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Math professor honored for service

Manyon Idol, associate professor of math, has been named the recipient of the first E. Vance Davis Distinguished Service Award. Idol's 40 years of service to the university have seen him teaching during both the day and evening programs, earning consistent accolades from his students and fellow faculty members.

The award was named in Davis' honor for his 31 years of teaching and service at the University. Davis, vice president for academic affairs and dean of arts and sciences, holds the academic rank of professor of religion and philosophy and teaches in both the day and evening programs.

Davis has been responsible for the successful restructuring of the University's day and evening programs. His achievements include developing a graduate studies program, an international studies program and the change to NCAA Division I status for the athletic programs.

'In Russet Mantle Clad' to be performed Nov. 19-20

The Theater Department will present "In Russet Mantle Clad," a 40-minute one-act play, on Nov. 19 and 20.

The plot centers around two females, played by Christina Holleran and Karyn Stebbins, who disguise themselves as men in order to enlist in Napoleon's army. Along the way, the characters learn about friendship, trust, loyalty, greed and sacrifice. Katrina Breitenbach directs the play in her senior seminar production.

The drama features sword and hand combat on stage that was professionally choreographed by Steven Hyers.

The play, which was written by Terry Kroenung, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. both nights in the Empty Space Theatre. Admission is free, but a donation of canned food is requested. All food collected will be delivered to local food banks.

Students invited to take part in variety of Christmas activities

-On Dec. 6, the annual Christmas Dinner will be held in the Panther Commons from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

-On Dec. 8, the Festival of Lessons and Carols will begin in Hayworth Chapel at 6 p.m. and will be immediately followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of Smith Library.

-On Dec. 9, the campus community can see the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival's production of "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are free and can be secured by visiting the Hayworth Fine Arts Center Box Office.

compiled by Andrea Griffith

Off-campus assault injures two Lambda Chi Alpha members

By Andrea Griffith
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Two members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity sustained serious injuries following an assault that occurred after an off-campus Halloween party.

Hunter Gray, 21, was shot near the elbow and Rob Salerno, 21, was beaten around the face and his leg was broken. Both are seniors who resided at 817 Fifth St.

The confrontation began when an invited group that included one student crashed a party hosted by Lambda Chi Alpha on O.A. Kirkman Way. One person from the group was seen leaving the



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY
THE ASSAULT OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF THIS HOUSE, THE VICTIMS' FIFTH STREET RESIDENCE.

party with what appeared to be a tool set tucked under his shirt. A fight ensued on Fifth Street when some LCA members confronted the alleged thieves. According to Gart Evans, dean of students,

the dispute began as verbal and turned physical. An off-duty police officer monitoring campus arrived as the crowd dispersed. Gray described the initial altercation as short. Evans said that the members of the fraternity were then accused

of stealing boots and a hat at their home on Fifth Street. According to Evans, the items were returned to the non-student group by one of the home's residents. Gray said that these items were taken when a fraternity brother saw them lying in the street after the initial fight and assumed that they belonged to one of his brothers.

Fraternity members and other students returned to campus shortly after this, according to Gray. He remembers seeing a car driving to the top of a nearby hill. He and Salerno were on the front porch of the house. His roommates were inside. Gray said his roommate reported hearing two gunshots.

High Point Police responded to a disturbance call at 2:41 a.m. on Nov. 1, according to the police report. Gray said he experienced a blackout and has no

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Statistics about crime on campus revealed

By Gena Smith
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Due to the recent off-campus shooting, attention has been focused on campus security and how safe being on campus really is. Many students have differing opinions, and the crime statistics can be used to support almost any view.

The crime statistics can be found on the university website in campus life under public safety. Under the statistics one will find a variety of categories which include: assaults, burglaries, drug violations, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts, among other headings. The most current stats are for the year 2003, which include 24 burglaries, a 70 percent increase from 2002's 17. There were 54 larcenies, a 50 percent increase from 2002.

For some perspective, Elon University had 24 burglaries in 2003, a huge jump from the mere one burglary reported in 2002. In addition, there were 37 breaking and entering reports filed. At Winthrop, there were 115 larcenies last year, 9 burglaries and 32 arrests for drug and alcohol violations.

According to Bob Clark, director of public safety, most of the larcenies were

vehicle break-ins. Since the lighting has been upgraded this year, there have been only two larcenies.

"[Campus security] isn't just the job of the officers or those of us who work in safety and security. It's everyone's job," said Clark. He said it is necessary that the students don't leave cell phones or lap tops or CD players in open view because there are people who walk around campus looking to see what is inside everyone's car. Clark said that since the off-campus shooting, he has talked to many students and every story about a student feeling unsafe never ends with "so I reported it to the security office."

"The key to us is information," said Clark. "We have to rely on the student. If safety doesn't know, we can't do anything. The [students] see more than we do."

Clark stressed the importance of each student reporting sketchy situations to the office, even if they seem insignificant. And if a student wants to be anonymous, there is a "Crime Stoppers" button on the web-page where he can send an email right to Clark.

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Bowles visits HPU on final campaign day

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On the final day of his campaign, Democrat Erskine Bowles, a candidate for the U.S. Senate from North Carolina, visited campus to discuss his plans for office.

"Put partisan politics aside," said Bowles. He offered proposals for increasing jobs and trade, curtail

ing outsourcing and improving health care and homeland security. His main approach was to bring Democrats and Republicans together.

To keep America on the cutting edge, Bowles said the United States needs to reduce the number of jobs lost through

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Concerns raised in aftermath of assault

A night that began as a holiday celebration ended with questions about student safety and personal responsibility when an off-campus Halloween party led to multiple confrontations between students and non-students and culminated in injuries for two Lambda Chi Alpha members.

The incident rattled the campus community, including Gert Evans, dean of students. Despite his background in police work, Evans said he was profoundly affected when he arrived at the scene of the crime, an off-campus house on Fifth Street.

The coming days and weeks were probably among the toughest Evans has experienced as dean of students. He arranged alternate housing options for students who felt unsafe, he counseled members of Lambda Chi Alpha and he spoke to concerned parents.

Perhaps even more importantly, he added two off-duty cops to the night shift so that the area could be better monitored.

Though Evans admits that the safety of students is always a concern, students must take some responsibility to behave rationally when partying and to act in the interest of their own safety. Alcohol tends to heighten confrontations and override reason, something that those consuming it must remember. To prevent similar oc-

currences in the future, students must remember that when they attend parties off campus, they are choosing to co-exist with the surrounding community. Behavior must be kept in check to avoid trouble.

A committee of administrators and

students should be created that works to make responsible partying more conducive to campus. If partying was more tolerated on campus, stu-

dents would be less likely to leave campus and would be safer. This would cut down on off-campus confrontations as well as drunk driving and the danger that can arise for students walking through dark streets. Two years ago, most students partied at the fraternity houses. Today, the fraternity basements are the only on-campus site available for parties, and often the crowds that gather there on the weekends are dispersed early in the evening, leading students to find other venues.

Campus security isn't responsible for the incident on Fifth Street, because it happened at an off-campus location. But campus officials were responsible for ac-

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Coming back together after a divisive election

It was not until the day after the election that John Kerry spoke the most encouraging and hopeful words of the en-



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tire political season. In his concession speech, Kerry discussed his phone call to President Bush and the need to unify America: "We talked about the danger of division in our country and the need, the desperate need, for unity, for finding the common ground, coming together. Today I hope that we can begin the healing." Although somewhat late, after himself having partici-

parted in an election year characterized by harsh partisan attacks, Kerry concluded the brutal election with the much-needed tone of reconciliation.

Unfortunately, other Democrats have not followed Kerry's lead. Maureen Dowd, a widely circulated columnist, described Bush's victory as the emergence of "another dark age," where the United States "stirs intolerance" and is poised to replace science and compassion with faith and paranoia. Watch any

debate show on cable news and it becomes apparent that this opinion isn't limited to Maureen Dowd. The "red states" are viewed almost with disdain by many as hotbeds of intolerance, paranoia, and archaic religion.

Republicans tend to make equally vicious arguments against the "blue states" and Democrats. Many conservatives view Democrats as amoral, anti-religious and powerful elites. Following the election, many Republican commentators, such as George Will and Sean Hannity, continued to deride the Democrats as out-of-touch liberals. Apparently 48 percent of all voters were also "out of touch," with...themselves? Republicans need to focus on pursuing their positive agenda, rather than continually dwelling on their negative views of Democrats.

However, the Democratic Party is the party out of power and the party that

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must attract more voters. The more Democrats emit intolerance and hatred towards red states, the more they are guaranteeing continued Republican dominance of those areas. Even though it is a minority of

Democrats that use such extreme and divisive rhetoric, the ones that do so are often the figures that get the loudest microphone or longest column in *The New*

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What went wrong with the Democratic Party?

In the wake of the substantial Republican victory in the recent election, the



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Democratic Party has issues to address. Not only did Senator Kerry lose to President Bush, but the Democrats also lost seats in the Senate and House, including Senate

Minority leader Tom Daschle. The question remains: Is the Democratic Party in a tailspin? The 2004 defeat of the Democrats lies in stark contrast to the 2000 loss by Al Gore. A scandal-free vice president who served in peacetime and a period of amazing economic growth finished a stunningly close second to the Texas governor.

However, John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran, did not fare as well. This is especially surprising to some Democratic Party leaders who were confident the bloody post-war period in Iraq, less than expected job growth and record-breaking

fund-raising successes would all equal victory for the liberals.

Yet it isn't difficult to see the breakdown of the nation; when viewing the recent election map, the landscape is quite clear. The heartland of the nation strongly supported Republican ideals. Kerry carried no state south of Maryland, despite the appeal the Democratic Senator supposedly established in pre-election debates. It is evident that the only states still in support of the liberal cause are those in the extreme Northeast, North Central (Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois) and the Northwest. California also remains staunchly Democratic to no one's surprise.

But what went wrong? One reason may be that despite the arguments that the President's tax cuts don't help the working class, it would appear that the Repub-

lican Party has taken the mantle as the party of the average American. Perhaps another reason is the moral fabric of our nation. Exit polls indicated a major factor in this election's turnouts was moral values, and those voters chose Bush over Kerry.

Yet another reason may be the perception of the men themselves. The heart-

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Chivalry: still alive, or slain by the Feminists?

