to win his seat again in congressional district 12. Republican Howard Coble is also expected to win his seat in district 6. Coble is one of the senior members of the House Rules committee, and was responsible in large part for President Clinton's impeachment trial. He has been a representative in congress for almost thirty years.

House and Senate seats are hotly contested in many states, as there could possibly be a shift in power. While the Republicans hold a 54-46 advantage in the U.S. Senate, 19 GOP seats and 15 Democratic seats are up for election this year. Eight of the Republican seats are considered competitive, while four of the Democrats are in danger of losing their jobs. In the House, the Dems need just six seats to win their first majority since 1994. That is easier said than done, as there are few seats with risky challengers who could beat incumbents. New York is the most publicized battlefield, where first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is fighting Representative Rick

Lazio, a Long Island native, for the seat held by retiring Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Clinton is unable to move past her base support which hovers between 42-46 percent. Lazio has a new campaign in which he asks people on the street if they can name two things Clinton has done for New York. They can't. While this is not the bloody brawl expected by the media before Giuliani withdrew from the race earlier this year, Lazio (who has more experience in elected office than Clinton) is certainly giving Clinton a run for her money. Virginia's Owen Pickett, Oklahoma's Tom Coburn and Ohio's John Kasich are all retiring House Representatives,

leaving their seats open to a double-headed race for freshmen-to-be. Nebraska's Bob Kerrey, Nevada's Richard Bryan and New Jersey's Frank Lautenberg are retiring from their Senate posts, likewise leaving the at-large seats hotly contested. Typically, the House and Senate elections go with the newly-elected president. The House election, in the middle of the President's first term, and the second Presidential election (if the incumbent stays in office) is when, historically, the House and Senate are controlled by a different party than the President. However, this is a very close election, and the pundits cannot yet predict a winner.

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sometimes severe. The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called "souling." On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained

in limbo for a time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven. The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would prom

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Doris, which can cause problems for Stevens as far as getting where he needs to go. "It would be less of an issue for a dog that's been working for five to ten years, but Doris and I've been together for only a year. Stevens said that Doris gets a lot of love and playtime as well. "She's a clown. She

loves to play ball and roll around, she's definitely a puppy and wants attention all the time." Doris loves new things and going places. "She gets to do all kinds of things instead of just playing with cats all day. How many dogs do you know that get to go to the mall or to the beach!"

UNCG Writers Help Hungry with Donations

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GREENSBORO—"Will Read For Food," the annual program of readings by local authors to benefit the Greensboro Food Bank, will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Weatherspoon Art Gallery Auditorium at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Poets and fiction writers will

read from their works in the auditorium of the Weatherspoon Art Gallery, located at the intersection of Tate and Spring Garden streets. The suggested donation is \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. Local writers will include Fred Chappell, Michael Parker, Stuart Dischell, Lee Zacharias, Mark Smith-Soto, Susan Kelly, Christine Garren,

Ann Deagon and Candace Flynt. All proceeds will go to the Greensboro Food Bank, which distributes donated food to charitable agencies that serve infants, needy individuals, families and ill persons. Those agencies include soup kitchens, child-care centers and foster care homes. "Will Read For Food" is sponsored by UNCG's Master of Fine Arts Writing Program.

The Tate Street Coffee House will provide refreshments. Books by participating authors will be on sale both before and after the event. Free parking will be available in the lot behind the Weatherspoon. Further details are available by calling the MFA Writing Program at 334-5459 in the UNCG Department of English.

Please Recycle This Paper

SAP Corp Gives Bryan School Software System

UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

GREENSBORO—SAP Corporation, the international software giant, is helping the Bryan School of Business and Economics introduce enterprise resource planning (ERP) into its business curriculum. The company has given the Bryan School its complete training base software program, along with technical support for its installation and training for faculty members who will be phasing it into their classes this fall and next spring. All totaled, the package and support is valued at more than \$2 million. Bryan School officials, however, say the new software will provide a much greater added value to the business education that students will receive in the future. "With this gift, SAP Corporation has opened the way for the Bryan School to help our stu-

dents acquire a unique set of skills that are very much in demand in the business world," said Dr. James Weeks, dean of the Bryan School. "In addition to helping add cutting-edge technology to its curriculum, the gift from SAP also involves the school in a strategic partnership with one of the world's leading software companies." In business and industry, Weeks explained, ERP is a highly integrated software system that allows a business to manage and coordinate a broad range of activities across different divisions and on national and multinational levels. It can take into account such international manufacturing aspects as measurement, currency and time differences. ERP is being used widely in large businesses, which need to more tightly coordinate their processes. The Bryan School is the largest of the six professional

schools at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. It has approximately 2,100 undergraduates and 300 graduate students who are taught by 80 faculty members. The new SAP/ERP software will be used to teach courses in all four of the school's four academic departments: accounting, business administration, economics, and information systems and operations management. The school offers studies leading to the B.S. and B.A. degrees, and the M.B.A., M.S. and M.A. degrees. Area corporations currently using the SAP version of ERP include VF Corporations, R.F. Micro Devices and Lucent Technologies. The Bryan School is a member of the SAP University Alliance program. The school is the only alliance member in the Triad and one of very few in the state. Through the alliance, SAP America Inc. works with universities to help

them use the software as a tool for teaching. The SAP training base program was installed in early September and faculty members are receiving training on merging it with their classes. A core group of 12 faculty members has been involved with the project for over a year, and all have received training from SAP during the past six months. Dr. John Neufeld, an economics professor, is coordinating the efforts to implement the programming into the curriculum. In the Bryan School, students will be using the huge SAP database, which Neufeld says amounts to one of the largest business cases ever assembled. The fictitious company is an international motorcycle manufacturer with plants in several countries. The database, however, contains enormous amounts of data not only on business dealings, contracts and

conditions, but also human resource information on employees. When the material is integrated into different subjects, students will receive a more thorough understanding of how different divisions of a business are interdependent. "An ERP program can do a lot of things, but the biggest thing it can do is run an entire company," said Neufeld. "It flows from the people who take orders, to accounting, to the factory floor to the shipping department. It can integrate different divisions of a corporation. "When the training base program is fully integrated in the Bryan School, we'll have a supplement to our business education that will provide students with a hands-on experience in using state-of-the-art software. It won't change what we teach in accounting, human resources or operations management, but it will help students understand the interrelatedness of a business."

The SAP software gift complements two gifts totaling \$45,000, with one from RF Micro Devices Inc. of Greensboro and the other from William A. "Dean" Priddy Jr., the technology manufacturing firm's chief financial officer and vice president for administration. In making his gift, Priddy said that an enterprise software curriculum would put UNCG at the leading edge in preparing future business leaders. SAP Corporation is one of the world's largest suppliers of business software, Neufeld said. A June conference/convention in Las Vegas drew an estimated 13,000 business people who came for company-sponsored workshops. The company has several training centers around the country, to which the Bryan School has been sending its implementation committee for training.

