



SGA Applauds Chancellor, Supports Amnesty International

By CHRIS BUTLER
Staff Writer

Tuesday night a room full of SGA delegates passed unanimously a resolution thanking Chancellor Patricia Sullivan for her hard work and dedication in helping the UNCG and Greensboro community about the Higher Education Bond. The author of this resolution James Bryan stated last night that it has even been reported that Chancellor Sullivan would "stop people in Harris Teeter and tell them about the bond". This news has evidently gotten attention around the state.

The Higher Education Bond package passed with a 73% majority sending a loud statement to our law makers that North Carolina are serious about keeping up the standards of our higher education institutions. This package will give

3.1 billion dollars to the 16 UNC campuses and the 54 community colleges across North Carolina for various projects. UNCG will receive almost 160 million of these 3.1 billion dollars. The bond package for UNCG will help to build a new science building, and renovate older buildings such as the McIver Building, the Alumni House, and Acycock Auditorium just to name a few. With the passage of the bonds the UNC system of colleges will be able to be one of the best systems in the nation for higher education. The full text of the resolution follows:

Resolution Thanking Chancellor Sullivan

Whereas: Chancellor Patricia Sullivan has served the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for over five years; and,

Whereas: During that time



Amnesty International members (l-r) Neil White, Jennifer Broome, and Robindra Deb await SGA's decision.

Chancellor Sullivan has represented and led UNC with dignity and excellence; and,

Whereas: The Chancellor led the Second Century Campaign which exceeded expectations, raising over

\$55.4 million for UNCG; and,

Whereas: The passing of the University Bonds means \$3.1 billion for the University of

North Carolina and \$160 million for UNCG; and,

Whereas: This money will help repair buildings such as McIver, as well as allow for the construction of new buildings such as the Science Building; and,

Whereas: The passing of the University Bonds would not have been possible without the efforts of our state educational leaders, including Chancellor Sullivan; and,

Whereas: Chancellor

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Check Your Meds

By JEREMY WHITE
Guest Writer

A major recall is underway in the world of over-the-counter drugs. The ingredient phenylpropanolamine (PPA) has been linked to brain hemorrhages and strokes.

PPA is commonly found in many non-prescription cough and cold medications and appetite suppressants. Those products that the FDA has warned against are Alka-Seltzer Plus, Acutrim, Contac, Comtrex, Dexatrim, Dimetapp, Triaminic, and Robitussin CF. Doctors from Yale discovered the link.

The FDA determined that PPA could be to blame for at least 200 to 500 strokes just in people under the age of 50. The study found that the increase of stroke was just in women. No one knows why this is the case. Results show that stroke patients were 50% more likely than normal subjects to have been exposed to PPA within 3 days of the stroke. The risk of stroke for appetite suppressant users increased 16-fold.

Currently there is no substitute for PPA. Doctors recommend taking products containing pseudoephedrine or nasal sprays instead.

UNCG's Program to Combat Child Abuse

Abused children are North Carolina's most vulnerable residents, and child abuse in the state is on the rise. Nevertheless, those assigned to intervene on behalf of these small victims are often the most inexperienced of social workers.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University are helping to remedy this statewide problem by participating in the North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative, a program to increase the numbers of highly trained, master's degreed social workers who specialize in child welfare.

Twenty of the 65 students in the Joint Masters of Social Work Program at NCA&T and UNCG are now preparing for careers in child welfare under this program. In exchange for up to two years of service following graduation, these students receive a tuition waiver and \$15,000 per year for living expenses for up to two years. Hopes are that the program will turn out students committed to staying in the

field.

"The Joint Program in Social Work is grateful for the funding we have received to address the epidemic of child abuse in this state," said Dr. John Rife, chairman of the UNCG Department of Social Work. "Though this is a step in the right direction, child abuse is on the increase, and clearly the state needs to do more."

Overseeing the program is the Jordan Institute for Families at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A fourth participant is East Carolina University. All told, the universities will turn out 33 master's level child welfare specialists by the end of this academic year, most of them from the NC A&T and UNCG program.

The need is great, according to Nancy Dickenson, executive director of the Jordan School. Caseloads in child welfare are heavy and investigations are extremely complicated, often touching on the very worst of society's ills — family violence, substance abuse and

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Florida's Recount Will Determine the Next President

By KIMBERLY MOORE
Staff Writer

The race between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush remains closer than anyone could possibly have imagined. Gore won most of the northeast and west coasts, while most of Bush's votes came from the South and Midwest. Florida, which is governed by Bush's brother, is the key state that will determine the future President.

After the re-count Saturday, Bush maintained his slim lead in Florida. Even though he lost the nationwide popular

vote, by winning Florida he would win a majority of votes in the Electoral College, and thus win the presidency. Despite the fact that the election occurred over a week ago, Palm Beach County still has unresolved issues.

The ballots confused some Palm Beach voters. This confusion led them to vote for Reform Party Candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Gore. The Gore campaign insisted that in addition to two machine counts, these ballots should be recounted by hand, to determine how the voter meant to vote. A hand count in these

predominately Democratic counties would tend to inflate the number of the front runner in that county. As a result it is very possible that Gore could gain enough votes to edge out Bush, and win the state of Florida. Other counties as well as Palm Beach will undergo hand recounts too. Two of these counties are Volusia and Polk County.

After the first Palm Beach recount, the results showed an increased support for Gore. Gore had 269,732 compared to Bush who had 152,951, in the county. With this increase, Gore narrowed the gap by

which he trailed Bush statewide.

As the recount of votes continues, the legal posturing of both campaigns continues to mount. Both sides are threatening to use lawyers and the courts to give their candidate the slight edge needed to propel him into the White House. When the dust settles, the candidate that has more votes will win all 23 electoral votes given to Florida. This candidate will be the next president of the United States.

To find out more about the election or to put in your own opinion, visit <http://www.voter.com>.

The Media Mess-Up on Election Night

By GREG SHEALY
News Editor

One of the most important stories that came from Election Night was ironically the way that the news media handled itself. As soon as polls began to close, the media began declaring which candidate won certain counties. In some cases, such as Florida, which spans two time zones, the media declared a winner in states before the polls even closed. These declarations were made based on a variety of information. The media used exit polls, in which voters were interviewed as they left the poll-

ing stations, along with actual election returns to determine which candidate won a certain state.

Usually this went well. However in some cases, the media only succeeded in putting its foot in its mouth. This was the case in Florida, in which reporters almost immediately stated that Al Gore had won the state. Many voters in the Republican majority panhandle heard this while they were waiting in line to vote. As a result they left the line to do something else. As the night continued, however, it became apparent to journalists that their prediction of a Gore win in

Florida might not be correct. As results came in from predominately Republican areas, the news networks were forced to take Florida from the Gore column and say that it was too close to call.

Florida remained too close to call throughout the night. As other states began to report, it became clear that the election would be close, and would probably be decided by a few electoral votes. As night changed to early morning, even the extreme western part of the country had reported their vote tallies and the pool of remaining electoral votes continued to

dwindle, but Florida remained in the "too close to call" column. All the television networks wanted to be the first channel to announce the winner of Florida and thus the winner of the election, and newspapers held their papers from going to print so that their headlines would announce who won the race.

Finally, at around 1:00 a.m. the media announced that Bush had carried the state of Florida. The graphic flashed across the screens of all the networks that Bush had been announced the president elect of the United

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UNCG Police Safety

By LAURA PARLIER
Staff Writer

Of course, there are always a few exceptions, but, in general, responses to questions about safety on campus are the same: males don't worry about being alone at night walking on campus. For females, this fear is inevitable.

