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Edelman, Villanueva win SGA run-off

Encumbent candidate Dara Edelman wins a second term as SGA president in hard-fought election

Anna Liles
Staff Writer

The results of the Student Government Association run-off elections were revealed Monday. Dara Edelman was reelected as president and Daphne Villanueva will be vice president for the 2004-2005 school year.

Turnout for the online run-off was significantly lower than the primary election, with 573 students voting for president and 560 for vice president.

Edelman won with 52 percent of the presidential vote, or 325 total votes. Villanueva got 57 percent of the VP vote, or 290 total votes.

In the primary election 746 votes were cast for president and 731 votes for vice president. The run-off election was necessary to keep with SGA guidelines, which state a winner must have fifty plus one percent of the vote.

Run-Offs thinned the herd

"We all knew that it would go into run-offs," said Edelman. "There was just really no way that one of the four candidates would get over 50 percent of the votes. So the primary election just weeded out two of the candidates and the students had to choose between the two final candidates."

Edelman said her rival, Demonte Pridgen, would have edged her out if the run-off hadn't been held.

"Things definitely would have been different if there was no runoff election," Edelman said. "Demonte" had me by ten votes, so that obviously changed in the second election."

Edelman said she was disappointed by the turnout for the run-off, but said she believes there are several reasons for it.

"I think that one reason that fewer students voted this time around is because maybe the candidate they were supporting didn't make it to the

runoff election," said Edelman. "Students are also much more apathetic the second time around. There also wasn't as much good publicity for the run off election. I don't think any voice mails or emails were sent out, so all the publicity was pretty much up to the candidate."

"Another difference was that Ben was in the first election but not in the second," Edelman said. "Since we were running on the same issues, students had to decide if they wanted a fresh face or the same President again for another term."

SGA presidential candidate Demonte Pridgen said he views the outcome of the election a little differently.

"I saw the run off election as being kind of awkward, actually," said Pridgen. "Me and Brian came out on top during the primary election and then things were different in the runoff election."

Pridgen says he believes the small amount of time between the primary and runoff elections also had something to do with the outcome of the election.

"I think things would have been different if there had been no runoff election," said Pridgen. "A larger amount of students voted in the primaries, so that was who the students really wanted. Plus, there wasn't very much time to prepare for the runoff election. It all happened very soon. It didn't give me as much time to make people aware of the runoffs. I don't usually have a lot of posters and flyers everywhere because I go and speak with the different campus organizations instead. There just wasn't enough time to do that this time around."

Vice presidential candidate Brian Rogers said he had no problem with the results of the run-off.

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Tristan Taormino returns to UNCG, speaks to packed Cone Ballroom

Kathryn Kennedy
Staff Writer

About 100 people attended Tristan Taormino's first lecture in February, and after the controversy that followed, many assumed she would never speak at UNCG again.

Instead, some determined students challenged that assumption and not only did Taormino return, but also the audience nearly quadrupled to hear her present a speech titled "My Life as a Feminist Pornographer" last Wednesday in Cone Ballroom.

"I am not the leader of a pro-porno cult," Taormino said at the start of her speech. While towering in stiletto heels, she appeared confident and articulate. She wore glasses and a fitted black suit - not stereotypical porn star attire. From the start, however, she issued a disclaimer aimed at any sensitive listeners that she planned to speak in terms students used themselves.

"Penis, vagina, and intercourse are medical terms," she said. "They are not what I do, not what I have, and not what I like, so I won't use them."

Her purpose was to explain the process and reasoning for directing and participating in a porn video in 1998.

Taormino explained that she had wanted to create a how-to video corresponding with the book she had previously written on anal sex. She said she wanted to reach as many people as possible, especially women, with information on how to have anal sex that was both enjoyable and safe.

"Making a video that was both educational and for women was foreign language for porn people," Taormino

said. She defined feminist porn as "joyful, fun, safe and satisfying" and said she enjoyed "challenging the status quo of a male dominated industry."

The man she termed "the Stephen Spielberg of porn," John Staliano, agreed to produce her video and even agreed to her safe sex regulations after much negotiation.

"My film was the first released by the company that used condoms in every scene," Taormino said. "The one exception was a real-life couple."

Much of the controversy was caused, however, not by her directing of the pornographic film, but because of her decision to act in it.

"At the end I surrendered myself to each actor to see what they learned," Taormino said. "I wanted to show that the girl next door can have just as

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PHIL BRUBAKER / THE CAROLINIAN
Tristan Taormino signs books and greets fans after the lecture. No protestors were present.



WHITNEY SHEPTE / THE CAROLINIAN
Roughly 400 people attended Taormino's lecture, in which she talked about her career in the porn industry.

UNCG to offer state's first master's degree in conflict resolution

Dan Nonte
University News Service

School shootings. Domestic violence. Racial tension. Road rage. Escalating violence in Iraq.

The world is full of fear, conflict and violence. This fall, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro will become the first university in the state to offer a master's degree in conflict resolution.

The 30-semester-hour program will focus on pragmatic, nonviolent approaches to resolving conflicts among individuals, and within families, organizations and communities. Faculty will train students in mediation, negotiation, violence interven-

tion and collaborative problem solving.

Flexible scheduling will allow students of all ages and needs, including working adults, to participate in the program.

UNCG will hold an open house for the new program 5-7 p.m. May 7 in Room 251, Brown Building Annex. The building is near Tate Street and Walker Avenue. For more information, call the program's office at (336) 334-4118.

"In addition to peacekeepers, we need more peacemakers at all social levels," said Dr. Cathie J. Witty, program director.

Witty has spent the past year and a half working as an advocate for dis-

abled children in Kosovo. Before that, she spent eight years as a faculty member in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She earned a doctorate in anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from NSU.

UNCG is pursuing certification for its program from the Dispute Resolution Commission of North Carolina.

UCF campus paper report staffer's plagiarism

Jim Stratton
The Orlando Sentinel
(KRT)

A high-profile writer for a University of Central Florida campus newspaper has resigned after editors at the paper said he plagiarized an article and may have fabricated quotations from nonexistent individuals.

Mike Riegel, 23, was also a freelance campus columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, but he quit that post April 14 as student editors with The Central Florida Future scrutinized his work.

The Future described its findings in a story published Thursday. It said editors and the paper's editorial adviser concluded that Riegel had made minor changes to an article in The (Baltimore) Sun about cell phone privacy and then passed it off as his own.

The beginnings of the stories, according to the Future, were virtually identical. Of the 28 paragraphs Riegel had submitted, 22 "can be directly linked" to a Sun article that ran three weeks earlier, the Future said.

Future editors also questioned whether some of Riegel's sources exist. Thursday's story says they were unable to find people quoted in Riegel's cell phone story despite repeated attempts.

"Frankly, our suspicion is he made up those individuals," said Jeff Truesdell, the paper's editorial adviser.

Riegel would not comment Thursday.

But in the story published by the independent campus newspaper, he was quoted as saying that he had made "one large mistake and perhaps several other smaller ones. . . ." He also said, "I was just being lazy and didn't want to rewrite the whole story. . . ."

Last September, he began writing a weekly column about college life for the Sentinel's Sunday Orange section. After Sentinel editors learned of the Future's concerns, they ordered a review of the 32 columns Riegel had written as a freelancer. That review turned up no apparent plagiarism, but it was unable to confirm the existence of a "UCF student" named Jeff Lawrence whom Riegel quoted in a column published March 7.

UCF officials say no student on record matches the age and name provided by Riegel. Riegel insisted Thursday that he spoke to the person on campus but had no idea how to contact him.

The Weekend Calendar

April 29 - May 1, 2004

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8:00 p.m. Brian Windsor Band. The Blind Tiger, 2115 Walker Ave., Greensboro. 21 and up. Info: 272-9888. www.theblindtiger.com

9:00 p.m. Show: Show: Stickboy, Sev, The Dead 50s, Weak at Best. Ace's Basement, 2428 High Point Rd., Greensboro. \$5/\$6 if under 21. ALL AGES. www.acesbasement.com

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8:30 p.m. WUAG compilation CD release show: Quell, Tiger Bear Wolf, Serka, Candor, The Hoss Wranglers Ace's Basement, 2428 High Point Rd., Greensboro. \$5/\$6 if under 21- Free CD with admission.

8:00 p.m. Show: Patrick Rock. The Blind Tiger, 2115 Walker Ave., Greensboro. 21 and up. Info: 272-9888. www.theblindtiger.com

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8:00 p.m. Show: Dorian Grey. The Blind Tiger, 2115 Walker Ave., Greensboro. 21 and up. Info: 272-9888. www.theblindtiger.com

8:30 p.m. Show: Remembering Never, Scars of Tomorrow, Thread of Hope, Drive By Desire. Ace's Basement. \$7/\$8 if under 21.

Corrections

The Carolinian never knowingly publishes false statements. Any necessary corrections or clarifications will be printed in the first possible edition. To notify The Carolinian of a mistake, call (336)334-5752.

An April 22 article titled "Eating Disorder week raises questions" contained several errors.

-The article misspelled the names of Dr. Tresa Saxton, director of Student Health Services, and Amanda Tapler, a Wellness Center health educator.
-A sentence stating that most of the information distributed at a Wellness Center booth in the EUC emphasized the importance of trained specialists was incorrect. The sentence belonged to an early draft of the article that was not ready for publication.

Another April 22 article titled "New construction to temporarily claim parking spaces" contained two errors:

-Construction on the Oakland deck begins in fall 2006, not fall 2004.
-Cars are booted after three unpaid tickets or five paid tickets, not five unpaid tickets.

Gove Student Health Center to relocate this summer

Staff Reports

If you're staying on campus this summer and come down with a cold, be ready for a bit of a hike.

The Gove Student Health Center's services will move this summer to new, temporary digs at 1605 Spring Garden St., between Jack's Corner and CVS. The Health Center will operate out of its makeshift quarters while the Gove center is renovated and updated. Construction begins in the fall.

The 100-bed Gove Center, which was built in 1951, will see additions and expansion of its facilities, which will include

the medical clinic, immunization clinic, laboratory/radiology, pharmacy, counseling and testing center and wellness center.

Phone numbers for the Counseling and Testing Center and the Wellness Center will not change: they are 334-5874 and 334-3190, respectively. Massage therapy will also move to the temporary space, and business will continue as usual on an appointment basis.

As for a completion date, Health Center Officials have not released one. Check the Carolinian this summer for updates.

Taormino

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fabulous a time, so I created the ultimate feminist gangbang."

Feminist porn, Taormino explained, achieves its purpose in several ways. She said it is positive and allows equal roles for each sex. It also values consensual acts, a safe work environment, and allows women to choose their partners and "do what feels good to them."

"I want to create porn that empowers women and men," she said. "And that inspires fantasy and adventure."

Taormino said her two videos together have sold 50,000 copies "from Israel to South Africa." She also said she has no regrets and added "yes, my mother knows what I do for a living."

Taormino said her future plans include several new books but she would do another porn movie someday, if the opportunity presents itself.

"I think porn teaches people even when it might not mean to," she said. "Our sexuality is what we are and pleasure has value."

"I do think I can change the world," Taormino said near the end of the lecture. "One feminist porn video at a time."

SGA run-off

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"I'm basically okay with the outcome of the election," said Rogers. "I would just like to wish the future president and vice president good luck next year and I hope they stick to the platforms that they presented to the student body." "Pretty much all I have to say to them is congratulations."



WHITNEY SHEFTE / THE CAROLINIAN

Tristan Taormino talks with fans at Phases on Tate St. after her lecture.

Pridgen blames Carolinian columns for loss

Pridgen said he blames his loss the on a recent opinion article published in The Carolinian.

"I honestly believe that one of the biggest things was Joe Killian's opinion article on the election," said Pridgen. "It was basically set at destroying my campaign by saying I was unqualified. Joe did this by claiming that I can't speak with out losing my point, by saying that I make up words, and also by saying that my use of God in speeches makes non-Christians uncomfortable. Those three things are not true. I know for a fact that I have never used God in any of my campaign speeches."

Pridgen added he believes that the article hurt his running mate, Brian Rogers, as well.

Rogers said he does not share Pridgen's view.

"I do not necessarily feel that the article was what lost the election for me," said Rogers. "I feel that fewer students voted in this election because it wasn't as publicized as the regular election. I just wish that more students knew that each candidate needs the majority vote to win. I don't think it had anything to do with the article though."