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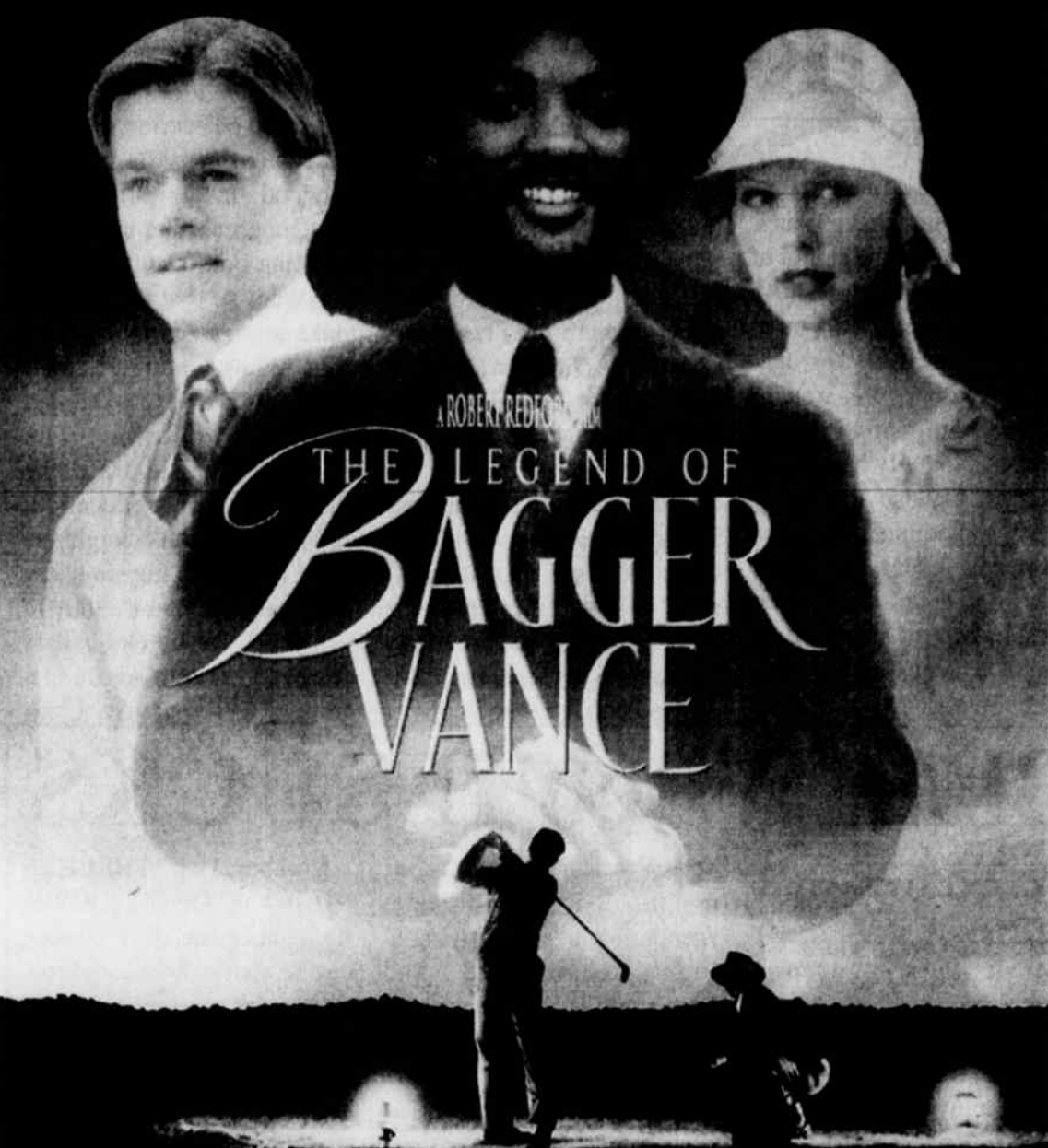
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Book Review: We've Got Issues

By ERIN BAIN
Staff Writer

We do, in fact, have issues. Meredith Bagby, the author of five previous books and a highly accomplished young woman, asserts that her generation is just not prepared for the upcoming presidential election. Not only because of a general malaise among the twenty-something population that makes them believe their votes don't count, but because of their lack of information about the issues that are and will be important for them in

the near or distant future. *We've Got Issues*, Bagby's newest book, is designed to inform those individuals of what the issues are and why the heck they should care about them in the first place.

In *We've Got Issues*, Bagby addresses problems with the U.S. political system ranging from the lack of funding for public education to concerns about just where all of our taxes are going. In stating the facts in a way that grabs the reader's attention and in trying to give percentages without making the book a cut

and dried collection of number comparisons, Bagby does succeed in her purpose to some degree. She makes interesting points and presents the issues so that they would make sense to virtually anyone. Using analogies about Gilligan's Island to talk about financial hierarchy, The Graduate to illustrate the changes in higher education, and a story about a neighborhood homeless guy to show the transition from welfare to workfare, *We've Got Issues* does get its point across in a new and different way. Criti-

cism from a member of Generation X to other members of said generation should be a lot easier to swallow than being criticized by a senior citizen in a suit and hearing the phrase "when I was your age" one more time.

For many members of Generation X, ignoring the issues that face them in the political arena is simply a way of life and Bagby's purpose in writing what is basically an "Idiot's Guide to U.S. Politics" is to try to motivate in that age group some semblance of political

awareness. The only problem with this goal is that the very people she is trying to motivate are the people who would scoff at the idea of reading this book. The unfortunate truth is that the only young people who would even think about buying this book are probably those who are already aware and want to learn more about the state of their union.

Bagby's idea is noble, but I sincerely doubt that it will have the desired affect on the group of people she is intending to reach. At this point, I

can only hope that Bagby is severely underestimating her peers and that all of the twenty-somethings out there do go out on Election Day and make a difference.

In short, for those of you who are still reading and didn't give up on this book review once you figured out that it was about politics, I highly recommend *We've Got Issues* as a way to find out about what is going on in the country that we will one day inherit from those aforementioned senior citizens.

Blair Witch II SUCKS

By GLEN BAITY
Staff Writer

Movie: *Book of Shadows: Blair Witch II*

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Reviewer's Rating: * one star (out of five)

The first Blair Witch movie got one of three reactions: Viewers loved it, hated it, or were too nauseated by the perpetually shaking camera to form an opinion. Not being prone to motion sickness, I loved it. I guess it is my appreciation of the first film that makes *Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2* the biggest cinematic disappointment of the year so far. I can only assume that this is supposed to be the Blair Witch for all the people that got sick in the theatre the first time around. Either that or it's the movie that *Blair Witch* would have been if they'd had more money to make it. That explanation is a little depressing, since this is just a conventional, lopsided horror movie with nothing resembling a discernible plot. I prefer to think of this as what it likely is, a moneymaking scheme to gyp people out of seven dollars. That's at least easier to believe than the notion that someone actually poured their heart and soul into this miserable dung heap of a movie.