Actually, of colleges in the UNC system, UNCG does rank as one of the lowest for reported forcible sexual assaults. In 1999, UNCG had none of these crimes reported. In the same year UNC-Chapel

Hill had eleven, eight of which were in dorms. (Find these and more statistics on campus security at www.statistics.com, and click on the "Campus Crime and Security" link.)

Despite the relative safety of UNCG, one must still keep an active watch over his own safety. After researching information on the subject, the next step to safety is preparation. Fortunately, the UNCG Police Department's Crime Prevention Division is well aware of

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An UnPresidential Election

By **ERIKA HUGHES**
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Executive Editor

Three days after her election, the junior senator-elect from New York, Hillary Clinton declared that her first action in office would be supporting a constitutional amendment to do away with the Electoral College. Vice President Gore, who has declared himself the popular vote victor, has (at the time of this article's writing) 255 electoral votes under his belt from 19 states; Governor Bush can lay claim to 246 votes from 29 states. All of North Carolina's 14 votes went to the Texan.

At first glance, the Electoral College seems undemocratic; and indeed it is. When it comes to the President, the United States of America does not have an Athenian-style direct democracy. Instead, when UNCG

students cast their ballots at either Aycock Auditorium or the EUC, they were voting for an elector. According to Article II, Section 1, Amendment 12 of the Constitution, "The Electors shall... vote by ballot for President and Vice President." Each state has as many electors as it has representatives in Congress. For example, North Carolina has 14 electoral votes, twelve for the House representatives and two for the senators. Electors cannot hold elected office. They are party people, selected for their loyalty. These electors will cast their ballots on December 18 for the President. Exceptions to this rule are Maine and Nebraska, who split their votes by congressional district, while the two extra votes go with the majority of the state.

If there is no majority winner (the majority is 270 votes) then the race gets

thrown to the House of Representatives, where each state gets one vote. The Senate chooses the Vice President. Feasibly, the President and Vice President could come from different parties. Equally feasible is a scenario in which the popular vote winner does not receive the Electoral votes necessary to win.

Proponents of the Electoral College say that it forces the candidates to consider each state when campaigning. If the popular vote prevailed, some fear that the country's major metropolitan areas would decide the outcome of each election. The only ones who would benefit are candidates and constituents in New York, California, Texas, Florida, and Illinois. In addition, candidates would tend to appeal less to minorities, according to supporters of the present system. African-Americans make up 10% of

the vote nationwide, Hispanics 5%. These groups have traditionally supported the institution of the Electoral College. Some predict that North Carolina, the nation's tenth-largest state and traditionally a supporter of Republican presidential candidates, would be virtually ignored along with the other 44 states, should the use of the Electoral College end.

Advocates for the end of the Electoral College say that the days when such a system was necessary are over. With the rapid dissemination of information in today's society, they say that every American who wants to vote is qualified to make an informed decision, unlike in the first years of our nation's existence. They believe that the President should be directly elected by the people, and that it is unfair for the entire course of our nation to be charted by the elite.

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poverty to name just a few, she said. Despite the skill and savvy required to deal with such issues, most child welfare staff members in North Carolina have had no formal social work education. Sixty-six percent lack even a bachelor of social work degree. Not surprisingly, burnout is endemic to this well-intentioned but ill-equipped workforce. Turnover rates are as high as 80 percent, Dickenson said.

"This problem needs our best educated, most committed social workers, so that's why we're preparing social workers who we hope, will have the resources to remain in the field," she said.

Though the program is only in its second year in North Carolina, approximately 35 of 50 states have had similar programs for some years, Dickenson said. In California, retention rates in the child welfare workforce are now as high as 75 percent, following a similar education program, she said.

North Carolina stands to benefit, even if the students now going through the program eventually leave the field. "Even if they stay just two years, they will have made such a great contribution to the cause of child welfare, that we will all see the benefit," she said.

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this need, and has developed a unique Women's Safety Program. This program hopes to increase awareness, and introduce alternative methods of prevention and resistance. In addition, this program hopes to provide information on what to do about crimes against women after they have occurred.

The UNCG Police Department also offers a program geared directly toward prevention of assault by teaching self-defense tactics and techniques. The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) System is the only one endorsed by the Inter-

national Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. R.A.D. is a hands-on training program for women only. It gives a realistic and safe experience of what can happen during an attack.

For more information about this program contact Crime Prevention Officer Sue Stroud at 334-5963. Sessions are held in the HHP Building from 6:30pm until 9:30pm during various two day intervals throughout the semester. To view the tentative schedule for spring 2001, and a registration form, go to www.uncg.edu/psp/prevention

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States. Gore saw that the networks had called Florida, and called Bush to concede to defeat. His car left his Nashville hotel to go to the state house where his supporters waited to announce that he had lost the election. On his way to make his speech, he received a fax from the Secretary of State of Florida, telling him that the election was extremely close and that he should not admit to defeat until a recount had been made.

Again, it looked like the news media had messed up, and had again prematurely called a state

for a candidate. Gore called Bush again and told him that he wasn't going to give up. Instead, Gore said, he was going to contest the results of the election and wait until the votes had been recounted (and as it would turn out recounted again). Gore sent his campaign advisor, Bill Daley, to tell the crowd gathered to support Gore that the margin of Bush's victory was too slim and that they were going to fight and not listen to the projections.

In the wake of the mess-ups by the media, a lot of criticism has been leveled against the media by observers. The me-

dia, they said, influenced the votes of people who had not voted yet (on either the West Coast or in other parts of the state). Many say that it encourages them to go home since they feel that their vote is pointless. In addition, they say that the waffling of the networks makes the entire electoral process uncertain and open to mistakes. They point out that Gore almost made a premature concession speech based on the projections of the network. The networks respond by saying that theirs is a fast paced information based market. Television consumers demand instant grati-

fication and instant knowledge. They say that they are merely fulfilling a market.

On election night, the media jumped to judgement. They wanted to publish a story on which they did not have the facts. In a rush to make a call, and be the first to say something, they disseminated erroneous information that ended up hurting voters and could have possibly injured the system. As a result of the election night fiasco, the House of Representatives will hold hearings into the early calls by the television networks.

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Sullivan has worked hard in the previous educating the public to ensure the passage of these important University Bonds; and,

Whereas: Chancellor Sullivan has gained a reputation state wide for her persistent efforts

for educating the public, Therefore let it be Resolved,

That The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Student Government Association,

Thanks Chancellor Patricia Sullivan for her help in educating the public, thereby ensuring the

passage of the University Bonds.

The resolution was signed by President John Shearin, Vice President Elliott Reid, and sponsor James Bryan.

In other business Tuesday night SGA appropriated \$350 to Amnesty International to send some of its members to the School of Americas in Georgia. This group plans to send between 15 and 35 of its members to protest the School of Americas along with students nation wide. The School of Americas is run by the United

Sates government and has helped produce some of the worlds fiercest dictators, some of whom have committed some of the world's greatest crimes against humanity. One of the graduates from the School of Americas was Manuel Noriega. In a time of student apathy it is refreshing to see SGA and Amnesty International teaming up to promote student activism.

SGA meets weekly at 7pm in the Kirkland room on the second floor of the EUC.

Correction

The *Carolinian* incorrectly listed Dr. Carol Disque's title on November 9. Her correct title is Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

Kevin McIlvoy To Read November 30

UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

GREENSBORO—Author Kevin McIlvoy will give a fiction reading at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Faculty Center of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The event is sponsored by the MFA Writing Program and the Greensboro Review. The reading is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception and book signing. His books will be available for purchase before and after the reading.

McIlvoy has published four novels, "Hyssop" (TriQuarterly Books, 1998), "Little Peg" (Atheneum, 1991), "The Fifth Station" (Algonquin Books, 1987), and "A Waltz" (Lynx House Press, 1981).