By Rebecca Fleming
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"Chivalry is dead because women killed it," a guy friend told me one evening while I was doing some office work. Trying to balance eating double-stuff Oreos and updating the directory of our church's youth program, I left his observation untouched. Meaning I didn't say anything to him about it. But I did hear him and I agree.

I'm a Southern Belle born and bred, and an integral part of Southern tradition is the Southern Gentleman. At the risk of a resounding "Duh!" from the audience, let me say that a Southern Gentleman lived and breathed chivalry. He was chivalry incarnate. OK, wait, maybe the medieval knights of legend were chivalry incarnate. So would that make the Southern Gentleman the last surviving knight? Eh, we'll just say that they're modern-day knights. Only, there's not very many of them left. Which is a major problem.

Chivalry is dead.

Anyone can recognize that as truth - all you have to do is look around. If chivalry were still the norm, would guys do half of what they do? How many knights in Arthurian legend ask a girl out and use "Oh, it's OK because I've already got a girlfriend" as justification? That reasoning is just plain stupid! Or how many instances have you read about, or seen in a movie, where a Southern Gentleman spends all his time and energy avoiding his beloved? It just didn't happen, because that's not what chivalry is. I took a class on Love, Honor and Chivalry spring semester, and what we learned about chivalry is not what I see in most guys.

Chivalry is really a give-and-take thing. The man honors and reveres his ladylove, respecting her as the source and

inspiration of all things good. His desire to please her drives him in his quest for greatness. The worth of the lady gives the man his worth. A little complicated perhaps, especially when you remember that the lady has responsibilities, too. She is supposed to be pure and lovely, good and kind. In a word, she is to be a Lady. Her job is to encourage and inspire, as well as to love and cherish. Which brings me to a key point in my friend's comment.

Chivalry is dead because women killed it. Yes, I agree 100 percent. I'm not really sure why, but I do know that we killed chivalry, ladies. What were we thinking? While I have no concrete answers, I have a theory: Feminism killed chivalry. This modern world is driven by the Feminist belief that women are supposed to be strong. And if women are strong, why do they need a protector--someone to look after them and ensure their well-being? A knight to love, honor and cherish them as he reaches for the ideal, drawing from her strength and inspiration? No modern woman wants that. Or

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does she? Any given day I can point out girls who are sick and tired of the lack of chivalry in this world; hey, I'm one of them. I have lost patience with guys asking me out who already have girlfriends, but I haven't given up all hope. Most girls sit around complaining, without making an effort to change the way they do things. But chivalry is not completely dead, just mostly dead, like Wesley (Cary Elwes) was in "The Princess Bride" after being hooked to that really weird machine that sucked life out. I believe there are still knights out in the world. And I believe that if girls go to Miracle Max's (Billy Crystal) and take action, getting a magic pill of some kind, there just might be a resurrection of chivalry.

Women still have far to go in American society

Some people believe the Women's Movement ended in 1919 with the women's suffrage amendment to the Constitution or in the '70s after Roe v. Wade. Women then were taking the workplaces by storm and had found a niche in society as money-makers.



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The '80s saw the rise of the single woman, allowing her all the independence she deserved, including freedom over herself and her body. The 90's gave birth to a generation of women who have been told they can be anything they want and have control over themselves and their lives.

Now in this new millennium, so much can happen with the contribution of women to society. During the recent elections in Afghanistan, the first voter to cast a ballot was a woman. Other women flocked to the polls to make their voices heard and stood in line for hours.

With all these achievements, what is wrong with women's rights today? We should ask President Bush. In mid-October before the election, he refused to sign a UN resolution, constructed and signed by the United States 10 years ago that

has finally gained approval by the UN. The resolution deals with the protection of women in the workplace, including having the same wage as men, and securing equal education and health care for women, as well as the protection of "sexual rights," including the right to abortion. This last reason was why Bush did not sign the resolution. According

to the Associated Press, the 1994 draft of the document signed by 179 countries, including the United States, says that every woman has the "right to make decisions concerning reproduction, [to be] free of discrimination, coercion and violence as expressed in human rights documents." However, because of President Bush's agenda, he did not approve the final draft.

Why, as an independent individual, can't I decide what to do with my life or my own body? Why is that so controversial? I choose when to have sex (if not, then it is rape); I choose what protection to use if I use it because women are biologically left to face the consequences of pregnancy while men can weasel out of it. Usually women are left alone with external pressures from parents, husbands, lovers and society to guide them. These influences all have mixed and misleading agendas. Since women are usually left with the short end of the stick, sexual rights for women should officially be protected. If they are not, then that is in direct violation of every principle saying that women are people.

Women are people, too; that belief is all feminism is. We deserve the same amount of wages that men do, but we receive three-quarters of what men make for the same work. Single mothers have to work longer for the same amount of money to support their kids, while single fathers

get all their wages, but there are large numbers of deadbeat dads in America today. If the conservatives believe that the family is the foundation of America, why do they make a single mother work longer for money to support the family that she cannot be with?

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Peterson case indicative of a cultural problem

Isn't the media's sensationalism a waste of time and energy?

The verdict came down last Friday in the trial of Scott Peterson, and he was found guilty of murdering his wife Laci and unborn child. Sentencing has not been completed, but it looks as if Scott



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will either receive the death penalty or life without parole. And every step of the way, from the day Laci was reported missing right up through the trial, the

American media and a disturbing number of individuals simply can't get enough of this case.

I don't remember this much hubbub over a case since the OJ trial. That was by far worse, but I understood the sensationalism. OJ was a celebrity with a high-priced, flashy and conniving defense

team. There was a controversial, perhaps mismanaged investigation whose every aspect was dissected in court. The trial was televised, so every day the pundits had something new to scrutinize and the comics had something new to mock. And, sadly, there was an element of social tension, similar to the Rodney King case. Somehow, everyone seemed to have a stake in the OJ trial. The Peterson trial was not far removed from this, either.

In both instances, the real tragedy was forgotten. In the OJ case, so many people either wanted to see OJ or the LAPD in prison that it became almost a team sport. And the grandstanding and defense tactics, the sheer Hollywood nature of the whole trial, were such that it became entertainment. It became a laughingstock, in spite of the

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fact that a wife and mother and another man were brutally murdered. The Peterson case bears great resemblance to this: overpriced and unscrupulous defense attorneys, a media barrage, celebrity status for most of the major players. And again, and most importantly, the victims have been forgotten. A pregnant wife was

murdered in cold blood. But no one cares about her or the unborn son or the families of the parties harmed, but about the trial. It is a sad fact that murders occur every day in this country. Why was the Peterson case picked to be the focus of national attention? I can't answer that question.

But I think it is symptomatic of a serious problem in our culture. It appears that many Americans need an escape, something to become wrapped up and lost

in, something, anything to be concerned about that carries us away from ourselves. We love to be entertained. We are rapidly becoming a "sit-down" society. School teaches us to take life sitting down - we sit, complacently, while someone tells us what's what. Then we graduate and get a job so someone else can tell us what to do and how to do it. We go home at the end of the day and sit down and just want to be told what's what by someone else, beaming in from a satellite in space. Aren't we better than soap operas, reality TV and celebrity court cases? Aren't there better things with which to fill our minds and spend our time?

I hope that there are. That so many people care about something like the Peterson case or the OJ trial - for the wrong reasons - should be a cause of concern. That so many people have nothing better to do than follow things that are ultimately so trivial says a lot. It won't end. There will be another trial of the century just around the corner - probably

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Crossfire: the debate on stem cell research

Staff writers clash over a complex and divisive issue

The real deal on embryonic vs. adult stem cells

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On Sept. 1, 2004, polls showed that Americans support adult stem cell research over embryonic stem cells by 61 percent to 23 percent and oppose cloning of humans 80 percent to 13 percent. If the American people want adult stem cells, why would the biotech and pharmaceutical companies want embryo stem cells? Why do so many support adult stem cells over embryo stem cells?

Adult stem cells can be found in your skin. They develop into more skin, muscles or other tissues. Adult stem cells can be extracted from the brain to create nerves and neurons, and neural stem cells can make 10 types of tissues for heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. In fact, adult stem cells can be extracted from fat tissue (including that from liposuction), umbilical cords, cadavers and placentas.

ABC News reported on March 6, 2004 that a 16-year-old boy had been shot in the heart with a nail gun. The nail had damaged the muscle of the heart, so he received adult stem cells taken from his own blood to repair the damage done by the nail. In another story out of Chicago, a doctor used adult stem cells to cure a

patient, Matt Kruysman, suffering from multiple sclerosis. Matt is in "almost total remission from the disease," according to NBC5 Health Watch.

Adult cells have been used for 20 years to cure leukemia, and recently to treat Type 1 diabetes, heart disease, sickle cell anemia and cancers. In addition, adult stem cells have been used for treatment of multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, burn patients and spinal cord injuries in hospitals across the country. Studies show adult stem cells have allowed 11 out of 15 Type 1 diabetes patients to become "completely off insulin."

In the media you may have heard several famous people supporting embryo stem cell research, such as, Michael J. Fox, Christopher Reeve, Mary Tyler Moore and Kevin Kline. What about Joni Eareckson Tada? She has been a quadriplegic since 1967 and she is a famous

artist, known for painting with her teeth. Tada has served twice on the National Council on Disability. She has for years been an advocate of adult stem cell research and featured on Larry King Live, Faith Under Fire and Fox News. Tada has

said, "I want people to know that not all Americans with disabilities believe in using human embryos."

Instead of famous actors, you may want to hear from scientists and doctors who understand medicine and its effect on your body. Dr. Davis Prentice of Indiana State University said, "All we have from embryo stem cells are promises."

Dr. David Stevens, of the Christian Medical Association, said, "Adult stem cells offer no transplant rejection" and they "avoid sacrificing moral principles." In addition, "Adult stem cells are like babies... They can become many tissues by making certain changes in their environment," according to Dr. Marc Hedrick

of the UCLA School of Medicine.

Steve Jordahl, a scientist at University of Minnesota, has found new stem cells in bone marrow that might make embryonic stem cells unnecessary. Ronald D.G. McKay, stem cell researcher at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes, said that "people need a fairy tale" and "scientists have allowed society to believe wrongly that embryo stem cells are likely to effectively treat Alzheimer's disease."