The story brings us back to modern day Burkittsville, Maryland (formerly Blair), where rabid fans of the first Blair Witch Project have inundated the sleepy town, trying to catch a glimpse of the witch in action. One of the most annoying things about this movie is its fabrication of the die-hard Blair Witch fan base which, to the best of my knowledge, does not and will never exist (especially after this movie). In director Joe Berlinger's vision, this "legion" of fans is made up exclusively of overtly self-absorbed twenty-something goths, and that wouldn't be so bad if one of them (Kim Director) weren't central to the plot. Though she's actually only the second least likable

person onscreen, this contemptible little suburbanite spends so much time trying to look disinterested and "unique" I can guarantee you'll hate her within ten minutes. But I digress.

Due to this late influx of Blair Witch disciples, several locals have set up tours into the woods outside of Burkittsville to take the cult-like witch worshippers for all they're worth. One of these is Jeff, a former mental patient (which sounds scary, but it's not). The movie is set up around his tour group - Kim the Goth, Erica the Wiccan (who takes the prize for most irritating stereotype, anywhere, ever - but I'll get to that), and married couple Tristan and Stephen. They go out into the woods armed with a small fortune in cameras, sound equipment, booze, and illegal drugs, ready to see what they can see. What they get instead of a pile of rocks or some spooky stick figures is a pretty standard night camping and fornicating, none of which they can remember in the morning because of all the hallucinogens they ingest. All they know is, something's not quite right. And that's all they - or we, for that matter - ever know, since nothing is explained at all.

That's the plot. Now, in no particular order, a list of things that pissed me off:

Number One - and this is only of minor importance - There's no ending. For some odd reason, the Blair Witch just stops messing with her prey about an hour and a half into the movie, and it's over. It's like they ran out of film, money, or interest, and just randomly picked a spot to end the movie. Not only is this abhorrent storytelling, it's more frustrating than you can possibly imagine without actually enduring it. Worse still, *Blair Witch II* sets up a number of really interesting plot points that are never brought back up. It leaves all of the things that could have made it a really good movie hanging out in the cold, and consequently alienates any rational living person that could have held a positive opinion about it.

Number Two: THERE IS NO BOOK OF SHADOWS. Remember the days when a movie's title was somehow tied to the plot or a piece of dialogue? It doesn't seem so long ago to me. There is no mention or presentation of anything called the Book of Shadows. Does the title refer to the movie itself? Doubtful. In fact, the title was probably conceived by the same big studio fathead who approved the script, regardless of its inanity. "Book of Shadows" sounds creepy enough to get people in the seats, and one gets the feeling that there is no other purpose for this movie's having been made.

Number Three: Bad characters, particularly Erica the Wiccan. Quick notes on what makes a stereotype. If, every time a character appears on screen, she is doing something immediately related to her religion or social sect, she is not a character, or even a person for that matter. She's a dumbed-down idea with feet. Erica doesn't talk about the weather, make a sandwich, drink a beer, rent a videotape, read a book, or do anything else that people do. But she does read tarot cards, light candles and pray, bitch and moan about the stereotypes surrounding her faith, and feel "connections" with the spirit of the Blair Witch. Every time she opens her mouth. And the worst thing of all is the fact that not even death can stop her from talking.

Of course, there are a million other things I could go into, but it's exhausting thinking about how bad this movie was. The shoddy symbolism alone suggests that Joe Berlinger made this mess with the Cliff's Notes version of "Movie-Making For Dummies." Go see *The Little Vampire* instead. As far as horror movies go, at least that one has an ending.

Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 is rated R for violence, gore, profanity, and nudity. It is playing at the Grande on Northline Avenue in Friendly Center. Call 297-0722 for showtimes.

Free Love: Pursued

By JOHN RUSSELL
Staff Writer

I am being pursued. I met "Ray" during main stage auditions and it was obvious that he liked me from the start. Whenever I'm around he goes out of his way to talk to me or simply get in my line of vision. At a recent PRIDE meeting, he asked me for a cigarette, which, everyone knows is gay for "I want to sleep with you." I was even forced to light it for him. I sat down at a table and of course he followed. "So, how's everything going?" he asked as if we were the most intimate of acquaintances. "What's going on in your life?" "Not too much," I replied, trying to seem bored and uninterested, but at the same time still remain cute for all the other guys I was actually interested in.

He followed me home afterward and stopped me at my door. "I really want to get to know you better. We should hang out sometime." I was beginning to realize how stupid I must sound whenever I say that to some uninterested guy. "Okay, cool." I tried to make a run for it. He was too quick. "Give me your number."

I was shell-shocked. I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to be mean or hurt his feelings. After all,

how many times had I been in the same situation? So I gave it to him.

"You should have given him some one else's," my friend Mary shrieked when I told her. "I couldn't think what to do. I felt so trapped. People shouldn't be allowed to put you on the spot like that," I said. There were six of us packed into Kim and Lori's room to watch a movie, talk, and create a fire hazard. For the moment we were discussing my most recent dilemma: How do you get rid of an unwanted admirer/stalker?

"Four simple words," Kim said. "Let's just be friends." Kim is having a similar problem. A boy on our hall (we'll call him "Brad") is smitten with her, but as in my case they just don't fit. Kim has it tough, though. Brad is a great guy and she loves hanging out with him. So how does she remain distant and uninterested without wrecking the friendship? "It's so hard these days. You can't just be friends with a guy without people asking you if you're interested in him," she said. "I don't want to hurt his feelings, but I'm sick of everyone assuming that something's up." "I don't want to be friends!" I said. "I just want Ray to leave me alone!"

My friend Matt jumped

in, "When he calls just have blank conversations. And say 'whatever' a lot." I thought I was doing that already. "Tell him you're seeing someone." "No! If that story gets around I'll never get any dates!" Matt thought for a moment. "Tell him you just got out of a long term relationship and you need time to get over that." "But then he might want to be there for me and I'll never be able to shake him."

At this point my friends basically threw their collective hands in the air and gave up on me. I don't blame them. It's a tough situation. No matter how hard and insensitive you think you are, no one really wants to hurt an admirer. I was truly flattered by the attention, but where do we draw the line? Where is the point when it becomes acceptable to tell someone to bug off?

Fortunately I was spared that particular task. The day after I surrendered my number to him I went out of town. He called twice while I was gone. Of course I never called him back. He called two more times the following week, but I was lucky enough to miss both of them. I think he got the point. He stopped calling.