His short stories have appeared in The Southern Review, Ploughshares, TriQuarterly and Crazyhorse. He is the recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For over 20 years, he has taught creative writing at New Mexico State University, where he has been edi-

tor of the literary magazine Puerto del Sol. He has taught in the Warren Wilson MFA Program for over 10 years and has been a faculty member of Breadloaf Writers' Conference. He received his MFA from the University of Arizona, his MA from Colorado State University, and his BA from the University of Illinois. McIlvoy lives in Las Cruces, N.M., where he also coordinates the Senior Writing Outreach Project, which establishes creative writing workshops in senior centers throughout New Mexico.

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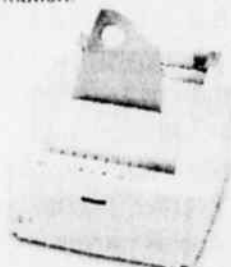
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Free Love: The Psuedodate

By JOHN RUSSELL
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago my friend Jamie had an appointment with some model people. It was one of the talent searches that they hold in shopping malls and hotel ballrooms. About 20 gorgeous people and 100 screaming brats. This particular event was to be held at the Embassy Suites and Jamie had no idea how to get there. So he agreed to let a friend of a friend (another wannabe model) drive him.

"I had only met the guy the night before," he told me. "My friends really wanted me to meet him." The sad fact was that Jamie had been fixed up. "It should be outlawed." Daniel was 21, mildly cute, and single. He was a nice guy

and they had a lot in common. But as Jamie was to find out, he was incredibly nervous. "We're on our way to the model thing, right? He's driving, talking my ear off and I'm trying not to look too bored. All of a sudden he's freaking out. There are two cops behind us and he's doing 60 in a 45 zone. The cops couldn't be less interested, but he's just going nuts. It was a total queer moment." Jamie decided then and there that any interest he may have had in Daniel had evaporated. "I figure, hey, we'll get this model thing over with and that will be that."

After about 3 hours of sitting in a room filled to the brim with models, listening to the agents talk about how tough it is to look good and have your picture taken for a living, our

boys went for a bite to eat. "I was starving. I figured if I didn't eat before I came that might score some points with the modelizers." As he slid into the booth at Stake and Shake Jamie came to a brutal realization: he was on a pseudodate. The pseudodate is extremely hard to identify. It can sneak up on anyone at any given moment. A pseudodate occurs when a guy is too shy, or simply cannot be bothered to ask you out on a date. He therefore cleverly shows up at the same place you happen to be or offers to take you there. Dinner often follows, and the worst part of the whole sordid affair is that since it's not an actual date you have to pay for your own meal! Jamie stumbled into his relatively innocently. "We were going to the same

place! Or he claimed we were. He probably didn't plan on going at all until I brought it up. That's an awful thing to do to someone, just spring a date on them out of nowhere like that. I wouldn't have minded so much if he had been even remotely my type. But he was so bloody jumpy!"

So how should one deal with the pseudodate? "Act uninterested. Take the guy's number if he offers and throw it away immediately," explained Jamie. "Never, under any circumstances, give him your number. Chances are he's too cheap (note the Dutch dinner) or too nervous to ever make a decent date."

This Week in Peabody Park

By Robert J. O'Hara
UNCG Biology Department

Lots of birds are migrating at this time of year, and Peabody Park is an important rest stop for them. As the weather turns cold and the days grow shorter, many birds pass through our region on the way to their warmer winter homes. The woods and fields of Peabody Park, surrounded as they are by urban and suburban development, are an important refuge for these annual migrants. For everything

from small songbirds to large birds of prey, the Park provides as oasis in an urban environment.

Many of the smaller songbirds migrate at night, using the stars to guide them. If you listen carefully after dark you can often hear their lispings calls as they pass overhead in loose flocks a hundred or so feet above the ground. In the daytime these migrants rest and feed, preparing for another all-night flight.

This is the busiest time of year for hawk migration, and

over the Peabody Park fields you can often see circling "kettles" of Turkey Vultures and other large birds of prey that are working their way to the Gulf of Mexico and Central America. Unlike the small songbirds that expend a great deal of energy as they migrate, these large soaring birds can travel for miles without a single wing flap, riding rising currents of air and then coasting downward until they catch another current.

Some of the migrants from farther north come to Peabody

Park to spend the winter, and go no farther south. Juncos, small gray sparrows sometimes called "snowbirds," will soon arrive, and White-throated Sparrows will join us again from their northern breeding grounds to spend the winter feeding around the edges of the Park fields.

Peabody Park is UNCG's educational park, established in 1901 by George Foster Peabody. For more information visit the Peabody Park website (<http://peabody.uncg.edu>).

Movie Review: Men Of Honor

By GLEN BAITY
Staff Writer

Movie: Men of Honor
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Going to the movies every weekend will make you realize things that weren't so obvious before. First and foremost: Hollywood churns out more than its share of utter garbage. For every ten movies that are released, two or three of them might not insult your intelligence. Second: most major studio movies these days are about nothing more than the shameless and unrelenting quest for a cheap cry. This phenomenon (which probably isn't recent, though I just started noticing it myself) is largely responsible for sucking all the heart and ingenuity out of the medium that is still, in what seems like increasingly rare instances, an art form. Leave it to movies like Remember the Titans and The Legend of Bagger Vance to lower the bar, but maybe it was because I was comparing it with these two that I enjoyed

Men of Honor so thoroughly. A bad reason to give a movie a positive review, sure, but Men of Honor could be considered good for more than the fact that it's not as bad as other films of its ilk.

The film, which takes place in the early 1950s, is based on the life of Carl Brashear, the first black navy diver in a recently desegregated military. Working his way up from cook to deck hand and eventually into the rigorous Navy diver program, Carl (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) stares down racism on a daily basis and still perseveres to reach his goals. It'd sound way too hokey if it didn't actually happen.

It's hard not to compare Men of Honor with Remember the Titans (released last month), as both are movies that deal with desegregation while managing to be unabashedly warm and fuzzy in all the right places. Men of Honor is, however, a superior picture due to the things it does right that Remember the Titans does wrong. Racism is a tough issue, and it is never really pleasant to discuss. Remember the Titans is aware of this, so it simply doesn't bother - characters that begin the movie as unrepentant racists are reformed 30 minutes later without any explanation. Its ignorance of the complex transfor-

mation people go through when coming to terms with their irrational hatred is what made Titans so annoying and shallow. Men of Honor, though guilty of the same thing in some ways, seems less condescending, as director George Tillman, Jr. (Soul Food) focuses mostly on one relationship, between Carl and his commanding officer Billy Sunday (Robert De Niro). This narrowed focus actually gives Tillman room to develop De Niro's character, a rarity nowadays. It's sad when a movie scores points for doing something that all movies should be doing anyway, but the first hour and a half of Men of Honor is a nice change from all the "come on people now, smile on your brother" posturing of movies like Remember the Titans and The Legend of Bagger Vance.

No disrespect to Cuba Gooding, Jr., but this really is De Niro's show. As usual, he steals every scene he's in, and he brings a depth to Billy Sunday that a lesser actor couldn't touch. There to act as his foil is Charlize Theron (apparently starring in every movie these days), who is refreshingly underused this time around. I have a bad feeling that Hollywood is poised to make her into the next big leading lady (a la Julia Roberts), which is a

shame because she is infinitely more effective in supporting roles like this one. Though her screen time is limited, she's not half bad as Sunday's drunk-by-10-a.m. wife.