Kevin FitzGerald, professor of medicine at Loyola University, has stated, "Adult stem cells are much closer to therapeutic application; embryonic stem cells [can grow] into...tumors. Injected adult stem cells are better behaved."

The media have dispensed false information that needs to be corrected. The Bush administration has not enforced a "ban on stem cell research." The truth is that there has been a restriction preventing additional destruction of embryos. The Bush administration has provided over \$25 million for embryo research, and \$250 million has been funded to support non-embryo stem cell research in umbilical cords, placentas and animals.

Millions of dollars are being spent each year by private corporations such as biotech and pharmaceutical companies studying embryo stem cells. These companies are pushing for wide-open access to federal funds for embryonic stem cell research. If they can gain federal grants to pay for the research, instead of their own revenue, they will make more money. If they were to succeed even in the smallest degree, they will reap all the profits and awards. Your tax dollars would have been used to gain profits that only that corporation will ever see.

The media use Ronald Reagan's death as a call from embryo stem cell research for Alzheimer's disease. Michael Reagan, board member of the John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation, had this to say, "My father Ronald Reagan and I are long time foes of embryo stem cells. Furthermore, scientists and doctors that advocate embryo stem cells have stated that stem cells may never be a cure for Alzheimer's because stem cells are used to correct a problem caused by one single type of cells, while Alzheimer's is caused by several varieties of cells."

Miraculous potential of stem cells is staggering, if closely controlled

Resolving moral dilemma key to developing this emerging science

During the recent election season, embryonic stem cell research was a hot topic among liberals and conservatives alike, with Ronald Reagan's son speaking in favor of the research at both conventions. The debate will no doubt continue over the next years as medical technology advances and the benefits become clearer. However, research cannot move forward as quickly without complete federal funding, and in order for scientists to receive that funding, the moral issues at the center of the debate must be resolved.

Many who are pro-life are against stem cell research because of its use of human embryos; however, not as many conservatives oppose the issue as one might believe. An ABC News poll showed that even among those who feel abortion should be illegal, 40 percent support stem cell research, and those typically considered conservative are in a dead heat, with 45 percent of the individuals questioned on each side. So, why is there the apparent discrepancy? Stem cell research and abortion are not directly related. Current stem cell research relies on embryos leftover from in-vitro fertilization that would be dis-

carded anyway. Therefore, embryos which have never been implanted and will never be used to create life, are being used in an alternate way to improve life.

The possibilities of the research are unlimited. Cell therapies have the potential to lead to cures for cancer, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and many other life-threatening illnesses. Technology could be used to repair spinal injuries, allowing paralytics to feel and move again. Patients would not have to wait months for organ donors, but could revitalize their own organs with new tissue or possibly one day even replace their own organs without the chance of rejection. While there are negative possibilities inherent in any new medical development, the possible benefits outweigh the risks if the research is handled properly.

One of the greatest risks would be the potential to create a market for selling human embryos, but fortunately, legislation is already in place banning this practice. During the Clinton administration, limited research was allowed under tightly regulated conditions. If this were to continue, the research could benefit a large majority of the country without causing a significant threat to anyone. It

should never become a process wherein women get pregnant in order to give their children up for research - and with proper regulations it never will. It is not taking one life for another, nor is it human cloning. It is the cloning of a cell from a fertilized egg which will never become a child regardless of whether the research occurs. Parents now also have the opportunity to save their child's umbilical cord at the time of birth, which can later be used for cell research as well, at no harm to the child.

I would never support anything which diminished the value of human life. I do not support abortion except in extreme circumstances, and I do not support cloning research. I would never support anything which threatened the life of an innocent child or adult. But I do not feel that stem cell research does any of these things or shows a support of abortion or cloning. If properly controlled, embryonic stem cell research has the power to do amazing things. And I know if it was my spouse, my parent or my child suffering from an incurable paralysis, or lying in bed waiting to die from a terminal disease, I would want to do anything I could to help them. I would not want to watch my loved one suffer unnecessarily, knowing that there was another option.

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lands strongly voted for President Bush despite the fact that the Democratic Party may potentially have helped the region more. As one Bostonian said, "Kerry comes across as a son of privilege, a product of the Eastern elite that people out there can't stand... They voted for Bush because they think he's a good old boy."

Regardless of the reasons, President Bush defeated Senator Kerry soundly. No longer can the statements of "selected, not elected" be uttered with any validity. With back-to-back defeats in the presidency and a continuing run of Republican control in Congress, the Democrats appear to be in trouble. Certainly the Democratic Party has something to contemplate before 2008.

'I really am a nice guy': the need for civility in politics, on campus and off

With regards to politics, here is my advice to the whole campus. Faculty, staff, students, liberals, conservatives, and moderates, please take political issues with good humor. You can be pas-



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sionate and outspoken about your political views and still associate with others who disagree. This is a very achievable goal if we approach politics with good humor. Discussion of political issues can become very heated and passionate, especially for individuals who have strong opinions about a particular issue. Take me for example. I am a political junkie and, as you already know, I am very outspoken about my political views. My politics, of course, are conservative. I hold nothing against my liberal friends who disagree with me on every single issue. In fact, I love to discuss issues with people who disagree with me. That makes things more interesting. Yet, many times when discussing these issues I may come across as rude, mean, or disrespectful. You must understand that I hold nothing against you if I may shoot down your idea as nonsense. That is merely my personality. I tend to be very blunt when discussing politics. I mean no harm. Everything is done in good fun. So, if I have

angered, offended, or possibly insulted you in anyway before, I apologize. Just remember next time that I really do not hate you. I just have strong opinions, feel very passionate about them, and don't mind telling you so, but I really do enjoy the debate.

Given what I have just said, I take the same approach when operating and organizing events for the club I head up, the College Republicans. I do not mind taking on controversial issues and bringing them out in the open to discuss. I have done this with several events organized by our club. Again, my friends on the other side of the aisle may thank that I am merely trying to agitate them. I do know that will happen when a controversial subject comes up, but the attempt is not deliberate. Just for example, our speaker we recently had on campus Daniel Flynn. He is a very controversial figure who discusses very controversial subject matter. No harm was to be done by having him speak. We, as an organization, just want to have an active and open dialogue about such issues and bring awareness to the problems he mentioned. Are not universities supposed to be a forum for all ideas to be discussed freely in order to better society? Our organization is creating that forum and we encourage others to join. Free speech is something we all cher-

ish. That fundamental right is the cornerstone of our great society. Free speech allows us the possibility to discuss controversial issues on campus. In a society that has the right to free speech with almost no restrictions, we, as citizens of this great land, must make the commitment to listen with an open mind. We must not be a nation that is offended so easily. We need to have respect for another idea, but in the end realize that we must agree to disagree.

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I was disappointed by the actions of some of my liberal friends when they tore down the fliers posted for Daniel Flynn's speech. Before destroying the property of others and denigrating their character when you disagree, why not hear them out first? When the College Democrats held a viewing for Fahrenheit 9/11, I was not offended nor did I tear down any signs. I encourage that kind of activity on campus. I encourage my liberal friends to bring in controversial speakers of the Left. I would love to listen to the lecture and challenge the speaker.

I respect your right to exercise free speech, so please respect mine. Approach me if you disagree with me. I really am a nice guy, and please, approach politics with good humor. We need more politicians in the world.

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York Times.

Americans, both Republican and Democrat, need to take Kerry's advice and find room for common ground. Neither party should abandon its core values by any means. Bush was elected by both an electoral and popular majority and has every right to actively pursue the issues he discussed in the campaign. Compromise isn't necessary; understanding is. The mentality of "us" versus "them," of red states against blue states, needs to end. Neither party needs to change values, but both parties should work to end the name-calling and stereotyping.

It's no wonder that "moral values" played a key role in the presidential election, because in the heated rhetoric of today, every issue has become a moral issue. To many Republicans, supporting peaceful alternatives in Iraq, government-sponsored health care and greater taxes on the rich have become almost immoral opinions. Likewise, many Democrats view privatizing social security, a ban on gay marriage and the war in Iraq as immoral. In reality, both Republicans and Democrats want the same thing: a safe and prosperous America. They merely disagree on how to obtain that ideal. Republicans and their ideas aren't evil. Democrats and their ideas aren't evil. American political history is filled with examples of continuous, and sometimes fierce, debate. We don't all have to agree, nor should we, but we should be respectful and tolerant in our disagreements.

Liberals also love

America

I'm patriotic also, but recognize and work to correct flaws

By Derek Shealey
Staff Writer

Why is the Left getting such a bad rap these days? It seems as if the reelection of President Bush and the emergence of a Republican-controlled Senate have created an unfriendly environment for Democrats.

Everywhere I turn, I see another political statement or talk show host denouncing liberals as anti-American, ruthless and ungrateful. There has been more hostility directed toward Left-leaning personalities, such as Michael Moore, than some of the Right's more outspoken political pundits, such as Anne Coulter.

I believe that everyone should have the freedom to express whatever views they wish.

Dissent has always been a necessary tool for maintaining a democracy, and because of this, it remains one of the Left's most endearing values. The liberal agenda isn't one of hatred. Liberals are best described as Americans who recognize the injustices of society, but at the same time, embrace the notion of working to change all that.

The metaphor which I use to describe the opposing perspectives of the Left and the Right is a very familiar one, child-rearing. Imagine if you were the proud parent of a son or daughter. Wouldn't you want that child, a living, developing entity, to become a bright and honorable adult? You love your child unconditionally, but if he has considerable personality flaws, you'd like to see him improve. That's the mindset with which liberals view this country. We are proud to be Americans, but we acknowledge that social problems do exist. We want to eradicate these problems so that America can live up to the promise of its foundations. Some Right-wing types are like the parents who refuse to believe there's anything wrong with their child (country), which is often a delusion. They manage to live in denial of this government's economic and social failures. Anyone who speaks out against these shortcomings is called a whiner and brushed aside.

As an American, I can honestly say that I love this country. It's not perfect, but at least we have optimism. There's still much work to be done in terms of realizing the dream of a Great Society. This country will only become more of a fair and just place if we remain open-minded enough to change it for the better.