Pridgen stands by his belief that the article was written with intent of destroying his campaign.

"When I first read this article I was surprised. It bothered me because I know how many people read The Carolinian," said Pridgen. "Students who do not know me personally may have changed their minds about voting for me after reading Joe's article. I believe that Joe could have been Dara's campaign committee and that article was set out to destroy my chances of winning."



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4-7 am					Bryan Huggins	4-7 am Lex Broddy	
7-9 am	Lauren Harris I-Pop	Laura Harkley & Sarah Coates	Jeremy Fitzpatrick	Winnie Tichener	Nida & Jonathan	7-10 am Josh Cram	Doug Dykstra
9-11 am	Ben Amberg	Sarah Troxler	Tchreem Chaundry	Melissa Martin & Kevin Saxton	Heather Smith & Danny McPhaul	10-1 pm Elizabeth Schulte & Rosa Hurtacan	Paul & Kyle "The Halfbilly Duke Show"
11-1 pm	Liam Hysjulien	Bart Trotman	Elijah McCall	Ashley Perryman	Sarah Sweeney & Koko Ntuen	1-4 pm Kristen & Matt "Blind Mississippi Mojo Show"	Stephanie & Margaret
1-3 pm	Justin Pierce	Lazy Hill	Rob Doerzbacher	Katie Zuckenforse	Josh Barrer	4-7 pm Joe Nockus & Rich Richards	Matt & John "Archemides Bathrub"
3-5 pm	Katie Mariategui	Aaron Austin	Allison Jaynes & John Carey	Jim Starr & Erik Chaplinaky	Josh Kimbrough	7-10 pm Matt Jones & Joey Ingram	Mr. Retzo
5-7 pm	Jennie Cresser	Jessie Mims & Mike Testa Theatre Readings	"Nasty" Nate Hall	Carlos Rountree MFA Readings	Geoff Smith & Zack Dietel	10-1 am Jason Garrett	Derck Rowley
7-9 pm	Mark Coltrain "Work That Sucker To Death"	Sonte Buie & Stephanie Gaston "Tues Nine Rapture"	Jeff Laughlin & Todd Wood "Mistake Wed"	Andrew Shoemaker "Beats and Blips"	Melanie Reardon "World at Large"	Spring 2004 Request Line 334 6450 Business Line 334 4308 www.wuag.edu/wuag	
9-11 pm	Katie & Clarissa "Nude as the News"	John Cave Jazz	Beastmaster and Snakeman	Jerrod & Ranger Punk/Ska Show	Carlos Morales "Latin Beat"		
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New redesign to make \$50 bill more secure, says Treasury Department

Bill Teeter

Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

FORT WORTH, Texas - America's money will be more secure in October, Treasury Secretary John Snow said Monday in a Fort Worth ceremony.

That's about when a new \$50 bill will start turning up in wallets and cashiers' drawers, complete with features to make them harder to counterfeit and more colorful.

"You want to defeat counterfeiters at every turn," Snow said at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Western Currency Facility. "One way you defeat them at every turn is to put new currency designs out there."

Snow said introduction of the redesigned \$50 is part of a continuing cat-and-mouse game between counterfeiters and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. New digital technologies make it easier to make more convincing copies of bills, so the new bills have security features.

The security features are a watermark image similar to Ulysses Grant's portrait, which is visible from both sides when held up to the light.

Another is a "security thread" visible from both sides when held up to the light. Also, the number in the lower right-hand corner changes from copper to green when tilted.

The bureau has embarked on a plan to change the design periodically to make counterfeiting tougher,

Snow said.

By taking steps to protect currency, the United States enhances its value domestically and worldwide, he said. Some \$700 billion in U.S. currency is used by people overseas as their currency of choice because it is the most dependable, he said.

"One reason it is the leading currency of the world is because it is backed by the United States government," Snow said. "The United States government is backed by the people, and the people are resilient."

Snow said that resiliency is shown in the U.S. economy. It wasn't long ago when talk of inflation and a double-dip recession worried people at home and abroad, he said. Now, economic signs including the creation of more than 300,000 jobs in March show that the economy is ready to go, he said.

"The American economy is in a very strong growth posture," Snow said.

The currency facility is one of two plants that produce the nation's paper money. The new \$50 will be produced only at the Fort Worth plant, which on Tuesday also kicks off the beginning of public tours and the opening of a new visitors center.

The new bills are slated to be sent to banks in October. The redesign is the second time the bill has been redone since 1997.

Currency redesigns began with the \$100 bill, which was redesigned in 1996, followed by the first \$50 redesign, the \$20 in 1998 and the \$10 and \$5 notes in 2000.

Besides Snow, other federal officials at Monday's unveiling included Thomas Ferguson, director of the bureau; Rep. Kay Granger, R-Texas; Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief, and Fort Worth Police Chief Ralph Mendoza.

Visitors were treated to a walk-through of the visitors center and taken to the printing floor to see \$50 bills being printed and packaged.

The Bureau of Engraving estimates that about 500,000 visitors could visit annually.

Moncrief said he expects the center will increase the city's benefit from having the plant.

"We have 700 jobs out here, and it's going to be a tourist attraction that I believe is going to grow as the city grows," Moncrief said. "A lot of people are going to want to see our mint. The only other one is in Washington."

Beyond the anti-counterfeiting measures, economists and others who make their living with money don't see the redesigned \$50 bill making a difference to the economy. The economists and government personnel say there is nothing to indicate the \$50 bill will be more in demand, although orders fluctuate.

John Harvey, a Texas Christian University economics professor, said there hasn't been enough inflation for many years that would make people need to use more fifties. The distribution of the new bill will not change anything in the economy, he said.

"It shouldn't make any impact whatsoever," Harvey said.

Rising college costs hurt minorities

Robert L. Steinback

Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

While the U.S. economy increasingly demands a college education to attain financial success, the cost of getting that education has risen beyond the reach of many low-income and minority families, and that's a worrisome prognosis for America's long-term economic health.

That's the core message of a report that Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padron wrote to influence Congress as it contemplates reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, which provides \$60 billion in student financial assistance. The bill's supporters say it is unlikely to be approved in an election year, although money for financial aid would be available under existing legislation.

Given projections that most new U.S. schoolchildren by 2025 will be Hispanic, Padron argues that America must begin thinking of access to college as it regards high school diplomas: As a right everyone deserves regardless of ethnicity, heritage or income level.

"If it is not taken care of in a relatively short period of time, we're going to be seriously impacting the future of the nation," Padron said. "Minorities will constitute the largest percentage of the work force and we're not educating the work force at the level we need to."

That lack of educational opportunity will also affect how well the work force is able to fund pensions for baby boomers, he said.

Padron noted a U.S. Department of Labor analysis estimating that 80 per-

cent of new jobs require education beyond high school.

"If that is correct, that means every American that is not being given an opportunity at post-secondary education is being kept out of those jobs," Padron said.

The high cost of college prevented 400,000 academically qualified high school graduates from attending a four-year college within two years of graduation, and 168,000 from attending any college at all, Padron wrote in A Deficit of Understanding.

Padron composed the report in conjunction with the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities as Congress debates reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, the source of nearly two-thirds of all the federal, state and institutional aid given to U.S. college students.

Most of the educational grants distributed under the act come in the form of Pell grants. Some 4.4 million undergraduates received \$11.2 billion in need-based Pell grants during 2002.


But Padron said the numbers mask a deeper concern: 25 years ago, the average Pell grant covered 84 percent of the cost of a four-year, public college education. By 1999, that percentage had slipped to 39 percent - leaving many poor families unable to bridge the gap.

Educational loans to some degree have replaced grants, but the prospect of looming debt deters many qualified applicants, Padron wrote.

Failure to adequately educate the next generation will impair their productivity, said Antonio Flores, executive director of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

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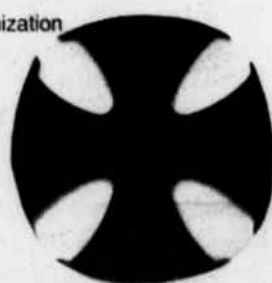
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IN THEATRES APRIL 30

Garner's charm makes *13 Going On 30* a winner

Morgan Smith
Staff Writer

At first glance, *13 Going On 30* is your average chick flick, a vehicle designed merely to carry a cute romance precariously balanced on top of a less-than-solid plot line. I admit that my first impression was exactly that; I was about to view a piece of junk filmography simply so I could write a quick and easy movie review. I already had the story in my head, ready to dish out the trash on this girly film.

Alas, Jennifer Garner's charm and effervescence has won me over.

13 Going On 30 is not only worth a second look, but I am willing to go out on a limb and say that it is a *must* for any one with a soft heart. The story, which bears a close resemblance to Tom Hanks' smash hit *Big*, is one that all women will associate with. It is the timeless tale of the popular girls and a girl struggling to join them, willing to step on the people closest to her to attain that status. For those unfamiliar with the story line, Jennifer Garner plays Jenna Rink, a girl who, in the late 80's, makes a wish to be 30. The result is that she wakes up in 2004, 30 years old and clueless about who she has become.

The story follows Rink as she maneuvers through her new life,



Jennifer Garner and her 13 going on 30 thousand pairs of shoes.

dealing with her hot hockey player boyfriend and her job as the editor of a fashion magazine. Garner plays Jenna beautifully, balancing the grace and womanhood of an established 30-year-old with the awkwardness of a 13-year-old.

The result is not only funny, but

endearing. As can be expected, the humor of the film relies heavily on Rink repeatedly embarrassing herself with her clothing and makeup, as well as the fact that she has no clue about what is happening around her. Obviously lost and confused, she tries to get in touch with her best

friend Matt, with whom she shared a touching relationship as children. She finds him, now an adorable photographer played by Mark Ruffalo, and finds that she alienated him on her climb to popularity. With his help, she comes to understand what happened to her after she made her wish,

and determines to reestablish their friendship.

Ruffalo handles his character well, not overacting, but conveying charisma in each scene. While there aren't many sparks between them at first meeting, Garner and Ruffalo truly grow together during the movie. By the end, they are a perfect pair (largely due to Garner's undeniable cuteness) and they light up the screen.

I am not one for spoilers, so I won't tell you what happens at the end. But I *will* tell you to look out for the "Thriller" scene and a marvelous turn by Andy Serkis, last seen as sushi-lover Gollum, as Rink's unctuous Editor-in-Chief. And for 80's pop music fans, I'm warning you now, the soundtrack will be a must-have.

When it was all over, I left *13 Going On 30* feeling fulfilled...and also wanting to kiss every guy I had ever known. I'm not going to lie, I cried a little. I even called my boyfriend and confessed my undying love to him, but what can you expect when a film like this touches your heart?

13 Going On 30 plays daily at the The Grande. Call 808-7800 for showtimes.

The not so lush life

Our columnist turns 21.
Let the drinking begin...or not.

Club Hopping

Jessica De Vault
Staff Writer

Finally, the time has arrived. How long have I waited for this moment to come? How long have I waited to show my ID card and be allowed entrance into popular clubs? The truth is, people over 21 don't really take their age this seriously. It's a proven fact that once you turn 21 the age is no longer a big deal, especially for people who had fake IDs or were already drinking.

Unlike these individuals, I was sheltered. I grew up in a liberal, yet mildly strict Christian home where a glass of wine was acceptable only if you were an adult. Even in this scenario more than two glasses was pushing it. I guess my mom thought that a drink was fine, intoxication wasn't.

As I grew older that ideology stuck with me. My perceptions of adulthood and the privileges that come with it hadn't changed as much as I thought they would. I assumed that once I became 21 that I'd have free reign over my social life and the rules of my household wouldn't affect my decisions. Unfortunately, they did.

On my first outing as a 21-year-old, I decided to stop by Walker Avenue. The 2100 block on this street has several clubs and bars that are in walking distance of each other. My limited amount of cash would make a big difference this evening.

My first location was Wahoo's. The place was crowded and smoky, obviously your average bar. In the past few weeks I had grown accustomed to going to club settings with loud, thumping music and people

dancing in tight, hot spaces. This bar, however, was much more reserved. The music was still loud, but there wasn't that nagging pressure to go dance. Wahoo's was more of a hole-in-the-wall bar, but the atmosphere was friendly.

I took a seat at the bar and told the bartender that I wanted to celebrate my birthday. After a hearty congratulation he suggested I'd try a mixed-concoction that was in a small shot glass. I never knew what was in that little glass, but it tasted like tangerines and sprite. It was smooth, no chaser needed. The bartender smiled and asked, "How was it?" I just nodded in approval.

