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Kerry bashes Bush, talks jobs at Greensboro forum

The Carolinian

Staff and wire reports (KRT)

Senator John Kerry made a campaign stop in downtown Greensboro Tuesday, speaking to about 300 people at a forum in the restored Southern Railway Depot.

The appearance included a stump speech in which Kerry attacked Bush on the economy, education and the war in Iraq before taking audience questions for about forty-five min-

Kerry opened with a joke, introducing himself as "John Edwards' running mate."

But after a few jokes about grits and learning to say "ya'll" the Democratic presidential candidate got down to business - speaking to the economic concerns of out of work North Carolinians.

"He said a lot to try to connect

with North Carolinians," said Cameron McKinnon, a UNCG sophomore who attended the forum. "Some people asked what he was going to do to bring jobs back to the state, and he had an answer for everything they asked."

"Because of George Bush's wrong choices we're continuing to ship jobs overseas, jobs that have good wages and benefits," Kerry said during the

"That's W: wrong choices, wrong direction - and it's up to us to make it right."

North Carolina has been hit hard by the loss of manufacturing jobs overseas in the last three years. Some areas that were once major boomtowns, such as Rockingham County, are now looking at unemployment rates of up to 10%.

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SHARON FARMER / KERRY-EDWARDS 2004, INC.

Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry talks about his running mate, John Edwards, and his audience responds enthusiastically during a town hall meeting held in downtown Greensboro Wednesday morning.

Former POW keynote speaker for Human Rights Awareness Week

U.S. Army Specialist Shoshana Johnson captured the audience Tuesday with a speech full of humor and inspiring bravery.

Amanda Carl Staff Writer

Imagine that you are miles away from home, in a land stricken by war. Your convoy is ambushed and you are not only shot, but captured by the enemy. You are then taken to a remote location and thrown in a jail cell, left alone, terrified for your life. For most, such a scene is hard to picture, but for Shoshana Johnson, the scene is all too familiar.

On Tuesday, September 7, 2004, Johnson, former Iraqi Prisoner of War and Food Service Specialist for the United States Army spoke to a full house at the Aycock Auditorium. She discussed her life experiences leading up to and including the time she spent in Kuwait and Iraq, specifically describing her twenty-two days as a POW last March.

Johnson who was wounded in both legs and faced possible life-threatening infections, was brought to campus by the Multicultural Affairs Office in an effort, according to Dr. Carol Disque Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, to serve as a "catalyst to help us think about human dignity, wholeness, caring, and service." Johnson's speech served as the Keynote Address for the Office of Multicultural Affairs Observance of Human Rights Week.

Johnson, while maintaining her humor throughout the speech, touched on some very serious issues. She described the images she saw and the pain she felt with honesty and

Exemplifying OMA's goal of teaching students about human dignity and caring, Johnson ironically discussed the kindness she was shown by her captors.

They took care of my wounds and even supplied me with antibiotics," she explained. "They demonstrated what true humanity is and I am grateful to them for the fact that I am alive

Johnson further discussed her life now a year after her capture.

"I have my good days and my bad days," she said. "I still have nightmares, but I remember those who fought and died before me. I remember their bravery and sacrifice, and I know that what happened has made me a better person."

Following Johnson's moving speech, a forum was opened for any questions the audience had regarding Johnson's experiences. Many students took advantage of the limited time including former soldier and



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Shoshana Johnson (above) jokes about growing up and "looking cute" to speak to UNCG students. Junior Latonya Smith (below, left), after being called on by junior Janice Hernandez (below, right), asked Johnson about how she prepared for going into active duty overseas during the question and answer period following the speech.



UNCG sophomore Sardie Izzard.

"I just found it so ironic how Johnson expressed the niceness of the Iraqis and I could definitely relate to her military mentality," Izzard explained. "I was really amazed." Specialist Johnson graciously answered questions and listened intently to comments from the audience for 20 minutes prior to the

Johnson's words left lasting impressions on UNCG students and community members alike.

event's closing.

"I was so moved by her words. I was literally holding back tears," an inspiréd Jodi Deaton, UNCG junior BROOKE KEMP / THE CAROLINIAN

commented after the address.

Agreeing with Deaton, Freshman Cecilia Hughes added, "I admire Johnson. Her speech was so interesting; It was much better than any history class I will ever take."

Johnson's words not only helped promote the OMA's goals to promote human rights, but also served as a reminder to students. She helped students realize the power of kindness, the necessity of humor, and the importance of remembering those who passed before us.

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UNCG frats return to campus, join sororities on quad

Jeanna Covington Staff Writer

The Greek system on campus was established in the 1980's but only now are fraternities and sororities simultaneously occupying the resi-

In 1990, the sororities of the Panhellenic Council (PHC), an umbrella group of historically white (now integrated) sororities and female fraternities, were invited to reside on campus. Since then, there has been a presence of five sororities living in Cone Residence Hall. Last Fall however, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Were relocated to Jamison and Coit Residence Halls. There were several reasons for the

"The sororities, Office of Student Life and Housing and Residence Life felt there were advantages to moving the sororities from Cone to Jamison. The Quad is centrally located and has larger rooms and the sororities wanted to have their own space. The floors in Cone are larger than those in the quad and to fill the floor we would have to place non-Greek students on the hall," stated Guy Sanders, Associate Director for Resident Services of the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

This year, the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), an umbrella group historically made up of national white fraternities that are now integrated, has taken the opportunity to join the PHC in having Greek housing on university grounds. Kappa Delta Rho, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon were invited on to campus last year and are currently residing in Bailey Residence Hall. Three floors are divided into space for the five fraternities. There are non-Greeks who also make up the residents of the hall, however, they will be replaced after IFC recruitment is complete

The IFC are new to Greek housing, so to aid in the transition, OSL employed House Managers, a new position of Housing and Residence

"The House Manager position is an offshoot of a CA but is also a member of each chapter. Each chapter is responsible for selecting the House Manager," stated Justin Williams, Coordinator Residential Learning in the Quad.

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The Weekend Calendar

September 17 - 19, 2004

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8:30 p.m. Orphaned Soul, Sweet Libertine, Rouge Society, and Seam at Ace's Basement.

Ace's Basement, 2428 High Point Road, Greensboro.

Doors 8:30 pm, Show 9:00 pm, \$6 Info at Acesbasement.com

Walrus at The Blind Tiger

The Blind Tiger, 2115 Walker Ave., Greensboro. 21 and up. Info: 272-9888 or www.theblindtiger.com

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7:30 p.m. Breather Resist, Coliseum, Lick Golden Sky, Crimson Spectre, and Hot Cross at Ace's Basement. Doors 7:30 pm, Show 8:00, \$7 Info at Acesbasement.com

Larry Keel at The Biind Tiger
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In the Tuesday, September 7, 2004 edition of The Carolinian, an article read that "Erskine Bowles spoke to a packed Aycock Auditorium." Bowles actually spoke in the Elliott University Center Auditorium. Our apologies for the error.

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Kerry visits Greensboro Continued from page 1

The Kerry campaign plans to put up an ad on the outsourcing issue in North Carolina, where 160,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in the past three years, particularly in textiles and furniture, two of the largest industries in the state.

The state has voted Republican in recent presidential elections, but the Kerry campaign included North Carolina in its recent \$50 million advance advertising buy and aides say they're hopeful.

"We think this state is in play for a number of reasons," said communications director Stephanie Cutter. "Outsourcing has had a huge impact in North Carolina."

In addition, running mate John Edwards is from the state, and the

state's Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate is leading his race to succeed Edwards.

Bowles, a former chief of staff in the Clinton White House, made a campaign stop during a NC "college tour" two weeks ago.

Kerry also addressed questions about the war in Iraq and its aftermath.

"He said that Bush has alienated us from the rest of the world, that we're not even on good terms with our allies," McKinnon said. "He said that obviously we can't pull out of Iraq right now, because there's nothing there to take our place. But he did say that we need to get the country operating on its own as quickly as possible, get out completely and start to communicate with the world and our allies again."

Former POW speaks

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"Don't forget those who died to give us the rights we have today," Johnson emphasized.

Thanks to Johnson's powerful and eloquent speech, students like freshman Nicole Fauble say they will never forget her words.

"I was so impressed," Fauble said simply. "I learned so much about human dignity, and I'll never forget this night."

Please recycle this paper!

Greeks in the quad

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Currently the transition is being made with little problems and has been a good move for the IFC, according to Matt Deal, the House Manager for Lambda Chi Alpha and Vice-President of IFC recruitment.

"The transition is going pretty well. This is the first time starting off with Greek Housing for men. We've had no major problems. Not only does living in Greek Housing allow you to interact with the other fraternities but you also get to meet all of the guys of your own frat and get to know them better."

The halls are self-governing and have their own judicial policy. This is the second year of self-governing halls in the Quad but the first year to incorporate House Managers.

"There were positions present before, but this year we decided to pay them, give them room and board, giving them a break to do their job well. We [OSL] wanted to show them that we appreciate them," stated M.L. Gough, OSL's Assistant Director for Student Organization Governance Development

The intention is not to take up the entire Quad, according to OSL, however if the IFC grows enough, they will possibly be moved to Cotten Residence Hall.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), an umbrella organization of nine integrated fraternities



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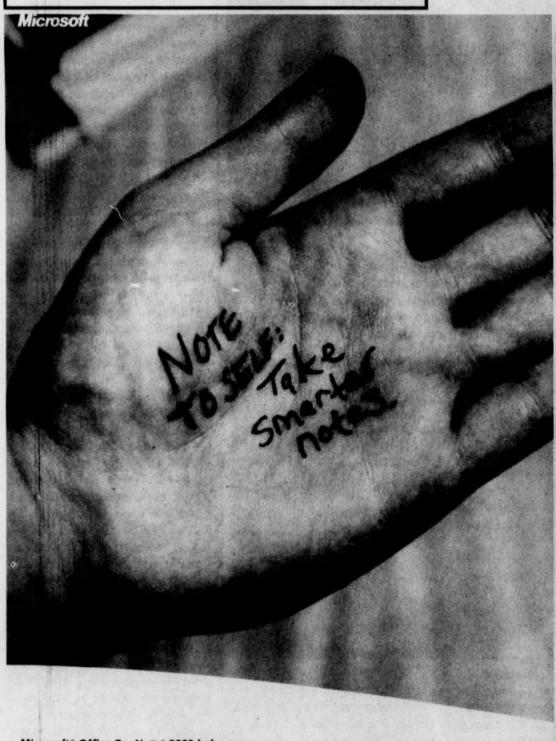
Various sorority and fraternity symbols are clearly visable on each of the dorms housing Greeks. Coit residence hall has sorority Phi Mu's letters proudly displayed across the windows of its facade.

and sororities that have a common historically black culture, also have the option open to join the PHC and IFC in Greek Housing.

Sophomore Charles Bowen Jr. of The Playboi Pi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated spoke on the subject.

"We have been approached and as of right now, we are currently in discussion with the university trying to see whether or not moving on campus is feasible, how the IFC and PHC are reacting to the first year [both are living on campus] and how the university treats them. These factors will determine whether or not we want to be placed on campus. We want to see how things are operating before we push forward. It is an opportunity. We just want to see if it is the right thing to do."