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whenever cable news has a slow run and needs something to fill empty time slots. But at the very least this should make us all think about how we spend our time. It is not unlimited. It is not promised to us, whether it be the next day or the next second. If you don't spend your time on what is meaningful while you can, you may regret it when your time is up.

Religion and morals are Democrats' territory, too

By Shane Holman
Staff Writer

The 2004 presidential election has brought out the worst stereotypes of the major political parties. However, morality is said to have been what swung the election results. Evangelicals flooded the polls voting for the Republican Party in the belief that Republicans are a more moral and religious party.

This stereotype is misleading. The platform for the Democratic Party is to help the poor and middle class, make a stronger economy, make health care af-

fordable and protect the environment. The 2004 Democratic Platform for America says, "We have a plan to help our people grow strong, healthy families: securing quality health care, offering world-class education, and ensuring clean air and water." These are the defining causes of the Democratic Party. Therefore, Democrats don't seem to be lacking morals or religion. In fact, the opposite seems true. Supporting the environment, a stronger economy and bettering social policy are a morally correct agenda.

Even though the majority of the be-

liefs of the Democratic Party are morally correct, some people still concentrate on a few very specific issues like abortion and embryonic stem cell research. What many people fail to realize is that supporting these issues just means that you favor having the option of an abortion or the benefits of embryonic stem cell research.

It is important to note that there are a significant number of Americans who are not Christians. It would be unjust to hold non-Christians to Christian values by law. People should have the freedom of choice, the choices of career, educa-

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tion, religion, abortion and embryonic stem cell use. This nation was founded on opportunity and freedom; it is not time to throw these foundations away. Let's leave the choice with the individual.

A final note to consider is that you do not have to support every belief of a political party. It is rare, if ever, that a person approves of all of the principles of any party. Therefore, you must decide which party you support based on its platform, not just on the specific, controversial issues.

Professor's travels impact his religious, political views

By Megan Powers
Staff Writer

When Dr. Jean-Francois Llorens agreed to speak to the Journalism I class, he most likely felt that he was merely fulfilling an assignment. This world traveler, who follows his heart instead of tourist guides, did not know he would leave a lasting impression on many of the students.

His passion for living to the fullest could not be ignored as he paced the room trying to fit his odyssey into 40 minutes of discussion. Indeed, Llorens seemed to revving himself up for another motorcycle trip across America or bicycle ride through half of India.

Born in Algeria, he traveled by himself as a teenager in Germany and took degrees in France and America. A natural philosopher, he offered verbal snapshots of his life, urging students to create their own lives instead of following obvious paths. Travel, like all experience, is "an open book which nothing is written on... Whatever you do changes you." You must fill your own pages. In India, he learned to cope with hordes of beggars waving their deformed limbs; in a backstreet bar in Venice, he met gondoliers who treated him like a prince.

As he said, "You have to have memories after that." Llorens' travels are not



PROFESSOR LLORENS PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

mere overviews, but rather intimate examinations.

His openness extends to his religion as well. Although he was raised Catholic, he has come to see validity in Islam and Buddhism. He believes it is "difficult to just belong to one [religion]" and suggests that you must "think about your inner self," not merely the outward forms of faith.

Llorens contends that the "definition we have of church may be a bit limited," and if you were to take on his attitude of openness, you would see the disadvantages of limiting yourself. A man who finds beauty in many cultures other than his own, and, in fact, married someone of a culture not his own, and lives in a country that he still does not call his own, cannot help but feel that anything that is strictly defined is inadequate.

He has a skeptical perspective on politics. Asked about the then-upcoming election, he said, "If elections actually did change something, they would have been outlawed a long time ago." He sees the election as part of a larger game, in which candidates are only players acting their parts.

Following his heart (and little bit of destiny) led him to his wife, a travel writer, his two children and the life that

he now enjoys. The couple met in India by chance, not once, but twice, and then once again in Thailand. Finally he decided that these encounters might signify something more than chance and decided to pursue the intriguing American. Twenty-four years later they are still married happily, still traveling together as they did all those years ago.

So, his love of cultures takes him

away from home and ultimately brings him back. He encourages everyone to travel as he has. If you do so, "you will be a better American than you were before because you will know why [you love your country]."

And if you are lucky, you will also find your way to a life that you can be in love with everyday, as he seems to be with his.

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Students have their own take on the status of campus safety.

"The whole campus is very reactive instead of proactive about a lot of things," said junior Lisa Bingham. "The administration waits until something happens to fix problems instead of preventing those problems from happening in the first place. The university doesn't care unless it looks bad. The minute it looks bad, it will do something."

Sophomore Jake Lawrence disagrees: "I think that no matter what precautions are taken, there is always going to be danger; there will always be a hole no matter what. If you look at on-campus crime, there haven't been many violent crimes."

And Resident Assistant PJ Daniel,

a senior, said, "I still feel safe on this campus since this is a much slower lifestyle and setting than what I'm from, but that being said still doesn't negate the fact that crime can happen anywhere."

I've been in places where people have been shot before, so I wasn't too overwhelmed by the news, but I did feel compassion for the victims." Daniel has lived right outside of Washington, D.C. for 21 years. The university is expanding the security system. In the works is a new surveillance system which is going through the contracting process. Meanwhile, the university has hired additional city police officers to

patrol around campus.

Sophomore Todd Simons jokingly said, "There should be a huge fence around campus: one way in, one way out."

Maybe it's the solution that is needed.

2003 Crime Statistics

High Point University:

24 burglaries
54 larcenies

Elon University:

24 burglaries
37 breaking and enterings

Winthrop University:

115 larcenies
9 burglaries
32 arrests for drug and alcohol violations

Assault, continued from front page

memory of the incident itself. He remember being strapped to a gurney when he woke up, covered in blood.

Gray was transported to High Point Regional Hospital and flown to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Surgery was performed on his right arm. He was released on Nov. 2 and is expected to fully recover.

Gray said that though police and medical personnel at High Point Regional reported that he had been shot, staff at Baptist Medical Center said that he had been stabbed.

"All I know is I lost a lot of blood," said Gray.

Salerno returned to his home in Connecticut following surgery on his right leg. Gray said that Salerno plans to finish the semester by corresponding with professors online and should be fully recovered in about six months.

No arrests have been made in the case.

Students living at the Fifth Street house have since moved into the fraternity apartments for safety reasons, though Gray said that he felt the incident was a direct retaliation and wouldn't result in further confrontations.

Evans said that in the aftermath of the assault, student safety was his top concern. He arrived at the scene shortly after the attack and went to the hospital with Salerno.

The following day, Evans' office made arrangements for members of the

fraternity who needed counseling and spoke with students and parents about the incident.

"We've done what we've thought we've needed to do," said Evans. "The main concern is students' welfare."

Part of that concern has meant improving security measures around campus. Evans said that since the incident, the university has gone from employing one off-duty police officer on campus every night to employing three. These additional officers monitor the area around O.A. Kirkman Way and Fifth Street from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. He said this will continue indefinitely.

Though Evans did not justify the actions of the suspects, he acknowledged that students must assume some responsibility for staying safe, especially when they attend parties off campus.

"Part of going to school and growing up is realizing that we all have responsibilities," he said.

Evans said he will work in the future to help students understand the obligation they have to respect those around them when living off campus and to help them maintain order.

"The long and short of it is, we can never be everywhere all the time," he said of campus security.

Gray said that since the incident occurred off campus, he doesn't hold the university responsible, but is hoping that it has brought some attention to mounting violence on campus.

"I do think an incident of this grav-

ity was inevitable based on increasing violence around campus," he said.

He cited examples of an attempted mugging on campus over fall break and an incident involving some non-students brandishing a weapon near the fraternity apartments last spring.

Evans said that security has taken measures to improve in recent months by increasing lighting in parking lots. They also plan to install surveillance cameras behind Haworth Science and in each parking lot on Sixth Street.

Bethany Davoll, a junior who is a friend of Gray and Salerno, said that students would be safer if they stayed on campus for parties.

"Campus security and the people who own the fraternity apartments are making it so hard to party in the (fraternity) basements... By getting the parties off campus, you're making it more dangerous," she said.

Gray said that the fraternity houses that were torn down about two years ago helped keep students on campus.

"Those were the worst houses in the world, but I thought that was a great scene," he said. "Everyone was right there. You had all four fraternities there together... It was just a lot easier for people to check out the different scenes, whereas now it really is a lot more spaced out."

But Gray said the university probably couldn't do anything to stop students from partying off campus.

"The environment we have right now

isn't entirely anti-Greek or anti-party," he said. "Technically, the school could have police at every door checking IDs (when parties are held on campus). People go off campus because it's a change of venue."

Gray's father flew in from Amsterdam during his recovery. He said his parents mentioned that he might want to leave campus for the rest of the semester, but left the decision up to him.

"I'd rather be here for the rest of my senior year... If I did feel that I was in imminent danger, I would leave," he said.

Gray, a criminal justice major who has returned to classes, said that since the incident, he has reflected on the fact that he could have died. He has been pleasantly surprised with the outreach on campus, explaining that many people whom he doesn't regularly talk to have expressed concern.

"It's reassuring to see that people recognize what happened to you," he said. "It does more for me than them."

Davoll said Gray and Salerno aren't dwelling on what happened.

"They're thankful for all the support they got and they're just trying to move on and make sure everyone else moves on," she said.

Gray said he's already started joking about what happened, as a way to move past it.

"I've still got to take my tests, you know?" he said.

MTV notables discuss importance of diversity

By Erin Sullivan
Staff Writer

Real World cast members Theo and Jamie tell students that going to college is very similar to being on the Real World on MTV.

"If Real World didn't come around, I wouldn't have grown," said Theo from Real World: Chicago.

The two cast members gave a talk on diversity on Nov. 4 in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. They touched upon how diverse the world is and how people typically



JAMIE AND THEO BOTH ATTEND COLLEGE WHEN THEY ARE NOT SPEAKING TO STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

experience the importance of diversity when entering college. Students deal with roommates, people they've never met before and other cultures than their own. College is when most people begin to form who they're going to be for the rest of their lives, unlike high school where most people just want to blend in with everyone else.

"High school's all about fitting in," said Theo. "You're whatever everyone

wants you to be."

Theo went from a diverse high school to an all-black college. He felt like he was trapped, even though he, too, is black. He felt deprived of other colors, religions and views. He advises surrounding yourself with people who are different than you because those are the people you learn the most from.

