Math professor honored for service

Mathony 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.

Davids was 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 Rustus Mantle Clad\" to be performed Nov. 19-20

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

The plot centers around two female mipilots played by Christina Brierley and Karin 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. Karien Breitenbach directs the play in her senior seminar production.

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

The play, which was written by Terry Kroening, 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 Dance 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.

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Statistics about crime on campus revealed

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 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.\"

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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 raised the campus community, including Gart Evans, dean of students. Despite his background in police work, Evans said he was surprised 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 a student. He arranged alternate housing options for students who felt unsafe, he counseled members of Lambda Chi Alpha and he spoke to concerned parents.

Perhaps 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 responsibly at the party. If partying was more tolerated on campus, students 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 the downtown area. 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, leaving 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 an incident of the same nature.

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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 entire political season. In his concession speech, Kerry dismissed 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 some didn’t, after himself having participated 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 Bushit’s “outrageous intolerance” and “difficulty” is poised to replace science and compassion with faith and paranoia. With any debate show on cable news and it becomes apparent that this opinion isn’t limited to Maureen Dowd. The “red state” is viewed almost with disdain by many as hotbeds of intolerance, paranoia, and archeaic religion.

Republicans tend to make equally vicious arguments against the “blue states” and Democrats. Many conserv- atives view Democrats as “divisive,” liberal, and archaic religions. Following the election, many Republicans commentators, such as George Will and Sean Hannity, continued to deride the Demo- crats 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.

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The 2004 defeat of the Democrats was expected job growth and record-breaking fund-raising successes would all equal victory for the liberals.

Yet it is not difficult to see the breakdown of the nation; when viewing the re- cent election may, 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 de- bates. It is evident that only the 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 av- erage American. Perhaps another reason is the moral fabric of our na- tion. Exit polls indi- cated a major factor in his election’s turnout was moral values, and those voters chose Bush over Kerry.

Yet another reason may be the per- ception of the men themselves. The heart-
**Chivalry: still alive, or slain by the Feminists?**

By Rebecca Fleming  Staff Writer

"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 logic hanging in mid-air. 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 rousing "Da Duh," from the audience, let me say that a Southern Gentleman lived and breathed chivalry. He was chival- rying incarnate. Oh, wait, maybe the medi- eval knights of leg- end were chival- rying in- carne. So would that make the Southern Gentleman the last surviving knight? Eh, we’ll just say that they’re modern-day knights. Okay, there’s not very many of them left. Which is a major problem amount of chivalry is dead.

Anyone can recognize that as truth — all you have to do is look around. If chivalry were still the norm, would girls do half of what they do? How many knights in Arthurian legend ask a girl out and say: "Oh, dear, I feel faint because of you and your girlfriend" as justification? That reason- ing is just plain stupid! Or how many in- stances have you read about, or seen in a movie, where a Southern Gentleman spends all his time and energy avoiding his beloved? Is it just because he is a good man? No, this is all about women. Women are re- posed to be strong. And if women are strong, why do they need a protector-someone to look after them and ensure their well-being. Which is a knight to love, honor and cherish them as he’s taught to do, the ideal of drawing from her strength and inspira- tion. No modern woman wants that. Or does she?

Any given day I can point out girls who think and act of that lack of chivalry in this world by day, hey, I’m one of them. I have lost patience with guys asking me to "meet me halfway" and "this is my territory." 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) in "The Princess Bride" after being hooked to that really weird machine that sucked life out. I believe there are still surviving knights, like I believe there are still knights 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 to far to go in American society**

By Lauren Crouchman  Staff Writer

The Peterson case is indicative of a cultural problem. Isn’t the media’s sensationalism a waste of time and energy? Isn’t the media’s sensationalism a waste of time and energy? Isn’t the media’s sensationalism a waste of time and energy? Isn’t the media’s sensationalism a waste of time and energy? Isn’t the media’s sensationalism a waste of time and energy?

**Some people believe the Women’s Movement ended in 1991 with 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 moneymakers.**

The 90’s sort of job is to encourage and inspire, as well as to give women a stake in their families and society. Women should be involved in our world, not just picking up a new job 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 to make ends meet while their child is in a foster home? And what is the probability of a single woman, alone, being able to make ends meet.