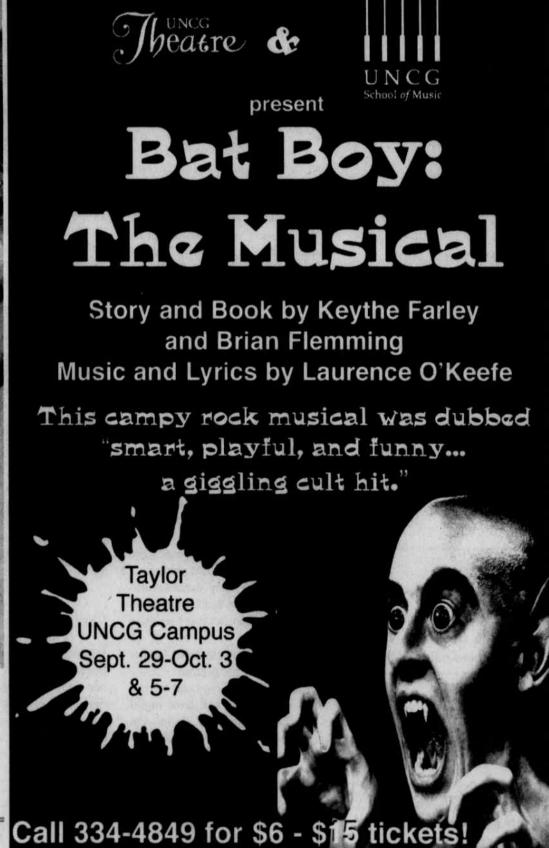
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Tibetan monks bring healing to UNCG

The University Concert and Lecture Series' first event of 2004 will feature multiphonic singing, sand art, and cultural lectures.

Kathryn Kennedy News Editor

The annual University Concert and Lecture Series will kick-off this week with a unique program including lecture, singing, and sand sculpture.

Students will be introduced to the monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery, visiting from Sept. 15-18, who will share their message of global healing through music and a tantric Buddhist mandala sand painting.

One of the most unique and exquisite artistic traditions, the sand paintings are constructed of millions of grains of sand laid into place over a period of days. It is believed by Buddhists to effect purification and healing on several levels of the body and spirit.

The opening ceremony, during which chanting, music and mantra recitation will "call forth the sources of goodness," will take place at noon on Wednesday. This is followed by the building of the mandala which will form and grow on the floor of the Elliott University Center until Friday, when the completion ceremony takes

Mandalas are traditionally destroyed shortly after their completion, and the EUC mandala will be swept away and carried to Peabody Park, where the water will carry the sand away and "spread the healing through the world."

Checka Leinwall, Assistant Director of the Office of Student Life, said that bags of the sand will also be distributed to students present at the Mandala Closing Ceremony at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the EUC.

Leinwall also said that the monks will be found lecturing in several classes on campus, including the Religious Studies department and the School of Music, during their stay at

"It's a neat opportunity to see them in a variety of settings," she explained, and emphasized her excitement over their pending visit.

The monks' programs will culminate at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 in Aycock Auditorium when they perform "Sacred Music and Sacred Dance for World Healing," a concert featuring costumed multiphonic singers playing traditional Tibetan instruments.

Performances are intended to make a contribution to world healing and peace movements, generate a greater awareness of the endangered Tibetan civilization, and raise support for the refugee community in India.

The singers will showcase their multiphonic style, in which the monks will vocalize three notes of a chord all at once. Ten-foot-long dungchen trumpets, drums, bells, cymbals and gyaling horns will provide accompaniment.

Costs range from \$15 to \$22, depending on seating, and tickets can be obtained by calling 334-4849. There is no charge for any of the mandala festivities.



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A monk from the Drepung Loseling Monestary labors over a Buddhist mandala sand painting. The group will construct a similar painting on the first floor of the Elliott University Center later this week.

Equal rights activist Candace Gingrich to speak at UNCG

Staff and wire reports

Candace Gingrich has emerged as one of the most thoughtful and effective spokespeople advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equal rights since she "came out" in 1995.

She will be speaking at UNCG at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the Alumni House and hosting a discussion period with the students and community to promote voter registration and awareness.

Gingrich's involvement in the movement for equal rights began when her brother was elected House speaker. Newt's speakership gave her a tremendous opportunity to help educate Congress and the public about the problem of discrimination and the lack of equal rights for LGBT

Gingrich's participation in the Human Rights Campaign's annual leadership conference in March 1995 marked her introduction to activism. Shortly thereafter, she joined more than 100 fellow advocates from more than 30 states in lobbying members of Congress to preserve HIV/AIDS funding, end job discrimination against gay and lesbian people, and stop anti-gay legislation in the 104th Congress.

In 1995, Gingrich traveled to more than 50 U.S. cities on behalf of HRC, spreading the message that "Your brother doesn't have to be speaker of the House for your voice to be heard in Washington." She spoke at town meetings, gay pride events, dinners and house parties, establishing a reputation as a plainspoken, common sense advocate for lesbian and gay

equality. In 1996, Gingrich spearheaded HRC's voter mobilization project, again touring the country, but this time to urge Americans to register to vote and participate in the political process.

Gingrich joined HRC's field department in 1997 under the direction of nationally renowned organizer Donna Red Wing. Spreading the message of "come out and get active," Gingrich traveled to nearly 60 locations in America and Canada. Additionally, she contributed to HRC's political training seminars that helped budding organizers gain the skills and experience necessary to affect positive change on the local, state and national level.

While serving as National Coming Out Project Manager, Gingrich focused on helping people "come out", live their lives openly and honestly as a way to empower themselves and educate those around them. Currently serving as Youth Outreach Manager Gingrich is focusing on youth voter registration, education and mobilization during this important campaign year.

Gingrich was born June 2, 1966 in Baltimore to Robert and Kathleen Gingrich. In addition to her brother, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA), she has two sisters, Susan Gingrich and Roberta Brown. The family moved frequently due to Robert Gingrich's career in the U.S. Army, living in California, Kansas, Maryland and Panama before his retirement and the family's return to Pennsylvania.

Gingrich graduated in 1984 from Central Dauphin East High School in Harrisburg, PA. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in women's studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Western PA.

Before joining HRC in 1995, Gingrich was a computer consultant for the Pennsylvania Department of Education and a package sorter at United Parcel Service. She plays rugby for the Washington Furies and lives in Maryland with her partner M.A. Sheehan and their two cats Mingus Khan and Amelia Earhart.

Three College Observatory to hold public nights



University News Service

Three College Observatory will be open to the public on five nights between September and January, providing an opportunity to view the solar system through one of the largest telescopes in the Southeast.

The observatory will be open at 8 p.m. Sept. 18 and Oct. 15; and at 7 p.m. Nov. 12, Dec. 10 and Jan. 8. Admission is free, but reservations are required. For tickets, a map or more information, write to Department of Physics and Astronomy, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, P.O. Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170; or visit the department's observatory

Opened in 1981, the observatory is operated by three colleges: UNCG, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and Guilford College. Its 32-inch telescope is able to collect 26,000 times as much light as the human eye.

The observatory is located in Alamance County about eight miles south of Burlington, halfway between Greensboro and Chapel Hill. The drive from Greensboro takes roughly 45 minutes. Observing lasts about an hour and typically includes star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, double stars, planets and the moon.

On most nights, a decision about sky suitability and road conditions will be made at about 5:30 p.m. To learn if the observatory will be open, call the observatory answering service, 334-3242.

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Campus Lifestyles

Coming next week:

If you like animals, touch tanks, and crazy science experiments, but don't want to leave Greensboro to find it, be here next week!

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Getting Off (campus): Greensboro Historical Museum

Morgan Smith Lifestyles Editor

Everyone loves a little culture every now and then. Let's look at Washington DC; what is its main attraction? At first thought, we may think of the White House, or the Washington Monument, but think again. It is the series of buildings bound by the legacy of James Smithson-- the Smithsonian Institute.

The numerous buildings of the Smithsonian span the broad capitol, and include Natural History, Aviation, Holocaust museums, as well as the DC Zoo. While Greensborocan lay no claims to such a grand historical tradition, it does boast one little museum that may open your eyes to the hidden gems of the Gate City.

Housing many permanent exhibits, and at least one regularly rotating exhibit, the museum is sure to delight on every visit. The museum itself is located in an old church that served as a hospital during the Civil War, and is now recognized on the United States list of Historic Sites. The majesty of the building, flanked by lion statues at every entrance, is a treat for the eyes as well as the intellect.

As for the permanent collections, here are some of the things you can expect to see on any given day.

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The Davie St.entrance to the Historical museum welcomes visitors with its friendly lions on guard.

Dolley Madison Exhibit

Community Calendar

September 13-19

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LINE FOR UNDERGRADUATES TO APPLY FOR

ry Talk by James Hyde, Weatherspoon Art Gallery

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1:30pm: Student Organizations Advisors' Luncheon,

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th Carolinan Dance Festival, UNCG Dance Theatre

Carolina Dance Festival, UNCG Dance Theatre

Women's Volleyball vs. UWGB, Fleming Gym

Very few people outside of Guilford County are aware of the fair and mousy young woman who was born in Greensboro at the close of the 18th century. She was genteel, a kind hostess, and also married to a man whose name would go down in history as our fourth president, James Madison.

Dolley Madison was the FIRST Jackie Kennedy, known equally for her dogged devotion to her husband as to her fine fashion sense. At the Historical Museum, you can observe relics from Dolley's term in the White House, and see examples of the gowns she wore as a young Quaker in Greensboro as well as the gowns from her husband's presidency. The museum also displays several of her letters, offering keen insight into the young woman who singlehandedly saved the Gilbert Stuart painting of George Washington (you know, the painting that inspired our dollar bills) while the British set fire to the building in the War of 1812.

Militaria Collection

The museum offers a wide array of some of the rarest war artifacts in the country. For anyone with an interest in military history, the exhibit is a must-see. On display are original weapons from the beginnings of American history, the most impressive of which stem from the city's rich Civil War history. The Greensboro Historical Museum is one of the only places in the country to display these fragile and rare artifacts, from authentic uniforms to rare weaponry, to personal correspondences from soldiers to their families. The military collection is also one of the largest of its type, so if you're a war buff, plan to spend some quality time checking it out.

Transportation Exhibit

This one is self-explanatory. See the first automobiles in person; the museum has an actual Model-T, as well as a few other early (practically

Hollywood

Joe signs off on Daredevil, AVP

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner Rumors Affleck heart Garner? Electra heart Daredevil? 'Bennifer' again?

snuck in (and felt overcharged) Why did I see it? AVP' was sure suckage. At least it was free.

A Prayer for Sept 17. Robots and Jude Law, Please Sky Captain, do not suck! For this do I pray.

Gift Shop and Graveyard

Strange combination, but one flows smoothly to the other. The gift shop in the museum is the perfect place to do your Christmas or Chanukah shopping. Unlike many museum stores, this one sells just the right mix of children's gifts as well as the finest in North Carolina products. I recommend visiting in late fall/early winter, when they start giving out free apple cider.

There is a door in the back of the gift shop that leads to a cemetery from when the museum was a church. Considering that the building pre-dates the Civil War, it should give you a good idea of how old the graves can be. The graveyard itself is both beautiful and eerie. If you spook easily, I suggest that you go with a friend, and go when the sun is shin-

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prehistoric) sports cars and even, sur-

What would the Greensboro

Museum be without an exhibit devot-

ed to its favorite son? William

Sydney Porter, also known as O.