I will admit to being impressed with Cuba Gooding, Jr., which was perhaps the most unexpected part of this movie. His character, though likable enough, is just a little bit boring and predictable (as underdogs have a tendency to be), but Gooding does what any great actor is able to do: he endears himself to the audience regardless. He is aided in this by Tillman's impeccable sense of pacing, which overshadows some fairly cheesy emotional sequences with nail-biting suspense so that we never feel like we're being manipulated (even if we are). He won't win any best actor nominations this time, but that's probably because the character of Carl Brashear doesn't change a bit from beginning to end. All of his inner turmoil comes from trying to reconcile his dogged determination with the contrary wishes of his loved ones. That's all well and good, but a little self-doubt here and there would have made the character more human, and one gets the feeling that Brashear - the real Brashear - had at least one or two weak moments in his

World AIDS

Week

By JULIE ORTA
Annual Events Coordinator

The Wellness Center of Student Health Services is sponsoring a week-long series of events in recognition of World AIDS Week from Monday, November 27 through Saturday, December 2, 2000. Please call 334-3190 for more information.

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Web Junkie: What Did YOU Learn Today?

By EMILY PRICE
Staff Writer

With the holidays coming up, many of us will be making the magical journey back to our homes, eager to dazzle our friends and family with all the great knowledge that we have gained while attending college for the past 4 months. We can tell our parents fantastic facts about biology and English literature...Music majors can perform for mom and dad a piece they've learned, and art majors can show off their newest masterpiece.

Yet maybe, with all this learning you've been doing, you'll be searching for something more. Perhaps you want something that everyone doesn't know about, something random, something bizarre, something just plain weird. That's where this week's site: Useless Information comes in. Found at home.nycap.rr.com/useless/contents.html the site's motto is "Stuff you never needed to know but your life would be incomplete without".

The site houses over 60 "fascinating stories" to choose from. Choices range from an article on pink flamingos where you can trace their history from their birth to now to an article on Joseph Priestley. Don't know who Joseph Priestley is? He was a scientist in the 1700's whose contributions to science have influenced both rubber and soft drinks.

Or did you know that around the turn of the century there was a man Charles Mallory Hatfield, who could make it rain where ever he was, whenever he wanted. Technically called a pluvioculturist (check out the SAT word), or "rainmaker" Hatfield is thought to be the most famous of rainmakers, making it rain over 500 times in his career.

Or did you know that in the early 1970's late night talk show host Johnny Carson actually caused a shortage of toilet paper? What started as a joke in his late night monologue when he said, "You know what's disappearing from the supermarket shelves? Toilet paper. There's an acute shortage of toilet paper in the United States", actually caused a shortage of toilet paper the next day when viewers rushed to the store to stock up.

The site contains many other stories of this nature, all true, and all things that you probably didn't know before. So, before you go home for Thanksgiving break, check it out. You may learn something that you didn't know, and thrill and amaze your friends in the process.

Have an idea for Web Junkie? Want people to know about YOUR website? Websites can be sent to caprice@uncg.edu.

Far Too Jones: Real Rock & Roll

By ERIN BAIN
Staff Writer

My first instinct with this review is simply to write in big letters and take up half a page about how much I enjoy the band Far Too Jones and their new album *Shame & Her Sister*. However, out of respect for the readers, I have to actually have some substance and reasoning behind WHY I like them so much. Raleigh natives and possibly others from the triad area may have heard of Far Too Jones. I'm told that they are a local band and get a lot of airplay on Raleigh stations, but this is my first exposure to them. I usually try to think of a band to compare the bands that I review to, but I had a difficult time with this one, because their style varies almost from song to song. For a moment I thought "Hmmm, Matchbox 20...only a lot better." Then I thought "Maybe Live or R.E.M." But no one band that I could think of really encompasses the whole sound that Far Too Jones pro-



Far Too Jones

duces.

Far Too Jones could never be accused of not pulling themselves up by their own bootstraps. Having released all but one of their albums themselves, and touring across the country gathering a pretty wide fan base, but failing to reach the masses on a regular basis the band still stands strong with *Shame & Her Sister*. After being signed to Mammoth Records in 1998, they released their first and only album on a major label, only to be released from the label after its merger with the Disney Cor-

poration. *Shame & Her Sister* illustrates the song writing and musical talents of the band as a whole and has definitely made a fan out of me.

The first radio single from this album "Julianna" and "Put Me On Your Mix Tape" along with a revamped version of "Close to You" show that Far Too Jones is capable of tackling a wide variety of subjects and still appealing to the masses. While some lyrics and ideas tend to lean towards "pop" the album as a whole has a real rock feel that makes the whole package more

than worth a listen. Track number four "Listen" has one of the best lyrics I have heard in a long time, "Whatever Doesn't Kill You Only Makes You Wish It Did" in an upbeat song that questions whether or not anyone really IS listening. My personal favorite track on the album is "Ballad of Mary" if for no other reason than its obvious lyrical reference to Springsteen's "Thunder Road." Mary is the longest song on the album at about seven minutes and truly demonstrates the good points of Far Too Jones as a band while providing a throw back to "the good ol' days" for those of us who still listen to bands that were playing before we were born.

I highly recommend this album to all of you out there who have heard of Far Too Jones before and have previously enjoyed their music as well as anyone who is simply craving a real rock band that plays instruments outside of the sea of boy bands. If you like rock and have the time to check this album out, do it.

The Soaps Corner: Nov. 6-10

By MICHELLE CHRIS-
TOPHER
Staff Writer

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Monday (11/6): Nicole was shocked to learn that Brady was the grandson of Victor. While Larry visited Brandon, he found out that Brandon was engaged to Angela instead of Sami.

Tuesday (11/7): Hope was finally able to speak with Bo and told him all about Baby John and how he was in the hospital. John apologized to Roman for resisting arrest, and said that he would not give him any more trouble.

Wednesday (11/8): 35th Anniversary of Days of Our Lives! Marlena caved in and told Hope that she did carry her baby to term. Hope was startled and wondered if Baby John's real father could be Stefano.

Thursday (11/9): While John noticed how jealous Marlena was about his relationship with his son, Brady, he wondered if she might also be jealous about what he had with Isabella, his deceased wife. Hope began to question if Stefano would kidnap Baby John if he found out that he might be his son.

Friday (11/10): Marlena and Roman continued to work together to figure out if Brady intended to kill Belle. Hope told John that in order to keep Baby John safe from Stefano, she and her family would have to leave

town.

PASSIONS

Monday (11/6): Theresa spied on Ethan and Gwen during their date. Grace was devastated when Julian told her about Sam and Ivy's affair (even though no one believed him). Miguel apologized to Kay for their kiss in the mineshaft and told her that it would never happen again.

Tuesday (11/7): Theresa was afraid that Ethan would cancel his date with her, but he just showed up late. Eve explained that Julian must have been hallucinating about Ivy and Sam having an affair.

Wednesday (11/8): Unfortunately, Ethan was coerced into going to a basketball game with Gwen instead of going with Theresa on their date. Chad tried to coach Theresa about the sport of basketball so that she and Ethan would have more to talk about.

Thursday (11/9): Since Gwen was playing dirty in order to win Ethan, Theresa decided to tell him the truth about his real father. Chad embarrassed Kay and told everyone that she was a liar because she spread lies about him.

Friday (11/10): In an effort to get out of trouble, Kay signed an unholy deal with Hecuba, the witch. Hank begged a dying Sheridan to forgive him for shooting her.

The Bewilderbeast is Coming!

By JOANNA YU
Staff Writer

I'm sure the DJ's at WXDU must hate me. They probably wouldn't say it to me over the phone, but I think they do. Because I'm the girl that always calls, requesting for songs they don't seem to have, my recent favorite being Badly Drawn Boy—the singer/songwriter extraordinaire from Manchester, England—and yet another missing musician on their playlist. Finally, after numerous requests, the ever so nice British Rock DJ said that he would try to find it and play it for me the very next weekend. Oh, lucky me!