Adopt-A-Smoker

By JULIE ORTA
Guest Writer

The Wellness Center of Student Health Services is sponsoring a national, annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society called the Great American Smokeout on Thursday, November 16, 2000. This campaign challenges smokers to abstain from smoking for the 24-hour period.

Before this one-day event, friends who are non-smokers agree to "adopt" smokers, and both sign "adoption papers." This buddy system is a fun and effective way to



help smokers abstain from their unhealthy habit. Stop by the Wellness Center in the Atrium on November 16 to pick up a free "Quit Kit."

If you would like to receive free "adoption papers" in time for the Great Ameri-

can Smokeout, or if you would like to learn about the Wellness Center's free quit-smoking classes, please call 334-3190.

Also, feel free to attend the Tobacco 101 programs on Monday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 PM in Cone Hall Computer Lounge and on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 PM in the Hinshaw Hall Parlor.

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CD Review: Broadcast

By JOANNA YU
Staff Writer

Broadcast keeps the airwaves low. The setting is a 60's black and white French movie. You are the star. You are, of course, wearing all black, very chic clothing and perfectly made up. Everything about you looks in place, but underneath, you're a big ole depressed mess of a Parisian. You walk home, click-clack-clicking on the sidewalk in your heels and trench coat, open the door, fix a drink, and sit on the couch. Putting your drink on the table next to you, you stroll to the record player, riffle through your collection, finally deciding on Broadcast.

Broadcast is a quintet from

Birmingham, England that makes music to lean back to after a hard European day. Extended Play is only their second EP and has five suggestively ambient songs that are moody, dreamy, and spacey. The oscillating sounds, distorted guitars, organs and the cool, drawn-out vocals of singer Trish Keenan made me think that I was transported to the set of a very avant-garde film from ages long ago. I didn't dislike the album in any way, but these are definitely not hum-friendly songs if that's what you're looking for. Track 3, "A Man for Atlantis," has a 50's style doo-wop slow dance feel to it, as does the first track, "Illumination". Slow, steady drumbeats combined

with the light touch of the organ on track 4, "Poem of a Dead Song," alongside some woozy guitar work conjures up rather foggy film noir images.

Mix in half a cup of Stereolab along with some Pizzicato Five, Mono, and some white wine, and you've got Broadcast. I read something where Broadcast said that they aren't "as laid-back" when playing live. Noisier, is what they said actually. Just a bit noisier. Well, if that's the case, you can check it out for yourself on Saturday, November 18 at the Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill. They will be playing with Chicago's post-rock group The Sea and Cake.

The Soaps Corner: Oct. 23 - 27

By MICHELLE CHRISTOPHER
Staff Writer

PORT CHARLES

Monday (10/23): Lucy told Kevin that she had his DNA tested and it showed that he was Livvie's father. Chris and Livvie shared a romantic night together under the stars, and he told her about his childhood. Tuesday (10/24): Knowing that Livvie was his daughter, Kevin tried to not be hostile toward her. Frank, Joe, and Gabriela thought that they had caught Courtney in her lies, but a press conference was held, during which it was revealed that Jill was the HIV infected GH personnel.

Wednesday (10/25): As the press continued to hound Jill, all of the other doctors in the hospital stepped up and said that they were infected with the HIV virus.

Thursday (10/26): Lucy pressured Kevin to accept Livvie as his daughter even though they were not on good terms. After Kevin defended Livvie from a person who harassed her, she thought that Kevin was a nicer person than she gave him credit for.

Friday (10/27): Chris planted Kevin's DNA test in Eve's locker. After seeing the test results, Eve barged in to Kevin's office without knowing that Livvie was there, demanding that he tell her the truth.

ALL MY CHILDREN

Monday (10/23): Ryan decided to end his relationship with Gillian even though she pleaded with him not to. Leo proved to Woody that he truly loved Greenlee and decided to drop the charges against him. Tuesday (10/24): As Jake and

David argued in front of the hospital staff, David blurted out that Jake was impotent. Knowing that Arlene staged her own miscarriage, Mateo ordered her to leave Pine Valley.

Wednesday (10/25): After learning about the argument between Jake and David, Dixie told David that she quit. Hayley, Adam, Mateo, and Liza saw the videotape where Arlene and Vanessa concocted the miscarriage to blame it on Liza.

Thursday (10/26): Gillian blasted David for attacking Jake in such a manner. Leo turned down Greenlee's apology and told her that he was taking Bianca to the Halloween party.

Friday (10/27): Embarrassed at the Halloween party, Bianca and Rain went to a gay bar. Gillian and Jake delivered a baby in a cabin.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Monday (10/23): The charges against Will were dropped and Asa was arrested. Cristian began drinking after he saw Will and Jessica together. Sophia was hurt to learn of Antonio and Roseanne's relationship. Tuesday (10/24): Asa vowed revenge on everyone who had a part in putting him behind bars. In order to make Antonio jealous, Sophia had a seductive dance with Cristian.

Wednesday (10/25): Antonio was surprised to find a half-dressed Sophia with Cristian outside of Crossroads. After RJ tampered with Todd's car, Antonio and Sophia drove off with it.

Thursday (10/26): Cristian and Sophia were involved in



a serious car crash. Todd was angered when Viki and Sam told him that he should see a psychiatrist.

Friday (10/27): Sophia lied to Bo and John when she said that she was the one driving the car. Lindsay pretended to be Nora's "friend" and said that she would stand by her while she regained her memory.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Monday (10/23): Emily tried to convince her parents and Mac that Zander did not deserve to be arrested. Alexis confided to Sonny that she was scared of marrying Ned.

Tuesday (10/24): Nickolas asked Gia to be a resident in his cottage house. Lily turned down Emily's request for money to help Zander.

Wednesday (10/25): Emily tried to explain to her friends why she wanted to help Zander. Carly asked Bobbie and Sonny for a job. Both turned her down.

Thursday (10/26): Juan was shocked to find Emily with Zander at the police station. Gia was not pleased when her mom, Florence, told her that she was staying in Port Charles.

Friday (10/27): Alexis accepted the offer to defend Zander. Carly asked Alexis if she would give her a job as an assistant.

NC Summer and Government Internship Program

The NC Summer Internship and NC Institute of Government Internship Programs are coming to the campus of UNCG, Thursday, November 16 from 4-5:30 pm in Sharpe Lounge, EUC. This internship information opportunity is important to UNCG Spartans because it is the first step in gaining vital work experience that will successfully as-

sist your future job search. Information that you can expect to find at this meeting is information regarding summer paid internships for NC residents or students attending NC Universities with placement statewide as well as application and selection processes. Special guests Karen Bass from the NC Summer Intern Program and Lisa

Podhajsky from the NC Institute of Government Intern Program will be there to explain this information and to assist you in any questions you might have. This internship information opportunity will be held on Thursday, November 16 from 4-5:30 pm in Sharpe Lounge, EUC. This program is brought to you by Career Services Center.