Henry, was born in Greensboro and

worked in the pharmacy downtown.

In the museum you can see not only

the store in which O. Henry worked,

but also see Greensboro as it existed

at the turn of the century. You can

take a turn around the fire depart-

ment, or check out the blacksmith's

stables. If the domestic life if more

your speed, you can see actual family

photos, letters, clothing, and drafts in

and

Greensboro history dating from the

days of the Cherokees to the Civil

Rights movement. As you wander

from gallery to gallery, you will see

early machines from the first Gate

City settlers, rooms of late 19th cen-

tury houses, furniture made by for-

mer slaves, arrowheads, and even the

stools from the famous Woolworth's

Sit-Ins, which occurred just down the

street from the museum. These

exhibits serve to demonstrate

Greensboro's former glory in the

world of textiles.

Consider this a catch all of

Industrial

a smaller exhibit hall.

Development Exhibit

Agricultural

prise, a Conestoga wagon.

O. Henry Exhibit

Rotating Exhibit: From Cambodia to Greensboro (Showing through 12/31/05)

Trace the journeys of the newest race of North Carolinians, the Cambodians, as they leave their homes under the rule of the Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, and strive to make a fresh start in a new country. This exhibit offers examples of many artifacts from Cambodian families imprisoned in camps, as well as several items demonstrating the small number of belongings each family brought with them. The focus of the exhibit is the survival of the people and their traditions in our own back yard.

Live Skills Demonstrations

Every Friday through October, come see the skills of the lost generations performed before your very

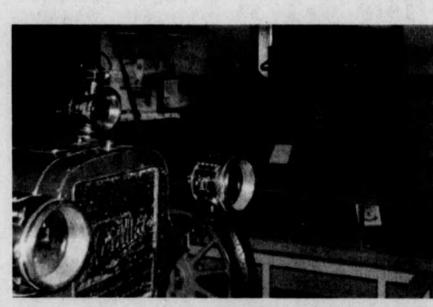
Ghost Stories in the Graveyard

Special for Halloween, come hear spooky tales in the graveyard. October 30th, at 11am.

Haiku

Joe B.Scott Staff Writer

Joe Scott is the host of The Movie Show, airing at 9pm every wednesday on WUAG 103.1



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This early Cadillac is one of many on display at the Historical Museum.



Weirdest Little Gallery in Greensboro

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ASHLEY PERRYMAN/THE CAROLINIAN

The brains behind the operation, Doug VanOust and Chris Boyette.

Ashley Perryman Staff Writer

Attention creative minds of the Triad! This September the 30th will mark the birth of a bright beacon of hope for each and every one of your crafts. Introducing gatecityart.org: the online gallery, compendium, events calendar, and music hall.

The site is the brain child of Doug VanOast, an alumnus of UNCG's design program, and Chris Boyette, a current double major in Philosophy and English.

"When I was in the art department I rarely ever knew what was going on, show-wise." shrugged VanOast.

"I really want this to be a catch all for all the artists in the area and have one central location for people to be heard from instead of having to drop announcements with a hundred different list servers."

Aside from saving artists a pretty penny on fliers and shoe leather, the site will be a viable source of criticism. A message board will be available for users to discuss shows and critique the work on the site. Submissions can be made anonymously or under a pseudonym, thus allowing for good, honest feedback.

"A compliment from a stranger can be a lot more encouraging than the same compliment from, say, your roommate," said Boyette.

"Anonymity brings out a frankness that most people lack in conversation."

It is recommended, however, that contact information be included with all submissions in order to allow for potential business transactions. In addition to the local community, the site will be promoted throughout the Triad area and is already affiliated with AmericanDistractions.org.

"I'm really excited about seeing what kind of writers will surface with this," said Boyette.

"It's so difficult to find places that

seriously consider literature. Some professors from the university that are professional writers have already promised some poetry to help kick off the site."

Besides writers and artists, the site will also provide much needed exposure for musicians, filmmakers, and

"Imagine how much it would help the attendance of a music or dance concert, or a film series, if you could go and see a preview of it first," said VanOast.

Submissions will be taken beginning September 6th and the first round of submissions will go up in October. All submissions will remain in the "featured" section for a month before being filed into the online archives. Currently Boyette and VanOast are debating whether or not to feature house artists: people that can commit to submitting at least one finished piece a month. The gentlemen are taking submissions through email, snail mail, or if you happen to see one of them, you can just hand it

"CD's are easier to transfer, but I have capabilities to convert any kind of medium," said VanOast.

"I'm also willing to set up appointments with artists to capture work with my digital camera."

All requirements and instructions are listed on the site, and emailed submissions can be made to gatecitvart submit@gmail.com

The gentlemen have scheduled the kickoff for the site for September 30th. The two were smugly reluctant to tell me every treat they've got planned for the evening, but VanOast did assure me it would not be a night to be missed. The party will be at New York Pizza on Tate Street and looks to feature a diverse lineup of music, art, and goodness knows what else. Stank Halibut, Cities, and Ian (called Eeeen, by his fans) are headlining for the evening.

All Roads lead here

Stellar performances inspire UNCG Theatre's first productioon of the school year

Charla Duncan Staff Writer

UNC-G's Department of Theatre is opening up the season with Road, a poignant piece of art that you are not going to want to miss. Directors, cast, and crew are taking this play and using it as their canvas, bringing characters to life, and painting a picture that director Roger Smart refers to as "a dark comedy which looks at the value of human life."

Road, written by Jim Cartwright, was first performed in 1986 and was commissioned by the Royal Court Theatre. A winner of the Samuel Beckett Award and the Plays and Players Award, Road, set in Lancashire, is a series of vignettes interspersed with monologues. Road is said to shatter any personal illusion one might have of the 1980s and the ideals of the New Romantics. Instead, what we see is the bleakness of poverty, the effects of the Thatcher regime, and the grit of the working class existence.

"Wasting your whole lives. Work, work, work, work. Small wages, small wages, small wages. Gettin' by with a smile. Gettin' by without a smile. Work, work, work, work. Small wages. Then death with the big 'D'." -Joey

Audience members will entrust themselves into the dirty hands of rapscallion Scullery, a narrator type interested in a good "snog" but who can not see past his bottle of rum. Scullery leads observers down his road, a nameless place where life has been relentless and cold to its inhabitants. The scenes you see in your path are desperate attempts by characters to figure out what went wrong in their lives and how to cope without succumbing to insanity, death, or

Director Roger Smart has cast eleven very talented actors (Eric Aune, Leah Humphrey, Jean-Marie Catlett, Lydia Hyslop, Katie Lester, Alex Marshall-Brown, Brian O'Sullivan, Jesse Pressler, Cara Reid, Marvin Riggins, and Brandon Thorne) to portray a total of thirty different roles. These portrayals are peek shows into what could be seen as the rawest, most provocative points in a human beings life: living in desperation of survival.

About two and a half weeks ago, with only a week and a half left to go, I had the privilege to sit in on a few run-throughs. Not expecting what I saw, and with really no clue to begin with, I left Brown Theatre incredibly impressed and eager to come back again to experience a finished prod-

Stellar performances surrounded me, literally, as the actors filled the entire theatre. They pervaded every inch of the room, both physically and emotionally, animating their "road." This performance is not so much going to take you on a roller coaster of emotions, but instead will force you to look into a mirror and send you for a tumble on the gritty floor.

Smart referenced the seriousness of unemployment and globalization facing humans today as he spoke about the significance of Road to its audience. Road highlights the idea that the current government is essentially a government of big business and does not represent the people. Smart also pointed out that "everything is measured in terms of profit and loss...factored into that is the human cost of profit."

The personalities and plot of Road are very involved and intricate, and I for one felt each character was done justice by their portrayer. And this I noticed just after two rehearsals, which reflects an immense amount of work and dedication on the part of the actors who will have only four weeks of rehearsal time. "[Road is a] very complex show," commented continued on page 10

Lygers, and Tigrons, and Llamas! Oh My!

Tracking the aftershock of Napolean Dynamite

Joe B.Scott Staff Writer

You see them everywhere you gostudents on UNCG campus who are in love with the movie "Napoleon Dynamite." They quote the movie tirelessly, shouting things like 'Heck yeah!' in a voice that seems as tired as it is frustrated. While it was never number one at the box office, it is quite clear that after a month since school has started back, Napoleon Dynamite is one of the biggest movies of last summer.

What is it about this indie comedy-turned-sleeper success that has led it to win the hearts of so many students? While the answer varies from student to student, the most common response is, "because it's funny."

This statement was echoed by freshman Tyler Pearce, 18, who has seen the movie three times. He is not alone, though. Very few people who

have seen the movie have done so only once. Self described Napoleon 'wizard' Lindsay Cole has made four trips to the theater to see the movie.

Napoleon Dynamite is a rare kind of box-office success in Hollywood. The movie, about the titular social outcast who dances his way to high school success, was made on a low budget of \$400 thousand. The film went on to defy everyone's expectations- it has been playing in cinemas for over fourteen weeks, and grossed almost \$30 million at the box office.

"[Napoleon Dynamite] makes everyone happy because [the character] is so dumb," says Cole."That's why we love him."

Not everyone has reacted the same way that Cole and Pearce have. Ann Thomas said she feels she has to keep her love of the film a secret because her friends hated it so much.

"It was interesting," claims Thomas. "The people I saw it with, hated it. They wanted to tear the movie off the screen. I thought it was pretty funny, but I didn't say anything."

Thomas' friends are not the only ones reacting negatively to the movie. Many of the well known movie critics in America, including Roger Ebert, have panned the film. Carla Meyer of the San Francisco Chronicle wrote, "There is no cohesive story, just a series of opportunities for the title character to strut his gawky stuff."

While Meyer might have a point about the movies episodic quality and lack of plot, student Molly Morgan, 18, feels this is one of the movie's finer points. Morgan said, "It didn't have a plot, so it was easy to follow." She also mentioned that when she went to see it again, she arrived half an hour late, and didn't miss any-

The positive response among UNCG students has been good news especially for Tony Fernandez, manager at the Carousel Cinemas in Greensboro. The movie has been playing at the theater for nearly two months, and still draws 'decent crowds' according to Fernandez. This should be especially good for the theater, which took a gamble over the summer playing independent movies like "Badassss!" which few people went to see.

"I am pleasantly surprised [by the movie's success]," Fernandez said.

Another reason that students seem to like the movie is because of its relatively clean humor. There are no serious swear words or overt sexual themes which is refreshing for a modern comedy. While audiences are made up mostly of people high school or college aged, young children and their parents are seeing the movie as well. Rachel Mize, 19, a sophomore, feels that the movie is enduring because people can relate to it. "That was my high school experience," she said. "I can relate to it, and I think that other people around [UNCG] can too."

Mize feels that Napoleon is a hero to people who felt like a 'nerd' in high school. John Elliot agrees.

"He's a hero because he has the strength to conquer everyday things like talking to girls," Elliot said.

Elliot also feels that the movie champions individuality. "The normal people in the movie were perceived as being sort of a douche." He added, "The characters who seemed to gain the most were the ones who did their own thing and usually get looked over in high school."