But what is it about this Badly Drawn Boy that I love so much? What is it about him that I even have him as my wallpaper on my computer? The 18-song debut album from the Mercury Music Prize winner Badly Drawn Boy (real name Damon Gough) is *Hour of Bewilderbeast* and it's a montage of wistful and dreamy laments about lost loves and regrets, both cleverly quirky and insightful. The album starts off with "The Shining", the song that sets the pace for the rest of the album with an intro of deep, low violin strains reminiscent of a quiet symphony. The way BDB mixes simple and thoughtful songs with the occasional instrumental makes *The Hour of Bewilderbeast* seem more like the soundtrack of a ro-

mantic movie than the lo-fi pop album it really is.

Badly Drawn Boy seems like the sensitive soul who would write love songs about you, and sing them in the middle of the night under your window. Accompanied, of course, with his piano, guitars, harps, and let's not forget, his drums and effects machine. My favorite song on the album is track no. 9, "Once Around the Block", with its wah wah-ing guitars, smooth dips of his voice, dreamy echoes and infectious xylophone beats, it immediately caught my player on repeat.

Musically, BDB is on the same page as say, Belle and Sebastian and Elliot Smith, (perhaps more Beatle-esque than them), but just when you're thinking, "Aww, when's this guy gonna change the tempo?" He deftly switches the beats around, with "Disillusion", track no. 16, with its 70's Saturday Night Fever intro beat, matching hand-claps and some crunchy guitars thrown in for good measure, he seems to have one of the more radio-friendly songs of the album. (Not that his music will ever get played of course). A couple of other standout songs come to mind: "Magic in the Air" (no. 12), with its simple steady piano, guitars, harps, and talk about summer love (which seems to be a theme in his lyrics). "Say it Again" (no. 17), which includes the New Orleans Brass Band

that makes for an incredibly full textured sound akin to the Beatles Sergeant Pepper-y years, even with some "yeah yeah yeah's" and a bouncy backbeat as accompaniment. The last song on the album, "Epitaph", starts off with birds singing in the background and a sweet melody with whistles and strummy guitars that makes you think of those movie scenes where the actors are under a tree, and everything is fuzzy and softly lit. Sure he's talking about death, but aww, it sure sounds sweet doesn't it?

Badly Drawn Boy, even alongside the new crop of sensitive British souls like Travis, Coldplay and Richard Ashcroft, has made a standout debut album that puts him above most of his musical peers. That being said, it would be in your best interest if you were to run out, buy this CD, and invite all your friends over to make them listen to a masterpiece.

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Like A Sick Dog

By JOE WILBUR
Staff Writer

On the way back from Philosophy today I quite literally ran into what seemed at first to be a tall, thin stranger. Just a jolt to the shoulder – nothing really.

"Sorry..." I said, laughing...and then looked up.

Our eyes only met for a moment – but something passed between us. A sick sort of recognition.

"Oh... What do you want?" he sneered, pushed past and kept on moving.

I knew this guy. When I was a high school freshman and he a senior I stole his girlfriend, lost my virginity to her. It's a long and very ugly sort of story – I was young and keeping my brains between my legs, not proud of it. The girl's long since forgotten the both of us and taken to tattooing and piercing herself in odd places. But this guy...I hadn't thought of him in years, barely recognized him.

He was that carbon copy young Republican prick we all knew in high school – thought his SAT scores and the adoration of Ms. Formaldehyde, his AP English teacher, were going to carry

him indefinitely. Never bagged groceries, sold shoes, waited tables a day in his life – never once punched a clock. He sneered at those who did; always bored behind his shades, hand through his sculpted hair constantly.

Imagine how this guy – who once told me in the same conversation that he both admired Hitler and dreamed of becoming president – must've felt coming face to face with me four years later, finding me all caught up to him despite my leftist swagger.

I hope the poor bastard got a full scholarship – because I knew when I looked into his beady, clouded little eyes that four years and \$60,000 have done nothing to erase this small slight – he's never forgiven her, me, himself. He still thinks about it sometimes – in the morning when he cuts himself shaving or impresses some bowlegged cow-town blonde girl from his Literature class enough to go to bed with him by quoting Auden.

I would have shaken his hand, had lunch with him, caught up a bit – but he wouldn't have it that way. He had to sneer, show his teeth – he's still circling me in the ring, fighting a match I've

long since turned my back on. He has to keep fighting – every class, every day, every minute – because he's afraid that the rest of us are right when we whisper things behind his back – afraid he really did peak too early. He's afraid he's spent four years in neutral – and I've just caught up to him. We've ALL just caught up to him...every kid who ever cut him in a lunch line, every kid with a two bit active volcano who ever cheated him out of the Blue Ribbon at the Science Fair, every guy who ever screwed every one of his girlfriends. We're nipping at his heels...he can feel us back there.

Think of it, friends – maybe you're afraid of dogs or heights or small spaces or apple sauce, maybe your mother didn't hug you enough when you were a toddler, maybe you have a droopy eye and a slight speech problem...you lose. You all lose. None of your cheap, everyday neuroses can match this poor guy's terror – he got to bump into the living embodiment of his greatest fear at 11 a.m. on a Wednesday morning – 6 ft., 165 lbs of walking, breathing confirmation of his greatest insecurities.

Me – I get off easy. I go home, eat an apple, read the paper, write this and forget all about him. He's home now, honestly thinking about drowning himself in his toilet because he can't stomach the thought of sharing space with me for another year... not physical space. It was bad enough when I was an idea, an abstraction...but the thought of finding himself in class next to me, staring across the stacks at me in a record store, standing next to me at a men's room urinal...JESUS...NO!

So, what do we learn boys and girls? Don't love people, they'll only break your heart? Try to let the bad days go, and just look forward? Don't become a young Republican? No... we learn that when you come face to face with your greatest fear at 11 a.m. on a Wednesday morning you hold him down on the warm pavement and you gouge his eyes out with a ball point pen. You take his heart as a trophy, or just to be sure the bastard's dead so you can sleep at night. You do anything but sneer and keep on moving – you do anything but keep on walking with the fear.

I wish he'd done it—I wish I were lying on the warm

pavement right now in a pool of my own blood, drowning in shame and confusion. Because just as he has to go on living with the thought of me around every corner, I know how many sickos like me there are out there – how many kids once cut me in a lunch line and are now sizing up my girlfriend...their day is coming and my number's up soon. In the end we all bump into the past; we put the shame of it down like a sick dog or we live with it like a cold steel ball in our stomachs.

The way I see it, this is a new and exciting stage in our lives – a rebirth of sorts. But only if we're prepared to stab and slash at all of the ugliness and disappointment of the past until it stops twitching. I only hope, when my time comes and I get that jolt to the shoulder, I've got my ballpoint at the ready. I've got enough baggage without carrying about every petty parcel I've stumbled over through the years, or wondering if it's just around the corner.

And to the poor shmuck I bumped into (he knows who he is)...don't worry. I'm here all year – you'll get your chance again.