I stayed at Wahoo's for a while. This place didn't serve food, just drinks, so I found myself getting hungry. It was time to change venues.

I went across the street to the Blind Tiger. There was a band playing, so there was a cover charge. I checked my wallet and decided against it. I had just spent \$4 on a shot.

I went next door to Fishbones, another small bar. Wahoo's and Fishbones were similar in decoration, and atmosphere. There were fewer people here and it was much quieter with the exception of the muffled noises of the band next door. The bartender, Neal, smiled when I told him it was my birthday weekend. He joked, "I can barely remember my big 2-1." He asked me if there was a mixed drink that I wanted to try.

I thought long and hard about it, and told him that I wanted a Cosmo. I had seen it so much on *Sex* and the *City* and in the pages of *Glamour* and *Marie Claire* magazines that I just wanted to see what all the hub-bub was. After coughing up six dollars, Neal prepared a Cosmo for me. It wasn't too strong, although the initial taste reminded me of perfume. After tasting it again I found myself a new fan of the popular concoction. At this time I realized that I was hungrier

than ever, and although Fishbones serves food, their kitchen was closed.

By the end of the evening I had a slight buzz. On my way to Wild Magnolia I realized that I had reached my limit. The Christian mindset that had raised me had come to bite me in the behind. I found myself feeling weird about walking around Walker Avenue, struggling to walk upright and maintain a serious face. Tipsiness is a funny thing. You're not quite sober and you're not quite drunk. You're just buzzed. I guess I just didn't see the big deal of feeling like your feet were floating, or having this permanent grin plastered on your face.

After deciding against Wild Magnolia, since I didn't have the money for the cover charge, I figured it was time to go. I was irritated the whole trip home, letting my friend drive my new car, simply because I *had* to have a drink. God forbid, if my designated driver wrecked my liability-only vehicle. All I could think of was how long I waited to do something that I'd probably never do again. Fact is, I enjoyed the drinks, but I didn't enjoy being drunk, and I sure as heck didn't enjoy someone else driving my new car. I decided that drinking just wasn't that big of a deal to me. I was lucky enough to have fun without the alcohol for so long that now that I have it, I can do without it.

It's ok, though. The birthday wasn't a bust. I actually had more fun just visiting the clubs and having a good time; I really didn't need a drink at all. Entrance into any place in Greensboro is good enough for me; I can leave the drinks at the bar.

Have a club or event you think Jessica should review? Email us at neurotica@eudoramail.com

Reunited and it feels so good

Josh Barrer
Staff Writer

Quasi-music channel VH-1 began airing a series last year entitled "Bands Reunited." The premise of the show was simple: a VJ traveled around, trying to convince long broken up bands to get back together. But while the show focused on bands long forgotten (Klymaxx?) or better off apart (Berlin, Extreme), a number of great bands have decided to get back together without the prodding of any over-enthusiastic VJ's.

In fact, a slew of long disbanded groups have been getting back together. Influential Boston post-punk group Mission of Burma will release their first album in over twenty years in May, while The New York Dolls recently announced they would play together for the first time since the seventies. Skeptics have been quick to dismiss these reunions as cynical cash-in attempts by has-beens, but the evidence so far has been to the contrary.

Of the groups getting back together this year, none has garnered as much excitement as The Pixies. A band distinctly ahead of their time, The Pixies were college radio favorites in the late eighties and early nineties, but failed to break into the mainstream. Their music is comparable in quality and influence to The Beatles and The Clash. A volatile mix of jagged, searing guitars, poppy bass hooks, and the vocal tension and chemistry of head songwriter Black Francis and bassist Kim Deal. Their music was startlingly original and powerful. However, like many great bands, the group was racked with tensions. They broke up abruptly in 1993, never reaching the superstar status they deserved.

However, a lot of people covered their music, including Kurt Cobain and Thom Yorke, both of whom cited The Pixies as key influences in the musical development of Nirvana and Radiohead. During an early Pearl Jam concert, Eddie Vedder once started singing The Pixies' "I've Been Tired" to a confused audience. Though the band themselves were never more than a cult phenomenon, their fans include some of the most

successful and influential musicians of the nineties.

As their post-breakup popularity grew, the various band members soldiered on with solo projects, leaving the past behind them. Black Francis changed his name to Frank Black, and has released nine albums since the breakup, six with his new band, The Catholics. Kim Deal formed The Breeders, who had a hit in the mid-nineties with "Cannonball." Through it all, the band members steadfastly denied any chance of a reunion. Black claimed he wanted to stick to new things, while Deal refused to discuss the band at all.

So it was something of a surprise when, in 2003, the band announced they were planning a reunion tour. People were skeptical. Some dismissed it as a publicity stunt on Black's part to promote his solo albums, while others were sure the band was just trying to boost sales of their upcoming DVD, "Gouge Away", and "Best Of" compilation. But the band persevered, announcing a headlining spot at the Coachella Music Festival in California, as well as a string of other dates. Fans were anxious to see the band, especially those who discovered the music long after they had broken up. So far, every show has sold out in minutes.

All reports have been that the band is in top form, exuberantly playing for their newfound fan base. Aside from a slight hardening in Black and Deal's voices, the band is apparently in top form. To prove it, they are using new technology to record every show, and sell burned copies of that recording within fifteen minutes of each show. Within a day of their first show together since 1993, new live tracks were leaked onto file sharing networks, and the results were nothing less than spectacular. To put it simply, The Pixies have silenced the skeptics.

What will result from this reunion (besides some long overdue acclaim and financial reward for the band) remains to be seen. There have been rumors of a new album, but only time will tell whether that will pan out. In the meantime, it's just good to have the Pixies back. If only it were possible to get some concert tickets...

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The new rules

Nerve.com's dating etiquette for the not insane



Neurotica

John Russell
A&E Editor

I met Adrian (not his real name) at a gay club about a month ago. I noticed him early in the evening and had been working up the nerve to say hi. He fit my profile perfectly: he was tall, blond and almost annoyingly stylish. The boy was actually wearing sunglasses in the smoky, dimly lit club. Finally, in a moment of uncharacteristic ballsiness, I tracked him to the back of the club and started chatting him up.

The conversation went surprisingly smoothly for a drunken pick-up in the back of a club. He introduced me to his friends (all gorgeous, all shirtless) and I had them all laughing at my wit and sardonic sense of humor. By the end of the night Adrian had given me his number twice and was literally begging me to call him.

A few days later, I took him to a party at a friend's house. Things went about as badly as they possibly could. The conversation was stilted, the situation awkward, and we ended up talking to other people most of the evening.

When I took him home later he was polite. He said he'd had fun and that I should call him again, which I did later in the week. Sure the first date sucked, but he was hot enough for me to give it at least a second try. I left a message on his machine offering to take him out to dinner. I haven't heard from him since.

What makes this different from the million other crappy date stories I've told is that this time I didn't freak out when Adrian failed to return my call. Time was when I would have been pacing my apartment, eyeing the phone and jumping whenever it rang. I would have whined to my friends, torturing myself by over-analyzing every detail of our date to figure out where I'd gone wrong.

But this time I was relaxed. I didn't stress out over a boy I barely knew like I would have in the past, and I owe it all to the New Rules.

The old rules, for those of you who don't know, are insane. Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider compiled this set of manipulative, anti-feminist guidelines in their 1995 book, appropriately titled *The Rules*. Aimed at single women, the book claims to be a fool-proof method for "capturing the heart of Mr. Right." The idea is for women to treat the men they want like the men they don't by making themselves unavailable. According to Fein and Schneider, men (I'm assuming they mean straight men) like a challenge and women should present that challenge.

On some level I agree with the phi-

losophy that women (and men for that matter) should not allow their romantic interests to control the way they live their lives. We should continue living out lives rather than waiting by the phone for some moron to call. But *The Rules* is not so much about actually putting this into practice as appearing to. Wouldn't the time and effort required to learn and live by the rules be better spent on self-improvement and personal growth?

The Rules guarantee a lasting loving relationship. How this is possible is beyond me, since almost all of the rules are about sustaining mystery and illusion. How exactly are you supposed to fall in love with someone when you aren't even allowed to get to know them?

Possibly the scariest part about the book is the fact that it reads like an infomercial or a cult indoctrination. In fact, *The Rules* is sort of a cult. Apparently there are women all over the country who are convinced this is the way to date. There are even chapters that warn "Do the rules even if your friends and parents think it's nuts," and "Don't discuss the rules with your therapist."

Personally, I think *The Rules* are antiquated relics and I have their replacement: Nerve's Guide to Sex Etiquette by former Nerve.com advice columnists Em and Lo. My friend Jenn the book to me the week before I met Adrian and I immediately went out and bought my own copy.

This book is everything that *The Rules* is not: witty, feminist, queer inclusive, sex positive, sensible. Written in an Emily Post-esque style, the Nerve book covers the Ps and Qs of pick-ups, hook-ups, table manners and serious dating. There are charts and sidebars with helpful hints: "An active gentleman always launders his sheets between sleepover guests or after a month, whichever comes first." There are tips on negotiating kinky sex with new partners as well as on how to hit on someone without looking like an ass. I found the chapter on "Courting" to most helpful. The first and second date etiquette were what made Adrian so easy to deal with.

The brilliance of the Nerve book is that, unlike the icy determination of *The Rules*, the point here is to actually make connections with people, whether they are emotional or purely sexual.

I usually hate self help books, but the Nerve book has changed the way I think about dating. I like to think I knew all of this stuff implicitly already. I just needed to see it in print. I'm actually starting a bit of a Sex Etiquette cult. I passed the book on to a good friend who then bought copies for everyone we know. They are our New Rules and, as Em and Lo conclude, "Civility is best propagated by example."

Do the New Rules! But you can discuss them with your therapist if you want to.

I hate fantasy comics...except this one

Why you should be reading DC Vertigo's Fables.

Joe Killian
Editor in Chief

I've never liked fantasy comics. In fact, fantasy as a genre annoys me. Somehow I just can't get invested in any story with elves or dragons in it. But, you know, different strokes for different folks. A lot of people who are into role-playing games and Renaissance Fairs love fantasy comics, and some of those people are my friends.

All the same, I could never be bothered reading fantasy comics. A few years ago I finally sat down with a couple of Neil Gaiman's *Sandman* collections, which are mostly fantasy stories in a modern setting. Though they were less painful, I wouldn't have spent any money on them.

The closest I've ever come to getting into fantasy is enjoying *Conan the Barbarian*, and, like James Bond and John Wayne movies, it's sort of a guilty pleasure. The eternal adolescent male in me gets off on watching Conan come riding into town and, with just one sword and a tremendous will, cut a swath through an army of soldiers, demons and sorcerers to get to the scantily-clad girl whose name he won't remember in the morning. It's dumb, I know, but I enjoy it anyway. Metallica's made a career out of selling records to people who have thrown their hands up and plunked down their money in this way.

But recently I was won over by a fantasy comic — completely against my will.

I'd been hearing about DC/Vertigo's *Fables* for a while now, but it was mostly from Goth friends and folks who are fanatic fans of the *Lord of the Rings* films. I love these people, but their praise has become a sort of early warning system against things I'm sure to hate. The series became very popular, won awards (including the Eisner Award, one of the industry's greatest honors), but still I shrugged it off. The first two trade paperback collections came out, collecting the first two story arcs. Still I didn't bite. Then DC Comics sent a giant package to the Carolinian office — and buried among some stuff that I thought I'd love were volumes one and two of *Fables*.

I couldn't sleep the other night, so I actually sat down and read these things. The premise made me smile right away. All of these fantasy characters — from Snow White and Beauty and the Beast to Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book* characters — are real. They existed in a sprawling world of fantasy kingdoms and thick jungles in perfect peace and harmony, until, about 200 years ago, a dark



Snow White tries to hop a subway train on the cover of DC Vertigo's *Fables Vol. 1, Legends in Exile*.

villain began conquering the kingdoms one by one, stealing the fables' fortunes and tossing them out of their own worlds. Hundreds of these characters escaped to our reality and, through magic and the treasures they brought with them, secreted themselves in New York City and a large farm on Long Island (for animal fables, like the Three Blind Mice).