Joe Scott is the host of The Movie Show, airing at 9pm on 103.1, WUAG

the offerings on campus this week **Morgan Smith**

The 411: A closer look at

Lifestyles Editor

Alpha Phi Alpha **Event Type:** Forum Open to: All male students. Free When: 9/15

Campus Recreation-

Event: Outdoor Soccer sign up Open to: All students. When: 9/13-14

Dance Department-Event Type: NC Dance Festival Open To: All students. When: 9/15-18

Friday Fest-Event Type: Meet and greet between exchange students and American students. Features free food and drinks tied in to a presentation on one of UNCG's exchange schools. Free.

Open to: American Students, primarily, and International Students When: Fridays at 2pm

Music Department-Event Type: Guest Artists Dimitri Sitkovetsky and Elmar Olivera- vio-

Open To: General Public. \$ When: 9/17

Office of Student Life-

Event Type: Leadership Conference Open To: Select students When: 9/18

Office of Student Life-Event Type: National Women's Friendship Day Open To: All women. Free. When: 9/19

Office of Student Life-**Event Type: Student Orgganization** Advisors' Luncheon Open To: All Student Organization Advisors. When: 9/15

Weatherspoon Art Museum-Event Type: Slide Lecture by James

Open To: General Public. Free. When: 9/14

Weatherspoon Art Museum-Event Type: Gallery Talk with James Hyde Open To: General Public. Free. When: 9/13

The Wellness Center-Event Type: Workshop on healing, Tibetan Monks Open To: All Students. Free. When: 9/16

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Tibet: Sacred Music and Sacred Dance for world Healing Open To: General Public, \$ When: 9/18

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Guest Column

By John F. Sanford Special to the Carolinian

I am in the worst room in the building. The narrow windowless room containing too many students on a hot August afternoon is made even more maddening as a siren periodically chirps.

The Democrats had left. Currently Guilford County Republican Chairman, Marcus Kindley, with the style of an off-hour Fox employee, was speaking. Quite well dressed, Mr. Kindley appeared to be rather charming for a Republican. But alas, as for many things with politicians, appearance and the truth are often far apart.

Both parties have decried the lack of participation of young people in our nation's politics, but apparently for Mr. Kindley and his Guilford Republicans, this concern is just more of the hollow rhetoric we've

come to expect.

For the last several elections the Political Science Department has offered a practical class to help students find a volunteer position on local campaigns, and Mr. Kindley agreed to attend our class in hopes of inviting students to work for him. I am a student in this class, and the Party Chairman was treated with respect despite his unpopular positions. However, Mr. Kindley did not return anything similar to respect. He responded by attempting to have my teacher, Dr. Thomas Little, accused by the local media, to reduce the value of the class and to limit the free speech of students.

The 'controversy' was cen-

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Everything to Live For '04



OUT OF MY HEAD

> Joe Killian The Carolinian

I have friends who refused to watch, listen to or even read Bush's speech to the RNC last week -but I just had to see it. I was working that night, so I set my VCR and came home to the tape at around 1 a.m.

It's hard to describe the mixture of nausea and fear that gripped me as I watched this speech. I was offended at the use of the tragedy of 9/11 as political leverage - but, in a strange way, it was almost a relief. The Republicans have finally fully embraced the position they've been hinting at for months: "A vote for Kerry is a vote to dig up 9/11's victims, spit in their hearts and stomp on their brains."

This all turns my stomach - but what scares me is how effective this tact has been. Who would have dreamed that attacking the war record of a Vietnam hero who protested upon his return, trotting out the most moderate members of your party while adopting a right wing platform and all but ignoring the country's economic crisis would actually work? But - here we are, running neck and neck with a little less than two months left to go.

If I were Bill Clinton, I'd take to a hospital bed and recover for a month too.

Of course, the greatest strength of the Bush campaign is the weakness of the Kerry campaign. Yesterday I watched Kerry stumping on C-Span and noticed the dead silence when he came to an obvious laugh line. He can't seem to communicate to the audience when they're supposed to laugh, and though he's trying his damnedest to be charming his every smile looks exhausted, shy and desperate. The consequence: though he's making good arguments, calling the president on his record and presenting his own plan for the country, we're still made to feel as though he's not quite sure of himself, even not quite behind his own campaign.

Bush on the other hand is ignoring the economy, embracing his arrogance, spouting ideological catchphrases without anything to back it all up - but he does it in that charming, rakish frat boy sort of way. You almost want to pinch his cheeks and say, "You scamp! I want to boot your sorry ass out of office for dividing this country, costing us 1,000 lives in Iraq and trying to make us all march lockstep in your parade of Born Again Christians -

tered on a flier promoting the intern-

ship class as a way to "Work for a

U.S. Senate Campaign - And Receive

Class Credit," which was posted by a

former UNCG student. Mr. Kindley

noticed how there were no fliers

encouraging students to take the class

in order to work for Erskine Bowles'

opponent. Now, as a Republican and

as a gentleman, Mr. Kindley would

Republicans in the class to begin

posting fliers themselves_to counter

this. He could have spoken privately

with Dr. Little, with whom he has had

a professional relationship for several

Instead of acting responsibly and in

good faith, the Republican Leader

'broke' the story to the Greensboro

News and Record, suggesting that the

impressionable young minds of the

Political Science Department had

been preyed upon by the Erskine

Bowles for Senate Campaign, some-

how in cahoots with our white-wine

Being a slow news day, the

He could have asked the

have several options:

years.

He did neither.

sipping Faculty.

N&R covered it. Mr. Kindley had hoped to embarrass both the Bowles Campaign and Dr. Little, and to discredit the entire class. In this he failed. The News and Record reporter found that had a Republican senate campaign posted fliers, they of course would have been equally respected. The only problem was that the Republicans were just too lazy to do so.

Mr. Kindley, after the public failure of his 'conspiracy' in the news, later apologized to Dr. Little for "being a little paranoid." No kidding. But Mr. Kindley did not go away empty-handed for his humilia-

Unrelated to the class, the Coalition of Progressive Students in conjunction with the College Democrats had for weeks planned a visit by Erskine Bowles himself. By arousing the media, he succeeded in intimidating the Administration of UNCG to distance themselves from the remarkably well-attended visit of Erskine Bowles to our school last week. And what was the result of this?

but you're just so cute!" I feel this way about our College Republicans sometimes. Even when they say things that disgust me, I can't quite believe they're serious. Recently one of them said to me, when I asked if he hated the moderates dominating the convention: "Well, they may not pass all the acid tests of being a republican, but they all agree on the most important thing: they don't mind the sight of dead Arabs."

This is the kind of awful, racist joke that you can imagine Bush sharing with Cheney as they watch Arnold and Rudy take the stage. But the awful truth is that it isn't a joke it's the darkest and most awful part of this man reaching out to the darkest, most awful part of America. It's a campaign built on fear and hatred disguised as patriotism and piety and I'm scared to death it's going to work.

I read recently that more than million people the world over take their lives every year - more than are murdered or killed in wars. The latest World Health Organization figures suggest a suicide takes place every forty seconds, somewhere in the world.

And so it's not hard to imagine that on November 3rd, if the election can be called by then, there might be a sort of grim mass exodus from this sad planet should Bush pull this election out. My generation may be particularly vulnerable to the urge to lay back in a warm bath and open up their veins as chants of "Four More Years" echo horribly from every 24 hour cable news station.

I remember the awful, kee-capped feeling on the day Al Gore finally conceded in 2000. What else could he do? Still - there was a feeling that we'd all, as a generation, had our first turn at bat and struck out. Or, rather, that a bad call had sent us back to the bench for four long years. We couldn't have imagined, then, how badly the game would go - or how much would be at stake when we next stepped to the plate.

But, though I finally have my own bathroom this year, you won't find me dead in my tub on November 3rd, no matter what happens. I'm casting my vote for Kerry, whether or not he makes me go weak at the knees. I'm praying to God, Jesus, the Holy Mother and whoever and whatever else is out there that it goes our way this time. But, if it doesn't, I'm going to stick around until we finally oust these bastards. And I'm going to dance in the street, drink till I'm sick and sleep for three days afterward. The thought alone will be enough to keep me going.

sham goes much deeper than that, Our president and the rest of the Republicans should be ashamed of themselves for attempting to capitalize on 9/11 yet again by holding the RNC in New York. But wait: better yet, let's invite Rudy Giuliani to the thing and try to re-live it! Great idea guys! Its not a wonder so many fam-

Joe Killian's column in the August

30th edition echoed the same senti-

ment I've felt since Bush got elected.

Even to the people Bush can suppos-

edly "relate to", he's not truly what

he's making himself out to be. The

George W.

ilies who lost relatives in 9/11 are outraged by this obnoxious display of politics. A tragedy is something to deal effectively with and move on, not continually reflect on and saying "Remember how I did this? Wasn't that great?". Its also ironic how republicans continually accuse John Kerry of flip-flopping on the issues while Bush himself said this week that "The war on terror can't be won," only to recant the very next day and say, "Oh wait, yes it can. Forgot I said anything." How are we supposed to trust a man that can't even maintain a firm position on what has become the cornerstone of his campaign?

Ryan Ewign

Carolinian omits 1/3 of Ballot

Does Kathryn Kennedy not know that there are three recognized political parties in NC? Does she not know there are three candidates in the U.S. Senate race that she discussed in the Sept. 7 issue of the Carolinian? Was it ignorance or bias that caused her to leave off 1/3 of the options in her discussion of that

I'll give her the benefit of the doubt and assume it was ignorance. True, the media at large do everything they can to shush the Libertarians and champion both heads of the Demopublican beast. But I have to believe the news editor at a newspaper on a college campus, whose goal is education and diversity of viewpoint, is true to the journalistic code of unbiased, objective reporting of the news.

If that is the case, I hope you will print a correction stating that Erskine Bowles will be facing Republican Richard Burr and Libertarian Tom

Bailey in the general election. And I hope you will print Bailey's campaign website, just as you did for Bowles and Burr. It is www.baileyforsenate.com

Ironically, if there is any U.S. Senate candidate worthy of discussion at UNCG it is Tom Bailey. He is from Greensboro and has campaigned on campus several times over the past few months. He has taken UNCG courses in the past. He is on campus every Wednesday in the EUC at the College Libertarian meet-

I hope in the future your "news" editor will print ALL of the news, and not leave off 33.3 percent of it.

Rusty Sheridan

Why People Boo Republicans

This is a country of free speech, as such, everyone does indeed have the right to voice their political opinions. However, when people attack Republicans of late, particularly those that are voting for Bush this year, they are not attacking the young Republican's right to free speech, they are attacking said person for their sheer lack of reason. If you claim to be voting for Bush this November, then you are telling me a few specific things about you-

1) You believe that a woman does not have the right to control over her body. Also, if you are a woman, this also tells me that you have a long way to go towards becoming a femi-

2) If you have gay friends, then you are essentially slapping them across the face and treating them as sub-human. Though I don't believe a Republican voting for Bush would have gay friends, at the same time, if you do, you are inviting them to hit you on principle.

3) You are telling your roommate whose boyfriend is stuck in Iraq for a second term that you are completely happy with the military's decision about that. In fact, you are telling everyone you know that is of drafting eligability that you are in favor of seeing them sent to die overseas for business interests.

It's not that people are trying to trample on your rights to say what you want, Young Republican, it's just that we think you really ought to stop and think before you say anything.