Your Daily Prescription: DemoCRAZY

By NACHOMAN
Staff Writer

Oh well, we are in the middle of an election of infamy. This is history in the making where the United States might have its presidential election drawn out for a long time. This is the equivalent of how young democracies in developing countries do their elections. At least both Gore and Bush are not saying they are the President and asking supporters to take up arms. If it was my African country, by now, all hell would have broken loose and Florida might have seceded. That is why I love democracy in America. Sooner or later there would be a President in this great country with (I hope) no violence. I have titled this paper with a popular slang of a late African musician, who called this system the "demonstration of craziness" also called Democracy. On November 7th, 2000, Americans selected Al Gore as President in the popular vote but the electoral vote, which is the ultimate factor, hung in the balance in the closest election in history. The turnout was close to a hundred million, which is about 51% of registered voters. Both men did

not get a majority of the popular vote with the VP winning by a couple hundred thousand. The main problem, which still persists as I write this article, is the vote in Florida. Early Election Day evening, Gore won Florida and its 25 electoral college according to all the networks exit polls. Next thing, this is recanted and Bush wins the state and the Presidency in the early hours of the next day. But wait, it is too close to call, Florida law mandates recount, voting irregularities in the ballot paper (screwed up ballot) and thousands of disqualified votes mean the state has not been won by anyone. Anyone who wins the state gets to be President. I just do not want to go into every specific detail cause we all have watched the news. By the time this article comes out, I hope we know our President-elect and this I am saying for the second week in a row.

I just have a couple of comments to make on the whole stankonia, as Outkast would say. Firstly, Mr. Gore would have won the presidency on election night if he had just carried his home state of Tennessee that has 11 Electoral College votes. He is at 260 and 11 more would put him

over the 270 mark needed to win the Electoral College. Why did he lose his home state? Gore lost because he forgot Tennessee is in the South and he needed to campaign a little bit more there. He should have sent President Clinton to Tennessee and Arkansas, which he also lost. Distancing himself from Clinton was good, but there was too much distance. Hey, Hillary Clinton is a senator-elect and her husband campaigned for her. Gore had no personality and Clinton is personable. Just use Bubba in some states while he focused on the battleground states. But no, Gore had to be his man. Well, Gore will soon be an ordinary man like you and I.

What exactly is up with the residents of Palm Beach and the mess of a ballot? I voted (and that was a quick and cool thing) but not with paper, I voted electronically. No punching of hole(s), no upside down ballot listing and the whole debacle. People in this Florida county voted two people for President or the wrong person because of the ballot. If students take a test and say, "Oh I made a mistake, I circled the wrong answer", do we ask the teacher to give us back the test to

correct the mistake? Nope! Follow instructions carefully. I am totally a Gore supporter (right now 'til he makes this go on for too long) but I disagree on those who made ballot mistakes voting again. According to the law, throw it out and that's final. Jesse Jackson went down to Florida because most of the 19000 votes disqualified are African Americans. Does anyone else not see a problem with this? Already this is turning into a black and white issue, even an issue about disfranchising minority voters. This is the part of this saga that does not bode well for America. The President that emerges from this mess will be in for a hellacious time. For remember, the senate is close to evenly splitting between the two parties and the Republicans hold a slim majority in the house. George or Al is going to have a hard time passing all those promises they made in the campaign and I would not want to be in DC when the Congress starts acting up as usual.

People are calling for the end of the Electoral College. I disagree with such opinions. Going to pure popular votes means that the election will be decided in California,

New York, Pennsylvania and Florida. Why would any candidate campaign in Delaware or the small states when all they need are the highly populated states? My only recommendation for the Electoral College is to go by proportion in awarding Electoral College for each state. A candidate gets the Electoral College vote equivalent to the percentage of popular vote he won in the state. That would make every state count and get rid of this winner take all applied in most states. Oh one more thing, news networks should stop taking exit polls and awarding states to the candidates. I think Americans are patient enough to wait till the next day to hear actual vote count results. Those predictions by the news network helped to confuse the situation and the candidates. They kept on passing Florida around in one way or the other all through Election Day. It is absurd. Did Governor Bush cheat for his brother? Think about that. Next week, I hope to be back to the issues facing African Americans. How do we deal with Affirmative Action? Miss Johnson has spoken, holla if you hear me.

PRO VERSUS CON

By JESSICA ZELLERS
Staff Writer

Don't smoke marijuana. It's a bad idea.

(I figured I'd better start the column like that, just so there was no confusion.)

If you're going to smoke marijuana, please don't woo me. I've had far too many pothead boyfriends. I have enough romantic problems without letting drugs complicate matters.

So now you have one reason not to smoke marijuana. You don't stand a chance of fathering my children.

But what if you don't want to father my children? Or, alternately, what if it is biologically impossible for you to father my children?

If that's the case, I have some other reasons why you shouldn't smoke marijuana. I could list them here, but I probably don't need to, because almost assuredly you already know them. Unless you've spent the past few years with your head buried in the sand, you know that mind-altering drugs are a risky venture.

So let's say you are familiar with the dangers associated with marijuana. And let's say, though really this is a long shot, but let's say you don't have romantic designs on me. Then you can go ahead and light up, right?

Nope. You, an educated American citizen, may not legally choose to smoke marijuana, not even in the privacy of your own home. Dear Old Uncle Sam is making the choice for you. Sometimes, of

course, I agree with Uncle Sam. Uncle Sam says that you can't purchase tobacco until you're 18. He's got it right there, because he's trying to protect children from ruining their lungs until they are old enough to make that decision of their own accord.

But other times the government needs to stay out. When it comes to matters of personal choice, I want to be at the mercy of my own free will. Sometimes my own free will does stupid stuff. I direct you to that phase where I purchased my bluegrass tuba collection - but it's MY free will, darn it.

I'm not finished with my rant though. Not yet. I covered the noble bit about inherent personal rights. That really is the crux of my argument; I think I should be able to do whatever I damn well please. But let's put the idealistic routine aside for a bit, shall we? Let's look at marijuana from a practical standpoint.

The government spends time and money, lots of time and money, on persecuting people who grow and use marijuana. What good does this honestly serve? Is it wrong of a person to earn a little spare cash from growing pot in the backyard? For instance, I live in northern Buncombe County, which is about as backwoods as you can get. Many of the people there scratch out an existence from small farms. It is neither easy nor lucrative. If they can make some extra money from selling pot, I'm not going to raise

Marijuana

Harry Browne, Libertarian candidate for President, asked voters of America, "What do you think about the ridiculous war on drugs?" His major issue was the legalization of drugs because they are "victimless crimes." Thousands of people are jailed yearly on charges of possession, intent to sell and selling drugs - mind- and body-altering substances which go for high prices and are relatively easy to obtain. There is no question that drugs are here. Should they be legal, so the money used on said "war" could be channeled into prosecuting violent criminals, or are these substances a major societal pariah? Should drugs, particularly the widely used marijuana, be legalized? You decide.

the roof.

I'll say it again: marijuana is a bad idea. You shouldn't use it. (I sound like a broken record.) But you know what's even worse than marijuana use? I can think of a few things off the top of my head: battered women, and impoverished children, and overcrowded schools, and homeless people. Those are some serious societal ills. The energy spent on persecuting the "criminals" who use marijuana could be redirected towards some of our urgent needs. We should go ahead and legalize marijuana, because we have lots of worse things to worry about.

By JOSIANNE BIGHAM
Staff Writer

The legalization of marijuana should not even be considered open for discussion. It's simple, cut and dried; no drug should ever be made legal. And let's face the facts here, marijuana is a drug. While it's after effects are not quite as strong as other drugs, it still takes the user's body for a mental trip, leaving the user permanently damaged afterwards. New Science magazine supports the view that marijuana is mentally damaging. "There are clinical reports of some individuals reaching psychosis-like states, like schizophrenia, depression or mania, after using marijuana".

Although alcohol also causes serious after effects, I do not condone its excessive drunken usage either. No person should be let out in public chemically altered on alcohol, pot, or whatever. With the legalization of marijuana, we will have to be aware of the consequences to the public. Not only will we have to worry

about drinking and driving but also toking and driving, drunk drivers and stoned drivers.