Jamie from Real World: San Diego,

grew up in a Korean household. When she was young, she believed that being a white person equaled being a beautiful person. She now believes diversity is best if you want to

grow in this world.

"Learn more about them so they can learn more about you," she said.

The cast members concluded that we all make first impressions of people, and we seem to make them our last impressions. Theo and Jamie advocate shying away from our first impressions and giving everyone a chance.

"You learn more about yourself when you embrace others," said Theo.

Lessons and Carols a campus holiday tradition

By Anna Sawyer
Staff Writer

For students, December brings the dreaded preparation for final exams that involve prolonged typing, sleepless nights and eyestrain from studying that seems to last forever. It is hard to remember that "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," but a time-honored Christmas tradition at High Point University provides an uplifting indication of the holiday season.

The celebrated event is the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols began at the completion of the Hayworth Chapel and has been celebrated here for over 30 years. Dean of the Chapel Hal C. Warlick has been in charge of the service since he came to HPU in 1989. The service consists of the combination of nine readings of scripture and singing of familiar anthems and carols. The nine lessons and carols are performed by the Chapel Choir, the University Singers and members of the community.

The procession is based on the traditional festival at King's College Chapel of Cambridge, England. The first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was brought about because the Dean of King's was convinced that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship.

The procession at High Point used to consist of only faculty, with a different representative from each department reading the lessons. Three years ago, The Board of Stewards decided that the evening should involve the faculty, staff and students who worshipped in the chapel all year long. Alpha Delta Theta is a Christian sorority that has participated for years in addition to Alpha Kappa Al-

pha and the Senior Board of Stewards, and there are many administrators and townspeople who come and read.

Dr. Vance Davis, vice president for academic affairs, says, "It's always been a very positive, warm and special ceremony because it has a lot of music we know, and it's nice to start off the Christmas season with it." Senior Ken Diaz has attended in previous years and says, "I enjoy it very much; it reminds me that the holiday season is in the air, and it's also a glorification of the birth of Jesus Christ."

The Festival of Lessons and Carols has one of the highest attendance rates of any event at High Point University. A large offering is always collected. Last year the money went to The International Rescue Committee to help with the building of schools and the reconstruction of infrastructure in Iraq. The IRC is a non-profit, volunteer agency that provides assistance to refugees around the world and helps victims of war. This year, HPU will continue this tradition by donating the money to the Angel Tree program of the Salvation Army for underprivileged children. "That way when we are all home for Christmas, we know we are leaving something behind for the children," Warlick says.

After the final blessing is delivered, the chapel becomes dark, the congregation lights candles and sings "Silent Night." Luminaries placed by the Panhellenic Council light campus sidewalks. The participants will then walk with their candles to Smith Library for the lighting of the University Christmas Tree and the additional singing of carols. The festival provides warmth and raises the holiday spirit of the High Point community. "It's kind of like our Christmas play," Warlick states with a smile.

Field trip to psychiatric hospital gives counseling students insight into the lives of the mentally ill

By Amanda Meadows
Staff Writer

The stereotype of psychiatric hospitals includes steel bars, out-of-control patients and a sterile white environment. On Sept. 15, Dr. David Bergen's Introduction to Counseling Class took a field trip to John Umstead Psychiatric Hospital in Butner, where they discovered the reality of daily life at a mental hospital. As the students entered Umstead, they were amazed at how spacious and pleasant the property is. The grounds include 72 buildings and seven miles of hallways located on 200 acres of land. Senior Audrey Cecil said she was apprehensive before entering Umstead and expected to confront chain link fences, big iron gates and barbed wire but was surprised by how open the grounds were.

Umstead was built as an army training facility during World War II. In 1942, it was sold to the State of North Carolina for \$1. Cecil says that the hospital still has the feel of barracks, as if soldiers may run to and from each building at any minute.

The counseling class was given a tour of the grounds and prepared for interaction with some of the patients. A staff

representative spoke for almost an hour about what they would see and experience as they entered the patients' work environment. She encouraged the students to talk with the patients as they would anyone else.

The students helped the patients at their work--removing bar codes from spools of thread--and talked with the patients about their likes and dislikes. Cecil interacted with a 22-year-old woman and was surprised by how ordinary she appeared. They discussed the types of foods they liked, and though the job seemed menial to Cecil, she said the girl enjoys the work because it allows her to earn money for

snacks and cigarettes. Umstead has a store in the hospital and snack and drink machines for the patients who have earned their own money. The young woman Cecil spoke with was looking forward to Christmas because she will be able to visit her

family for a few days.

The field trip allowed the students to remove the myths most people associate with the mentally ill and to view them as human beings. Cecil stated that "I learned that these people are just like you and I. They have the same wants and needs as other people. Most of them look forward to returning to their community someday."

The students learned through experience how to deal with the mentally ill.

They saw that these patients want to be treated as normal people. Bergen said, "The field trip was used to facilitate interactions between students and in-

dividuals with mental illnesses." This could be an impossible task for some, but Bergen's students accepted the new environment, respected the patients and learned techniques which will help them in class and later in their careers. In Audrey Cecil's words, "Mental illnesses

and mental hospitals are not scary; the patients aren't running around screaming and all the rooms aren't padded. It's a serene, reverent place that creates a safe environment for the patients, much like any other hospital."

Perhaps the greatest lesson the students learned is that while these patients have a mental illness, through medication and counseling, health care professionals can help them learn to cope with their condition. Cecil said, "One of the main things I learned on this field trip is that we cannot fix these people, but we can help them cope with their illness."

The mission of John Umstead Hospital is to provide an inpatient facility and to restore these patients to their optimal level of functioning and return them to society. With a staff-to-patient ratio of two to one and an annual budget of over \$59 million, Umstead is able to provide vocational counseling, job training, problem solving, money management and social skills training to help restore their patients.

Bergen hopes that students "will view mental illness as a common condition instead of a rare occurrence and see that mental illness is simply part of the human condition."

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Favorite stories combined onstage in 'Seussical' on Family Weekend

Cast performs brilliantly; set is magnificent and imaginative

By Amanda Roberts
A&E Editor

"In your thinks, do you dream?"

Dr. Seuss came alive on Family Weekend with a vibrant rendition of the musical "Seussical."

Bright colors flooded the stage while the imagination took flight as the audience was whisked back to childhood, recalling having these stories read to them.

"Seussical" tells the tales of Horton the elephant who discovers a planet in need of a savior, a child whose mind creates limitless fantasies and a bird who seeks the loving attention of Horton by growing a tail so long she cannot fly.

The beloved character of the Cat in the Hat serves as narrator for this musical, played by

Mike Maykish. Maykish brings the exuberance of the Cat to the stage, encouraging the audience's participation at points throughout the play and traveling around the auditorium to effect the vivacity of the character.

Adam Troy exhibits the sensitivity and strength needed for Horton. As Gertrude McFuzz, Meg Kinelly shines with sweetness and perseverance. Mayzie (Brittany Susko) brings sass and spunk to her character. The Bird Girls sparkle

as backup to Mayzie in their bright pink costumes.

The costumes designed for the musical dazzled; almost all costumes were bright, with the exception of Horton, who affected a grey ensemble to show that he was an elephant. It seemed a strange and effective juxtaposition of the somber colors of Horton and the glittering and



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gleaming yellows, oranges, reds and blues of the various characters surrounding him.

Most of the people, particularly the minor characters, were cast several times. Joe Zito, who plays five different characters, said of working in the show, "Well, being in 'Seussical' was awesome, especially the bright colors."

The vocal parts were perfectly cast. As Horton, Adam Troy showcases his powerful voice. Amanda Troy, as Sour Kangaroo, saunters on the stage and blows

the audience away with her vocals. Matt Haynes, pulling double duty as the Grinch and Vlad Vladikoff, brings Elvis back to the stage with his motions and voice.

Chris Holmes and Christina Holleran, as Mayor and Mrs. Mayor, feed off each other, acting as a perfect set of parents for Jojo (Karen Grim). Holmes stepped out into the audience during a scene. The effect of both Maykish and Holmes entering the audience brought the show to a different level. The audience appeared to enjoy the interaction, and the cast seemed to feed off of the crowd's energy.

The supporting cast was amazing, with their zestfulness. Adam Utley as Schmitz affected a German accent, ordering the underlings about in typical boot camp fashion.

The music fits well with the show, at times a bit loud, but the overall effect is one of

cohesion and consistency. I found very few people dissatisfied with the production.

"I loved the show!" Jessica Culp exclaimed. Her father, visiting for Family Weekend, found it equally enjoyable.

"Oh the things you can think..." This play is beyond imagination. The set is so colorful you almost need sunglasses, but so well put together, it exemplifies everything Theodore Geisel/Dr. Seuss could want for a compilation of his books.

Dangerfield dies; humor lives on

By Derek Shealey
Staff Writer

It was a sad day in the entertainment world on Oct. 5, 2004, when legendary comedian Rodney Dangerfield died at the age of 82. A comic genius, Dangerfield was well-known for his hilarious, self-deprecating stand-up routines. He would swagger across the stage, looking beleaguered and deliver such punchlines as, "I was very, very ugly. When I was born, the doctor slapped my mother." The charismatic Dangerfield founded his trademark style on the appealing idea of laughing in the face of misery.

I've always believed that in life, a sense of humor is essential if you want to survive. Because of this, professional comedy is something I enjoy watching. I can honestly say that Dangerfield and Chris Rock are the only comedians who have consistently kept me in stitches. Ever since I heard the Dangerfield album "No Respect," I have been a big fan. I appreciate humor that is absurd and twisted because it's funny and cathartic. No matter how crazy and unfair life may seem to me, I can take solace in the fact that it looks even worse to Rodney Dangerfield.

