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## Bobbitts Partake in Sexual Vigilantism

By Jeff Lang

Lorena Bobbitt severed the penis of her husband, John Bobbitt, with a kitchen knife last summer, on June 25, 1993, in Miami, Florida.

Bobbitt's worst nightmare came true when he realized that his immigrant wife had emasculated him. After the act, she grabbed his penis and her purse, jumped in the family car and drove out of town, tossing his penis into a desolate field. Later Bobbitt's penis was retrieved by a police officer in time to be successfully sewn back on to Bobbitt's body.

Last month, the Bobbitts went to court. Bobbitt charged his wife with malicious assault and mutilation. Bobbitt's wife counter-charged Bobbitt with rape and assault. She contended that Mr. Bobbitt had continually raped and beaten her throughout their marriage. He vigorously denied her charges.

Despite Mrs. Bobbitt's history of a "hot temper", along with allegations of embezzlement, shoplifting, and stealing, she was acquitted. Bobbitt, who many thought seemed a

## Lewis and Lundblad Emphasize Feminine Topics

By Daniell Hartness

The focus goes to women as Women's Issue Meetings and Contemporary Women writer classes have been made available to M-AC Students.

Dr. Tisa Lewis, Human Development and Christian Education Professor, led up the Women's Issue Meetings. These meetings are held every other week in the conference room of the Belk Campus Center. The times are posted before each meeting. This group is more of a support group, and it is actually open to anyone, not just women.

## Nursing Home Ministry Inactive

By Joyce Downs

This semester M-AC is looking to get more students involved in the heart warming Nursing Home Ministry that has lit the faces of many feeble and despondent elderly people confined to a nursing home.

Nursing Home Visitation Coordinator Jeff Lang explains that what the ministry intends to do is to brighten the nursing home residents by conversing and singing hymns with them. According to Lang, the ministry began in December of 1992 when a group of M-AC students went Christmas Carolling around town. It was then expanded in January 1993 and throughout last semester. This semester however, the ministry is not currently active because of the lack of student interest. The ministry could get started only "if we could find a

## Students Rewarded for Academic Excellence

By Kerle Peterson

Students received honorable recognition at Chapel last week, January 28, 1994, when the seventeen Distinguished Scholars and the thirty-seven Dean's List Recipients were officially announced.

Last semester's number of students to qualify has increased from semesters past. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Don King attributed the higher number of students that qualified to M-AC's ability to attract a "better quality of student academically and stronger students follow through to performance." Chad Buus, a transfer student from Florida State University, attributed his success to the teachers,

"Being a full-time student, and a full-time worker with a family, is tough at times, but with the smaller number of students per classroom, it is easier to achieve a more personal relationship with the teachers and that allows for better learning and higher success."

Students must work rigorously to be a recipient of one of these notable awards, and must fulfill the guidelines outlined in the student handbook, this includes earning a 3.9 or above quality point average (QPA), for the Distinguished Scholar List and at least a 3.5 QPA for the Dean's List for the semester.

The recognition of student achievement is important to the stu-

dents. Joy Stumph, a transfer student from Jacksonville, Florida, expressed "I have been on other Dean's Lists and President's Lists and all we received was a letter. It is nice to be recognized by your peers." Senior Kim Trapnell agreed, "It is always nice to have your efforts rewarded."

The students are proud of their achievements and Misty Varulo, a transfer student from Gilford College, added, "After four years of getting B's and C's, it feels good to finally get a 3.7."

With the challenge and encouragement from the teachers and the motivation of the students, it appears as if M-AC's academic standards are on the rise.

comedians to news reporters, Senior Justin Ramb indicted the spectacle, "I think the case is an exploitation of a society that is looking for sensationalism, not realism."

Regarding the verdict, question of guilt, innocence, and just recompense for the alleged crimes, students remained divided. Howerton R.A. Karl Schlesler declared, "She should not have been acquitted. I think she should have something cut off."

There seems to be a general consensus among males that perhaps

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## Women's Issues Meetings and Women Writer's Class Provided

group of people are afforded the ability to learn about their heritage, I am not threatened by the pursuit of true knowledge at all," remarked freshman Scott Bowers, when asked how he felt about meetings and classes set aside for women's studies.

Bonnie Lundblad, English Professor, explained that as a college community, we need to take a look at world literature.

She continued, stressing the point, "just as we have a World History class, World Literature can give students an opportunity to read authors that may not be exposed in other courses. I try to include an exposure to literatures from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In the same way, we must look at contemporary women writers - both are ways of filling the gaps."

## Groundhog Scared by Shadow...

By Daniell Hartness

There will be six more weeks of chilling winter, according to the groundhog from Puxatawney, Pennsylvania. Early morning on February 2, as the sun was rising and peering over the horizon, the groundhog emerged from a deep hibernation only to see his shadow. He then returned to his winter home for six more weeks of intense sleep.

If the groundhog would have awakened to a cloudy day, he would not have seen his shadow, thus signaling an early spring.

When asked what kind of validity should be given to the holiday, student Philip Lomac gave it a lot of merit, "Yes, it is true." Freshman Christy Hough voiced this when asked what she thought of the observance of Groundhog's Day, "It was a great movie, but seriously, I wish he would have not seen his shadow, because I have seen enough snow to last me for the rest of my life."

## Winter Attire Still Required