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## WEEKEND SPORTS UPDATE

### Greensboro Vanquishes NC Wesleyan In Soccer Tourney Semi-Finals

*Bulletin: The men's soccer team received an at-large bid for the NCAA playoffs.*

Newport News, VA - Greensboro College did what no team could do throughout the regular season last Friday. The 3rd-seeded Pride defeated the North Carolina Wesleyan men's soccer team by a 2-1 score in the semifinal round of the 2006 USA South Conference Tournament. Eric Hatchett scored both goals for Greensboro, the second coming less than two minutes into the second overtime period. The loss was the first for the 2nd-seeded Bishops (15-1-2), who entered the game ranked #9 in the nation.

NC Wesleyan took the early lead in the 16th minute on Oz Otoo's 12th goal of the season. Hatchett, however, answered for the Pride with the equalizer at the 25:00 mark.

The game would remain tied at 1-1 over the next 76:13 until Hatchett again beat NCWC keeper Renato Corte in the 102nd minute.

Corte made eight saves in the match and suffered the first loss of his collegiate career. GC goalie Kurt Gardiner made four saves. The Pride out-shot the Bishops 14-11 in the match.

With two Bishops receiving red cards, Wesleyan was forced to play at least one man down for nearly 25 minutes and two men down for nearly eight minutes.

The Bishops had gone almost an entire calendar year without a loss, having last been defeated on November 5, 2005. Ironically, the loss came at the hands of Greensboro by the same score. The Pride downed Wesleyan in the championship game of last year's conference tournament, 2-1.

### Football Team Trounces Ferrum

Ferrum, VA - North Carolina Wesleyan collected over 500 yards in total offense on Saturday afternoon, downing USA South opponent Ferrum College by a 55-14 score on the road.

Quarterback Cedric Townsend threw for 166 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for another 94 yards and two TDs to lead the Blue & Gold to the lopsided win. NC Wesleyan is now 5-4 overall, 4-2 in league play. The five wins represent a school record.

NC Wesleyan generated 533 yards in offense, including 314 yards on the ground as eight Bishop ball carriers combined to average 8.5 yards per carry. Ferrum had 297 yards in offense, split between passing (124 yards) and rushing (173 yards).

The Bishops got on the board early on a 18-yard Townsend run. A failed PAT left NCWC in the lead at 6-0 just five minutes into the game. Ferrum responded with a 7-

yard drive, capped by a 7-yard run by Matthew Lucas. Clint Slappey's extra point gave the Panthers their first and only lead of the game, 7-6 with 6:20 remaining in the first quarter.

Coach Jack Ginn's team then reeled off 49 unanswered points to take a 55-7 lead late in the third quarter. Townsend found Teron Bush from 16 yards out to close the first-quarter scoring. Bryan Haywood and Shelton Leverette each had a touchdown run in the second quarter to make the score 27-7 at halftime.

The Bishops continued their domination in the third quarter as Townsend hit Mish Gilliam with a 35-yard scoring pass. Bush, Townsend and Haywood added TD runs before the end of the third quarter for the 55-7 lead.

Ferrum tallied the only score of the fourth quarter when Marcel Tucker bulldozed his way into the end zone from two yards out. Slappey's extra point made the final margin 55-14. Tucker had 83 yards rushing on 10 carries.

On the day, the Panthers turned the ball over four times. Ferrum QB Jermaine Pitts was 5-of-20 passing for 124 yards and an interception. Of the three Panther fumbles, two were recovered by the Bishops and converted into touchdowns.

### Sarah Ashworth Is New DSA

By Jessica Bowen  
Decree Managing Editor

NC Wesleyan's new director of student activities, Sarah Ashworth, hopes to get more students involved in campus life. The Maryland native is also the assistant lacrosse coach.

Ashworth hopes she can meet the standard of work upheld by the previous director of student activities, Gabe Raynor. "I want students to feel like they can come and talk to me," said Ashworth.

Ashworth intends to change the pessimistic approach to activities as well as show students that there are activities to do on campus, outside sports. In her position, she is in charge of keeping student programs coordinated and scheduled appropriately. Ashworth said that sometimes it is hard to keep students motivated to follow through with activities. "I want to get people motivated and provide diverse programs. I want students to have lots of choices and activities. I want students to feel that there is always something to do."

As far as changes in SGA, Ashworth wants to get student organization leaders to turn in paperwork efficiently and advertise for programs appropriately. She believes that a lack of advertising leads to fewer people showing up for the programs or students not showing a lot of interest. Ashworth has started

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Decree Photo by Roger Drake

Shanisha Barnes (center) as Ofelia—along with, from left, Cassandra Cale (Conchita), Edward Phillips (Santiago) and Ian Gagnon (Juan Julia)—is shown during the Theatre Department's successful production of "Anna in the Tropics" (Turn to page four for a review of the play as well as other recent arts events). Barnes was voted Homecoming Queen at the recent Homecoming Week festivities. Joining her in the court was king Quinton Dixon.

### Five NCWC Students Named to ODK Honor Society

By Decree Staff

Five NCWC students were invited to join Omicron Delta Kappa during the recent Founders' Day ceremonies.

The ODK Society, a national leadership honor society for college students, recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character. "Membership in Omicron Delta Kappa is a mark of highest distinction and honor," said Dr. Steve Ferebee, in announcing the new members.