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UNCG Historian to Speak at Underground Railroad Symposium

UNCG News Service

GREENSBORO—Historian Dr. Loren Schwenger will speak at a symposium on "The Underground Railroad: Romance or Reality?" to be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Greensboro Historical Museum.

Schwenger, a professor at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is co-author of the book, "Runaway Slaves: Rebels on the Plantation," with historian Dr. John Hope Franklin. His address, given at 1:45 p.m., will focus on the fact that most of the escaping slaves did not use the underground railroad.

The free symposium will run from 9-5 p.m., concluding with a 3:30 p.m. bus trip to Mendenhall Plantation near Jamestown. Funding is through

the N.C. Humanities Council. Seating is limited and registration is through the museum. Call 336-373-2043 to register.

There is a \$10 charge for lunch. Other speakers on the program include: 9:30 a.m., Adrienne Israel, history professor at Guilford College, who is discussing underground railroad activity in Guilford County; 10:15 a.m., Barbara Tagger, coordinator of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, who is discussing the program; 11:15 a.m., Charles Blockson, curator of the Blockson Collection at Temple University, will give a keynote address on the symposium's theme; 1 p.m., Beverly Gage, doctoral student in history at Columbia University, is discussing the underground railroad as a way for a guilty

America to ease its conscience; 2:45 p.m., panel discussion by participants.

A specialist in American and African-American history, Schwenger has received national attention for his research. He collected copies of more than 17,000 court records dating from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. The documents involve legal transactions concerning slaves and provide information on economic and cultural systems in Southern states at the time slavery existed. The research has received over \$800,000 in grants, including support from the C.S. Mott Foundation, National Historical Publications and Records Commission and National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Hold Your Nose, Cast Your Ballot, Cross Your Fingers

By JOE WILBUR
Staff Writer

My mother called me after the third Presidential debate. Though she traditionally votes Republican, she said, the debates had cemented her vote for Gore.

"My God," I thought, "maybe others on campus saw this and were similarly inspired..." No such luck. Alone in my dorm room at UNCG, I was the only one on my hall who'd chosen to watch the debates over the ball game. In fact, the largest organized group of students on my hall were, at that very moment, hatching a plan to get a homeless man to buy them alcohol and drink it at some nearby railroad tracks. I couldn't find a single person my age to discuss the debate. This is not the way I imagined a college campus in an election year....

"I'm not even registered to

vote and I'm not going to," says my neighbor across the hall. "Bush and Gore are both liars and I hate both of them." Of course, I don't think either of the candidates deserves to be elected either. In fact, I think they deserve to be kept on a remote island in the South Pacific - a sort of modern day leper colony full of all the worst society has to offer - pedophiles, aggressively evangelical Christians, people who quote rock lyrics like poetry. But they can't all be Kennedys - sometimes you just have to hold your nose, cast your ballot and cross your fingers.

I know that sounds cynical - but all my idealism goes out the window when I imagine George W. Bush leaving Texas for Washington. I'd like to see people my age taking up arms (in the form of ballots) against that possibility, but that's not how it's happening. If it's true our political system is a great

lumbering marionette, each tug on its strings only one of millions in opposing directions, then an alarming number of my schoolmates are deciding not to tug at all. While seeing this sort of apathy in my own generation is soul-crushing, watching the uninformed student who's determined to vote without even a basic understanding of the issues or process can be worse. Last night I met a group of chain-smoking local girls in a political argument. Joining in, I asked who each favored. I found that between the four of them they couldn't be sure which candidate was pro choice, didn't know what school vouchers were and wondered what the electoral college was and whether it had actual students. One of them was a Political Science major. I could have cried.

Don't get me wrong - there is a small contingent of in-

formed, politically passionate students on campus. But this year they're hopelessly outnumbered by the sort of disaffected youth Ralph Nader's been so effectively targeting.

I have a great respect for Ralph Nader and his work. But, sadly, I've yet to meet a Nader crusader who knows much of anything about the candidate's life, work and campaign beyond the fact that Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder is voting Green this year.

The way I see it, no one's going to jump the Bush train to hook themselves to Nader's bandwagon. The race is too tight and the prize too precious for any of us to cast protest votes, sinking Gore. Maybe it's true that the system is irreversibly corrupt. If so, then I think all the average American can do is strive to be the above-average American - we need to stop fooling ourselves into thinking that simply managing

to cast a ballot this way or that once every four years lets us off with a clear conscience. We need to read the newspaper for our news rather than going to the television and subscribe to magazines that don't feature the cast of Friends on their covers. We need to become involved in and vote in local elections, watch the debates, know the issues and try to protect our personal freedoms as best we can.

Because in the end, it doesn't matter to Eddie Vedder who's elected. It matters to us kids who are drowning in debt to get an education; homosexuals who want to be treated like Americans; young women who value their reproductive health and freedom. To me and most of the young people I'm in class with daily, it matters - but most of us are asleep at the wheel in this election. We need to wake collectively before we come to the bridge.

UNC-Bureaucracy

By LINNEA AHLIN
Staff Writer

Have you ever noticed that it takes about six phone calls to get anything done around here? And if you have a really, really important question, no one knows the answer. That is called bureaucracy, my friends. And I have dealt with a whole lot of it lately.

First of all, I was trying to find out where a lecture was taking place last Wednesday. I called several affiliated departments and no one knew where it was. If they were hosting the speaker, shouldn't they know where the lecture was taking place? Well, apparently a select few knew, because there were a few flyers around campus with the correct place listed in miniscule print. It turns out they had changed the official location of the lecture without listing it anywhere.

Unknowningly, I went to the location where the lecture was supposed to be held, and realized it had been moved or cancelled, which I found out the

next day.

Also, it seems like the Rock is only painted by a select few. Wearing matching sweatshirts, these little conformist groups splash globs of paint on the Rock, usually in a disorderly manner. Why can't just one individual go up there and write some jargon, regarding how they feel or taking out their anger at the university as a whole? Other campuses like Duke and N.C. State have whole tunnels for self-expression. UNC-G has a rock, more like a stone, where groups in favor with the university spray paint whatever new cause they have undertaken.

And when it comes to the topic of graduation, UNC-G is infamous for throwing in those last-minute credits. After all, the longer you are enrolled at this institution, the more money they make. A friend of mine who graduated a year ago spent extra time here because they had shut down her major altogether, so she had to change her major at the last minute. Also, advising may

help, but you can't avoid those, "Oh, we had to change our whole department around so you need to take this, this and this now in order to graduate." That four-year target may soon become five and then six until you've had it and never get your degree. All because the state thinks you need a certain amount of chemistry, history and biology, even though you plan to become an artist. You can never be too careful planning out your courses, and unbeknownst to you, courses you took for a reason may never count for anything.