Here's where it gets interesting. Having lived for hundreds of years without being found out by mundane humans (or Mundys), a lot of our reality has crept into their Happily Ever After little lives. Snow White divorced Prince Charming when she caught him in bed with her sister, Rose Red. Beauty and the Beast have marital problems that cause him to morph back into a Beast whenever she's mad at him. Goldilocks is sleeping with one of the Three Bears as a political statement and proclaims that his bed is "just right." Other fables are drunks, drug addicts and foul-mouthed nymphomaniacs.

In short, this book is smart and hilarious. The sex scene between Prince Charming (a broke and lazy cad with powers of seduction) and a New York waitress is in itself worth the price of the first trade, *Legends in Exile* (\$9.95). In that book we're introduced to Snow White, a savvy businesswoman who runs Fabletown and deals with all the problems of the community. The fables' sheriff is Bigby Wolf, a hard-boiled detective who when angry transforms into the monster who huffed and puffed and made the Three Little Pigs homeless. He's charged with figuring out who

murdered Rose Red when her apartment is found trashed and covered in blood — a mystery he solves after leading us through a cast of hilarious fairy-tale characters twisted by life in the big city.

The book's second volume, *Animal Farm* (\$12.95), deals with the non-human fables (Br'er Rabbit, various giants and dragons) who have to be kept on a secret farm in upstate New York, hidden from human eyes. Feeling like second class citizens, the animals revolt, murdering those loyal to the regular fable community and taking Snow White hostage.

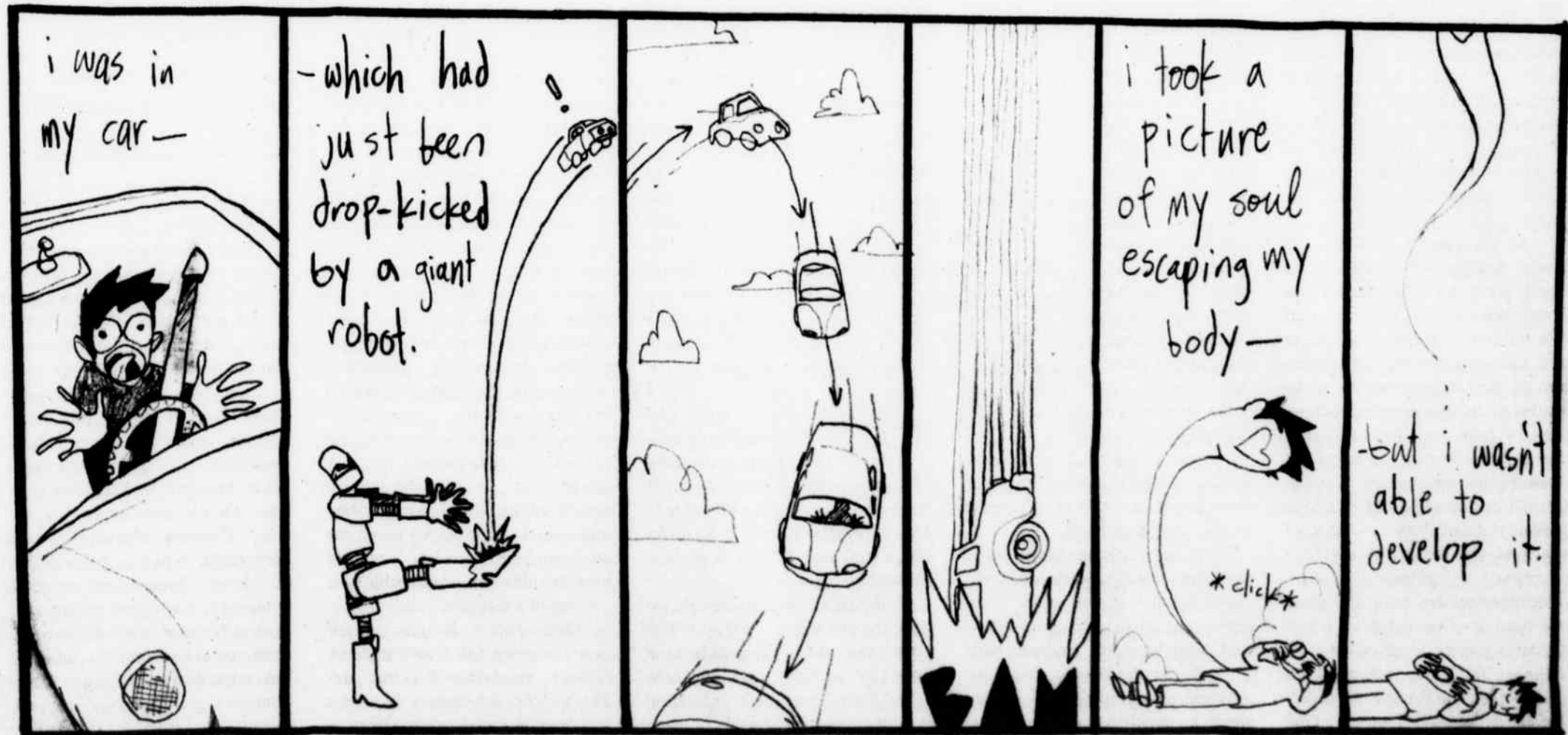
There are clear references to fairy tales in this volume, but also to George Orwell and Karl Marx. On a lighter note, the scene where Snow White is hit on by a talking fox was priceless. While I never found myself taking it very seriously, I did enjoy the story and even found myself growing attached to some of the characters.

These days there aren't a lot of comics on the shelf that are really comic. Writer Bill Willingham delivers some great laughs and the art by Lan Medina is subdued enough to keep the story from seeming ridiculous, but cuts loose at just the right moments, when a heavy dose of the extraordinary bursts from the straight-forward stories without warning.

As the only fantasy comic I'd really pay good money for, I'm giving both volumes an "A." You should be able to find both at your local comic shop or at www.amazon.com.

You can check out the current crop of DC Universe and DC Vertigo titles online at www.dccomics.com

Second-hand Camera by John Peery





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Avoiding Disaster



OUT OF
MY HEAD

Joe Killian
Editor-in-Chief

In a strange turn of events this week Dara Edelman and Daphne Villanueva were elected SGA president and vice president, respectively.

I call it strange because the prevailing wisdom among just about everyone I talked to last week was that Demonte Pridgen would win the runoff, because he'd been 10 votes ahead in the general election.

This would have caused an SGA disaster, as Pridgen's GPA is too low to actually take office. His election would have meant all of SGA's business over the summer and the first few weeks of school would have been postponed while we had yet ANOTHER election. In this light Edelman's election was a Godsend.

Pridgen has, since losing the election, decided that my columns sunk his campaign - that everyone read what I had to say and voted accordingly. While I'd love to have that kind of power, I think the truth is that Edelman was just a stronger candidate.

I have to admit I was cool on the idea of Dara Edelman as SGA president when she was first elected. This was due primarily to the fact that she ran unopposed for the position. This was sad (our top-tier student leadership slot, and no one else wanted it) and, it seemed to me, just a tad undemocratic. But, I reasoned finally, that was hardly her fault. Let's see what happens.

And what happened was strange.

Every now and then it's worth asking ourselves what we really need an SGA president to do. To represent us at gatherings of student governments, sure - but what should their presidency mean? I've always felt I'd like the SGA president to do what I think I'd do, on my best day, at my most noble. By that standard I've been sold on Edelman this year. Here's are three quick reasons why...

1) This year's election was a strange one. Up against a gay rights activist, a hardcore Republican and a former VP active in the black community,

Edelman had a hard time defining and distinguishing herself. She was the sitting president, not a white candidate and plenty liberal...but what did she really stand for?

Edelman showed her colors by publicly protesting the College Republicans' "Affirmative Action Bake Sale" - in which people were charged different prices for baked goods, based on their race. She carried signs, she marched, she chanted, she stood up for what she believed in - and all while running for SGA president. Huge balls.

2) She didn't lose her temper in SGA debates when assaulted over voting for tuition hikes. The state wasn't kicking in the funds to keep the school flourishing (or faculty and staff employed), she said - someone had to pick up the tab.

Would she vote the same way again? Probably not. She's opposed to tuition hikes and is working with Associated Student Governments to beat them back - but the money has to come from somewhere. It took a lot of guts to stick by that decision.

3) When a number of concerned students (including yours truly) tried to bring sex educator Tristan Taormino back to campus, we had a hard time finding student groups to come on board as sponsors. Not because they didn't think it was a great idea, they said - but because Chancellor Sullivan had publicly denounced Taormino's work and called on students and staff to "exercise good judgement" when inviting controversial speakers to campus.

Hearing about this, Edelman rallied her multicultural sorority, Theta Nu Xi, and they came on as co-sponsors with PRIDE, the campus gay/lesbian student group. All this during her campaign for president, I remind you.

Those candidates trying to cast Edelman as an establishment puppet had to eat their words when the SGA president publicly supported a speaker the Chancellor herself had condemned, and who had come under fire from conservative students.

Edelman ran unopposed once - but this year's competition has been some of the fiercest I've seen in four years. She came out of it on top and, from what I've seen of her in the last semester, she deserves it.

Letters to the Editor

Name-That-Email

I thought about making this a private email to information systems, but feared I'd find all my campus passwords to be unretrievable. For those who don't know, there was a contest recently where students could submit names for the new email system that will be making its debut soon. Apparently, they received over 100 names, and then had a group pick out what were to be the 10 best for everyone to vote on. These names are what they came up with: e-Spartan, G-Mail, Minerva Mail, Spartan Connection, spartan email, SPARTAN EXPRESS, SpartanMail, Spartan Mail, spartan notes, and Spartan Xpress. Surely you'll notice that several are them are practically the same name, differing only in a

space of the exclusion of a letter. What disturbs me the most is that "G-Mail" was the example name given at the time the contest was announced (not to mention the name Google said their email service would carry on April 1st.) The rest like "Spartan Mail" and "Spartan Email" just leaves you wondering whether these were just joke submissions. For what I consider to be a creative student body, I find it hard to believe that out of 100 submissions, these 10 were the best. Students are getting the shaft even on the most minor issues. Where's the variety? Where's the wit? Where's intelligence in these names? I call for a re-pick.

Brandon Adams
Sophomore

The case for Socialism

The ISO is continuously attacked by Carolinian's columnists because we stand for socialism. This isn't surprising. After all, our schools and our media constantly tell us that capitalism is the "best of all possible worlds," and that any alternative is bound to fail.

But let's look at the world we live in. Six million children die annually of malnutrition related diseases. 1.2 billion people live on less than a dollar a day. 880 million people have no access to healthcare. Hundreds of billions are spent on warfare, while social welfare is shredded to bits. Meanwhile, a tiny elite sits smugly content with its massive fortunes that it only accumulated by screwing over the rest of us.

How can this be changed? History shows us that justice and equality are never handed down from the top of society but have to be fought for from the bottom. It took mass movements in order to win the 8-hour workday, desegregation, and the minimum wage. The rights we take for granted today are

a direct result of the struggles waged by workers and the poor: black and white, men and women, gay and straight.

Today, with Bush's attacks on affirmative action, gay marriage, abortion rights and trade union rights, many of the gains of the past are in danger of being taken away. Add to this the brutality of U.S. imperialism from Iraq to Palestine, and it is clear that we can't wait on politicians to make our world a better place. We need active grassroots movement in the streets to fight back, and rebuild the kinds of movements we saw in the 1930s and 1960s.

In the long term, we need a different kind of society altogether. One that is driven by human need, and not corporate greed. One where hunger, poverty and war will be things of the past.

That's what socialism is-not the military dictatorships run by Stalin, Mao and their ilk. Of course, folks like Okla Elliott wouldn't really know that now, would they?

Catherine Geary
ISO

When will we learn to just shut up?



Stranger
Than
Fiction

Kevin Harvey
Opinions Editor

I know you've done it. Don't pretend you haven't.

Everyone has had one of these moments: you're in that class, the "discussion" based class. Your professor has just finished lecturing, and has asked the class for comments. Slowly a conversation builds around the topic at hand and you begin to become interested. As one of your classmates is speaking, she suddenly hits on a topic that you just happened to cover in a related class last semester. As soon as she has finished, you jump in.

At first, you're on topic, and you're damn proud of knowing so much about what the teacher has been talking about. You branch off into different subjects, and look to your classmates for visual confirmation of their comprehension of the academic/philosophic gems that are dripping from your lips. However, you soon realize that you began this masturbatory vituperation with no feasible exit strategy, and you have suddenly detailed the nuances of structural criminology theory to a conceptual physics class. Understanding the scorn and ennui you have now caused your fellow scholars, you try to dismount your soapbox, but jump off much too quickly and soon become the simultaneous victim and perpetrator of the

scholarly equivalent to an air-balled free throw.