Glenn Weyler

The visit of Erskine Bowles generated enough excitement to bring more than 350 people into attendance, energizing dozens to register to vote and become more involved in the local student groups who sponsored the event. The Guilford Republicans' only victory came in forcing students, many on scholarship, others working minimum wage jobs, to avoid school funding and pay for the equipment ourselves while banning the announcement of the event on WUAG, the student radio station. Is that "fair" enough for you, Mr. Kindley?

Had the College Republicans been forced to pay for a speaker, approved by the University weeks ago, how would you have reacted, Mr. Kindley? Another 'vast left-wing conspiracy'?

Yes, this is a public university and college students are more likely to be Democrats than are graying, affluent white men. Far fewer of us cast our votes for the GOP for good reason: Democrats have always offered more affordable education with the promise of good jobs and greater opportu-

nities for the young people of our

American nation.

Republicans currently hold little appeal for us, but who is responsible for that? If they could become a new, more open, more responsible and more tolerant party, some students might just vote for them. But unfortunately the Republicans are not interested in improving their party and seem ashamed to present themselves as they truly are.

If they are scared of debate, should we be forced to stay silent? If none of their supporters are willing to flier for their party, does it become the responsibility of progressive students to flier for them? If their candidate is too busy in Washington persecuting homosexuals and encouraging businesses to outsource the very jobs we need as we graduate, then perhaps they have the wrong candi-

Marcus Kindley and the Guilford Republicans may be able to force college students trying to become positively active in politics to spend our own meager funds on microphone-rentals instead of textbooks, but they will not stop the rise of our generation into a position of responsibility.

'Generation X' died on September 11th. We can no longer ignore our responsibility for America. We are a generation matured on the eve of a new century, tempered by war and tested by recession.

You may attempt to discourage us, but you will never, ever, stop

Imagine you were mugged. You know who did it, and you press charges, but when

it goes to trial, all anyone cares about is...

IGN'T IT TRUE THAT

YOU SPENT MONEY

FREQUENTLY, AND

THAT YOU

HAD DONE

SO THAT

VERY

EVENING?

Ridiculous, right? What would past choices

about your personal property have to

do with it being forcibly taken from you?

What Dennis Kucinich Taught Nader Supporters



My Humble Opinion

Okla Elliott Staff Writer

Dennis Kucinich, while the butt of many jokes and ignored by mainstream voters, taught both the Democratic Party and Nader supporters some valuable lessons. His message was nearly identical to Nader's, though perhaps even more liberal in that he included animal rights to his platform and was himself a vegan. He criticized corporate dominance, the war in Iraq, and America's lack of affordable healthcare for all. He was the poster-child for far-left liberals across America. So, what makes him any different than Nader? He actually makes a difference for the good, instead of one for the bad.

Kucinich has been elected four times to the US Congress, and he is looking like he's going to win again this year. This means he gets to write and vote on laws. Nader, on the other hand, doesn't get to write or vote on laws that affect issues of the environment, women's rights, foreign policy, et cetera. Nader doesn't get to do anything to affect the way the US government is run. Well, that's not exactly true. Indirectly, Nader moves America farther to the Right and harms our environment, our education system, and working class Americans.

By siphoning votes from the left, Nader forces Democratic presidential nominees to move to the right in order to get votes. They have to

The Right

Melissa

Westmoreland

Staff Writer

Angle

Some people skip class to

A sick fascination with

sleep in. Some people skip class to

have fun with their friends. I, on the

other hand, skip class to stand in the

pouring rain for three hours and be

political protesters prompted me to

do a very stupid thing the other day.

In an attempt to understand what

drives these brave activists, I donned

Republican Woman shirt, and a huge

sign on which I scrawled, "GIVE

TERRORISM A CHANCE! VOTE

KERRY!" and headed down to the

old train station where Kerry was

dent, this was not one of my better

ideas. I might have been safer if I

had disguised myself as a sandwich

and locked myself in a room with

Michael Moore... wait, on second

thought, I was definitely safer at the

the real reason I went was to gain

perspective on what it is that drives

Bush/Cheney visor, my

Looking back on the inci-

But aside from masochism,

harassed by strangers.

speaking.

protest.

get them somewhere, and if Nader is taking the ones on the Left, then Democrats will try to get some moderate votes from the right-of-center crowd, thus moving their platform farther to the right. This then allows Bush to move farther to the right. So, all Nader has done is make America more rightwing than before.

Dennis Kucinich, on the other hand, ran for president, got delegates, went to the DNC convention, and made the platform more progres-Also, by campaigning for Kerry, Kucinich has guaranteed Kerry will get more of the liberal vote, and therefore be more responsive to their wants. Why should Kerry listen to the wants of Nader voters? They voted for Nader and insulted Kerry by comparing him to the most illiterate and inept president in American history, George Bush Jr. I wouldn't be much inclined to listen to a group of people who didn't vote for me and insulted my intelligence by comparing me to a man who thinks "strategery" and "misunderestimate" are words in the English language either.

So, Kucinich has done three good things. He has voted for more humane laws in the US Congress and he has helped Kerry defeat King George the Lesser. But his true offering to Nader supporters and liberals is that he taught them that the only way to change a Party is to join it. He taught them that if a muffler is broken, you don't discard the whole vehicle. He taught them that we must compromise every day of our lives to improve the lives of others, and that empty rebellion doesn't change any-

Nader can tell his lie that there is no difference between the

Protesting for Dummies

protesters to do what they do. I did,

in fact, survive, and now I'm going

tell you how YOU TOO can be a suc-

cessful protester in these four easy

1. BE FLEXIBLE. Protesting takes

time, and these people obviously had

lots of it. My fellow Republicans and

I nervously checked our watches and

work/school we were missing; I don't

think I heard anyone else worrying

over such frivolous matters. Also, as

a side note, when the protester in

question is a Kerry supporter, the

phrase "be flexible" takes on a whole

new meaning, since they have to

change their positions every week or

2. BE LOUD. You don't necessarily

have to be intelligent to be a protest-

er. Just very, VERY loud. Pick one

point that you want to get across, and

stick with it. One man at the protest

decided the point he wanted to get

across was "Bush sucks." Every time

a reporter would try to interview me

or one of my fellow Bush supporters

this man would shout "Bush sucks!"

about three feet away from us. He

would then wait about ten seconds,

and repeat this intelligent argument.

"Bush sucks!" It doesn't matter how

ridiculous you sound, as long as

you're loud. I'm sure he converted

over

how

steps!

lamented

two Parties, he can tell his lie that he'll take votes from Bush, and he can accept help and donations from far-right pro-Bush groups all he wants. None of it will change the fact that he's wrong. If he wants his message heard, then he can write books and do speaking tours, for which he would be paid handsomely. If he wants to help the Green Party, then he should maybe become a member someday and actually fight for that Party instead of using it for his own gains. The Green Party won't even support him anymore, knowing how wrong his strategies and lies are. If you can't tell the difference between Jesse Helms and Dennis Kucinich, then you are truly brain-damaged, yet Nader repeats his perennial lie that Democrats and Republicans are the same, and those who can't be bothered to look at Senate voting records or read a newspaper believe him.

I hope that Nader's supporters have learned Kucinich's lessons well. Otherwise they will be part of what hurts America for another four years. I am not as liberal as Nader nor Kucinich on most issues. There are even some issues on which I am conservative (fiscal responsibility for example). But I have serious respect for Kucinich and all his hard work to defend women's rights, minority rights, and animal rights, not to mention his fight to prevent the needless war in Iraq where so many lives have been lost. Nader, whom I supported in 2000, has proven himself to be a lying, sleazy, underhanded egomaniac. I was younger and less wise in 2000. But I've learned my lesson now and will be proudly voting for John Kerry.

several people who were going to

3. BE OBNOXIOUS. Once again,

you don't have to be intelligent. Hell,

you don't even have to have a real

point. I had an old woman follow me

around the entire three hours I was

there ranting things like, "God for-

give her, for she knows not what she

does." She also tried to cover up my

sign with her umbrella. I would just

like to say, in my defense, that under

normal circumstances I am

AGAINST pummeling old people

4. BE A BITCH. Just remember,

you're the protester and you're

ALWAYS right, no matter what any-

one else says! Apparently, I'm a

racist, a slut, a bigot, a nazi, a sexist,

AND my father is a drunk (I wasn't

quite sure where that one came from,

I think it's the middle-aged version of

"Yo' Mamma!"). Just keep an end-

less supply of offensive names and

hurtful phrases on hand at all times,

That's all there is to it! Now, pick up

your signs, throw on your Kerry gear,

quit your job, and don't forget to stay

up to date on Kerry's ever-changing

and you're good to go!

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vote Republican this year.

Ask Kobe Bryant's defense team...



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Brad Stutts Staff Writer

I continue to feel incredibly blessed that my most nagging problems in life revolve around adjusting to my place in the world and getting up in time for my 10:00 a.m. class. No major tragedies or drama to report. I know quite a few who are not so lucky. I try to keep myself drama free as much as possible, but sometimes, especially when at 21 you are in the process of continuing to grow and adapt in your first truly serious relationship, it creeps up. That process alone will lead to some inevitable confrontations where tempers will get heated and emotions run high. Your girlfriend, just like your family, gets to see you at both your best and your worst.

It took me quite a while to realize that and fully adjust my mental barometer to it. I find that one of the most difficult things to adapt to while in a serious relationship is how you're supposed to feel about others you might be interested in. Or, at least, were interested in. It's quite an adjustment to go from "someone you always fantasized about" to "just a friend," another random person in your life that you talk to every now and then. At least that adjustment was hard for me. Sometimes, it still is. I don't think that is necessarily an indictment on my relationship with the aforementioned girlfriend (anyone who is around me for even a few moments knows I love the girl to no end). While I see nothing that could immediately change that, it is still in some ways a little overwhelming to think that a girl I met at 19 could very well end up being someone I

body but your girlfriend, not only will she be pissed, she'll be crushed.

Over the last year or so, I have come to realize there is no relationship handbook. It can be a big responsibility to decide what works for you and yours specifically. Once you find it, even then nothing is set in stone, as the rules of attraction that your significant other and you set for yourselves are always subject to review as well. These are things that young people (and even old people) in relationships constantly struggle with. In March, I was on the verge of being with my girlfriend for a year when I initially penned a diatribe very similar to this one in my online blog. I feel very similarly about certain issues now as I did then and we will have been together for a year and a half exactly on the week this issue will go to print.

By no means am I insinuating that we have made no progress in the mean time; I feel we understand each other even better today than we did yesterday. But the fact that in varying degrees we do still struggle with some of these issues makes me think that there must be some universal nature to these problems, some common ground that others can relate to. The best that I can offer is my own conclusion.

What I have found is there are truly no guarantees in a relationship. For a long time I had a preconceived notion of what a relationship consisted of and what things I could or could not share with my significant other. Over time, those barriers have broken down and I am so grateful for that. Freeing up the lines of communication with no holds barred has opened our relationship to the point that we can be honest about anything under the sun. I no longer feel there is anything that she "shouldn't" know about me. We are infinitely stronger as a couple with that knowledge.

Even though I borrowed a lot of these words from how I felt in March, we are not the exact same people we were in March, just as I am not the exact same guy I was a year ago. A person is like a relationship and a relationship is just like every class you'll take and every day you'll live. They are all a work in

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spend the rest of my life with.