Marijuana is still labeled a Schedule I drug. This means that the Department of Health and Human Services still considers the drug as potentially dangerous and not ready for prescribed usage by doctors. The United States should not legalize anything that hasn't totally been accepted for safe usage.

The legalization would also give mixed signals to the youth of America. Parents, teachers, and law enforcement have tried to instill the knowledge that drugs are harmful and should not be used. If this law were passed, legalizing the use of this drug, what message would children be getting? Everything they have been taught about drugs has been undermined.

The United States should not consider the legalization of marijuana. It is a drug, and like any harmful drug, there needs to be laws protecting the people of this country from its influences.

They Report, They Decide

By JESSICA ZELLERS
Staff Writer

It's Friday afternoon as I write this. It is three days after Election Day, and we still don't know for sure who the next president of the United States is. This uncertainty is frustrating. The almost even split between Bush and Gore is unnerving. This presidential election, the very first one for which I have been old enough to vote, is at a virtual draw.

But that's not what I heard on Tuesday night. Right after the first few electoral votes started coming in, good old Dan Rather harrumphed and furrowed his brow and told us that the election was as good as decided. I guess Dan was a bit off the mark.

Dan Rather isn't my favorite news anchor. Some of his commentary is completely off base ("Well, folks, this election is clearly over"). And sometimes, even when his commentary hits on the mark, it is unnecessary. My biology professor remembers Dan Rather's astute remark, right after the Challenger exploded: "There appears to be a technical complication."

That's something of an understatement, eh? If an exploding space shuttle is a technical complication, I'd hate to see what a technical emergency is.

If I see an aircraft blowing up on my television screen, I don't need Dan Rather to point out that there's a problem. Television has not yet rendered me incapable of independent thought.

So Dan Rather's an idiot. I can live with that. I can flip the channel when his leathery

visage happens upon my screen. Unfortunately, dear Mr. Rather isn't the only problem. The entire media is far too presumptuous in its role.

We can no longer watch television without some commentator cutting in over the actual event to give us his personal perspective. If Abe Lincoln were delivering his Gettysburg Address today, we wouldn't hear "Four score and seven years ago." We'd hear a news anchor telling us, in solemn tones, exactly how important this speech is. We'd hear from several different leading analysts how this speech would affect Mr. Lincoln's chances for re-election, and we'd hear from a foreign expert on how Mr. Lincoln's ideas are likely to impact the global economy, and we'd hear a sharp critique of Mr. Lincoln from a top advisor to Jefferson Davis.

When you get right down to it, the main function of the media is to report news, not to comment on it. The public can make its own judgments after having seen or read an unbiased reporting of the facts. Opinions are not for journalists. (Except, of course, for opinion columnists.)

There is no denying that the media has its place. Sometimes I want to hear various perspectives on newsworthy material. (Note that I say "perspectives," not "opinions.") But never do I want to hear these things in place of, or in contradiction to, the primary source. When the first few electoral votes came in, Dan Rather could have kept his mouth shut. I can judge things for myself. I do not need the media to thrust its many opinions upon me.

Mr. Omnivore: The Contest

By BILL GULLEY
Senior Writer

The Mr. Omnivore contest happened the other night. This small and yet extremely large fundraiser was put together by the brain trust of a struggling new club here on the UNCG campus that, as of now, has no name. The group is a sort of neo-feminist organization, with ideals of exploiting the male as a sexual creature, and little else. In order to branch out onto campus, the group explains, they needed some money - and their first idea was a male fundraiser. Men would be brought onto stage and whistled at and such, and then afterwards the group would explain their cause and ask for donations. The coordinators expected a turnout of two hundred and fifty students. "We thought everyone would show up, dog, well not everyone, I mean, we thought some people would show up. A bunch of half naked men being displayed as slabs of soulful love onstage usually gets a good turnout at strip clubs, and this was free, dog... though not naked. I supposed this sort of expectation is to be expected." Heidi Koling explains in the basement of the meeting

place. This place is covered in old male pin-up nudes, and plastered with short phrases that seem to suggest feminine control through sexual control. The girls have made the basement really their own "home" and operate independently from here.

"We are a group committed." "Den Dominatrix" Melissa Grogan explains. "We have a mission and we are out to see it through, come hell or high water." "Hell yeah!" "Dame Dominatrix" Candace Thompson shouts out. (She seems to do this constantly, almost with a Pavlovian reaction, whenever one of the other girls make any sort of comment.) "I mean," Grogan continues "Men have had their day in the sun for exploitation and such. They've had their Playboy's and their Penthouses and we women have been left with the most pathetic of higher class pornography." ("Hell Yeah!" the voice chimes in). "All we want are the things we really, really want. And one of them happens to be finding a few wonderful pin-up artists to start in on a new area of the male pin-up." ("Hell Yeah!") Candace, tone it down! ("Hell

Yeah!") CANDACE! ("Hell... awww hell...")

Unfortunately the group has had serious trouble getting off the ground ever since the fall through of their Mr. Omnivore contest. "They just didn't appeal to me with this whole Mr. Omnivore thing," says the solicited Chris Chalk "I mean, it sounded cool at first and then, all of a sudden, I was being.. followed. I would come home to twenty messages on my voice mail... all asking when I would be in attendance at a random address. And my car was plastered in notes with cut out letters affectionately pointing to my physique and... and finally I just couldn't take it anymore. I said I would NOT be their omnivore. Not at all. Not at all... I didn't want to be treated like that. I didn't want that..." Chalk's eyes began to tear up, then, and he declined the other questions I tried to get him to answer. Which leaves the floor with this. How awesome is this club? Pretty awesome. Pretty darned awesome. Any contestants that wish to sign up for the Mr. Omnivore date, coming in December, should call 370-9147, and have a resume on hand.

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Another Florida Battle: Florida, Florida State, and Miami

By **CHRIS BUTLER**
Sports Editor

With a week for most teams left in this 2000 football season we still have no definite answer on who is going to play for the national championship. One thing that is a bit more certain is that one of the two teams playing for the national championship will be a team from Florida.

All three won again this weekend in conference battles. Florida State defeated Wake Forest, Florida defeated South Carolina to secure its spot atop the SEC East, and Miami defeated Pittsburgh.

What this all means is that we have a mess. Its no Elec-

toral College mind you but it is the mess called the Bowl Championship series. The BCS has come under fire in many years but this year if these three teams win out the BCS will make one team very upset and with good reason.

Also Oregon and Washington have only one lose and a valid reason to scream foul when it comes to the BCS. The only team that right now controls its own destiny is Oklahoma. The Sooners sneaked past Texas A&M 35-31 to remain the only undefeated team in the nation.

This weeks bowl championship series rankings came out and Oklahoma was on top, and then we have our mess. Mi-

ami jumped Florida State this week for the number two spot and Florida remains number four with Oregon and Washington forth and fifth.

The place we need to watch is the number 2 through 4. This weekend Florida and Florida State will play this will bring up the strength of schedule for whoever wins and this could make the winner of this game surpass Miami and be the number two team to play Oklahoma. So basically it's still up in the air and a mess.

In other play this week from the ACC we have UNC defeating Maryland. Both teams still have slim bowl hopes alive. UNC must beat Duke this coming up week in order to

qualify for a bowl game. NC State defeated Duke in a very close contest.

NC State now has the dubious distinction of being the only team this year to give up a first half touchdown to Duke. Not only did they give up one they gave up three first half touchdowns to the Blue Devils.

State scored a touchdown with less than one minute remaining to avoid this huge upset. Also in a game for third place for Georgia Tech killed Virginia 35-0. Florida State, Clemson, Georgia Tech, NC State all look headed to bowls. Virginia probably will also head to a bowl. UNC and Maryland will have to wait and

see.