The best route is to take a stand when dealing with these people, and just remember, they are doing their jobs. It's not their fault if they don't know when student directories are coming out, or if they transfer you half a dozen times to get an answer to your question. If it frustrates you, go express yourself on the Rock; that is, after you have joined a campus organization.

Spoiled Milk With No Glasses

By JOHN SILVER
Staff Writer

It is always a unique pleasure we have here at UNCG to enter the Caf, coincidentally usually when we are most hungry or in need of nourishment, only to find warm, spoiled milk in our glasses after what is usually a 5-10 minute wait to actually get a glass. I am always amazed that, although the average student living on campus has to pay around \$1000 per year for the Caf dining plan, for some reason said Caf cannot support an electricity bill that is sufficient to keep the milk cold. Maybe I have just had bad luck, but seven times out of ten, I get to my table of choice and sit down with a nice, handsome bowl of Fruity Pebbles only to nearly go running to a trash can to spit out a mouth full of warm, spoiled milk with that distinctive wang to it. It has almost become a game to actually see

if I can get a decent serving. And those meters on the dispensers are so misleading that it is often the case that the ones saying they're the coldest are the ones that are the worst off.

And then we have this recent development with the glasses. Are the Caf workers so inclined to be wandering aimlessly as they watch a substantial line form where the glasses should be that they do not understand the dilemma at hand? I understand that things get heated from time to time and an overwhelming amount of students flood the Caf at various parts of the day, but jeez. If I find myself waiting in another line full of frustrated people like me who have to wait more than a few minutes to get a glass, I think that just maybe I'll go get a dirty glass and make whoever is in charge of the milk dispensers taste some of their own medicine.

This Week at UNCG

Thursday, November 2

Rocky Horror Show-Taylor Theatre-7p.m.
University Percussion Ensemble- Recital Hall, Music Bldg.-7:30 p.m.

John Gamble Dance Theatre-Dance Theatre-8 p.m.

Life Skills Seminar-Financial Planning-Kirkland, EUC-4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 3

Rocky Horror Show-Taylor Theatre-8 & 10 p.m.

John Gamble Dance Theatre-Dance Theatre- 8 p.m.

UNCG Jazz Ensemble-Recital Hall, Music Bldg.-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 4

Spring 2001 Registration for continuing students begins

Rocky Horror Show-Taylor Theatre-8 & 11 p.m.

John Gamble Dance Theatre- Dance Theatre- 8 p.m.

Toy Story 2-Family Movie Day-Jarrell Lecture Hall- 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 5

Rocky Horror Show-Taylor Theatre-7 & 10 p.m.

Orchestra and Choral Concert- Aycock Auditorium- 7:30 p.m.

NBS Gospel Extravaganza-11 a.m.

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

Wednesday, November 8

Successful Interviewing-Career Services-206 Foust- 12 p.m.

Effective Job Searching-- Career Services-206 Foust-1p.m.

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By **JOSIANNE BIGHAM**
Staff Writer

UNCG has a very liberal attendance policy. It states that it is both the student's and the professor's responsibility to maintain good attendance in class. The professor has the right to implement any attendance policy, or lack thereof. In turn, the student has the right to come to class, and pass, or skip, and fail.

Many college students complain when a class only allows for a couple of absences, as do I. However, students I have spoken to also notice that if a class has a stricter policy, they make better grades in that class because they must attend the lectures. As much as they hate the idea of regularly attending classes, they recognize that the attendance policies put in place by professors help them. Another student made the comment that college should prepare us for the working world, where no absences are allowed. There will be no attendance policies there to keep us in line, and an unexcused absence will no longer mean failing a class, but perhaps losing

a job or career.

These policies are put in place to insure students are getting their money's worth and that professors are earning their pay by teaching students and not empty classrooms. These attendance guidelines also act as a college student's last safety net before entering into the work force. Once that step is made, there will be no free days to skip out on responsibilities.

The professors have the right to place their own limitations on how many absences their students may have. This could be good or bad, depending on the professor's restrictions. There are some professors that uphold the belief that college students are adults, and that as adults they should have the choice to attend class. Other professors see the need to restrict absences, so as to insure that the students attend their class.

Attendance policies are put in place to ensure that college students accept and carry out their classroom responsibilities.

By **GREG SHEALY**
News Editor

Professors have complete discretion when determining the attendance policy of their classes. Many professors choose to allow students to miss as many classes as they wish, provided that they satisfactorily complete the work assigned. Other professors think that their class discussions and lectures are essential for understanding the subject matter. These professors give students attendance requirements. Which of these approaches is better? Does the professor have the right to require students to attend classes? E-Mail opinions to uncg_opinions@hotmail.com.

ties. While those professors or courses with stricter policies may be disliked, they help prepare students for a time when attendance will always be mandatory. These policies also ensure that when a student graduates, they walk away with the complete benefits of the courses taken while attending UNCG.

Your Daily Prescription: Election Fever

By **NACHOMAN**
Staff Writer

I am back and I have to jump on the election bandwagon. I would rather be having jungle fever than election fever but oh well what can I say. This article will come out five days before the big showdown between Al and George and of course do not forget the bond for funding projects in the public colleges in North Carolina including UNCG.

I want to say the school and the Chancellor have sure done a lot to promote student awareness and turnout for the bond issue and the election in general. The emails, the signs all over school showing how the money, the transportation of students for early voting and the letters are part of the extensive efforts undertaken by the school to ensure the bond passes. The bond is very important if we want our school, which has a lot of old buildings, to get in touch with the new age. My friend and I were walking around the school and started calculating the age of some buildings. The average age was roughly 40-50 years. I believe in this amount of years everything we know must have developed by leaps and bounds. We need more technology, refurbishment of laboratories, better

classrooms; in short, we need better buildings.

I was reading a newspaper in my area that interviewed Chancellor Sullivan. I found out that the money UNCG is going to get would be less than what we really need. She stated that (I am trying to re-

member as best as I can) that the state had a department that had underestimated most of the school's need. I can very much believe that. I think (my friend makes fun of me for this) that the Petty Building needs more than \$24 million for repairs. I have always advocated taking that building and McIver down and building new ones, especially McIver with its closet offices. At least the money we get would be a great start to rehabbing this school. If you have not gotten my gist by now, **THOSE OF US REGISTERED SHOULD GO VOTE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE BOND.** Thank you very much.