It is a unique situation to find yourself beginning to warm up to spending a good portion of your life with one individual. Not that I am complaining whatsoever, my one individual is so awesome. But it is a bit of a stretch to go from having several women in mind to the knowledge that if you lay a hand on any-

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Ten reasons to watch College Football this season

Aaron Snyder Sports Editor

While I was trying to come up with an idea for my column for this week, I thought that it would be interesting if every week I produced a Top 10 List about a specific sport. So I decided that for my second column of every month, I am going to introduce a different Top 10 List. Because the college football season is finally starting again, the topic for this month's Top 10 List is, the top 10 reasons to care about college football this season.

Reason 10: A number of coaches will be desperately trying to save their jobs this season.

More coaches at big time programs will be under intense scrutiny from their Athletic Directors than any other season in recent memory. For example, look at how much pressure Ron Zook, the coach at University of Florida is under. Since succeeding successful coach Steve Spurrier, after he went to coach the Washington Redskins, Zook has been constantly pressured to win immediately. Now that Spurrier is currently unemployed, some fans are pushing for Spurrier to return and unseat Zook. Reason 9: The expansion of the ACC.

This reason can be summed up into four words, Florida State versus Miami. This storied rivalry is not just about pride any more, it also will most likely be the difference as to who wins the ACC Championship. And don't forget about Clemson, Virginia, and recently added Virginia Tech. These five teams in itself would make up one hell of a conference.

Reason 8: The BCS System has been altered, again.

It seems like every year the BCS is being altered, and it always seems to lead to more controversy than solutions by the end of the year. It was originally installed to take the decision making process out of the hands of the human voters. Now with the new alterations, the human polls count stronger than they did last year. Maybe this is the year they finally either get it right, or switch to a playoff system next year.

Reason 7: One of about twenty teams could be considered Championship Contenders.

Over the past two or three years, the talent level amongst college football has become more spread out amongst different teams. For example, last year most of the announcers and commentators believed that Oklahoma was unbeatable. After losing to Kansas State and Louisiana State (LSU), people have discovered that having a perfect season now is a lot harder than it was about ten years ago.

Reason 6: There will not be Co-National Champions this season.

Despite the fact that the talent level amongst the teams is so similar, there will only be one national champion this year. The coaches and administrators want the BCS to work out, so there will be a clear national champion this year, unlike last season

Reason 5: The immediate impact of freshman on conteding teams.

This year more than any other year, both true and red-shirt freshmen are playing important roles in the success of teams contending for a national championship. For example, the Tennessee Volunteers have a rotation consisting of two true freshman quarterbacks. A freshman has never started his first game at quarterback in the SEC before this year.

Reason 4: The impact that new

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Golf preview and Women's Soccer home opener

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UNCG cracks the top 25 in all of the polls by dispatching yet another ACC opponent.

Brad Howell Staff Writer

The UNCG men's soccer team has gotten off to its best start in eight years after defeating its second straight top 25 team. This time the Spartans downed Clemson 2-0, at UNCG Soccer Stadium Saturday

The win over Clemson (1-1), coupled with their previous victory over VA Tech in the season opener, has led the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), to rank UNCG seventh in the nation, as well as the top-ranked team in the South Region. Furthermore, both the Tigers and the Hokies represent the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). The No. 7 ranking is the highest for the Spartans since November 18, 1996, when UNCG finished the regular season ranked second in the nation by the NSCAA.

The Spartans, unranked in the preseason, were also voted 14th in the country by Soccer America and 21st in the nation by College Soccer News. The 2-0 start to the 2004 season marks the best start for UNCG since 1996, when the Spartans reeled off 14 straight wins to open the season. The triumph over Clemson marked the first time UNCG had defeated the Tigers since September 2, 1990, when the Spartans prevailed 2-1, at Clemson.

The Spartans (2-0) used goals from sophomore phenom Randi Patterson and senior midfielder James Goodman to propel them to victory over the Tigers (1-1), who came in to the game ranked #22 in the nation.

Goodman struck first at the 59:53 mark when he netted the first goal of his senior campaign. Tiger goalie Phil Marfuggi was issued a yellow card after committing a foul inside the box, and Goodman was rewarded a penalty kick, which he promptly blasted past Marfuggi to stake UNCG to a 1-0 lead.

Patterson added some insurance with his third goal of the season, 73:09 into the match. The speedy sophomore turned on the jets to blow

by two Clemson defensemen before deftly placing the ball into the lower left corner of the goal. Phil Long, a junior newcomer who transferred from the University of Virginia, was credited the assist.

Junior netminder Jay Benfield turned in another solid performance, shutting out the Tigers by stopping five shots, including a penalty kick in the first half of play. The shutout was the fourth of Benfield's career. Clemson goalkeeper Marfuggi notched five saves on the night.

"It was a big win for us because of the way we won it," said head coach Michael Parker. "We stuck to our task, particularly defensively. I feel that toward the end of the game we frustrated them."

The sophomore-scoring machine-was rewarded for his excellent play over the first two games. The league office announced Tuesday that he was the Southern Conference's (SoCon's) men's soccer Player of the Week for September 7. The forward from Hackensack, NJ, has been the main reason UNCG has catapulted to No. 7 in the nation. Patterson's unique blend of speed and power makes him a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

He showcased his skills in the season opener against then No. 21 ranked Virginia Tech, when he delivered his first collegiate multi-goal game, scoring twice in the 2-1 victory. Later on against then No. 22 Clemson, he added another goal to account for three of the four goals UNCG has scored this season. Patterson leads all SoCon players with six points.

The Spartans leave home next weekend to compete in the Davidson/Adidas Classic in Davidson, NC. UNCG faces UAB, Friday September 10 at 5 p.m., followed by a match versus Vanderbilt on Sunday, September 12 at 1 pm.

Preview of the Weekly Spartan Athletic Events

Women's Soccer

9/17: vs. Princeton at 7:00 at UNCG Soccer Stadium Men's Soccer

9/18: vs. Elon at 7:00 at UNCG Soccer Stadium Cross Country

9/18: Clemson Invitational at Clemson South Carolina; all day

Volleyball

9/17: vs. Dayton at 12:30 in Toledo Ohio 9/17: vs. Toledo at 5:30 in Toledo Ohio

9/18: vs. Oakland at 10:00 in Toledo Ohio

9/18: vs. Wisconsin Green-Bay at 5:30 in Toledo Ohio Women's Tennis

9/17-9/19: at Doctor's Vision Invitational in Wilmington North Carolina; all day

Men's Tennis

9/17-9/20: at NC State in Raleigh North Carolina; all day

2004 NCAA Division I National Poll September 7, 2004

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- 2. St. John's
- 3. Maryland
- 4. Saint Louis 5. Santa Clara
- 6. UCLA
- 7. UNC Greensboro
- 8. Boston College
- t-9. Michigan
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- 1. UNC Greensboro
- 2. North Carolina
- 3. Wake Forest
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 5. South Carolina
- 6. Florida International
- 7. Clemson
- 8. Duke9. University of South Florida
- 10. Davidson

These are copies of the two national coaches polls that were announced last week.

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coaches have on their teams.

There are a lot of teams who have hired high profile coaches. Two examples of this are George O'Leery and Mike Price. Both of these coaches were fired from positions at Notre Dame and Alabama respectively because of mistakes that each have made. Each of them have been hired by schools that are trying to revive their football programs

Reason 3: The importance of riavalry games.

Because of the intence competition for recruits now, rivalry games have become a lot more important. For instance, Oklahoma has beaten Texas in their rivalry game the past four years. Therefore, the Sooners have been able to attract the better players out of Texas.

Reason 2: Chance to see young talent before they turn pro.

There are a number of extremely

There are a number of extremely talented juniors and seniors who should be fun to watch this season. For example, this is the last chance

probably for NC State fans to watch their beloved junior running back T.A. McLendon. Most likely, McLendon will leave after this season for the money and the fame of the N FL.

Reason 1: There will be a new national champion this season.

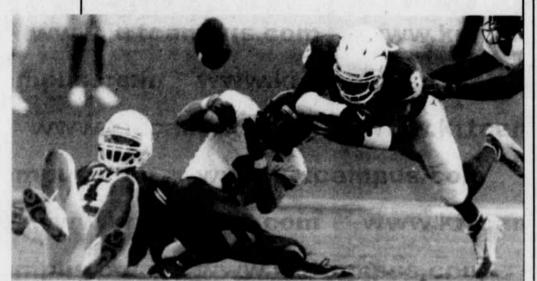
And for the final reason, I am going to promise that a new national champion will be crowned this year. It is extremely difficult to repeat as national champion in college football with the depth and talent that each team has. Furthermore, both of the co-national champions have major holes to fill, before they win another championship.

So for these ten reasons, and more that I haven't thought of yet, this year's college football should be very exciting and interesting to watch. And if you have never watched or followed college football closely before, now is a great chance to start.



Senior James Goodman scoring his first goal of the short season against Clemson last Saturday night. Goodman's steady play and leadership have been vital to the Spartans success so far this season.

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Before texas can be considered for a national championship, they first must get passed arch rival Oklahoma. In order to accomplish that task, the Longhorns are going to need great play from senior linebacker Derrick Johnson.

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Kobe Bryant works on rebuilding his tarnished image, after sexual assault charges against him were dropped

Stacey Gregory Staff Writer

On Wednesday September 1, the criminal case against Kobe Bryant was dropped. The woman accusing Bryant of sexual assault, has declined to testify, effectively undermining the prosecution's defense.

Bryant faced a single charge of felony sexual assault. A conviction could have meant a sentence of four years to life in prison, or 20 years to life on probation and a fine of \$750,000. The Lakers are particularly glad to have Kobe's number 8 free to join them back on the court, banishing thoughts of imprisonment along with visions of Kareem Rush leading the team as starting guard.

There is still a civil case pending where the accuser could win damages amounting to \$75,000. This is not exactly a figure that Bryant is sweating. But it is likely that Bryant will look into his bank account and do some quick math. If a settlement can make this go away and save Bryant money, you can bet that Bryant will settle. Most settlements include secrecy agreements that would disallow the alleged victim from sharing her story. Something which this role model definitely wants.

The case being dropped against him, hinged on an artfully constructed apology made by Bryant, that cannot be used as evidence in the civil case.

"First, I want to apologize directly to the young woman involved in this incident. I want to apologize to her for my behavior that night and for the consequences she has suffered in the past year. Although this year has been incredibly difficult for me personally, I can only imagine the pain she has had to endure,' a statement read by Bryant's attorney goes on. 'Although I truly believe this encounter between us was consensual, I recognize now that she did not and does not view this incident the same way that I did."

Bryant's apology for his behavior on June 30 at the Lodge and Spa at Cordillera in Edwards, Colorado comes as a slap in the face to many women's groups and victim's rights advocates. Many are saying that the proceedings in Colorado are travesties of justice. Before the case was dropped, the unprofessional manner in which all documents relating to the case were handled, was embarrassing. Women are not going to feel safe in taking their case to the judicial system. Especially when that system cannot even keep the wrong documents away from the press.

I believe they are banking on the wrong woman. This will not gain me many friends, but this woman is always backing out at the last minute. She came up to Bryant's room after flirting with him in the lobby. She took him to court, but backed out as the ride became too trying. The prosecution has discovered evidence of failed suicide attempts. She needs some support, not a cause to support.

The woman's own sex life has come into question as well. Apparently while waiting until the next day to report the incident, her activities were abnormal. When conducting the rape exam, there was some evidence found that the accuser had sexual relations with a man other then Bryant. Not exactly the actions of a woman who has been raped or assaulted. A defense witness would have testified to the presence of another man's semen.