Or maybe that's just me. But everyone has definitely had some jackass in one of their classes that just won't shut up. In my observation, there are generally five categories into which these individuals fall. It just so happens that these five categories also fall along the political ideology spectrum. This column, however, will examine them running from most moderate to most extreme (as opposed to most liberal to most conservative). See if you can find the category to which you and your friends belong.

First, and in contention for most annoying, is the ignoramus. Typically, these individuals have not done the prior reading for the class and believe that they have gleaned enough information from the lecture to make an educated statement about the material presented. While mostly harmless, these individuals rank an 8.7 on the R.Y.E. (Roll Your Eyes) scale.

Next, and a little less harmless, are the right-leaning adult students. Now, I must at this point warn against the all too common prejudicial attitude many students have toward non-traditional students. Anyone harboring ill will toward these harder-than-average-working

academics should meet the dear, sweet woman with whom many of my friends and I ventured to Europe last summer. However, I have nearly blown my top more the thrice at an adult student starting out an interjection with, "Well, I've been out in the real world, and," "Listen, I've had two kids, and I can tell you..." or "Ya'll probably don't remember this, but..."

Back on the left, we have the Bush-haters. This is most often where I find myself situated. Now believe me, this group has more intellectual kindling to add to the fire than any other group mentioned in this column (ahem), but blaming everything on Dubya more than twice in a class can get old. You can easily identify these folks (if you are still awake) by the very common mid-tirade attribution: "... and I don't think the current administration really cares about this issue! When you look at his record..." Another good test is to look at your syllabus. If the class title begins with SOC, you are surrounded by them.

Swinging way back to the right we find the reactionary. This fellow rates low on the R.Y.E scale because generally you're too scared of him to take your eyes off of him. Reactionaries are incapable of using

the word "homosexual" in a sentence unless that sentence also includes the words "AIDS virus" or "fiery damnation." They also like to talk about liberal bias in the classroom, and they always allude to last night's O'Reilly Factor. While perhaps the most dangerous orator of the lot, the reactionary will never be as annoying as...

The revolutionary. These are the standard Bush-haters on anabolic steroids. Typically espousing a destruction of the capitalist system and an end to American global dominance (even when speaking in a mathematics classroom), revolutionaries are the perfect 10 on the R.Y.E. Anything negative, from global terrorism to soggy corn flakes, in their mind is a direct result of profit-seeking American businessmen. What's dangerous about these folks is that, at first, you agree with them (as a matter of fact, if they'd just shut up occasionally, they'd have a lot more disciples). However, their tongues soon outrun their intellects, and the typical students want nothing more than estrangement from and strangulation of the revolutionary.

So, how to avoid going down the path of the loose-tongued fool? A few years ago a good friend gave me simple advice that I wish I were more apt to follow. To avoid the aforementioned blunders, you only have to follow one unshakeable rule:

Don't be that guy.

Think about it. Imagine yourself in a classroom filled with students. Now ask yourself, who is that guy? That's right, the answer is always simple, that guy is always easy to

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pick out.

Don't be him.

This rule works well in other situations. I believe the original rule was developed as a regulatory measure for party goers. However, the rule also applies to vehicular operation and international politics.

If you find yourself in a classroom where one of these University denizens creep, you can use these classifications as a means to know where to safely lead the conversation. Or you can simply drop the class. However, whether you have been victim or guilty of these types of First Amendment-protected crimes, you now know at least how to identify them. What should really scare you is how little this administration has done to remedy the situation.

Minimum wage hurts... the poor



Straight Shooting

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Some of the most profound things in life work just the opposite from the way we think they do. It is these types of counterintuitive realities that give human beings a fit. Humanity talked about the sun "rising" and "setting" for thousands of years without stopping to seriously question what they thought was a no-brainer: the sun moves. And when a few came along to point out that the sun was stationary relative to the earth, many scoffed at a concept that seemed to run against such a basic, daily experience.

This has also been the challenge

in the discussion over the minimum wage. It seems to make sense that a minimum wage will protect the poor. After all, Charles Dickinson and Upton Sinclair's novels have preconditioned us to

believe that the evil, greedy business owners will start paying people a quarter a day and have them starve to death if those employers are not given a base figure from which to work. Imagining our society without a minimum wage law in the minds of many people means multitudes of poor folks scurrying around working for pennies. But despite the efforts of economists to explain how absurd that is, proponents of the minimum wage have in effect had the same decisive advantage as those that used to argue for a geocentric universe. The problem is that it is all just plain wrong.

First of all, minimum wage laws raise the level of unemployment and make those that do have a job work harder. The 1976 Nobel Prize winner in economics, Professor Milton Friedman of the University of Chicago, put it this way: if an employer needs to add an employee to do work that is only worth about \$2.00 an hour, but has to pay him or her \$5.15 an hour, then the employer has to pay over three dollars in charity to that employee just to add him or her to the payroll. But this rarely happens. What is more likely is that employer will simply not make the hire and ask the current staff to pick up the slack. That is a lose-lose scenario for all involved: the potential new hire is stuck at home without a job and the current employees are having to do more work. So the minimum wage law takes jobs away

from potential workers that also not coincidentally have the fewest skills. Friedman argues in his book *Free to Choose* that this hurts inner city young people the most who tend to come from failing schools that least prepare them to compete in today's job market.

That leads to a discussion of the matter of who exactly is making minimum wage in the first place. The U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey released last year for 2002 indicates that it is not many people — less than three percent (2.95%) of the nation's workforce. Of that three percent, well over a third (37.2%) are between the ages of 16-19 and over half (52.2%) are under 25. That does not even include the part-time senior citizens that are greeting you at Wal-Mart, supplementing their income from social security.

Supporters of taking even more

radical measures like jacking up the existing minimum wage — they like to call it a "living wage" — are quick to come back with the claim that many of the young people making the base wage are single mothers that

are struggling to make ends meet. But the facts just do not bear that out: the same U.S. Labor survey states that less than one percent (.09%) of the workers making minimum wage come from households that make less than \$20,000 a year. The assertion that the minimum wage protects single mothers and their small children is really just the type of hysterical propaganda that blowhard leftists like Ted Kennedy blurt out on the Senate floor.

The minimum wage, if for no other reason, should be discarded because it keeps poor, young, and unskilled laborers out of work. There is no way of gauging the number that is affected. And even if we can agree to disagree about the burden it places on business owners and the added pressure it places on existing employees, the desperate condition of our nation's inner cities should be reason enough to give us pause about wage policy for the last fifty years.

But do not take my word for it. All of the government's numbers are posted on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov/cps/minwage2002.htm. Since everyone has the opportunity to see the facts for themselves, some of you out there can save yourselves the time of writing me a letter to call me a nasty name. And just like the people that thought the universe revolved around their world, you too can come out of the dark ages.

I'm sorry to report that Tristan Taormino never showed up for her lecture last Wednesday...

Fortunately, a young woman came and gave a very intelligent speech about Feminism and Pornography...



Conservative columnists had me looking forward to seeing the evil whore as she brainwashed us innocent students with her filth...

She said she was Taormino, but that can't be true... I mean, Conservatives would never mislead the public, right?

The Token Vagina goes to Washington



Token Vagina

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My first protest—also my last protest was when I was a little girl in Orange County, California, when the local NOW (National Organization for Women) chapter protested outside of a city council meeting about the unfair treatment of female police officers. Because I was small, wearing pigtales, and holding a sign almost as large as myself that read "Sexism is Not Healthy for Children or Other Living Things," I wound up on the front page of the local paper.

For my second protest, I planned to be a little bit more prepared. My friend Claudia and I made arrangements to drive up together, we packed snacks for the road and split costs for gas.

However, there is no way to prepare for something as large and incredible as the March for Women's Lives that took place in Washington, DC last Sunday. From the inside, I couldn't see what people watching television at home could see: a crowd estimated anywhere eight hundred thousand and one million people.

I'd gotten up early, pinned on my Planned Parenthood (a co-sponsor) button, and met my friends at the metro station.

People from the march were everywhere. Many groups had made matching T-shirts or carried matching signs. I met women and men from all over the country everything

from Veterans for Choice to Don't Mess With Texas Women. Looking for one of the Jewish Women's Groups, I stumbled upon a group from Long Island. One woman asked where I was from. "Greensboro, North Carolina," I replied. "Wow," she said, awed. "That's the real battlefield."

I have spent a lot of time in college thinking about moving to New York or Boston after college so that I could be around a community with more people who think like me. But, talking to the woman from Long Island, I began to see my feminism in a larger perspective.

It's easy to be a feminist, to be pro-choice, to be left-wing, in major urban areas. The battlefield, you see, isn't just in the halls of Congress, it's right here. Like the sign urging the marchers to "think global, act local," it's important to realize that not only do you need to keep abreast of what's happening in the federal government, it's just as vital to know what's up on the state and local levels.

Legislation often works from the bottom up.

Recently, a group of my friends and I were joking about where we would expatriate ourselves if George Bush was reelected in November. "I wouldn't want to go anywhere,"

said David. "I'd stay right here, because the last thing we need is for all the independent-minded people to leave."

All fifty states were represented that day. I saw men, elderly couples, pregnant women, and people in wheelchairs. There was a considerable international delegation representing dozens of other countries. Celebrities made speeches and Ani DiFranco showed up to play

a couple of songs. Yes, they were preaching to the converted.

Even though there were a couple of pro-life counter-protesters standing along the march route, they didn't get nearly as much attention as the veggie dog vendors. As someone who spends much of her energy explaining to yet another person that feminists don't hate all men, it was validating to see so many people from all over the world who were proud to identify themselves as feminists.

From inside the procession, it was hard to get a sense of just how many people were there and of how many DC streets they'd had to block off that morning. We were all high on the energy of other people who cared as passionately about something as we did.

One of the Long Islanders asked why, as a Jew, I still lived in the South. I told her about all the times I'd had to explain that I personally didn't kill Jesus, and she seemed to think I should have schlepped all my stuff out of here as soon as possible. Here's the thing about movements: someone has to start them. I have had the unique chance here to educate people who may not have been able to learn about my culture otherwise. Growing up in a culture where you are the minority makes you fight all the more for your own place, your own traditions, your own rights. There is something to be said for the excitement of being in a tight-knit, homogeneous community: the sense of unity I got from the march was unparalleled. But you don't always have to join another community. Sometimes you make your own.

Much to my mom's disappointment, I didn't make it on TV that day. Nor did I get on the cover of the local paper. But it's OK. I know that my voice was heard.

Why the right is so wrong, part 1: sex education



My Humble Opinion

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It is a testament to how backwards and wrong rightwingers are that we're still having a heated debate about whether sex education should be made available to teenagers. It is even scarier to think that Bush supports an abstinence-only policy. Our president actually believes that if a teacher tells an eighteen-year-old to not have sex, s/he will abstain. This would be laughable if only it weren't so dangerous.

Rightwingers have a long list of insane ideas about sex. One of my favorites is the idea that God is punishing gays by afflicting them with higher STD rates. Firstly, this is disgusting logic that revels in others' misfortune and justifies bigotry via the cheapening of God's will by making it fit the rightwing political

agenda. It also happens to be just plain wrong. The lowest rate of STDs (after entirely celibate individuals) is among lesbians. Even married heterosexuals have a higher rate of STDs than lesbians. So, does this mean that God prefers lesbians to heterosexuals? By the twisted and hateful reasoning of rightwingers, it does. And I'm sure the College Republicans here at UNCG would never want to endorse lesbian love (or any love or warmth of any kind probably), so this is rather embarrassing for them. Luckily for the rightwingers, they're entirely wrong.

The reason gay men have a higher rate of STDs is due to the increase of bodily fluid exchange. This is the same reason a woman is more likely to catch an STD from a man than a man is from a woman. During unprotected sex, the female receives much more fluid than the male does, thus increasing her risk. Lesbians exchange very little fluid. In short, the explanation is purely biological. More Americans should know the biological facts of sex, and the only way to insure that is to make sex education available.

All statistics show that sex educa-

tion doesn't increase the amount of sex had; it increases the amount of safe sex had. Look, eighteen-year-olds are going to have sex. By age fourteen our bodies are ready for it, and in the past we married at that age. We can't deny the existence or the inevitability of sex. We have to deal with the reality of it. And what would some of the side effects be of sex education?

