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## Editorial Viewpoint

### Ah, it's Spring again...umm, not quite.

Greetings, and welcome back to Seahawk-land for another fun-filled semester.

The name of the semester, judging by recent temperatures, is a bit of a misnomer though. Sure, spring semester ends during springtime, we at the Seahawk are certainly not fooled right now. It's been just a tad chilly lately, that kind of chill that makes us dread going outdoors on most days, and, perhaps even more frustratingly, there's been no snow to go along with it. C'mon, weather, either snow or warm up already!

At least one decision has been made on something lately: the elections are history. And whether we agree or disagree with who was chosen to be the nation's new president, at least we were able to avoid this becoming a serious Constitutional crisis. But the writing's on the wall - this nation needs to take a good, hard look at the way it elects its leaders.

Speaking of leaders, UNCW's Marine Science community lost one of its great figures over the vacation with

the passing of Dr. Gregory Lindquist. By all accounts, he was a driving force in bringing the Marine Science program to the prestige it enjoys today.

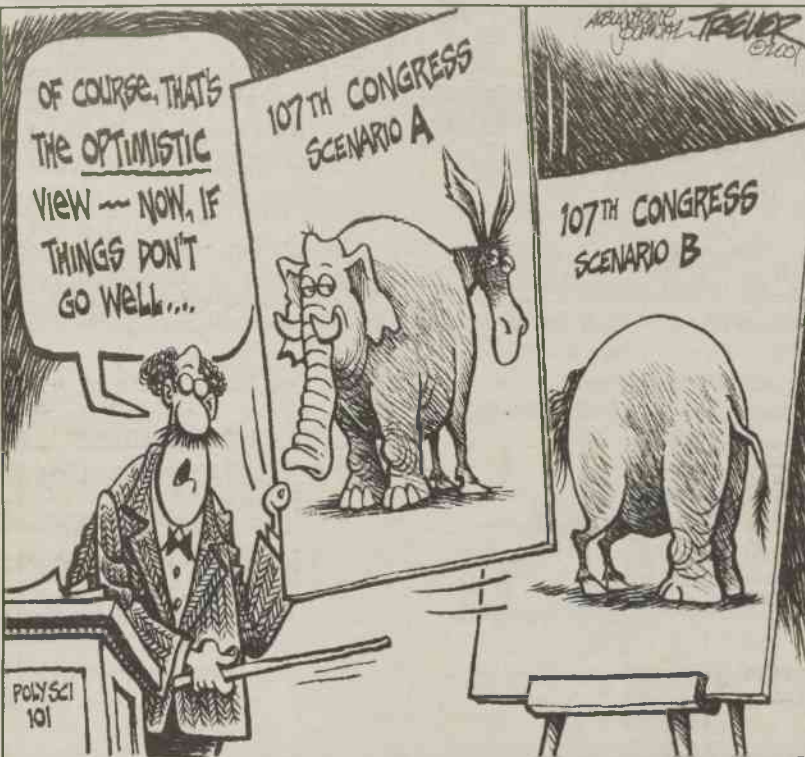
In other prestigious events, Coach Jerry Wainwright earned his 100<sup>th</sup> victory on Jan. 2 over Radford. Congratulations to the coach and the team, and regrets to the team that really lost out - the San Antonio Spurs, the coaching staff of which Wainwright declined an opportunity to join last summer in favor of leading the CAA champs again.

And as for the *Seahawk*, we're here to cover it all for you. We'll be adding more features and photos as this semester progresses, as well as a completely redesigned, top-of-the-line website to be launched in the next few weeks (and yes, this will be permanent and updated almost daily). We hope you'll be impressed, and certainly invite all readers to submit story ideas, letters, comments and, yes, criticism.

Welcome back, stay warm, and stay with us for the information that matters to you.

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