Victim's rights advocates say that it is unfair to include the victim's past sex life. The accused's sex life is thoroughly examined and brought out into the fresh air to prove a point, why does the same scrutiny not apply to the accuser? She is not a victim until he is proven guilty, right? Would not her interactions with other men serve to provide a pattern regarding her sexual activities?

The entire country seems to have let Bryant of the hook. I am not one of those. Without the case looming over his head, he can get back to the business of playing ball. I am still worried. Bryant is not clear, he has still admitted to adultery. He is not the hero and role model we have believed him to be.

Both parties have admitted to there having been a sexual encounter. The DNA evidence is inconsequential. The problem for the prosecution is proving that the sex was not consensual. While Bryant should be facing bigger problems at home. There should be a marital dispute, but I suppose that big ring is keeping Mrs. Kobe Bryant happy. Does it block out worries of how many other indiscretions there may be in his closet?

While the current turn of events has definitely taken the weight off of Kobe and the Lakers, I worry. The moral state of these players, whom many young men hold as role models, is sadly decaying. Everyone loves Kobe safely without the threat of rape, calmly forgetting that he cheated on his wife, with a young impressionable woman. Does the fact that he broke his word, to his God, mean nothing? He lied, he broke the rules, but we are still going to love him next season.

Women's soccer vets go out with a bang

The "Old Timers" and the "Young Guns" of the Women's National Soccer Team bond together to give Mia Hamm, and the rest of the "Fab Five" one last accomplishment for their storied careers

Stacey Gregory Staff Writer

With more than 130 total medals, 35 of which are gold, the United States once again dominated at the Olympics. While not all of the stories are victorious, there are some too good to ignore.

Despite some controversy, the United States, for the first time since Wheaties poster child Mary Lou in 1984, has two gymnasts Paul Hamm and Carly Patterson bring home the men's and women's all around gold.

As the rest of the world catches up, the American men's basketball team struggles and fails to retain its superiority. The women's team, however, picks up the slack with a 74-63 gold medal victory over Australia. The women are the new Dream Team.

Retiring soccer star Mia Hamm was elected by her fellow U.S. athletes to carry the nation's flag in Sunday's closing Olympic ceremony. Hamm, 32, is leaving the game after a 17-year career, in which she scored a world-record 153 goals and helped the United States win two World Cups, a 1996 gold medal, and the silver in 2000.

"This is emotional, and I'm truly speechless," Hamm said. "I was expecting to be a follower tomorrow night, just to go wherever I was pointed, and now I'm carrying the flag. It's a tremendous honor and I thank my fellow Olympians for thinking of me."

Hamm is the first soccer player ever chosen to carry the nation's flag in the Closing Ceremony. It has been a amazing Olympics for Hamm. When the final whistle blew Thursday, an exhausted Mia Hamm was quickly swarmed by 17 thrilled teammates. A few minutes later, an Olympic gold medal was hanging around her neck.

Hamm and the rest of the "Fab Five" had just enough left in their thirty-something legs for one more title, beating Brazil 2-1 in overtime in their final challenge together.

The U.S. Women's National Team, Hamm, and the "Fab Five" realized their destiny Thursday at Karaiskaki Stadium. An overtime header from Abby Wambach defeated Brazil 2-1 in the Gold Medal Match at the Games and The United States reclaimed its place as the top team in the world.

With the Athens Olympics serving as the last world championship event for some of the U.S. veterans, the match against Brazil was a dramatic finale. The U.S. got a crucial goal by 20-year-old Lindsay Tarpley on an assist by Brandi Chastain at the 34-minute mark. Brazil tied the game in the 73rd minute, and the game went

into overtime. In the 22nd minute of overtime Kristine Lilly served a corner kick to Abby Wambach to head home the winner.

The game winner came for an exhausted U.S. team in the 112th minute, when Wambach, the player who might break Hamm's records one day, found enough energy to outleap Monica on Lilly's corner kick and snap a header from 12 yards out that flew past Andreia. Brazil captain Juliana tried to head the ball off the line, but it popped off her head and into the top of the net. Easily the biggest goal of Wambach's young international career, her four in the Olympics give her a grand total of 18 goals in 24 games in 2004.

"No words," said Wambach of her overtime goal-scoring header. "This is for them. It is for these players going through their last world championship: Brandi Chastain, Kristine Lilly, Joy Fawcett, Julie Foudy, Briana Scurry, Mia Hamm ... all these players that have done so much for this team. This is for them."

"This team never gave up and every single player made a difference," said veteran Mia Hamm after the game. "These guys deserve it. They always put the game first. They always thought about leaving a legacy and leaving a better place for all the young girls that are in the stands. These girls deserve it and I am so proud to be on this team. I'm just one person. America should be proud of this team."

Wambach started her love for the game watching Hamm play and cheering her on as a young fan. Little did she know that one day she would be winning the gold along side her hero in the Olympics.

"Tarp and I, it's the least we can do for the women who have meant so much to us," Wambach said.

The game marked the final competitive appearance together for the remaining players from the first World Cup championship team in 1991. The five helped bring their sport to national prominence and captured the country's imagination by winning the World Cup in 1999, and together they have played in 1,230 international matches.

The retiring players left joyous over the final result, but Hamm especially did not have the energy for the kind of play that made her famous. They might never want to watch a replay of a game which showed that it is time to bow out gracefully.

"We were bending, but we weren't breaking," goalkeeper Briana Scurry said. "They were throwing the kitchen sink at us, but I knew we had

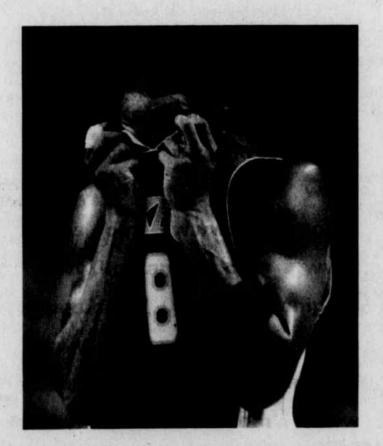
the heart to win it."

In their final game mixing the older and younger players, the Americans were often off key. They couldn't handle the Brazilian pressure and could barely string two passes together to get their game going. The Americans were slower, less organized, less creative and lost the chase to most of the loose balls against the young Brazilians, who hit the goal post twice in regulation and weren't afraid to shove the U.S. stars around.

What the American women had that Brazil could not match was a sense of team and a greater accomplishment. The Hamm, Fawcett, Lilly generation were a new breed, pushed into the role of poster women for soccer. They were portrayed as aggressive sportswomen. These women created an acceptable image for girls who loved sports, and who wanted to play hard. The generation they inspired, Wambach, and Tarpley, rose in the ranks to play side by side with their role models and take the torch passed down to them. These women rose admirably to the challenge and brought home the gold for the United States.

With the team earning the Gold Medal, U.S. Soccer has announced plans to stage a 10-game Fan Celebration Tour for the U.S. Women's National Team and their fans. The tour will kick off on Sept. 25 at Frontier Field in Rochester, N.Y., the hometown of Wambach, the team's leading scorer in the Olympics with four goals.

The tour marks the last chance for fans of the U.S. Women's National Team to see retiring players like Joy Fawcett, Julie Foudy and Hamm on the international soccer stage. Furthermore, the women celebrate a legacy which includes two Women's World Cup championships, two Gold Medal victories, and top three finishes in each of their seven FIFA world championship events.



Both Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers should be grateful that sexual assault charges against Bryant were dropped. The charges being dropped brought an end to one of the more closely watched trials involving an athlete since the OJ Simpson case.



Abby Wombach celebrates with the rest of the US Women's National Team, after defeating Brazil 2-1, to capture the gold medal. This victory was a fitting end to the magnificant careers of five players known as the "Fab Five" who have played in their final international competition.

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Smart.

"What do I mean by complex? These are ordinary people struggling in extraordinary circumstances, trying to find a way to come to terms with what they're experiencing."

Smart also communicated the challenge that the actors have faced in understanding what is going on underneath the language.

"Everyone is dealing with adversity, how life is not what one wishes." And how does "the road" deal? They drink. They indulge. They shut themselves off from those that care. Valerie, an inhabitant, asks, "Can we

not have before again? Can we not?" Smart likened the battle of the road dwellers to the disgruntled thinking of the lower social class when it comes to voting. The rationale is "How can I possibly make a difference in the scheme of things?"

So do yourselves a favor. Go down this Road. Cartwright's play has "a lot of light and shade," says Smart. But do not worry, you will laugh. The road is not a completely dark place. Yet, Cartwright seems to be assuring people that it is o.k. to cry or think things are pretty screwed up. And you wouldn't be wrong for thinking these thoughts, so find yourself in one of these characters and let

After all, Road is "a really rich play with many, many textures as well as being a play that addresses some important issues... [Road is] entertaining and amusing," says Smart, "in a dark sort of way." He finished our interview with a laugh. Road runs September 17-19, 21-26.

A special thanks to the directors, cast, and crew of Road for allowing The Carolinian's coverage of their show. Break a leg!

Become a Class Act

Ashley Perryman

Staff Writer

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters program is launching a brand new program called "Class Act."

Students from Wiley Elementary, Hunter Elementary, and Aycock Middle schools are chosen to participate in this program based on teacher recommendation. These kids are particularly in need of encouragement and affection, and this is an opportunity for you to give them the love they need.

It's as simple as taking forty-five minutes to an hour every week to sit

with them at lunch, hang out with them at recess, or help them with a project. Despite the simplicity of these encounters, the attention can have a profound effect on the child's

Interviews are beginning now at 211 South Edgeworth Street, around the corner from GTCC. They're hoping to start matching children up with volunteers as soon as possible and will continue on through December. Call Big Brothers and Big Sisters at (336) 378-9100 with any questions or to set up an interview.

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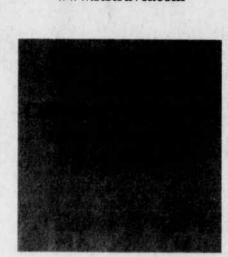
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Today you will avoid a near death experience... dammit! I missed.

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You're feeling adventurous today. You could kill a bear, climb Mt. Everest or restore world peace, but the real test is asking your girlfriend for some action.

Gemini May 21-June 20-

Someone's opinion will differ greatly than yours today, but diversity is beautiful. Never mind; I'm not Oprah. On second thought, find the nearest phonebook and beat them senselessly. That should teach them.

Cancer June 21-July 22-

Take time to express your individuality. Perhaps you could start a new trend or at least refute the ones you have. That's a message for all those chicks who don't shave their legs.

Leo July 23- August 22-

Find someplace quiet where you can spend some time alone. Oh... before you go, want some lotion?

Virgo August 23- September 22-

You will find your social side coming out of you more often. People are flocking to you, and there is more to smile about. Maybe before you leave the house next time, you should zip your fly. After all, there is nothing sexy about a hairy, nasty crotch-shot.

Libra September 23-October 22-

Excellent day to make odd hand gestures at people you don't know. I am fond of that most middle finger.

Scorpio October 23-November 21-

Tomorrow when you wake up you'll make an unpleasant discovery. I'll give you a hint...that WAS your sis-

Sagittarius November 22- December 21-

Capricorn December 22- January 19-

Time to stop beating around the bush. Beat the bush itself. Give it a good thrashing and say "bad bush...why do you forsake me?"