"With all these achievements, what is wrong with women’s rights today? We should ask President Bush."
On Sept. 1, 2004, polls showed that Americans support adult stem cell research over embryonic stem cell research by 61 percent to 35 percent. Since then, that margin of support has narrowed to 57 percent to 40 percent. Despite this trend, many who are pro-life are against embryonic stem cell research because of its use of aborted fetuses. But I do not feel that stem cell research does any of these things or shows a sup-

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. For Ron a l Reagan’s son, a supporter of the re-

The debate will not doubt con-

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Staff Writer

"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 embryonic stem cells are promises.'" Dr. David Stevens, of the Christian Medical Association, said, "Adult stem cells are much closer to therapeutic application; embryonic stem cells [can grow] into tumors. Injected adult stem cells are better behaved."

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With regards to politics, here is my advice to the whole campus. Faculty, staff, students, conservatives, and moderates, please take political issues with good humor. You can be passionate and you can be controversial. I am a political junkie and, as you already know, I am very out-spoken about my political views. My lectures on these issues are very heated and passionate, especially when discussing issues with good humor. We need more politics with good humor. It is meaningful while you can, you may regret it when your time is up.

...But supporting the environment, a stronger economy and bettering social policy are a morally correct agenda.

By Shaun 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 swept aside by the candidates. 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 affordable and provide a better environment. The 2004 Democratic Platform for America says, "We have a plan to help our people grow strong, healthy families; securing quality health care; protecting our environment; and ensuring clean air and water." These are the defining causes of the Democratic Party. Liberals 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-

liberals 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 benefit 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-Christian to Christian values by law. People should have the freedom of choice, the choices of career, education, 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 choices to the people.

A final note to consider is that you do not have to support every belief of a political party to believe in it. If you do not agree with all of the principles of any party, therefore, you must decide which party you support based on the issues that you are concerned with, not on specific controversial issues.

Opinion

Jonathan Miller
Staff Writer

Discussion as an anti-American stance can become very heated and passionate, especially when discussing particular issues. 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 shout down your views 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 know that I really do not hate you. I just have strong opinions, feel very passionate about them, and don't always agree on how to resolve the debate.

Given what I have just said, I take the responsibility of 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 fence may think that I am merely trying to agitate them. I do know that when a controversial subject comes up, but the attempt is not to be a liberal. Just for example, our speaker we recently had on campus Daniel Flynn. He is a very controversial figure who discusses controversial political 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. Just like issues that are 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 cherish. That fundamental right is the cornerstone of our great nation. 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, the patterns of this great land, must make the commitment to listen with an open mind. We must not be a nation divided on political views easily. We need to have respect for another idea, but in the end realize that we must agree to disagree. I was disappointed by the actions of some of my liberal friends when they realized the oluşturul of the conservative philosopher Daniel Flynn's views. His views were not destroying the property of others and dignifying 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': the need for reconciliation.

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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 margin and has a significant number of Americans who refuse to believe there's anything wrong with their child (country), which is often a delusion. They manage to live in denial of that government's economic and social failures. Anyone who speaks out against these shortcomings is called a whiner and brushed aside.

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 strong and prosperous America. They merely disagree on how to obtain that ideal. Republicans and the Right are not whiners. 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 Shelley
Staff Writer

Why is the Left getting such a bad rap these days? It seems as if the re-election 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 the President as ruthless and ungrateful. There has been more hostility directed toward Leftists such as Daniel Flynn, Michael Moore, than some of the Right's more outspoken political pundits, such as Ann Coulter.

 I believe that everyone should have the freedom to express whatever views they have. Dissent has always been a necessary tool for maintaining a democracy, and because of this, it remains one of the country's most enduring 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.

It would be naive to describe the opposing perspectives of the Left and the Right as a very familiar one, child-hating, religious fundamentalists, who recognize the injustices of society, but at the same time, embrace the notion of working to change all that.

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Professor’s travels impact his religious, political views

By Megan Powers
Staff Writer

When Dr. Jean-Francois Llorens agreed to speak to the Journalism 1 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 revolve 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 America. A natural philosopher, he offers students insights on a large variety of topics, from creating their own lives in a country that he still does not know, to finding your way to a life that you can be in love with.

"I do think an incident of this gravity on campus was inevitable based on increasing security measures around campus," said Dr. Jean-Francois Llorens. "The long and short of it is, we can't prevent the violence on campus. "

As he said, "The whole campus is very reactive instead of proactive about a lot of things."

