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## Forstchen, Gingrich Anticipate "1945"

by Amy R. Buckner

Professor of History Dr. Bill Forstchen and Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich anticipate the June 28th release of their military adventure novel "1945".

The idea for the book began with Gingrich. In February of 1994, Forstchen's publisher sent him to meet with Gingrich. According to Forstchen, he and Gingrich hit it off immediately and agreed on a co-authorship of the book.

The thrust of the novel is a "what if" situation in which World War II never occurred.

Hitler discovers the Manhattan Project the US is conducting to build the atomic

bomb and launches a plot to destroy Manhattan.

"1945" has received a fair share of press with segments featured on "Hard Copy" as well as "Entertainment Tonight". According to Forstchen, every major network as well as several publications have overwhelmed him with phone calls and interview requests. Speaker Gingrich has also received a barrage of press. In late April of last year the House Ethics Committee reviewed the contract process involving the book.

Forstchen expressed, "Too much attention is being placed on the sexual aspect of the book and unfortunately it is distracting from everything else. This book is alternate his-

tory. Sex consists of about 300 words out of 120,000 so if people want excitement they should read Sports Illustrated instead. It is a Tom Clancy type book."

Forstchen stated, "I think Newt has received unfair press. I've also experienced the unfairness directly. The press tries to lead you into inappropriate quotes. The media is liberally biased and they are not interested in the truth."

According to Forstchen, the Democrats have launched a smear campaign against Gingrich regarding the book because there is not anything bad to say about him.

Forstchen exclaimed, "Who the Hell are they anyway? They are a bunch of hypocrites."

## Student Apathy Results in Unopposed Elections

by M. Janie King

Results of the Student Government Association elections will be posted today by the election committee. Campaigning has been going on for the last two weeks with speeches held last Tuesday, April 11.

Running for executive offices in SGA were Karis Boyer (presently SGA vice-president) for President; Junior Scott Bowers and international student Bob Kerich for Vice-President; Aaron Ship for Secretary/Treasurer and Queen Musengwa for Student Activities Chair. Julie Parkerson ran for the off-campus representative.

Candidates for class Presidents are Heath Peek for Senior Class, Amy Parsley for Junior Class Representative and Antwan Phelps challenging Chris Howard for the Sophomore office.

Judicial candidates included Maura Buus for Senior Associate justice. Chris Baltzinger for Judicial Council Chair and Terrence Johnson for Sophomore Honor Court Representative.

A problem that Elections Committee Chair Boyer found is a problem that has been common for the past two years. She exclaimed in her speech of Tuesday, "I've had to search for people to run for these elections. Most people are running unopposed. We need people to run against us!"

Jeff Reardon, Senior class President

agrees. "In the elections my Freshman year, the competition was fierce. No one ran unopposed. People need to understand if they want changes to take place in this school, they need to stand up for what they believe. The best way to do that is through SGA."

Junior Scott Bowers, one of the few candidates running opposed, stated, "I believe that the competition helps the candidates take everything more seriously. It's definitely good."

Since karis boyer is running for an SGA position she has turned over the counting of votes to last year's Election Committee Chair, Janie King.

## Blue Ribbons Alert Students to Abuse

by Melissa Brown

Last year in North Carolina alone 94,146 children were abused. Since the Greybeard Players' spring production *Fortress* deals with abuse, Alpha Psi Omega will be distributing blue ribbons for students to wear during the month of April to help increase awareness of child abuse on campus.

Assistant Professor of English of Communications and Director of *Fortress* Brian Fuller will briefly discuss the ribbons' significance and how child abuse prevention relates to *Fortress*' themes.

## Honor Students Take Atlanta

*King, Reardon Present Papers at National Conference*

by Zola M. Griffin

Students in Montreat's Honor Society, Alpha Chi, attended the 1995 National Convention in Atlanta, GA on April 6-8, accompanied by Alpha Chi sponsor, Dr. Risher.

Students in attendance were Seniors Angela Berry, M. Janie King, Jeff Reardon, Joy Stumph, and Mark Wright. Close to 1000 students were present at the Convention from chapters as far away as Alaska and Hawaii.

Attendees had a chance to attend business sessions, exhibits and displays of art and

memorabilia, and discussions about differing aspects of the Alpha Chi Society. Students heard an address by Leon Harris, CNN "Morning News" Anchor, entitled "So You Want to Succeed: Who Doesn't?" in which he discussed how he came to be a CNN reporter.

Another large aspect of the convention was student presentations. In this segment of the convention, members had the opportunity to hear presentations from their colleagues in several disciplines, from philosophy to technology/mathematics.

Reardon and King represented Montreat and the North Carolina Tau chapter. Reardon's presentation in the field of English, called "American Pic," was in the form of a short story interacting with lyrics from the song by Don McLaine of the same name. King gave a presentation called "Voices of Terror: Multiple Personality Disorder" in the psychology/sociology realm.

The students experienced an enjoyable and educational convention. However, some students saw the event as a travel opportunity. SGA President Wright explained: "We spent more time wandering the city of Atlanta than at the convention."

English Communications major King disagreed: "They set up the convention so that each individual group had time to really get to know each other."

## Reid, Senior Class Honor Professors

by John Langer

On Wednesday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Howerton cafeteria, the Senior class sponsor the "annual teacher appreciation" dinner. The dinner will depart from tradition with only one speaker Environmental Science major Senior Ann-Luise Reid as the main speaker.

Janie King Vice-President of the Senior class exclaimed "I am really excited about it because it is going to be different".

President of the Senior class, Jeff Reardon, stated "There will be a surprise" this year.

The Senior class has also reinstated the "teacher of the year" award. The award is given to the professor which is voted most

deserving by the entire student body. A professor can only win the award four years in a row, however since the award remained dormant last year all professors start with a "clean slate" and all are eligible to win.

During this time, the Senior class will present a gift to the professors, a financial donation to a charity National Hydrocephalus Spina Bifida Foundation. Kevin Hord assisted the Senior class in contacting outside sources. The amount raised for the donation will be approximately four hundred dollars.

King and Reardon have worked at making the dinner move more quickly and be less tedious for all who attend. All are invited to attend the dinner.