Learning about Dangerfield's life was illuminating. He was born Jacob Cohen in New York and began writing jokes when he was 15. Even though he began performing comedy in his twenties, Dangerfield didn't achieve instant success and worked for many years as an aluminum-siding salesman

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Musical sampling finds perfection in a circle

Simple Plan reeks of high school melodrama, Thug Matrimony disappoints, and Vanessa Carlton album a bit repetitive

By Lauren Croughan
Staff Writer

Pop

Vanessa Carlton- *Harmonium*

Imagine you are sitting at a café in the dead of night. A young woman sings and plays the piano, accompanied by a drummer, along with some violins. There's a strong scent of coffee in the air. This is how the album feels if you allow it to take you away. The lyrics are all stories, and the vocals are strong. However, despite all the album's beauty, in its strange way the rhythm gets into your veins, especially with the first release "White Houses," and the songs all sound alike. Violins and the piano are featured prominently, and the beats and songs all are similar. Other than that, it will leave your fingers snapping, your pocket empty and your mind a thousand miles away.



Final Grade=B+ Very good, but not enough to warrant an A.

Rock

Simple Plan- *Still Not Getting Any*

This album made me scream, "Cry me a river, build a bridge, and get over it!" This album of teen quibbles is addressed to the Simple Plan high school fan base. The material is as trivial as your mother yelling at you for not getting a B on your science test or because you do not have a date this Saturday night. EMO ALERT! Everything about this album says, "Feel sorry for me," especially "Welcome to My Life." A sampling of lyrics: "Do you ever wanna run away?/Do you lock yourself in your room/With the radio on turned up so loud that no one hears you screaming?" Oh, yes, high school

students have it SO hard. I am going to turn the radio off when I hear that song. Everything about the album was bad. The lyrics, superficial; the music, the same

drum/guitar mix that induces headaches. album....

Final Grade=D- One sound can describe this= ICK

Heavy Metal

A Perfect Circle- *eMOTIVE*

This album is practically a protest album that was released

on Nov. 2. Politically, this shakes up the scene with heavy guitar. It includes chilling remakes of John Lennon's "Imagine," Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On?" and Led Zeppelin's "When the Levee Breaks." The band lends a haunted-house feel to the music and allows the lyrical genius to flow through with their own twisted twist. This was the perfect timing to release this album on Election Day.

Final Grade=A Imagine a Grammy

Hip-Hop/ Rap

Trick Daddy- *Thug Matrimony*

When I first heard "Let's Go," I was excited. There was a rock beat to this obviously rap album. It was different; it was certainly hip and it made me hop. After I went to the store, and listened to the album, I was disappointed. It was the only song with a guitar. Everything else was pure rap. Some of it was a bit

harsh in lyrics and content, and the music was not that appealing. There about three songs that I liked. I was not impressed, but it was not awful unlike Simple Plan. (I cannot get over that horrible

music, and I LOVE rock.)

Final Grade=C+ You can download this one.



"Everything about this album says feel sorry for me..."

'Birth' offers mesmerizing drama driven by Cameron Bright, a promising new actor

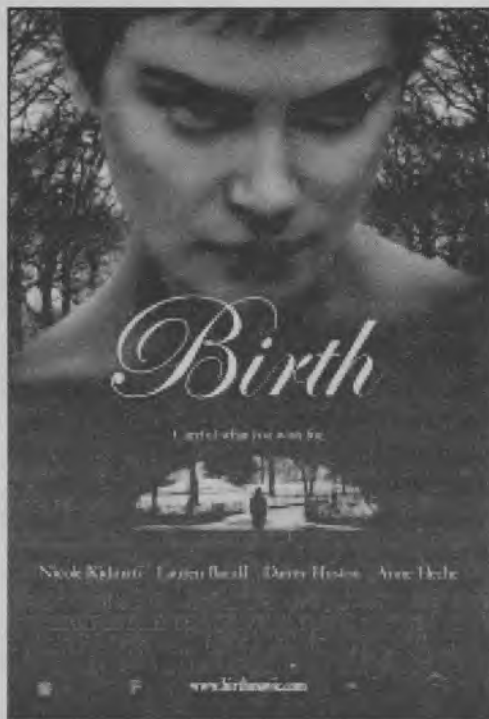
Unconventional storyline holds audience interest

By Sarah Gray
Staff Writer

Filmmaker John Glazer strikes gold

again with his eerie and haunting new film "Birth." Glazer, known for last year's indie hit "Sexy Beast" with Ben Kingsley (which got him an Oscar nomination), recruited equally luminous stars for "Birth." The cast includes Nicole Kidman, Lauren Bacall, Danny Houston, Anne Heche and introduces the young actor Cameron Bright.

Nicole Kidman plays Anna, a widow who lost her husband 10 years earlier and is about to be married to her fiancé Joseph (Houston) when she is hit



with a startling blow. During their engagement party, Anna meets a 10-year-old boy with a somber face and serious demeanor.

The young boy tells Anna that he is the reincarnation of her husband and he pleads with her not to get married. His desperate and relentless attempt to convince Anna that he is really her dead husband astounds everyone at the party and leaves Anna confused and vulnerable. From then on, Nicole Kidman plays an intelligent woman who battles this absurd idea in her head, trying to discern whether this is a childish prank or a cosmic wish come true.

This film's storyline is so radical that it would seem hard to keep the tone serious. However, Glazer does an outstanding job of keeping it dark, serious and perfectly paced with his unique style. He creates a mysterious tale of romance, mortality and the supernatural with the use of psychological suspense, sound and silence. Cameron Bright's acting keeps the mood solemn and memorable, which makes this unconventional storyline and film work. His character is perfectly portrayed and remarkably convincing.

The score, provided by Alexandre Desplat, brilliantly captures Glazer's vision. His music follows the foreshadowing emotions of Glazer's film. Desplat creates a full, smooth harmony with a deep, looming bass that warns of impending

ing drama. It also carries a lighthearted, childish hint that maintains the eerie mood.

"Birth" is spellbinding and heart-breaking. This film keeps you constantly guessing if the unreal could be real. Cameron Bright is quite a talent that should not be missed; he has a promising career

ahead of him. This film is mesmerizing and wonderfully cast, and it confirms Glazer's talent as a director. "Birth" has the perfect balance of logic and the supernatural that will keep you entwined with this strange story. This is one of the year's best films, and although in limited release, it's worth the drive to Greensboro to see.

"The film keeps you constantly guessing if the unreal could be real."

'Saw' a skillfully written, entertaining horror flick

By Drew McIntyre
Opinion Editor

Horror/suspense films tend to be repetitive. After all, there are only so many ways you can scare an audience, kill off the secondary characters and hopefully beat the bad guy against all odds. This is why a film that displays any originality in this particular genre is particularly refreshing and impressive. "Saw" is one such experience - unique, visceral and eerily involving.

I should be honest, however, and admit that I usually don't care for this type of movie. A friend dragged me to it, kicking and screaming. Despite my own prejudices, though, "Saw" is a credit to its genre. The trailer tells all you need to know about the film. It revolves around

"...Saw is an atypically well done film...the frequent plot twists and unfolding mystery will keep you...intensely involved..."

one of Jigsaw's traps because he was given detailed accounts of all the killings during his arrest and interrogation. Most of the film cuts between the investigation, the previous killings and Adam and Dr. Gordon trying to extricate themselves from their own trap.

There were two conflicting takes on this film that I heard before viewing it myself: some said it was not gory at all, but was mainly about suspense and drama; others said "Saw" was very bloody and violent, typical of horror films. In reality, I think both were true. While there was classic blood-and-guts aplenty, but this did not move the plot. Leigh Wannell, who wrote the screenplay, and first time director James Wan deserve a great deal of credit for creating a horror movie that can be appreciated by those who typically forego this type of film.

All the gore aside, "Saw" unfolds masterfully. And just when you think you have the ending figured out, a new twist occurs.

"Saw" isn't perfect. Cary Elwes is not a bad actor, but some of his scenes that made the cut here are less than convincing, especially towards the end. I also like a movie where the plot is completely resolved, and whether or not that happens in this instance is up for debate. But overall, "Saw" is an atypically well done film for what it is, and the frequent plot twists and unfolding mystery will keep you - whether or not you're a horror fan - intensely involved and leave you thoroughly entertained.

Action meets romance in 'Gangs of New York'

By Kathleen McLean
Staff Writer

Infamous for shouting, "I'm king of the world" on a boat, Leonardo DiCaprio ("Titanic") finally breaks away from Jack to give a stunning performance as Amsterdam Vallon in "Gangs of New York," a must-see DVD.

"Gangs of New York" is based on ethnic gangs that were present in New York City in the late 1800s. Although it is founded on historical fact, it is not a history of an event. The story begins with a large battle between two gangs, the Federation of American Natives and the Dead Rabbits. The Natives, led by William "Bill the Butcher" Cutting, played by Daniel Day-Lewis ("Last of the Mohicans"), are white Anglo-Saxon Protestants who want to rid the Five Points (area in New York City) of the immigrant Irish Catholics, who are represented by the Dead Rabbits and their leader Priest Vallon, played by Liam Neeson ("Star Wars: Episode I"). During this bloody scene, Cutting kills Priest and forbids anyone to ever speak of the Dead Rabbits again. He also sends Priest's son, Amsterdam, to a reform school. When young Vallon returns, it is the second year of the Civil War, 1863.

Amsterdam's (DiCaprio) main focus is to avenge his father's death. To do this, he plans to become Cutting's (Day-Lewis) friend and kill him in front of all his underlings. However, there

are several obstacles in his way including one of the opposite sex.

Jenny Everdeane, played by Cameron Diaz ("Charlie's Angels"), is a girl pickpocket and an alluring temptation to all those around her, including Amsterdam. She also has a fondness for Cutting and attempts to turn Amsterdam's thoughts away from revenge.

Along with the ethnic prejudices, lustful desires, numerous fights and plots of revenge, there are the Civil War draft riots. When Lincoln asks each state to provide a certain number of men, New Yorkers go on a rampage, attacking people all over the city.

Although DiCaprio is unpopular for his role in "Titanic," this movie shows that he won't quietly slip away into the deep water. He gives an excellent performance and,

along with his other actors, has a good accent. There is plenty of action, and although the movie is close to three hours long, the plot moves quickly. There is also a genuine sense of ethnic prejudice displayed by Day-Lewis, who shows how deliciously evil he can be.

This movie has been out on video for a while and the DVD extras include a music video by U2 and a Discovery Channel special on the real gangs of New York. So, if you can't agree on what to watch with your friends because one wants action, another romance and another a period movie, "Gangs of New York" is the one to get.