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Treating those problems from happening in the first place. The university doesn't care less if it looks bad. The minute it looks bad, it will do something." said Dr. Jean-Francois Llorens.

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"It was just a lot easier for me to go to the police and have police at every door checking IDs."

"I'm still here...I've been in places that doesn't care unconditionally for the victims."

"There should be a huge fence around campus: one way in, one way out."

"Maybe it's the solution that is needed."

"You have to have memories after that." Llorens' travels are not confined to his professional life. A natural philosopher, he offers students insights on a large variety of topics, from creating their own lives in a country that he still does not know, to finding your way to a life that you can be in love with.

"Our openness extends to our 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 that 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 other than his own, and lives in a country that he still does not call home, definitely believes that anything is strictly defined is inadequate.

"He has a skeptical perspective on politics. Asked about the then-upcoming election, he said, "If elections are actually just changing something, they would have been overturned a long time ago."

"He sees the election as part of a larger game, in which the 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.

"The voyage out of the country was not easy, but that being said still doesn't negate the fact that the crime can happen anywhere."

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MTV notables discuss importance of diversity

By Erin Sullivan
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Real World cast members Theo and Jamie tell students that going to college is very similar to being on the Real World or 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 diversity in the world is and how people typically 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 whoever 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 everyone to experience the mentally ill and people who have different skills, to understand their world.

Jamie and Theo both attended C.C. when they're not speaking at events across the country.

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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 HUNTER, 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 walkways located on 290 acres of land. Senior Audrey Meadows said she was apprehensive before entering Umstead and expected to confront chain link fences, bar 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 a lot 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 issues and likes. 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 mental to Cecil, she said the girl enjoyed the work because it allowed her to earn money for snacks and cigarettes. Umstead operates a store in the hospital and snack and drink machines for the patients who have earned their own money. The young counselor spoke with 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 many 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 sometime.

"The mission of John Umstead Hospital is not only to provide an inpatient facility, but also to restore these patients to their optimal level of functioning and return them to society."

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 Haywood Chapel and has been celebrated here for over 50 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 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 in Cambridge, England. The first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Christmas Eve, 1918, "The war was over, the people were in a mood of hope and a deep desire to continue this tradition by donating the money to the Angel Tree program of the Salvation Army for underprivileged children."

When the people of America don their Christmas sweaters and hoist their lanterns 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.
Favorite stories combined onstage in "Seussical" on Family Weekend

By Amanda Roberts
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"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 viscosity of the character.

Adam Troy exhibits the sensitivity and strength needed for Horton. As VeggieMcFuzz, Meg Knely shines with sweetness and perseverance. Mayzie (Brittany Suko) brings sass and speak 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 seemed a strange and effective juxtaposition of the somber colors of Horton and the glittering and 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 Holloran, as Mayor and Mrs. Mayor, feed off each other, acting as a perfect set of parents for JoJo (Karen Grimm). 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 Calp 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 Theodora Geisel/Dr. Seuss could want for a compilation of his books.

Cast performs brilliantly; set is magnificent and imaginative.

The costumes designed for the musical "Seussical" were bright and varied, providing a visual spectacle for the audience. The music, performed by the cast, was a mix of classical, contemporary, and even some rock and roll, keeping the audience engaged and entertained.

A&E Editor

Musical sampling finds perfection in a circle

By Lauren Croughan
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Pep
Vanessa Carlton-Harmattan
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 strage 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+

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 "Fail 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, you, 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.

Final Grade= D-

Heavy Metal
A Perfect Circle-c'MONIE

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 raps of John Lennon's "Imagine," Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On?" and Lalo Zeped's "When the Lovers Break." 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 Grammar

Hip-Hop/Rap
Trick Daddy-Hiphop Marrymore

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 beat, and basically, else was pure rap. Some of it was a bit harsh in lyrics and content, and the music was not that appealing. There were 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.

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

Unconventional storyline holds audience interest

By Sarah Gray  
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Filmmaker John Glazer strikes gold again with his eerie but handsome 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 talent for 'Birth.' The cast includes Nicole Kidman, Laura Linney, Danny Huston, 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 and he pleads with her not to get married. His desperate and relentless attempt to convince Anna that he is really her dead husband's twin 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 he 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, outlandish tale of romance, mortality and the supernatural. But the use of psychological suspense, sound and silence, Cameron Bright's acting keeps the mood somber 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 fully realized, smooth harmony with a deep, haunting bass that is reminiscent of impending drama. It also carries a light-hearted, childish hint that maintains the eerie mood.