Now the bond issue is the most important issue to me in this election. After this we have a bunch of other elections, including one for something called the Presidency. This is my first time going to vote 'cause I skipped 1996 since I figured my man Bubba was going to win. I was a naughty boy and I hope that is the last time I skip any election. I actually slept through the whole day and watched CNN at night for the results. Not this year. Although both candidates are boring, the race is tight. It has become a fight for the ideology of this country, which I believe is in the middle. I saw the list of candidates and issues to vote for as my friend voted early. It was eight pages and it took half an hour. But it was all worth it. Whether we like it or not, even if we believe all politicians are corrupt, politics affect our daily lives. Voting

provides us with the only way of actively participating in the government. Looking at the voting list I said to myself, I do not know all these candidates. Who am I going to vote for? This is a question that plagues all of us young people. I do not have to know everyone but just get to know a couple of issues and how the people or the most likely point, the party of the candidate feels on the issue. I could pick environment, taxes or education. Whatever rocks my boat.

Feeling uneducated about the election? The Internet has all kinds of sites. Just search for Election 2000 or any of the television channels.com. Even the local area newspapers will have information about the election. I have given up on using lack of information as an excuse for not voting. That is just me, Yours truly, Lord Nacho.

I am going to focus on the presidential, governor and Lt. Governor races along with the bond when I go to vote. Everybody else goes along with my party identification and everything else on how I feel. I will not lie but admit that I am pretty much informed since I am interested in politics. The presidential race between Gore and Bush has so many possibilities it makes the stiffs look interesting. The close race has shown the possibility of a tie. The President is elected by proportional representation on in an electoral college. The Electoral College is 568 electors, proportionally divided among the states using population, with the winner of the election in the state getting all

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By **JESSICA ZELLERS**
Staff Writer

Guess what, kids! It's time for our daily French lesson! Yay!

"But Jessica," you say, "I don't know any French!"

Fear not, O faithful reader, fear not. We shall learn, and we shall learn quickly.

The lesson today is about telling time. If someone asks you what time it is, this is how your reply begins:

"Il est..."

This is how you pronounce it:

"Eel" (like that slimy thing in the ocean) "A" (the first letter of the alphabet).

Now let's review. If someone asks you what time it is, how does your reply begin?

"Il est," you say.

Very good! Très bon, even! And that took us, at a conservative estimate, fifteen seconds to learn.

My French class is an eel of a different color. It took us not fifteen seconds but, hm... How long is a class period?... Fifty minutes? All right, then, it took us fifty minutes.

Am I exaggerating? A bit, yes. Am I being inappropriately facetious? Most likely. But verily, I base this on a true story. A few weeks ago, my French class spent the entire period learning how to communicate the hour of the day.

I felt I had mastered the whole "Il est" business in a matter of minutes. I suspected, in my deepest and darkest regions, that I could perhaps have learned the material on my own from the textbook. I even dare I admit it? Dare I? I even harbored the dirty little suspicion that I really didn't need to be in class that day.

its electors. Both guys could get 269 each and miss the majority by 1. So the new House of Reps gets to pick the President and the senate picks the Vice President. Is this not so intriguing? Yeah right. Another possibility is one candidate winning the popular vote but losing the Electoral College, thereby losing the presidency. That is cool. My aim is to get young people to vote more so that we can become a targeted voting bloc. This means that all these tax cuts and Social Security fights over future money (can you believe that, future money) is target-

But I can only miss four days from my French class before I suffer academic penalty. If I garner five or more absences, my grade drops. It matters not that I can say "Il est" with the best of them.

On the irksome other hand, my Biology class has a lenient attendance policy. I could skip it to my heart's desire, just as long as I showed up for the tests. Problem is, I suck at Biology. I cling to every precious moment of instruction like saran wrap clings to green bean casserole. I need to be there, and I know I need to be there.

That is the way attendance policies should work. I presume that college students have the rational maturity to decide for themselves whether or not to attend class. The consequences of skipping class are obvious: If you're not in class, you don't hear what the professor has to say. You might also miss demonstrations and visual aids and, in general, that nifty classroom atmosphere that you just can't get from a textbook.

I would go so far as to suggest that skipping class is, for the most part, a bad idea. But I think it is a bad idea that I should be allowed to make without fear of automatic academic reprisal. And sometimes I just don't need to be in class. This is not a commentary on any professor or the quality of his class; it simply means that, once in a while, I can learn the material on my own more efficiently than I can learn it with a lot of other people trying to learn the same thing.

ing the 65 year old and older that have a very high turnout rate. We vote in the mid-30s in election. That is why I feel the candidates have not talked enough about making colleges cheaper and paying professors better or jobs for graduates. No, they focus on those who will come out to vote and I do not blame them. November 6, I decide whom I want to be President and I go vote the next day. Registered student voters should try the voting part out too. Until next week, if you smell what the Ayatollah of Rock and Rolla is cooking.

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National Football Roundup

By **DESMOND JOHNSON**
Sports Writer

Well, the magic, the wonder, the pure heaven known as the NFL season has hit the half-way point.

Some teams have shown complete domination. Others have been beaten down continuously week after week because...well, because they suck. Let's take a look at the leaders shall we?

NFL

West St. Louis Rams...I've said it before and I'll say it again, this team scares the hell out of me. However, it seems as if the Kansas City Chiefs have a subscription to the Carolinian, because they took the tips I gave a couple of weeks ago and ran with them.

Hurt someone, score a bunch of points, wait for the Rams to screw up and most importantly, pray. What happens? Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk are injured, Kansas City runs up 54 points and blow out the superbowl champs. When the Rams learn how to play defense, they will be unstoppable.

Central Minnesota...this was a team that I picked to be a surprise and what a surprise they've been. While everyone is looking at the

Rams, the Vikings have been quietly kicking butt and taking names. At the time of this writing the Vikings were the only undefeated team left in the NFL.

East Washington...After a slow start, the Redskins seem to have gotten their acts together. I ridiculed this division at the beginning of the season but the Giants and the Eagles have young talent and are only half a game behind the Redskins in the standings. A tough division to emerge from.

AFC

West Oakland...I liked this team from the beginning of the season, I picked them to be a superbowl contender and they have not disappointed me. The close games that they were losing last year, they're winning this year. As of this writing, one of only four teams with only one loss.

Central Tennessee...Like Washington, Tennessee started sluggish but now seem to be clicking on all cylinders. All star running back Eddie George is injured but shouldn't be out for long. Steve McNair is finally coming into his own.

East NY Jets...Where the @#\$% did this team come from??? Did I miss something? You trade away Keyshawn Johnson and you

get better? Then again, Tampa Bay received Keyshawn and got worse. Hmm. Vinnie Testaverde is showing why he was a pro bowl quarterback two years ago.

Indianapolis (another one of my super bowl contenders) and Miami (another surprise) are right behind the Jets in the standings. No surprise that this division is tight, its widely considered to be the toughest division in the NFL.