In the SEC we look headed to another Mississippi St-Florida game as Mississippi St. defeated Alabama this weekend. In the Big-10 we have a big mess with Purdue and Northwestern losing this weekend.

The Ohio St.-Michigan game will be crucial this weekend, as will the Indiana-Purdue game to decide who will go to the Rose Bowl. In the other half of the Rose Bowl Oregon and Oregon St. play this weekend, which will be a great game of two intrastate rivals. Lastly, Oklahoma looks headed to a match-up with Nebraska or Kansas St. after Kansa St. upset Nebraska this

weekend.

This weekend coming up has some great games slated. This weekend is the traditional rivalry weekend. Duke-UNC, Michigan-Ohio St., Purdue-Indiana, Clemson-South Carolina, USC-UCLA, Oregon-Oregon St., and of course Florida-Florida St.

Maybe after this weekend both battles in Florida (Gore/Bush and Miami, Florida, and Florida St.) will be settled. I put my money on the football battle and not the political battle being settled after this weekend. Good weekend for football as the top teams battle for the two spots in the National Championship game.

Women's Basketball Rolls Exhibition Victory

UNCG SPORTS INFORMATION

The women's basketball team used a 15-0 run over four minutes midway through the first half to take a double-digit lead on the way to an 89-69 exhibition victory over Supreme Court November 11.

The Spartans, picked to finish second in the SoCon this season, posted their second exhibition win of the season.

UNCG led 44-33 at the half, a lead that was helped by 14-for-16 shooting from the free-throw line. The team was out-rebounded 20-17 in the frame.

"I was disappointed that we were flat in the first half. We didn't play with fire and I wasn't happy with our defense," said coach Lynne

Agee. "This was our first early-morning shootaround and our first three o'clock game, so it might be that we're just starting to get back into a routine, but I expected more."

The team built a 16-point lead on Nicole Murray's basket at the 17:27 mark of the second half, but Supreme Court battled back and trimmed the lead to 11 on Sandra Williams' three-pointer at the 16:11 mark. From there, the Spartans steadily pulled away, building their first 20-point lead of the game on Murray's three-pointer with 6:47 remaining and never trailing by less than 15 points the rest of the way.

Supreme Court finished the game with four players on the

floor after Cristie Brooks received her fifth foul with 16 seconds left. Kisha Phifer and Cocoa Green had fouled out earlier in the half, and the squad had only eight players on its roster.

In the first half, despite trailing 9-4 early, UNCG took the lead for good, 12-11, on a basket by Samika Foster at the 16:30 mark. Phifer's layup at the 13:38 mark pulled Supreme Court within two, 17-15, but Katie DelCampo's three-pointer at the 13:25 mark ignited the Spartan run and put the game away.

"Overall, we executed and did good things. I thought we handled the press and traps well, so I'm pleased with our guard play," said Agee. "Our

depth in the post is a big key. We're still experimenting with switching out our post players and our perimeter players, so having that depth will help us."

Brianne Dodgen scored 17 points on 6-for-11 shooting from the field, including 3-for-4 from three-point range. Old Dominion transfer Jessica Williams had 16 points, and Murray finished with 10.

Supreme Court's Williams led all scorers with 19 points, while Nisha Watson chipped in 16 and Phifer, 15. The team plays at UNC Asheville November 12.

The Spartans open the regular season at Campbell November 17 and have their home opener November 20 against Charlotte.

THE WRESTLING INSIDER

By **DESMOND JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Lots of news this week, as we look towards the November WWF pay-per-view, Survivor Series

WWF

By now everyone knows the real assailant behind the whole "who ran over Stone Cold Steve Austin" last November. Last Monday, Triple H revealed to Austin that he was the culprit. Why? Although it seems to be completely out of the blue, "The Game" made complete sense. Triple H was involved in a serious feud with Austin last November.

Triple H gained the most when Austin left. As a matter of fact, Triple H has basically dominated all of the year 2000 in Austin's absence. Because of this, a match between Austin and Triple H has been signed for Survivor Series next week. Also on the card at press time, The Rock takes on Rikishi, and World Champion Kurt Angle takes on the #1 contender, the Undertaker.

WCW

Goldberg's new book, "I'm Next" will hit the shelves soon. Diamond Dallas Page returned to WCW television this past

week, without his wife Kimberly. Look for Kimberly to return in a couple of months. Speaking of returns, Hulk Hogan may be dropping his lawsuit against WCW and return to the ring soon. Hogan has changed his mind due to the fact that Vince Russo, the creative director of WCW may not be around much longer.

WWF has stepped out of negotiations to buy out WCW. It looks as if Time Warner will hold on to WCW for a while now, even though it is rumored that the company is losing millions.

ECW

The biggest news in wrestling this week is that none other than Scott Hall debuted in ECW this past weekend. Hall received a chance in the company though long time friend Justin Credible. Credible has known Hall and the rest of the "kliq" members (Kevin Nash, Shawn Michaels, Sean "X-Pac" Waltman, Triple H, Hall) for a long time and got Hall the chance. It is now expected for Hall to compete in the ECW December pay per view.

Next week, the rankings return and we'll look at the WWF's Radicalz.

This Week in UNCG Sports

Men's Basketball Friday November 17 @ Minnesota 8pm

Men's Basketball Tuesday 21 home against Guilford 7pm

Women's Basketball Friday November 17 @ Campbell 7pm

Women's Basketball November 20 home against UNC-Charlotte 7pm

Wrestling November 18-19 @ Michigan State Open

Volleyball Team Gets a Seed in Tournament

UNCG SPORTS INFORMATION

The volleyball team let out a collective sigh of relief when Furman defeated Wofford 3-1 at home November 13, because the loss eliminated the Terriers from the Southern Conference Tournament and allowed the Spartans to go.

UNCG will face top seeded Davidson at 1 p.m. November 17 in Charleston, SC. Davidson (21-11, 16-4 SoCon), which won the regular season crown

for the second consecutive season and is the defending SoCon Tournament champion, defeated the Spartans 3-0 in the first round of the tournament last season. The Wildcats also swept the season series between the teams this season, although UNCG took the Wildcats to five games in a 3-2 loss at Davidson September 26.

"Qualifying for the tournament is what we have been working for all season, and whether we would make it or not has been a

big question mark for the whole season as well," said coach Stacy Meadows. "Now we can focus on Davidson and try and put together one of our best matches."

UNCG posted a 6-14 SoCon record (9-22 overall), while Wofford entered its game at Furman 5-14. Had the Terriers defeated Furman, they would have won the tiebreaker over the Spartans.

UNCG will play in its fourth SoCon Tournament

despite losing five of its last six conference matches. The lone win was gave the Spartans their glimmer of hope, with the team taking a 3-2 victory and a one-game lead in the conference standings for the last play-off berth.

The key to UNCG's tournament bid was a two-game homestand October 6 and 7, when the team defeated then-conference leader East Tennessee State 3-2 and then defeated Appalachian State 3-1 the next night af-

ter coming back from an 8-0 deficit in the fourth game for an 18-16 victory in the decisive game. The two victories gave the Spartans an edge in the tiebreaker.

UNCG will try to break its trend of first-round exits from the tournament after three straight losses in the first round. The Spartans have never failed to qualify for a post-season tournament in nine years in the Big South and SoCon.

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UNCG 3
William & Mary 2
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Second Round

Saturday, November 11
UNCG 1
Virginia 6

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Women's Basketball

Exhibition

Wednesday, November 8
UNCG 88
LITHUANIAN NATLS 51

Exhibition

Saturday, November 11
UNCG 89
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