"Birth" is spellbinding and heart-breaking. This film is constantly interesting if the real 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 contains Glazer's talent as a director. "Birth" has the perfect balance of logic and the supernatural that will keep you enchanted 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.

Action meets romance in 'Gangs of New York'

By Kathleen McLean  
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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 classic gangster tales 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 Nationals and the Dead Rabbits. The Native, 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 Vallen, played by Liam Neeson ("Star Wars: Episode IV"). During this bloody scene, Cutting kills Priest and forbids anyone to speak of the Dead Rabbit's deaths. 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 of his underlings. However, there are several obstacles in his way including one of the opposite sex.

Jenry Everdeane, played by Cameron Diaz ("Charlie's Angels"), is a girl pickpocket employed to allegating 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 prejudice, heartfelt desires, numerous fights and plots of revenge, there are the Civil War draft riots. This side plot 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 not popular 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 classic prejudice displayed by Day-Lewis, who shows how deliciously evil he can be. This movie has been on my Hitlister 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 figure out 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.
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 large part of Greek life

By Sylvia Harwood
Greek/Organization Editor

As the weather gets colder and Christmas cards begin to be fairly 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 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 events for their charities. The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha will be handing out from a giant see-saw for their philanthropy. 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 regularly invokes the idea of sports in their annual Shaverock 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.

There 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 events, keep in mind that other 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.

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 have been working on it for many, many lifetime memories. AOD would like to thank the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha for another awesome ’06 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 Socorority Mixer. This way system reaches 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 and good food. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break.

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 we even won, 2,000 to nothing, over the Republican party. Thank you to everyone who helped us out. Also, thanks to everyone who came 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.

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 athletic from High Point to receive this honor.

Other scorers for the team were Sumiyua Hunter, 13th; Melissa Caudill, 19th; Kala Robertson, 22nd; and Belinda Wilber, 23rd.

The men’s team defended their title for the third year in a row, said, “Our guys are certainly excited to win 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.

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

The Sisters of Phi Mu have had a very active semester and would like to thank all of those, mostly just our friends we’ve talked 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 who guilted us 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 despite some rumors, this money isn’t going to our best friend, but for the Children’s Miracle Network and the kids at Duke Hospital.

Our Christmas dance is quickly approaching and for those that are interested and you can’t decide between the big party and our dance, you would be missing out if you turn us down.
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 it fell short. Friday, Chris Arther 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 1-2 lead over USC off of goals from Arther in the 9th minute and Althoff in the 59th minute, but the opposition would score three goals in the second half, putting them up 4-2. Arther 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 Micheneh had eight saves in his last game in goal. Seniors Kyle De Klerk, Karra Eckard, Richard Hansen and Gavin Moon were all playing in their final game for HPU as well.

The men's cross country team climbed up to the number one in the South-east Region in the United States Country Coaches Associated rankings after earning its third-straight Big South Conference title.

The Panthers had four runners finish in the top six in route to winning another Conference title. Senior Derek Nakluksi (25:07) placed first for HPU and third overall, and was followed by freshman David Freier (25:13), junior Bobba Hill (25:21) and freshman Joel Primus (25:27). Freshman Matthias Emwender finished 12th, and freshmen Matt Goodale and Jordan Tramont took 3rd and 4th. Nakluksi, Freier, Hill and Primus were all named to the Big South All-Tournament team, and senior Charlena "Shorty" Martin was also named Co-captain 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, 3-2 despite 22 kills from freshman Jamie Kaufman and 25 digs from senior Kim Anderson. Sophomore Ashley Johnson had 12 kills in the game, while Lindsey Pickens added 19 kills and 12 digs and Michelle Feiler had 45 assists and 15 aces.

Anderson passed the 1,000 career dig mark in the game, and improved her streak of 12 straight games with 10 or more digs. The Panthers entered the conference tournament with a record of 17-6, 5-8 in the Big South, and was the closest team in most improvement ever since.

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. The goal was 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 semifinal 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, Jamie Burnham and璐ndy Williams. UNC Asheville came out quick to score within the first 15 minutes of the game on a goal by 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 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," Feels 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 in 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, though it must part with congratulations and farewells to seven seniors. Lena Svensson, Ammi Svensson, Emily Lanham, 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 them for their contributions to High Point University over the years.