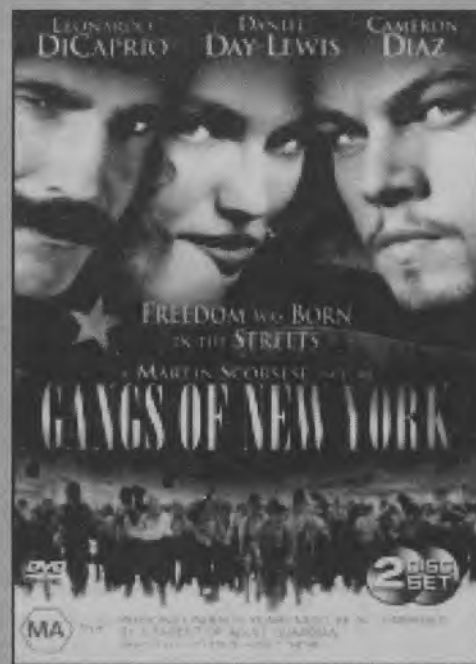




PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

On Nov. 2, students and faculty anxiously gathered around computers and televisions in the Indigo Club of Slane Center to watch as the election results rolled in. Though the outcome of the presidential race wasn't determined until the following day, the victors of the race for North Carolina governor and senator were announced fairly early, as Gov. Mike Easley defeated State Senator Patrick Ballantine and Rep. Richard Burr defeated Erskine Bowles.

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in New Jersey.

It wasn't until the 1960s, when Dangerfield returned to the stage, that he found an audience. After becoming a big hit in comedy clubs, he raised his profile in the '70s by appearing on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson and "Saturday Night Live." In the '80s, Dangerfield became a movie star when he appeared in such films as "Caddyshack," "Easy Money," and "Back to School." The comic will also

be remembered as one of the few celebrities to have his persona transferred to a cartoon character. He was portrayed as a dog in the animated film "Rover Dangerfield."

Dangerfield's legacy in comedy is solidified as an original artist who brought laughter to millions.

He had a brilliant mind and an amazing passion for comedy. Hopefully, this tribute will give him a dose of the elusive "respect" for which he yearned.



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The editors wish to thank the contributors and readers of this semester's Chronicle. Those interested in joining our staff this spring, please e-mail news@highpoint.edu.

Women's Issues, continued from page 3

Why can't women be lifted off the double standard that is holding us back? That double standard that says men are studs and cool if they have more sex than women, and women are nothing but objects and degraded as such. That double standard that pegs women as whores for the same acts men get praised for. That double standard which breeds sexism and neglects to teach women's contributions to history in the classrooms of America. That same double standard says, yes, I can vote, but it will be a cold day in hell when a woman becomes president. I want to be president; that way I can see if I make the full \$400,000 or if the treasury department will skim a bit off the top.

There is nothing wrong with women's rights, except when they are disregarded or discarded. The one thing that is a problem with women's rights is there are not enough of them.

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ing in the best interest of students by informing them about what happened.

In this age of instant communication, university officials should have notified students about this incident sooner. The assault occurred on Sunday night; students weren't notified by the university until Tuesday morning. The delay was unacceptable. The lack of contact led to rampant rumors. Students received the facts from the High Point Enterprise, the News & Record and local television stations before they were informed by the university. Didn't the campus community deserve to hear the latest information first as a safety precaution? Students should not have been walking around campus and its surrounding streets without knowing what happened.

A university is only as strong as its relationships to its students, and those relationships are nurtured by the exchange of information.

Bowles, continued from front page

outsourcing. Also, he maintained that he would not support future trade agreements until the arrangements presently on the books were enforced.

In terms of health care, Bowles' plan was for small businesses to be able to pool their purchasing power. He wanted to make health care more affordable for children and low-income families. Bowles said that fees don't disappear when a person goes to the emergency room if the

person is unable to afford health care. Part of his medical plan supported the purchase of cheaper prescription drugs from Canada.

During his service as White House chief of staff under President Clinton, Bowles managed the response to the Oklahoma City bombing. Concerning the present issues with homeland security, Bowles said, "I don't want to wait until it's too late." He proposed that U.S. ports

be strengthened and nuclear power plants made safer. He would provide all emergency personnel the resources they need to protect against further terrorist attacks.

"Let's get our front-line defenders the resources they need," he said.

In response to a question from the audience concerning balancing the budget, Bowles said, "You have to find that common sense center." When he was

the White House chief of staff, Bowles met with Democrats and Republicans for many months to discuss solutions to balancing the budget.

Bowles encouraged everyone to go out to the polls and vote. On the next day, Bowles lost the election to Republican Richard Burr. Bowles said that he will not run again, but he does plan to continue serving North Carolina and the United States.

Community service a large part of Greek life

By Sylvia Harwood
Greek/Organization Editor

As the weather gets colder and Christmas carols begin to be faintly heard throughout shopping malls nationwide, one cannot help but think this is the time of giving. Every year, someone gives something. Whether it's a donation to a charity or a can of beans to the food drive, people start to feel the need to be generous. However, for Greeks on campus, this generosity is something that is done year round. Each sorority and fraternity on campus has a philanthropy or charitable organization, that they support through the use of both fundraisers and various other activities on and around campus.

Starting mainly in the second semester, the Greeks on campus will hold their annual fundraisers for their charities. The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha will be seen both day and night outside of Slane Center rocking away at their annual Rock-A-Thon for the American Cancer Society. Similarly, the Theta Chis will be dangling from a giant see-saw for their See-Saw-A-Thon which raises donations for American Diabetes. Both events are weekend long occasions, and visits are

often appreciated.

Sororities around campus take a much less exhaustive approach to raising funds for their philanthropies. Zeta Tau Alpha, whose focus centers on the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, holds a golf tournament in the spring months. Friendly competition often leads to a large donation for breast cancer research. Kappa Delta Sorority also invokes the idea of sports in their annual Shamrock 5k Fun Run. Members of the campus, as well as surrounding communities, are invited to run or walk a planned course. The money donated goes to Prevent Child Abuse America.

These are only a few of what all Greeks on campus plan and participate in throughout the year. Other philanthropies include Alpha Gamma Delta's Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and Phi Mu's Children's Miracle Network. Other small fundraisers are held throughout the year, and these are made known through flyers and announcements.

Though the Greek system is based highly on social aspects, keep in mind that community service is a large part of joining such an organization. So whether you are thinking of rushing in the spring or are interested in what other services Greeks provide, keep the philanthropies in mind.

Alpha Gamma Delta

Due to technical difficulties Alpha Gamma Delta's article was not printed in the past Chronicle. We would like to update you with how our semester has been going recently and some of our accomplishments we have made. The first accomplishment we made this year was winning first place in Derby Day for the second year in a row. We always have a great time on this day and we especially enjoy bonding with all of the other sororities and fraternities on campus.

We had an awesome time at the money mixer with the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi and we had an even better time spending the week with them for Greek Week. We had a blast and made many lifetime memories. AGD would like to thank the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha for another awesome '80s mixer; all of our outfits were crazy! For Halloween we had our annual Halloween Date Party with the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha. This night was full of laughter and, of course, wild costumes. We always have a blast with the Zetas and look forward to this night every year.

Alpha Gamma Delta won first place in the McDonald's Greek Classic Soccer game. We won a prize of \$250 which puts us one step closer to getting Jewel Chapter along with the money we raised at our car washes. Jewel Chapter means reaching our philanthropy goal for the year and we are very close to doing so. This past Saturday we had a cookout on O.A. Kirkman for all of our parents. It was a great time to bring our sisterhood and relatives together to share a day of fun. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Break.

Pi Kappa Alpha

As the semester winds down, we are staying busy. In the way of philanthropy, some of the things we have planned for the remainder of the Fall semester include collecting money for the Salvation Army's Christmas drive and sponsoring a local family in need (providing Christmas dinner and gifts).

We will have finished intramural dodgeball by the time this article is printed... hope we won. We had a great time with our parents on Family weekend, during which we hosted a luncheon and cocktail party which were a great experience for everyone who attended. We have decided to re-open our basement. This financial venture is putting a dent in our chapter budget, so don't get an attitude if you're asked to contribute a dollar or two at the door; keep in mind, if it weren't for the fraternity basements and off-campus houses, you'd have nowhere to party.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Brother Jeremy LeMaster and Chapter Sweetheart Caroline Rinehart on their recent engagement. We wish you both the best of luck in your future together.

College Republicans

The College Republicans have been enjoying a wonderful semester, especially celebrating our victory in this year's election. Four more years!

As an organization we made 4,000 phone calls and knocked on 2,000 doors for the Republican party. Thank you to everyone who helped us out. Also, thanks to everyone who came out to hear our speaker Daniel Flynn on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Just to let everyone know, our last meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel. We hope those interested can attend.



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Matt Rowe (l) and Dave Rowe (r) are pictured here with Chris Dudley. The father/son pair won the 4th Annual Family Weekend Golf Tournament, held Nov. 6 at Olde Homeplace Golf Club in Winston-Salem. Mike and Ross Cashion placed second and John Garvin and Jon Martin placed third.

Cross country star wins Big South award

By Melissa Caudill
Staff Writer

The cross country teams secured their positions as top teams in the Big South Conference by equaling their finish from last year's competition. The men placed first for the third year in a row, 31 points ahead of second-place Liberty. The women placed third, behind four-time winner Coastal Carolina and Liberty.

The highlight of the meet was sophomore Jemissa Hess' victory over three-time defending champion Ann Marie Moutsinga of Coastal Carolina. Hess, with her 5th individual win of the season, won the 3.1 mile race in 17:42, 37 seconds ahead of Moutsinga.

"This is a great accomplishment for Jemissa," said head coach Al Barnes, "Our strategy was for her to run her race,

and things went exactly as we'd planned and hoped. With about 1000 meters left, Jemissa made a big move and finished strong."

Jemissa was also named Big South Runner of the Year, the first athlete from High Point to receive this honor.

Other scorers for the women's team were Sumiyya Hunter, 13th; Melissa Caudill, 19th; Kala Robertson, 22nd; and Belinda Wilsher, 23rd.

The men's team defended their title for the third year in a row. Scoring for the men were Derek Naklusk, 3rd; David Freier, 4th; Bubba Hill, 5th; Joel Primus, 6th; and Matthias Ewender, 12th. Barnes, who was named Big South's Coach of the Year for the third year in a row, said, "Our guys are certainly excited to win it again. It never gets old. We obviously got great performances from a pack of guys, and hopefully this will be a springboard into the NCAA regional meet."