Statistically speaking, schools that offer sex education report lower rates of STDs, abortions, and teenage pregnancies. I am staunchly pro-choice, but I am also staunchly anti-abortion. It is an ugly procedure that needs to be kept to a minimum. Sex education can do that. People don't get abortions for fun. There are no abortion parties, no New Year's resolutions to have more abortions, no great glory in having abortions, and no one who lists abortions as a favorite hobby—despite the insane rightwing propaganda concerning "them darn lib-ruls" who just can't have enough abortions. Sex education reduces the rate of unnecessary abortions drastically, yet for some reason the rightwing nuts who claim to hate abortion refuse to allow this

preventive measure to be taken.

There is a further reason to support sex education, one that is simultaneously philosophical and theological. Knowledge and reason are to be held in the highest regard. Secular philosophy takes this to be the bedrock of human thought. And the Catholic doctrine of the goodness of creation also supports this. Since the world is a creation of God, then it is ultimately good, and therefore all true knowledge of it must also be good. In short, there is no contradiction between science and religion. Science is the study of the world which God created and which is ultimately good. Why would we withhold knowledge and truth about basic knowledge from students? It makes no pedagogical sense, no philosophical sense, and no theological sense.

The lack of knowledge of these issues leads to strange beliefs. I remember a sex education instructor at my high school telling us that some people urinate after sex as a means of reducing STD transmission and pregnancy. Doctors also report that some women douche with cola after sex as a means of reducing risk

of pregnancy. There are dozens of these horror stories. Ask any doctor for more gruesome details. These are problems that only education can solve.

There is also the issue of enjoyment. There are various studies that show couples of higher education levels report enjoying their sex more. This is especially true among more educated women. I read from this that by dispelling strange myths about sex, people can make use of their increased knowledge to increase their pleasure while reducing their risk.

I am in support of reducing STDs, reducing the number of unnecessary abortions, and increasing the amount of human pleasure in life. All the facts and reasoning I can find lead me to believe that sex education does all of the above. What I can't figure out is why rightwingers want to increase the number of STDs, abortions, and teen pregnancies while reducing human pleasure in the process. But then again, most rightwing beliefs make no sense to rational thinkers.

Sporty Spice

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Up until recently the sport world had remained largely unaffected by this "War on Terror." But the past two weeks have seen two separate political events undeniably leave their mark on the sporting world.

The first instance was the death of safety Pat Tillman, a man who overlooked a lucrative contract from the Arizona Cardinals, to become a Ranger and fight in Afghanistan.

ESPN and other American media outlets have used the Tillman story as a battle cry to cover much of the inadequacies about this war. We have seen American flags promoted everywhere, compiled with absurd propaganda that suggests that men such as Tillman are the reason that America is such a power today.

Now, don't think I'm attacking Tillman; the guy is truly heroic and is a fantastic example to people throughout the world. However, there are thousands of men like Tillman in the Middle East fighting for this administration who have left the comfortable surrounding of their living rooms.

Throughout Tillman's career in the armed forces he remained quiet and shied away from the limelight at every opportunity. The overwhelming attention that has been given to him since his death has gone against everything that he stood for. His number 40 shirt has been retired in Arizona and he has become a true 'American hero.'

Surely it would be more rational for us to use this hero's death to question what he actually died for, instead of jumping on this propaganda bandwagon.

In England sport has also been hit by the political world. There has been debate as to whether the national cricket team should tour Zimbabwe later this year, despite Sri Lanka and Australia accepting their invitations.

It's clear that Tony Blair's government is pressuring the ECB (English Cricket Board) not to tour on moral grounds. Zimbabwean leader Robert Mugabe has been the subject of sanctions from the British government after his dubious re-election in 2002 and his controversial departure from the Commonwealth.

Words such as regime and dictatorship have been continually attached to Mugabe's Zimbabwe but we don't see this coalition sending troops in order to combat the problems. All we see is a semi-committed restriction aimed at the national cricket team.

So my question to Tony Blair is - if the Zimbabwe situation is so bad, why doesn't the government do 'an Iraq' and invade? It would at least be consistent with the foreign policy both he and Mr. Bush have employed.

Although I'm concerned about politics, throughout my life I've always focused on sport. But this week even the sporting world has been lured into this dubious Iraqi war. And I feel sport's been used, particularly in the Tillman case, to distract the populations' views on what's truly important.

Last Monday was the tenth anniversary of the demise of the apartheid system in South Africa and reminded me of just how sport and politics should intermingle. A year after this enormous adjustment South Africa hosted and triumphed in an enthralling Rugby World Cup (1995).

After a lifetime of protest, South African leader Nelson Mandela, while wearing a South African jersey, handed over the trophy to captain Francois Pienaar. This moment capped an impressive sporting success but more importantly, symbolized that the equality that South Africa had fought for throughout its history had finally been set in motion.

This kind of moment is when politics should be used in sport.

Spartans bully youngsters

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The UNCG men's soccer team played a much-publicized game against the U-17 national team last Thursday night. A remarkable 942 people showed up as the Spartans defeated the U-17 team by a score of 2-0.

"This was a great win for us tonight against a high caliber team and is just a great way for us to wrap up our spring season," said assistant coach Darren Powell. "Our team chemistry has been good this spring and hopefully this game will give us some momentum going into the fall."

Without starters, junior James Carlson and freshman Scott Jones, and head coach Michael Parker for the game, the Spartans started off the game by quickly pressuring Wake Forest recruit Marcus Rein. UNCG's aggressive play paid dividends early as they took an early 1-0 lead. Freshman midfielder Pat Farrell played a beautiful free kick that fellow freshman Randi Patterson gathered, and put past Rein at the 14:37 mark.

After Patterson's goal, the game became a see-saw battle that saw impressive plays by both teams, and both keepers coming up big. UNCG goalie, sophomore Jay Benfeild, stepped up repeatedly in the first half, robbing fifteen year old Wilmington

native Brett King of the game tying goal.

The second half started similarly to the first half, with the more experienced Spartans taking it right to their opponents. Again, UNCG's pressure paid dividends as they took a 2-0 lead. Patterson played a brilliant ball that sophomore forward Egill Atlason gathered while calmly beating the sprawling Rein. Even though Patterson was not credited with the assist, his fantastic ball skill allowed Atlason the opportunity to score the second and final goal of the match.

Like in the first half, Benfeild played exceptionally well, and helped hold the U-17 team scoreless. Benfeild recorded eight saves in all, while Rein stopped six of the Spartans ten shots. The national team recorded eight shots in total.

"For the first part of the first half of the game, they (UNCG) were a little nervous" Powell said. "We settled down a little bit, and got back to basics and played quite well."

Despite only being a spring game, the Spartans showed some great things that have many UNCG soccer fans dreaming of a Southern Conference Championship next season. One of the pleasant surprises of the game was Benfeild's play in goal. Because he had been splitting time with Joe Crump the past two seasons, Benfeild has not been able to show off his ability for a complete season yet. However, with Crump having graduated, Benfeild will finally be



Randi Patterson opened the scoring on Thursday

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able to show the UNCG community the ability that he possesses.

"I was just trying to have a good productive spring, and maybe step in to some type of a leadership role" Benfeild said after the game. "We (Joe and Jay) just followed each other, and we just tried to push the other one. He was a very positive influence, and there is not one negative memory that I have of him."

Another impressive aspect of the game was the play of players who either were not on the team or were

injured all last year. Freshmen defender David Worthen, a transfer from Wake Forest and brother of midfielder Adrian Worthen, constantly halted challenges from the U-17 players throughout the game. Furthermore, fifth year senior Jeff Lochrie returned to action this spring after red shirting last year because of injuries. On Thursday night, Lochrie showed great leadership and intensity in the Spartan midfield.

Golfers claim third after impressive final round

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The Spartans hosted the Southern Conference Women's Golf Championship this weekend at the Starmount Forest Golf Course. UNCG finished third as a team coming in 37 strokes behind Furman, who captured their tenth title in 11 years.

Junior Polly Willett took the tournament lowest round with her best collegiate round of her career, a three under par score of 68. Willett tied for third in the tournament with an overall three-day total of 222.

After three days of golf amidst flurries of pollen and bright sunshine, the UNCG team took an overall score of 941. Sunday they scored their lowest round of the season, 304.

"That's the best of the year," said Coach Emily Marron after it was all over.

Also placing in the tournament were Western Carolina (936), coming in second. Elon in their first year competing in the SoCon Championship, finished a creditable fourth with 959. East Tennessee State was fifth (961), followed by College of Charleston (962) at sixth.

At the end of Friday's round, Furman led the field by seven strokes, followed by Western Carolina, 304, and UNCG, 315. On Saturday, Furman's low scorers Sarah Johnston and Jenny Suh increased Furman's lead.

"When you get that kind of a lead... The battle is more for second, third, and fourth because of the way they (Furman) played yesterday," said Athletic Director Nelson Bob who was out supporting the women all weekend.

UNCG started Sunday in fourth place, determined to move up. All of the golfers started out very strong on the front nine.

"I felt great on the first half," said Becky Pernicone, a junior from New

Jersey. The second half didn't bode quite as well. "I got out of my zone a little and had trouble getting back into it." Pernicone finished tied for 13th with a total score of 240=79-80-81.

Willett paced the team with an exceptional last round. She played well throughout the tournament with a pair of 77's on the first two days. Her real moment in the spotlight though, was Sunday's 68.

"I feel really good, especially having my first sub-par round," said Willett.

Willett's day included five birdies, and an eagle on the par 4, 11th hole. Her closing 68 tied her with Lotta Jonson for the second lowest round in school history.

"I knew I had the team behind me as well. My first sub par round to finish out the conference. I can't think yet," she added. She had plenty of support. Her parents flew from Spain to watch her play in the tournament.

As for Polly's career-best run Sunday, "There were a few sweaty palms coming down the green," said Marron. "She had never shot in the 60's before." Willett will be spending the summer competing in England but will return next semester with renewed vigour.

Watching the teams finish at the 18th hole Sunday was Southern Conference Commissioner and Senior Vice President at Wofford College, Danny Morrison, who had been watching the Tennis Championships in Charleston.

"It has been great having the tournament in Greensboro. It is wonderful playing at a course with this rich tradition and history," Morrison went on to praise the host team, "The UNCG staff has done their usual best in hosting these events. The kids have just loved it."

The team will all be coming back next year with high expectations. Brittany Hoffmeister finished the tournament a little lower than she had hoped: 87-85-85=257.

"It wasn't the tournament I was hoping for. I'm disappointed but it's

a learning experience. Now I know what to expect," Hoffmeister said. "I can come in next year and take off running."

Also scoring well was sophomore Jenna Schmidt, placing tenth and scoring her best round as a Spartan, 237.



Junior Becky Pernicone gets in the swing of things on Sunday

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End of season for tennis teams

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Both the men's and the women's tennis teams participated in the Southern Conference Tennis Championships this week at Charleston, S.C. Both teams needed to win their respective tournaments to continue their seasons.

The men's team started the tournament against the Davidson's Wildcats. The Spartans were seeded eighth in the tournament, while Davidson was seeded ninth. The Wildcats defeated the Spartans 4-3. The Wildcats continued to improve their record 10-11 and the Spartans fell 5-18, ending their participation in the tournament.

The scene looked somewhat better for the women's tennis team. The women started the tournament against Appalachian State. In the first round the Spartans, seeded sev-

enth, won 4-2 against the tenth seeded team, Appalachian.

The win took them to the quarter-finals playing against the second seeded team, The College of Charleston's Cougars.

The women's team ended their stay in the tournament with their loss to Charleston 4-1. The College of Charleston improved their record 18-7 and UNCG ended their season 6-14.

The Spartan's had three players named on the SoCon teams. The men's team had two players named Second-Team All-Southern Conference, Seniors Julio Moran and Pieter Visser. The duo put up 14-6 for the season and 5-3 for the SoCon. For the women's team, Senior Lindsey Peel was named Second-Team All-Southern Conference. Peel had a 9-9 record for the season and 5-2 in the SoCon.

The dying hero

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This weekend should have been one of the best for me, considering that my favorite football team, the New York Giants finally got the franchise quarterback that they desperately needed. About ten minutes after the trade for Eli Manning had been finalized though, I remembered something that had momentarily slipped my mind, one of the most courageous men who ever played football, was no longer alive. This man's name was Pat Tillman.