You shouldn't compare yourself to others, they are more screwed up than you think.

Aquarius January 20-February 18-Jesus is coming, everyone look busy.

Pisces February 19-March 20-

A good friend would bail you out of jail, but a best friend would be in the next cell saying "That was fucking awesome."

Study sees rise in GPAs at N.C. universities

By Sharif Durhams Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

It's the battle of the grade-point average: down versus up.

Up is winning.

A UNC Chapel Hill study this year confirmed grades at the campus keep rising. Forty-one percent of the university's grades were A's in spring 2003 compared with 38 percent four years earlier.

Chancellor James Moeser pledged to so do something about it, though no major changes have happened yet.

Carolinas data are spotty overall, but grade-point averages continue to rise at UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro and Duke University. The same thing happens at UNC Charlotte, the University of South Carolina and other campuses, administrators say.

And this fall, administrators are keeping their eyes on one of their elite peers, Princeton University, which decided this spring to limit the number of A's professors could hand out because students were earning too many. Students decried the move.

But those education leaders are also asking more questions. Are students getting higher grades for the same work - a phenomenon known as grade inflation?

And if so, is that a real problem?
"I don't think anybody knows for sure," said Wayne Walcott, UNCC's provost.

Walcott said he's sure that if he looked at data from the past several freshman classes, it would show their GPAs rising. But that doesn't mean the students are getting grades that aren't justified, he said. Scores on the SAT and high school GPAs are also up, Walcott said.

"We're getting better students," he said. "Would we expect grades to go up? Sure."

Some critics believe universities are boosting grades because of con-

sumer pressures, both from families paying for competitive schools and students who get to evaluate their teachers.

One of the staunchest advocates of a grade crackdown, Duke University professor Stuart Rojstaczer, has documented the rise in grades in his Web site www.gradeinflation.com. His study of 22 schools says the gradepoint average rose from 2.94 to 3.09 between 1992 and 2002.

At private schools in his study, the GPAs rose from 3.11 to 3.26.

Rojstaczer refers to arguments from grade inflation believers that grades rose in the 1960s because of faculty sympathetic to students who were avoiding the draft during the Vietnam War. Grades jumped again starting in the 1980s, Rojstaczer said, due to economic pressures.

His Web site also notes, "This conjecture is based on personal experience and anecdotal evidence. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to prove."

Pinning down a cause for the grade boost is difficult because professors have different goals when they grade students.

Some use them as incentives and give students high grades for making vast improvements, even if all the work isn't excellent. Some argue their courses are tough and that anyone who survives deserves a good grade. Others still believe they do a good job of distributing A's, C's and F's to the students who deserve them.

The problem with giving more high grades is that it damages some of these incentives, said Peter Gordon, the UNC Chapel Hill professor who led the latest campus grade study.

Gordon believes at least some grade inflation exists and that it has notable effects. He said the university has to keep tightening the standards for students to qualify for the Phi Beta Kappa honor society, or else too many students would be in it.

"It's sort of hard to know how to reward really excellent work, because 'A' doesn't really mean that anymore," Gordon said.

Duke Provost Peter Lange said Princeton's decision didn't raise many eyebrows in his campus. That's probably because Duke already had this fight.

Seven years ago, former Duke statistics professor Val Johnson devised a weighted grading system to calculate grade-point averages. A's, for instance, would count less toward a student's GPA if everyone in the class receives an A. The A would matter more in calculating grades if some students received F's.

Gordon said Johnson's proposal was like ranking college football teams by the strength of opponents in their schedule, although that comparison, he said, is somewhat oversimplified.

"There was a major debate, and it was very divisive," Lange said. He also argued it wasn't very productive. The school's grading system didn't change.

UNC Chapel Hill had its own battle four years ago when a report was released that declared grade inflation a serious problem on the campus. The report called for an annual examination of grades, and faculty pushed for an in-depth follow-up this year. That report and Moeser's call this spring haven't led to an overhaul in grading, Gordon said.

Both Duke and UNC Chapel Hill say faculty regularly look over grade data and talk about the factors that could lead to higher grades. UNCC professors do so more informally, Walcott said.

Several administrators said they would have trouble coming up with any standard meaning of college grades. Gordon noted people have enough trouble comparing GPAs at different colleges, or even in different programs at the same college.

Hurrican Ivan whirls onward

Martin Merzer, Gary Fineout and Jennifer Babson Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI - Visitors spearheaded a total evacuation of the Florida Keys, emergency managers sounded the alarm and Floridians again gazed nervously at the horizon Thursday as Ivan exploded into a top-line hurricane and seemed headed toward the state.

"Lives are at stake," Billy Wagner Sr., senior director of emergency management for Monroe County, Fla., said as thousands of people streamed off the Keys.

A proven killer, a storm that reached Category 5 intensity, one of the strongest hurricanes on record, Ivan developed 160 mph winds as it curved toward a direct hit on Jamaica Friday and on Cuba by Sunday.

Then, according to long-range forecasts that could change drastically, it seemed to set its sights on Florida.

Where? Forecasters could not say, though late Thursday, the state's upper Gulf Coast seemed most likely. But the storm was supposed to slow down, the steering currents were supposed to weaken. Southern Florida remained in peril, the entire state remained on edge.

Two hurricanes, Charley and Frances, ravaged Florida in the last month, together blamed for 35 deaths in the state. Millions of people were still trying to rebuild their lives, about 1 million customers still without power.

And now this - the strongest storm of them all, at least 18 dead in the Caribbean, more than 500,000 Jamaicans told to flee their homes, their prime minister suggesting that they pray for deliverance.

Florida is apparently on Ivan's itinerary. It seemed surreal, fictional, cinematic, but it was happening.

"This would be maybe a movie," said Gov. Jeb Bush, who appeared visibly worried. "Maybe someone creative in Hollywood could come up with something like this, but this is past my imagination to imagine having the possibility of a third storm of this magnitude hit our state."

Ivan's path might be in doubt, but its destructive power was not.

Its top winds diminished slightly late in the day, but it remained a

storm for the record books. If it had struck at its peak intensity Thursday, it would have ranked as the third-strongest hurricane ever to make landfall in the U.S., slightly more powerful than Andrew in 1992.

Officials in Miami-Dade and Broward went into monitoring mode, saying they could wait until Friday or Saturday to take action, if necessary.

But in the Keys, closer to this storm and more vulnerable, with only one road leading away from the storm, officials employed dramatic terms as they urged people to obey evacuation orders.

"Anyone who thinks this is going to be a picnic or something to tell their grandchildren about, they may not be around to tell their grandchildren about it," said Irene Toner, Monroe County's director of emergency management.

Tourists were told to leave Thursday. A phased evacuation of all Keys residents will begin Friday: Key West and the Lower Keys at 7 a.m, the Middle Keys at noon, the Upper Keys at 4 p.m.

At least 83,000 residents and tourists are in the Keys this week, officials said. Traffic flowed smoothly Thursday. Officials hoped for the same Friday.

The evacuation was conducted to the soundtrack of hammering and power-sawing as, once again, the shutters went up.

One of the main threats was storm surge, the wall of water that accompanies the eye when it makes landfall. That danger served as a prime motivation for the evacuation of the Keys and any other evacuations that might be ordered along the Gulf or East coasts.

"We aren't talking minor flooding," Toner said. "We are talking your home under the water" if the storm doesn't weaken substantially or veer away.

County and state parks in the Keys closed Thursday; schools will be closed Friday. Depending on the course of the storm, deputies may be posted Friday on U.S. 1 in Florida City to prevent motorists from entering the Keys unless they have a legitimate reason.

Except for the Keys, Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade County, Fla., urged evacuees to travel to the closest safe destination moving inland within their own counties, if possible, rather than select distant locations that require long trips along crowded roads and a lot of gasoline.

Saying that he knows that many people are "shellshocked" by the twin punch of two hurricanes, Bush tried to prepare Floridians for the possibility that Ivan would bring even more devastation.

He also acknowledged significant challenges in providing prestorm guidance and post-storm relief if it strikes - crafting the evacuation, dealing with another possible run on gasoline and other provisions, coping

Florida already has signed emergency assistance agreements with states as far away as California, he said.

"Almost every one of our 67 counties have felt the impact of these first two hurricanes, and Ivan is going to deepen those wounds if it stays on its current course," Gov. Bush said. "Ivan has the potential to be worse than anything we've ever seen so far.

"Today we're not worried about hurricane amnesia anymore," he said. "Now, we're worried about hurricane anxiety."

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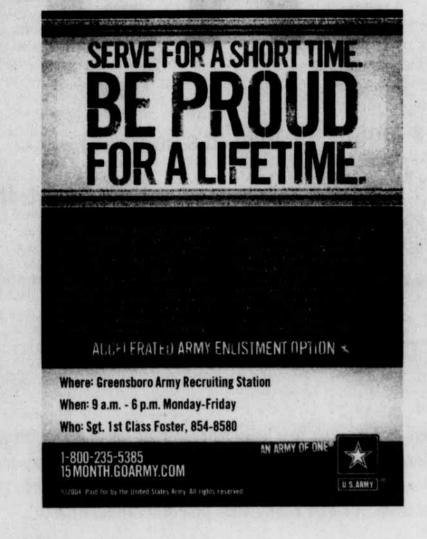
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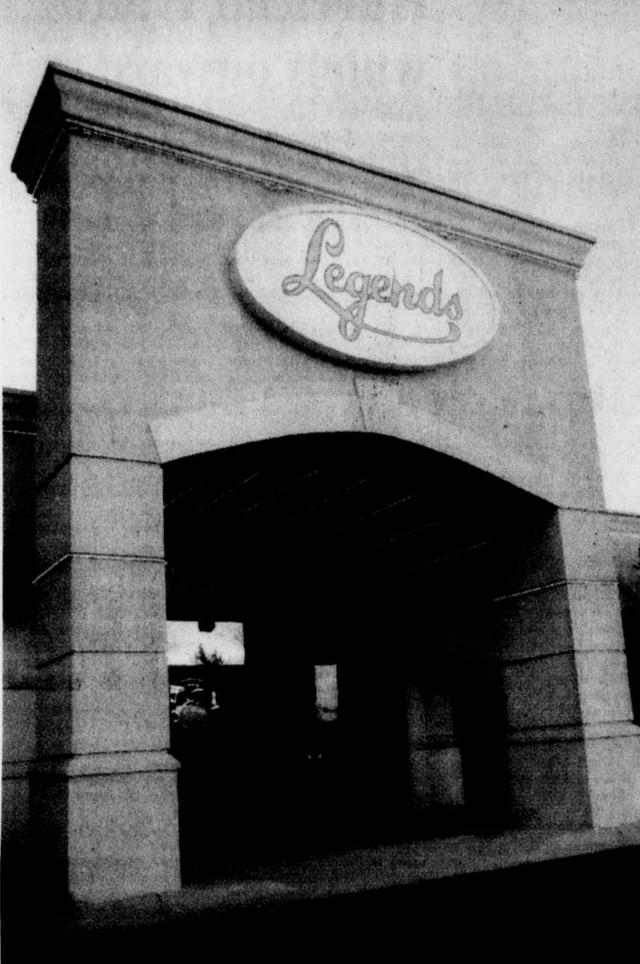
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