The Regional meet was held at East Carolina University Saturday Nov. 13.



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JEMISSA HESS

Kappa Delta

The Sisters of Kappa Delta would first like to say how thankful we are that all of these past couple weeks' events have turned out OK. Our prayers are still with the Lambda Chi Alphas and Rob, we'll miss you for the rest of the semester, but we'll see you soon!

Congratulations go out to our newest sisters as well as our newly elected council! We look forward to a new year of fresh ideas and great leadership. We had a great time at our fall Sisters Formal and we're looking forward to a couple of mixers before the end of the semester! Parent's Weekend was a lot of fun as well and all the sisters enjoyed meeting everyone's parents.

Don't forget about our Shamrock 5K Race coming up this spring. We're hoping to have a greater turnout than all the years before and give a great donation to Prevent Child Abuse America. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable but safe winter break and we'll see you in January!

Phi Mu

The Sisters of Phi Mu have had a very active semester and would like to thank all of those, mostly just our friends we guilted into it, that participated in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. We considered it a great success and look forward to hosting another one soon. Whispers have even mentioned that there could be one next semester, but nothing is nailed down yet.

We would also like to thank anyone who donated to our change drive, once again mostly our friends we guilted into it or people we blackmailed. There will be another round coming through shortly, so those of you living in Finch, Belk and the complex, be sure to have your piggybanks handy. And remember despite rumors, this money isn't going to our beer fund, but for the Children's Miracle Network and the kids at Duke Hospital.

Our Christmas dance is quickly approaching and for those guys that are invited and you can't decide between the big party and our dance, you would be missing out if you turn us down.

Sports Recap

Men's cross country wins third straight title

By Bethany Davoll
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team put up a fight against top-seeded Birmingham-Southern in the Big South Conference Tournament, but lost 4-3 last Friday. Chris Archer had two goals for the Panthers while Patrick Althoff added one goal and an assist and was named to the Big South's All-Tournament Team.

The Panthers went into halftime with

a 2-1 lead over BSC off of goals from Archer in the 9th minute and Althoff in the 39th minute, but the opposition would score three goals in the second half, putting them up 4-2. Archer scored his second goal of the game off an assist from

Althoff to pull the team within one at 4-3, but High Point was unable to come up with another tally. Senior Chris Michener had eight saves in his last game in goal. Seniors Kyle De Klerk, Kurtis Eckard, Richard Hanson and Gavin Moss

were all playing in their final game for HPU as well.

The men's cross country team climbed up to the number six in the Southeast Region in the United States Cross Country Coaches Association poll after earning its third-straight Big South Conference title.

The Panthers had four runners finish in the top six en route to winning another Conference title. Senior Derek Nakluski (25:07) placed first for HPU and third overall, and was followed by freshman David Freier (25:13), junior Bubba Hill (25:21) and freshman Joel Primus (25:27). Freshman

Matthias Ewender finished 12th, and sophomore Matt Goodale came in 13th.

Nakluski, Freier, Hill and Primus were all named to the Big South's All-Tournament team. Head coach Al Barnes was also named Coach of the Year in the

Big South Conference for the third year in a row.

The volleyball team lost a close match to rival UNC Asheville 3 games to

1 despite 22 kills from freshman Jamie Kaufman and 25 digs from senior Kim Anderson. Ashley Johnson had 12 kills in the game, while Lindsey Pickens added 19 kills and 12 digs and Michelle Feiser had 45 assists and 15 digs.

Anderson passed the 1,000 career dig mark

in the game, and improved her streak of matches with 10 or more digs to 37. The Panthers entered the conference tournament with a record of 17-16, 5-8 in the Big South—a vast improvement over recent years.



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CHRIS ARCHER

Women's basketball team among top Big South contenders as season opens

By Bethany Davoll
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team has been picked to finish second in the Big South this season, with four starters returning from last year's squad, two of whom were named to the all-conference team.

Captains Charlena "Shorty" Martin and Katie O'Dell were named Pre-Season All-Conference after earning the honor last year and look to carry the team deep in conference play.

Martin, who averaged 13.5 points per game to go along with 3.4 assists, uses an explosive dribble and quick first step to the hole to break down defenses at the point guard spot. Sophomore Katie Ralls will share time at the point position as well and likely start at the two-spot. Ralls' quick footwork will help out the Panthers, who are looking to press this year and play a quick, up-tempo game.

Three-guard Katie O'Dell worked over the summer on her defense, and it has showed so far in pre-season scrimmages and practices. O'Dell is planning to take smaller guards down into the post, where her trademark up-and-under move is the most potent. O'Dell was the leading scorer on the team last year, averaging 14.0 ppg, and has also shown deeper range from beyond the arc in play so far.

The third captain on the team, senior Emily Mills, will play a vital part on this year's squad, as one of the only post players with significant playing time. Mills' soft touch around the basket and shooting ability from as far out as the three-point line will play an important role in the offense this season, while the other post players hope to develop their roles in the lineup.

Sophomore Timberley Jones, who averaged 11.0 minutes per game last year, will be called on to step up and play more consistently for the Panthers. Jones averaged 1.03 blocks per game on the defensive end and has shown improvement around the basket on offense so far this season.

Junior Sarah Haak has also been working hard in the pre-season on offense and defense, and will look to use her 6'3" frame to bang around under the basket.

Tonya Tripp, a freshman last season, will sit out this year due to a knee injury suffered before practices began. Junior Amber Bryant returns this season after sitting out last year with a knee injury, and at 6'3" she will add valuable height to the lineup.

Two incoming freshmen will also vie for time at the post position, 6'0" Mary Tobin and 5'11" Amber Manual. Tobin, who displays good shooting range and soft hands, will see plenty of playing time if she can adapt quickly to the offense and defenses of the Panther system. Manual may be listed at 5'11" but she plays bigger, willing to bang under the boards and haul down big rebounds. Her ability on the boards will come in handy this year, as the Panthers were often out-rebounded against bigger teams last season.

Other returning players include Sophomore Candyce Sellars, senior Chan Ingram and Sophomore Erica Brockmyer. Sellars, coming off an injury last year that limited her to only the first four games of the season, has those who her saw her play excited about what she may bring to the program this year. Sellars plays all three guard positions and is an all-around player with a silky jumper, quick drive to the basket and tough defense.

Ingram will see playing time at the two and three spot and her ability to look up the floor and push the offense from the wing will fit in well with the up-tempo offense.

Brockmyer, a three-guard, is one of the most physical players on the team, and isn't afraid to sacrifice her body for a loose ball or to haul down a rebound. Her tough defense will earn her more playing minutes on the squad, along with an improved shooting range.

Freshman guard Raven Truslow rounds out the squad; she's a naturally athletic player with good ball-handling skills and shooting touch; she is working to improve her defense and learn the plays to become an important part of this year's squad.

The Panthers opened play against Greensboro College in an exhibition game at home this past Monday, and their first regular season home game is Nov. 22 against Queens.



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CHAN INGRAM

Women's soccer team ends season as Big South runners-up

By Lori DiSalvo-Walsh
Staff Writer

The women's soccer season ended after another trip to the final round of the Big South Conference Tournament. The Panthers finished with an 11-8-1 overall record and 4-4 Big South mark. High Point's efforts to repeat as conference champions should not go unheralded, however, because the Panthers fought hard through three games last Thursday through Saturday in Charleston, S.C.

The first round match-up against Liberty was expected to be a tough contest, and the Panthers took charge immediately to dominate the game and eventually netted three goals in the 54th, 55th and 56th minutes of play. The goals were scored by senior Carolyn Bader, junior Jen Evans and freshman Amy Anzovino. Evans and Anzovino both earned conference honors, Evans on the all-Big South first-team and Amy on the second team. Senior Lena Svensson made the Big South's All-Academic team, carrying a 3.88 grade point average in computer information systems throughout her athletic career at High Point University.

The semi-final match-up against UNC Asheville was guaranteed to be a physical conflict after the High Point Panthers defeated the Bulldogs in last year's Big South Tournament finals on penalty kicks. But the Panthers proved again that they wanted to win by taking command and putting in three goals in the first half scored by Jen Evans, Emily Lanham and Wendy Williams. UNC Asheville came out quick to score within the first two minutes of the second half, but it wasn't enough to fight off High Point. The Panthers advanced to the finals of the tournament with a 3-1 victory over Asheville.

"Our kids battled hard today. It was a tough, physical game and we hung in there. It was great to get a three-goal lead, but we knew it was not over. They scored a great goal in the second half and put a lot of pressure on us, but we hung in there. We continued to play our game,"

said Coach Tracie Foels.

High Point immediately began to prepare for their challenge against Birmingham Southern in the toughest match yet. After a long game concluding in 110 minutes of scoreless play, High Point would face penalty kicks in the Big South Conference Final for the second year in a row.

"We had our opportunities," Foels said. "Overall, we did outplay them, but the first 15 minutes were difficult for us. We got things together but couldn't finish." Even though the Panthers out-shot Birmingham Southern by twice as much, the game ended in an upsetting loss of 5-3 in penalty kicks. The game will be recorded as a tie, and the official score will go down as 0-0. The victory gives BSC its first Big South crown in any sport and the conference's automatic bid to the 2004 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship.

Carolyn Bader, Jen Evans and Emily Lanham were all named to the Big South Conference All-Tournament team. "I'm definitely proud of the girls," Foels said. "This was a great way to finish the season. They've got a lot to be happy about, even though obviously nobody's happy right now."

While High Point wrapped up its season in a displeasing fashion, the coach and players are still very proud of their achievements throughout the season and the tournament. The team looks forward to yet another year just as successful even though it must part with congratulations and farewells to seven seniors. Lena Svensson, Anni Svensson, Tanya Wolf, Jamie Burnham, Carolyn Bader and Lori DiSalvo-Walsh will be graduating in May, and Emily Lanham's last year of eligibility will have expired as she continues the pursuit of her master's degree, leaving the Panthers without several of their key players.

The women's soccer team wishes them all the best of luck in the future wherever it takes them and thanks the women for their contributions to High Point University over the years.