Tillman is a player who unlike many NFL stars today, will be remembered more for what he did off of the field, than what he did on it. Despite not being selected by the Cardinals until the seventh round of the 1998 draft, Tillman showed great success on the field, and exceptional loyalty to his team off of it. Tillman enjoyed his most productive season for Arizona in 2000, when he broke the franchise record for tackles in a single season with 223.

After his breakout season Tillman, who was a restricted free agent, received numerous offers from more successful football teams. Despite the numerous lucrative and tempting offers though, Tillman decided that he was going to play out his contract with the Cardinals. The 6'0 safety's life, as well as millions of other people's lives was drastically changed after the events of September 11, 2001.

After another impressive 2001 season, Tillman chose to give up his dream of playing professional football. Instead, he and his younger brother Kevin, who was a minor league baseball player in the Cleveland Indians organization, decided to join the Army Rangers in May of 2002. Many of the same qualities...his toughness and determination, served Tillman well in his new field. Despite numerous requests for interviews though, the Tillman brothers refused because they did not believe that they were any more important than the other guys who were fighting with them.

"It was his wish that this not be something that would draw a lot of attention," former Cardinals head coach Dave McGinnis said after he found out about Pat's plans. "He truly felt committed and felt a sense of honor and duty at this point in his life that this is what he wanted to do."

Then, early on Thursday morning, April 22 2004, sports fans received news that no one wanted to hear, Pat Tillman had been killed at the age of 27. He was killed while on combat patrol with the Army Rangers in Afghanistan.

"We lost a unique individual that touched the lives of many with his love for life, his toughness, his intellect," Jake Plummer, a former teammate of Tillman's at Arizona St. and with the Cardinals said in a statement released by the Denver Broncos. "Pat Tillman lived life to the fullest and will be remembered forever in my heart and mind."

"Pat Tillman personified all the best values of his country and the NFL," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "He was an achiever and leader on many levels who always put his team, his community, and his country ahead of his personal interests."

There are a number of planned events in which Pat Tillman will be remembered. His college number 42 will be retired by the Arizona State Sun Devils (his college team) during a November 13 game. The Cardinals plan to retire his professional number, 40, as well as name the plaza surrounding the new stadium "Pat Tillman Freedom Plaza." Lastly, the university and the Cardinals are joining together to form a scholarship fund in Tillman's name.

Throughout our lives we talk about who are heroes are. For many young boys, their hero might be a famous athlete or a successful actor. As we grow older, our ideas of what characteristics make a hero changes. For me, I have many heroes, and on Thursday I added one more to my list, the late Pat Tillman. No one really knows if the next generation of

Softball takes nail-biting series

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The UNCG Softball team narrowly took a 2-1 series victory at Campus Field against conference rival Georgia Southern this weekend.

The doubleheader was shared on Saturday, and in the decider on Sunday, the Spartans took the game 2-1.

"We stuck to the defensive game plan today (Sunday), we played the percentages and it paid off for us," said Coach Stephanie Defeo.

UNCG 2-1 G.S.

After an uneventful opening three innings, the Eagles opened the scoring thanks to a catalogue of errors from the host. With runners on second and third a ball was hit back to freshmen pitcher Vanessa Oakes who threw to catcher Vanessa Massie. It looked as though the Spartans seemed to have an easy out.

However, Kim Griffin scampered back to third, but that left teammate Maria Laurato stranded between second and third. Oakes grabbed the ball and looked to tag Larato before getting back to second, but the ball spilled out of the pitcher's hand. This left Griffin free to run in for the first run of the game.

Fortunately for the Spartans they responded with two runs in the bottom of the fourth, taking a 2-1 lead. The first run came after an errant throw from freshmen pitcher Logan Free. With senior Joni Gomez on second sophomore Kelly Allen rolled a hit back to the pitcher but Free whizzed her throw way over the first baseman's head. Allen reached second while Gomez ran in for the Spartans first run of the day.

Later in the inning, UNCG, with the bases loaded had freshmen Kara

Clouser hit by a pitch, which scored Allen and gave the host a lead they would never relinquish.

"We played together with a lot of heart and produced it when we needed to," said Oakes.

UNCG confidently closed out the game and only suffered one scare when Laurato hit a shot down left field, which nearly carried the back fence. The scare seemed to ignite Oakes who only allowed two hits in the final three innings, winning her twelve match of the season.

"Vanessa (Oakes) got in a zone and did a great job today. Today was an example of where we need her to be," said Defeo.

UNCG 2-3 G.S.

The second game on Saturday was another tight affair that went two extra innings and was eventually won when Free scored a home run for the visitors at the top of the ninth.

The Eagles opened the scoring in the penultimate frame as Griffin hit an enormous home run over centre field. The Spartans levelled things up immediately when Gomez replied with a home run of her own.

The first extra inning brought another Eagle batting triumph as Laurato hit a shot over centre fielder Adrienne Audley's head, the ball hit the top of the fence and tantalisingly skimmed over.

Similarly to the previous comeback it was Gomez at the centre of attention again. Gomez was walked and when freshmen Jennifer Bonilla hit a powerful shot up the centre Gomez reached third. An errant throw from catcher Sam Steiner while attempting to pick Gomez, was fumbled and allowed Gomez to score her second run of the game.

"We were committed and aggressive on the plate and we kept our concentration well, but just came up a little



Freshmen Vanessa Oakes

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short in game two," said freshmen Heather Branche.

Despite the Spartan resilience the game was won by Free who hit Georgia Southern's third home run of the game at the top of the ninth. Free then struck the Spartans out to give the visitors the victory.

UNCG 6-5 G.S.

The earlier game on Saturday also went past the scheduled innings and was won by an eighth inning sacrifice fly from senior Jennifer Hubbard, which allowed Oakes to stroll home for the win.

After conceding the first run of the game in the second inning UNCG would even things up in the bottom of the second as Jennifer Bonilla led off with a home run over the centre field fence. The Spartans would take the lead in the bottom of the third with a Gomez two-run round tripper,

giving UNC Greensboro the 3-1 lead after three.

The Eagles slowly asserted their authority on proceedings and took the lead 5-3 at the bottom of the seventh. UNCG needed three runs in the last inning to win but were happy with two, which came courtesy of Branche and freshmen Christina Montana.

The top of the eighth saw three quick outs for the Eagles. In the bottom of the eighth with pinch runner Oakes eyeing up the winning run Hubbard flighted one to the outfield which allowed Oakes to run in for the Spartans to take the first game of the series.

After the weekends play the Spartans boast a 29-24 record and next play at College of Charleston on May 1st.

A respected Spartan moves on

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After being a staple of the UNCG baseball program for four years, it's understandable that senior Ryan Gordon may be a little nostalgic about graduating this May.

"I've grown up a lot here," Gordon said. "I think my time here has been well spent. I've met a lot of people here that I'll remember for a long time. It's become my home."

Since joining the team, Gordon has proved an asset both as a consistently successful batter and an important addition to the defense, both pitching and playing in the outfield. He had an offer to play minor league for the Toronto Blue Jays last year, but feeling that it was the wrong time to take that step, Gordon turned the offer down.

"Jesse Lavender, Ryan Galligan, and my roommate Nate Alden, all those guys, are the best friends I've had, and we really wanted to come back as a group together," Gordon said. "I've never been to a regional yet, but we've been so close. If I had

the chance to win something with the guys I've been with, I wanted to come back and do that."

Gordon started off his collegiate baseball career with a bang, playing a number of successful series his first few weeks as a Spartan. He said he remembers these experiences fondly when he thinks back on his years spent at UNCG.

"I hit three homeruns against Georgia Tech and we won," Gordon said. "They were ranked like number five in the nation. Then we went to Florida and I got my first start on the mound and pitched eight innings gave up like three hits and no runs. It was a great way to begin."

He also spoke about past teams, and how the variety of people he has been allowed to relate to through baseball has shaped him.

"Every team has been so different," Gordon said. "Playing baseball has changed my view on individualism. I think it's helped me be a leader and to work with and rely on other people. With baseball, you can be the best player on the field, but you can't win a game by yourself. The camaraderie is very important."



Senior Ryan Gordon

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Gordon hopes the team will continue to play well after his departure and said he is sure that the freshmen will step up to the challenge, growing both in talent and maturity level. He termed freshman Danny Valencia "the best freshman I've ever seen here" and is confident that the school will continue to attract young talented athletes year after year.

"This school has such a good feeder system with this park and atmosphere," Gordon said. "You come here on your recruitment trip, you look

around and you say 'This is a really good place to come and play baseball.'"

Baseball was an integral part of Gordon's past because both his father and older brother played. As for the future, he said he hopes to play professional baseball one day, but refuses to count out other options.

"I've always kind of left things wide open," Gordon said. "If anything comes up, I want to be able to go with the wind and do what I feel like doing."



Spartan Sports Calendar



Thursday 4/29	Friday 4/30	Saturday 5/1	Sunday 5/2	Monday 5/3	Tuesday 5/4	Wednesday 5/5
No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	Men's Baseball Vs. Wofford (DH): 1 p.m.	Men's Baseball Vs. Wofford: 1 p.m.	No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	Men's Baseball Vs. North Carolina: 6 p.m.
		Women's Softball at College of Charleston: 1 p.m.	Women's Softball at College of Charleston: 1 p.m.			

sports fanatics will fully understand and comprehend the sacrifice that the Tillman brothers made. I know for a fact though that I will never forget the courage that Pat Tillman and his younger brother Kevin showed.

"Pat Tillman was an inspiration on and off the football field, as with all who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terror. His family is in the thoughts and prayers of President and Mrs. Bush," Taylor Gross, a spokesman for the White House, said in a statement.

"He is a hero," Cardinals vice president Michael Bidwill said. "He was a brave man. There are very few people who have the courage to do what he did, the courage to walk away from a professional sports career and make the ultimate sacrifice."

Four years later, nation still split on president

Helen Kennedy
New York Daily News
(KRT)

WASHINGTON — Three days before the 2000 election, with George Bush and Al Gore neck and neck, baffled pollster John Zogby tried an experiment.

If you were a citizen of Oz, his analysts asked, would you pick the Scarecrow or the Tin Man for mayor?

Given the choice between a candidate with no brains but heart and one with no heart but brains, respondents returned a remarkable answer: 46.2 percent versus 46.2 percent.

"That told me everything I needed to know: that I wasn't going to know who was going to win this election," Zogby said.

Four years on, perhaps the most surprising thing is that nothing has changed — even after a cataclysmic, unifying event like the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"We are now no different than we were Nov. 8, 2000. It's like 9/11 never happened," he said.

Half the country loves Bush, half the country can't stand him. Some pollsters say the pool of undecided voters is smaller than ever.

"We have not seen this split since the Civil War," Zogby said. "We're at stalemate."

"We had an unparalleled period of national unity after the 9/11 attacks," said Pew Research Center Director Andrew Kohut. "But the way of dealing with the attacks — war in Iraq — became the issue that divided us again."

Not only is the nation divided 50-50, but the electoral college is, too, with a few big liberal states counterbalanced by numerous small conservative states.

Americans are also more hardened in their views now than in recent memory. Demographers and political scientists say they haven't seen an electorate so partisan in 50 years.

The Gallup poll found 91 percent of Republicans approve of

the job Bush is doing, while only 17 percent of Democrats agree — the largest gap since Gallup began gauging job approval in 1948.

"This remains a country that is almost evenly divided politically — yet further apart than ever in its political values," a Pew Research Center survey of historical opinion polls concluded.

Pollster Scott Rasmussen said the explosion of media options in the last decade has helped polarize opinion. Voters seek out compatible news outlets online and on cable — right-wingers to Fox, liberals to CNN.

"We don't listen to opposing views anymore," he said.

That makes for a political chasm that seems unbridgeable.

"You ask Republicans about the economy, they say it's good and getting better. You ask Democrats, they say it's poor and getting worse," Rasmussen said. "They've learned the scripts."

The Pew Research Center estimates the number of swing voters — those who are undecided or only leaning toward one candidate — at about 30 percent. Zogby's estimate is much smaller: closer to 5 percent.

Such hardened opinions explain why a fearsome surge in casualties in Iraq this month and growing questions about the Bush administration's commitment to fighting terrorism before Sept. 11, 2001, had little influence on recent polls.

It's also why Bush's \$50 million ad blitz failed to demolish Sen. John Kerry, and why recent positive economic news hasn't boosted Bush.