The five students are:

• Kimla Brandt, junior, who is pursuing a double major in history and English, with a minor in psychology. The mother of five children ages 13-23 and the grandmother of one granddaughter, Brandt has served as an online tutor for the NCWC writing lab and as a supplemental instruction (SI) tutor for History Professor Richard L. Watson. A member of the NCWC Honors Program, Brandt hopes to attend graduate school, perhaps in church history.

"Knowing and working with Kimla Brandt has been one of the best experiences of my career," said Dr. Vivienne Anderson, professor of English. "Kimla has all the attributes of a fine scholar; she is fascinated by ideas, enjoys researching and learning new concepts, and possesses quick, clear reasoning skills. She is a joy to know, work and laugh with. Mother of five, grandmother of two-year-old Emma, this amazing lady is incomparable."

• Kelvin Clark, a junior history major. An avid musician, Clark plays guitar and has been president of the NCWC Music Club. Among his many other activities, he has been president of the Student Government Association (SGA), and he is a member of the Student African American Brotherhood and Phi Gamma Mu, the international honors society for social sciences. He has served as student ambassador for the College Admissions Office, where he worked with Karen Moss. "It's been a joy to work with Kelvin," Moss said. "He's very polite, very knowledgeable. The families always enjoy his tours. He's so involved in campus life, it's amazing that he does all that he does do and that he does it so effectively."

Dr. Jonathan Sarris noted that Clark is always a strong contributor in his history classes. "Kelvin is one of the

most energetic and intellectually curious students at Wesleyan," Dr. Sarris said. "In the classroom, his presence forces other students and professors to be at their best. He is a true asset to the campus."

• Shannon McGinnis, a senior English major. A commuter student from Rocky Mount, McGinnis said that she was surprised at the honor. "I didn't expect it," she said. "It's difficult for a commuter student to get into ODK. Because you're not on campus as much, it's hard to be involved in different organizations."

For her honors project, McGinnis is composing a non-fiction narrative about her mother, Lan, who was among the Vietnamese boat people, coming to the U.S. in 1981. After graduation, McGinnis plans to teach English in Japan and then attend graduate school.

McGinnis has gained a reputation as a superior scholar and student. Dr. Ferebee, her honors project director, had this to say about her work in the classroom: "Shannon is quiet, but such a conscientious and excellent student that she becomes a role model in every one of her classes." Added Dr. Fred Grissom, director of the honors program: "I wish

### Fight the Flu

By Christine Werfelman  
Decree Assistant Managing Editor

The flu season is here again. Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches and fatigue. Holly Fairley, Wellness Center nurse, says there isn't a medicine that can cure the flu but there are preventive measures that can help avert the miserable sickness.

If you do get the flu, the best thing you can do is stay home and rest. Fairley mentioned that drinking plenty of fluids, avoiding alcohol and tobacco and taking medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) may help reduce fever and muscle aches.

According to Fairley, washing hands is a simple yet effective step you can take to help prevent the spread of flu. She noted that touching and rubbing your eyes, nose and mouth, and shaking hands can cause illness to spread. "Cough into your elbow or some type of fabric," Fairley stressed. Coughing into your elbow won't prevent you from getting the flu but it may stop others from getting it.

For more information about the flu and other health matters, Fairley invites students to visit the Wellness Center.

we could clone her."

• Chris Ochoa, a junior with a double major in English and justice studies. He has played quarterback on the Bishops football team. He is the current junior class president and the secretary/SGA representative for the college's chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Last year he was named the outstanding sophomore leader for his service work at NCWC.

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### Martha Proctor Wins 2006 Distinguished Staff Award

By Decree Staff

Martha Proctor, administrative assistant in the Athletics Department, was named recipient of the college's Distinguished Staff Award at the recent Founders' Day ceremonies.

Belinda Faulkner, vice president of Finance and Administration, expressed the sentiments of many in the NC Wesleyan community in characterizing Proctor. "Although I rarely work directly with Martha," she said, "I feel like I know her well, and I suspect everyone on campus feels the same way about her. She is professional, dedicated, compassionate, and pleasant. There is almost a visible wake of cheerfulness wherever she has been as she makes her way across campus."

A five-year veteran of NC Wesleyan, Proctor performs a wide range of duties for the athletes, coaches, and staff involved in the college's 13 intercollegiate sports. According to Athletic Director John Thompson, she handles each duty with the utmost care.

"Martha's work encompasses everything from our staff's Attitude to assisting with recruits from Zambia," Thompson said. "She is diligent, committed, concerned, and the ultimate professional. She is diplomatic, strong, capable, and caring. She handles every assignment given her with tremendous attention to detail and treats each assignment with urgency. She is invaluable."

Other coaches, athletes and fellow staff members heaped praise on Proctor.

"Martha is a very caring individual," said baseball coach Charlie Long. "She is constantly putting others first. She stands out because she is always, and I mean always, pleasant. She greets everyone with a smile and really brightens your day.

She is one of the best character people I have ever been around. She is a great role model for all of the coaches."

According to Liana Poyer, a member of the Bishops volleyball team, Proctor's hard work and caring attitude touch the student-athletes as well. "Mrs. Proctor is a wonderful woman, who has been an inspiration and blessing to me over this past year that I have known her," Poyer said.

Sports Information Director Rikki Rich, a newcomer to the department, said that Proctor helped smooth the transition into her new position.

"Any time you join a new staff, as I did in July of '05, there are inevitable worries and anxieties," Rich said, "Fortunately, mine were short-lived because of Martha. She welcomed me and made me feel at home from Day One, answering any and all questions I may have had. That same warmth that she gave me is the same warmth she spreads around campus, which is what makes Martha so deserving of this award."



Martha Proctor