Midseason Awards: Most Valuable Quarterback... Peyton Manning, Indy. This kid's only been in the league for a couple of years. He's got all the tools. Biggest surprises...It's a toss up between the outstanding play of San Francisco qb Jeff Garcia or the undefeated Minnesota Vikings.

Worst teams...Cincinnati and Cleveland should just forfeit the season. Best coach...Jon Gruden, Oakland. This guy has Oakland believing, finally, that they are worthy of winning a superbowl.

Overall, this season is shaping up to be a great one, with a few dominant teams, but even the dominant teams have weaknesses. We'll have updates as the season moves along...Go Panthers!!!(sorry, had to stick that in here somewhere.)

Volleyball Winning Streaked Snapped

UNCG SPORTS INFORMATION

The volleyball team's attempt to rally from a 2-0 deficit fell short as Charleston claimed a 3-1 win over the Spartans in a Southern Conference match October 28 at home.

Charleston won the first two games by scores of 15-11 and 15-3 and held an 11-6 lead in the third game before UNCG regrouped with six of the next seven points to tie the game at 12. With the score tied at 14, kills by Dawn Bright and Jamie Hedin gave the Spartans a 16-14 win.

The Cougars seemed to have the match in hand with an 8-2

lead in the fourth game, but UNCG scored seven straight points for a 9-8 lead. The Spartans couldn't hold onto the lead, though, as Charleston ran off the last seven points of the match for a 15-9 game-four win.

"Once again we saw the roller-coaster that we've been on all season," said coach Stacy Meadows. "When we play consistently we win, but to this point, we keep having difficulty staying consistent in our play."

Becky Moore finished with 25 kills, 13 digs, and a .333 hitting percentage to lead the Spartans. Hedin added nine kills and 10 digs, and Robyn

Jameson tallied 43 assists and nine digs.

For the Cougars, Alyson VanCleave recorded a game-high 26 kills and finished with a .412 hitting percentage. She also added seven digs and eight blocks. Heather Bingham tallied 13 kills and eight digs, while Mary Sabatino registered 46 assists and 16 digs.

The Spartans fell to 8-18 on the year and 5-10 in the conference, while Charleston improved to 13-11, and 7-8 in the SoCon.

UNCG will host SoCon rival Furman November 2 at 7 pm in a game rescheduled from September 12.

The Wrestling Insider

By **DESMOND JOHNSON**
Sports Writer

Finally, the Wrestling Insider has come back to the Carolinian!!! That's right, the column for wrestling fans, written by a wrestling fan. The column returns this week on the heels of major developments going on in the world of wrestling.

It's apparent now to everyone involved that Time Warner is on the verge of selling WCW to another company. The two front-runners are Mandalay Entertainment, which happens to be backed by none other than Eric Bischoff, and the WWF.

If Mandalay buys WCW, Bischoff would take over the

daily operations of the company. However, the surprise is that the most likely scenario is that WWF will buy the WCW, which could lead to crazy interpromotional shows. Word is, if the WWF buys WCW, it will be played out in an angle where Shane McMahon "buys" WWF to spite his father, Vince McMahon.

Just think about it...Rock vs. Sting? Triple H vs. Big Poppa Pump? Austin vs. Goldberg? This could be the biggest thing to ever happen in wrestling and I will keep you posted on upcoming developments.

In other news, former WWF champion Shawn Michaels is rumored to want to wrestle one

final match. This match would take place at Wrestlemania 2001 and would probably be against Triple H.

Scott Hall has been officially fired from WCW, yet he still seems to be receiving paychecks. This along with comments made by Kevin Nash on Nitro this past Monday leads me to believe that the "Outsider" gimmick will soon return.

Bret Hart has officially retired from professional wrestling.

That's all for this week. More on the potential WWF/WCW buyout, injury updates and a look at this past weekend's Halloween Havoc pay-per-view. Until next time!!!

Soccer Teams Head to Tournament

UNCG SPORTS INFORMATION

The women's soccer team will be second-seeded and the men's team, fourth-seeded, in this week's Southern Conference Tournaments, and both squads will play host Charleston in the quarterfinals.

The women's team (10-7-1, 7-2 SoCon) will meet the seventh-seeded Cougars (4-12-2, 3-5-1) November 2 at 2 pm while the men's team (12-6-1, 6-2) will face the fifth-seeded Cougars (9-9-2, 4-4) November 3 at 4:30 pm. All tournament games will be at Patriot's Point in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Coach Jack Poland's women's squad earned the second seed with a 4-0 home win over Davidson October 28. The Spartans and Wildcats

had been tied for second entering the regular-season finale. Charleston defeated UNCG 2-0 October 1 at home.

Coach Michael Parker's men's team lost a blind draw for the second seed October 29 after finishing the regular season tied with Davidson and Appalachian State. The Wildcats won the draw and the Mountaineers defeated UNCG 3-2 October 21 at home. The Spartans defeated Charleston 4-1 October 4 on the road.

The tournament's semifinal games are November 4 and the finals are November 5. The women's champion advances to the NCAA Tournament by automatic bid. The men's champion meets the Big South

Conference champion in an NCAA play-in game.

The Spartan women's team won five of its last six games, with its only loss being to SoCon regular-season champion Furman 1-0 at home October 16. The men's team lost three of its last five games.

The women's team is 6-1 in three years of SoCon Tournament play, winning back-to-back titles in 1997 and 1998 and losing in the quarterfinals last year.

The men's team is 7-2 in three years of SoCon Tournament play, reaching the finals each year against Furman. The Paladins, this year's undefeated (8-0) regular-season champion, won titles in 1997 and 1999 and UNCG won the crown in 1998.

Spartan Scoreboard Week of Oct. 27-Nov 1

Women's Soccer:

UNCG: 4, Davidson: 0 Sep. 28

Men's Soccer:

In Big Four Tournament

UNCG: 6, NC State: 0 Sep. 27

UNCG 0, Duke 5: Sep. 29

Volleyball

UNCG def Elon: 3 games to 1 Sep. 26

UNCG def The Citadel: 3 games to none Sep. 27

UNCG loses to Charleston: 3 games to 1 Sep. 28

This Week In UNCG Sports

Men and Women's Soccer at Southern Conference Tournament this weekend November 2-5.

The Men will play their first game Friday November 3 against Charleston. The Men's champion will play the champion of the Big South for an automatic bid to the NCAA.

The Women will play their first game Thursday November 2 against Charleston. Saturday and Sunday are the Semi-finals and Finals. The winner of the Women's tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Check www.uncgspartans.com for scores this weekend.

Volleyball is at home November 2 vs. Furman 7pm,
at Georgia Southern November 3 7pm,
and home against Davidson November 7 at 7pm.

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