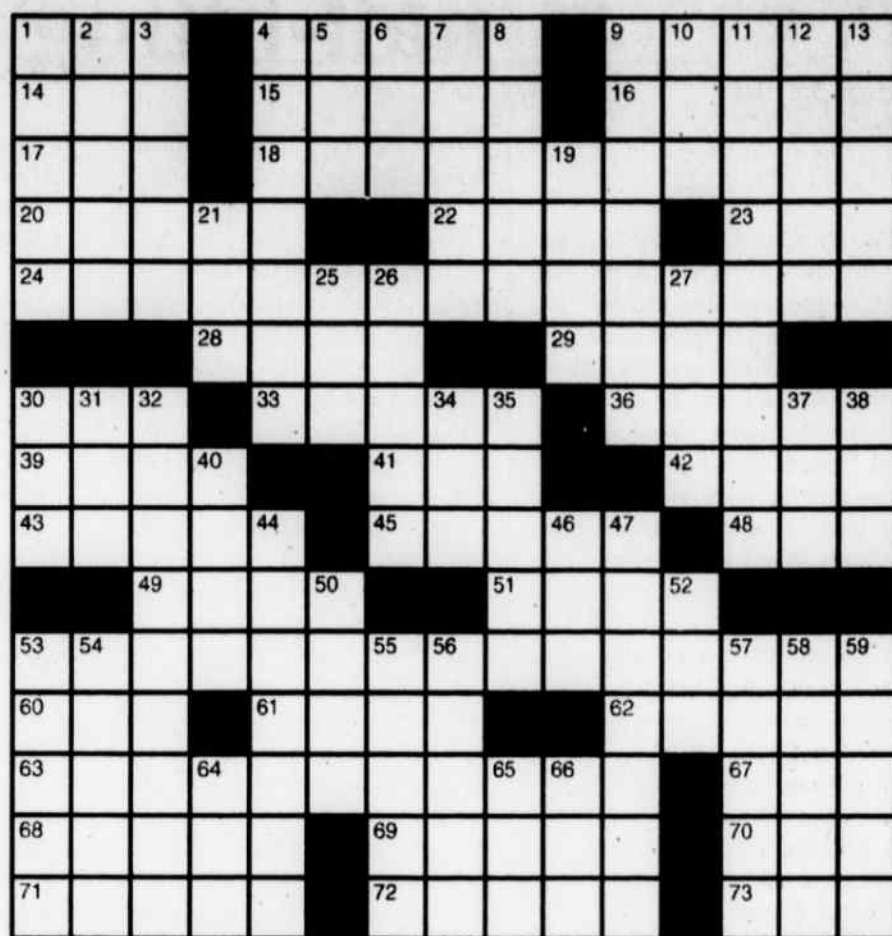
"Every now and then a news story breaks that puts one of them ahead for a few days, but it always comes back to the same tie," Rasmussen said.

"After the way things ended four years ago," he said, "everybody is on hold, just waiting for a rematch."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 4 Indian nursemaids
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By Roger Jurgovan
Potomac, MD

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Today's Birthday (April 29). The more secure you feel, the more security you provide. It's natural and it really doesn't cost much, as you discover this year.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — People are convinced that you can produce the results you've promised. Now, get serious and prove that their faith in you isn't misplaced. Get busy!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Set up something special for later tonight or tomorrow. It's best if you don't have to travel far to find fun and romance. Plan ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — This is a good time to follow through on paperwork, cleaning and whatever else you should have done by now. You'll have more patience when attending to the details.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — The more you listen, the more you learn. You'll soak it up like a sponge. Let others blab on. You'll end up with more information than you could ever want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — If you've shown enough respect and maturity, you could be in for a raise. A person who values time and money has been watching you closely.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Whenever you bring up a delicate subject, there's bound to be an argument. Go ahead and do what needs to be done. No

further discussion is necessary.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You've come up with some great ideas, but how much will they cost? Take time to figure out the bottom line. You'll want to know where to cut.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Just when you're almost worn out, your friends show up and you feel much better. You've been pushing pretty hard lately. Treat yourself to some personal time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Sure, you have obligations. Don't just brush them off. Tomorrow is a day of reckoning, unfortunately. Make sure you're prepared.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — It's not a good idea to travel or to make promises that you can't keep. Although you're in an expansive phase, don't bite off more than you can chew.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Domestic requirements push you to think of security instead of just fun. It's important to be happy, of course, and that comes with money in the bank.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You're notoriously bad at delegating, since you hate to ask for favors. You'd much rather try to do the work of 15 people. This is a habit you can break, and now is a good time to break it.

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Activism by young women may boost Democrats in November polls

Steven Thomma

Knight Ridder Newspapers
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WASHINGTON - Though the pictures of Sunday's abortion-rights march in Washington focused on the size of the crowd, the truer story of its political impact could be measured by the age of the demonstrators.

More college-age women showed up than usually attend abortion-rights rallies, which tend to be dominated by older women. If that translates to increased voting in November by young women — a group that usually doesn't vote in high numbers — it could help Democrats in a close election.

If not, the march probably had no lasting political significance, for it reflected a longstanding partisan divide over issues related to abortion rights and is unlikely to change the political equation or affect the outcome of the election.

The march attracted hundreds of thousands of women to the National Mall in downtown Washington, where they rallied for abortion rights and protested against President Bush. A key complaint was Bush's signature on two new laws: the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which grants a fetus legal rights, and the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, which criminalizes a medical procedure sometimes used to terminate late-term pregnancies.

Despite media hype about marches in Washington both for and against abortion rights, the issue consistently ranks low on the list of priorities cited by most voters. In a February Gallup poll, for example, abortion ranked 13th, below such issues as education, the economy, the war in Iraq, health care and immigration.

"The public is no more concerned today about the abortion issue than it was in the last two presidential elections," Gallup analyst Lydia Saad concluded in an article written last

week.

Moreover, a slight majority of those who've been motivated to vote on the single issue of abortion in the past opposed it; single-issue abortion voters favored Bush by a small margin over Democrat Al Gore in 2000.

The most intriguing aspect of Sunday's march that could signal a noteworthy change was the turnout of women in their late teens and 20s. Americans aged 18 to 29 vote less than any other age group, according to polling-place exit surveys. But young women favor abortion rights by 54 to 39 percent, according to Gallup — the biggest margin of any age group — and they could vote Democratic if persuaded to vote at all.

"There were a ton of young women," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster. "It speaks to the ability to mobilize young people. That could change the margin in battleground states," where the presidential race is expected to be close.

Stephanie Cutter, a spokeswoman for Kerry, said abortion rights was a winning issue for Kerry in such swing states as Arizona, Colorado, Florida and Nevada, as well as in California and New York, where the Massachusetts senator is airing ads appealing for contributions on the basis of his stance supporting abortion rights.

Republicans refuse to concede women's votes to Democrats, however, saying many women support the president's opposition to abortion and that more women will vote for him for reasons that have nothing to do with abortion.

"The record on banning partial-birth abortion and (protecting) unborn victims is going to be popular and resonate with people," said Terry Holt, a spokesman for Bush's campaign, who said the president's stance reflected mainstream views.

A majority of Americans support at least some restrictions on



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WASHINGTON, DC - Aisha Bain, 25, center, of New York City, joins thousands of fellow protesters in Washington, D.C., Sunday, April 25, 2004 during the "March for Women's Lives," a pro-choice rally held on the National Mall.


abortion. A Gallup poll last October showed that 17 percent thought abortion should be illegal in all circumstances, and 40 percent thought it should be legal in only a few circumstances.

Moreover, Holt said, Bush hopes that women will endorse his record on the economy, education, health care and national security, as well as for appointing women such as National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to his senior staff.


RIGHT: Thousands gather on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Sunday, April 25, 2004 during the "March for Women's Lives," a pro-choice rally.



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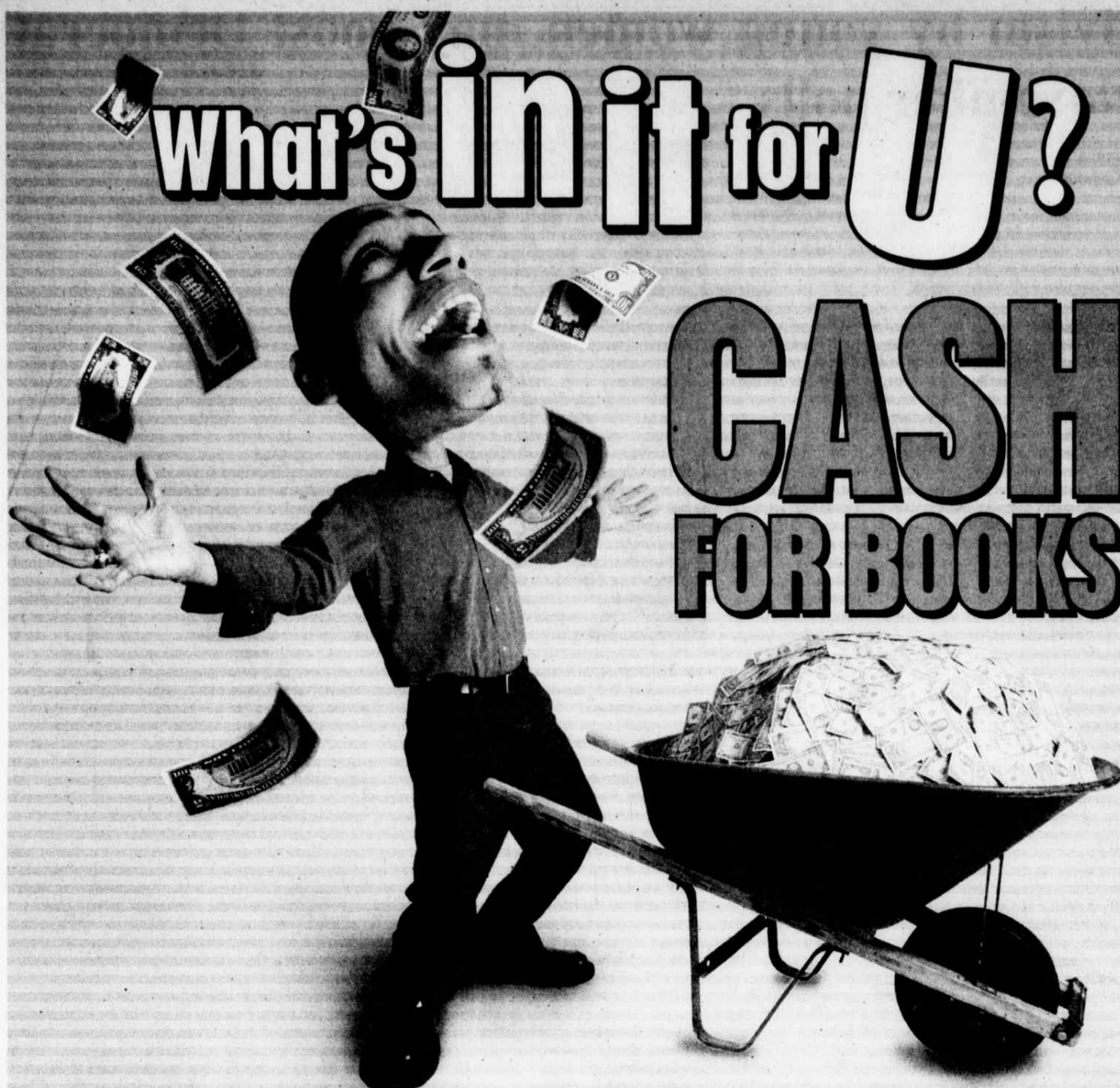
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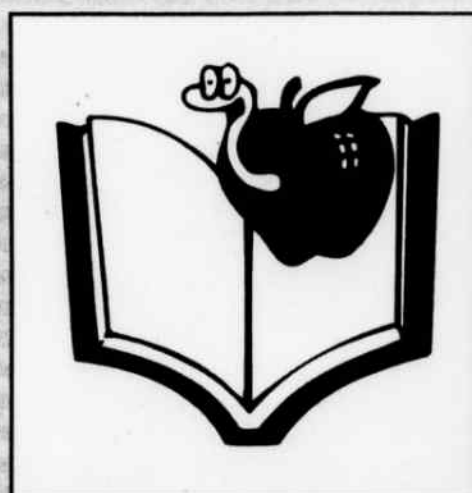
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