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## Stewart Chews Way to Crown

By Kortney Blythe

In a male beauty contest parody, Andrew Baird, Drew Stewart, Jazz Cathcart, and George White flaunted their cleverness and charm to impress a panel of faculty and staff judges and entertain the students.

To kick off the February 12, King of Hearts competition, the judges strutted into Gaither Chapel as Blues Brother Sandra Owen, Bob "Elvis" Graham, child prodigy Carol McMahon, and golfer Ed Garrett.

The contestants, on the other hand, paraded in as Andrew the pimp, Super Jazz a.k.a. "Black Man," Drew the motorcycle-driving Alabama redneck, and George masked as the boxing homestarrunner.com character, Strong Bad.

Last year's king, Matt Cheezem hosted as the main character Leon Phelps from the movie The Ladies Man. Cheezem incited laughs by continuously and lightheartedly ragging on last year's runner-up Jeff

Walkcr.

In the first competition, the swimsuit, the competitors displayed their best beach attire. Jenn Burdette cited "George's glow-in-the-dark abs," as her favorite part.

Next, the competitors strutted their stuff in the talent category. Cathcart played a video he had created,

Stewart grossed out the audience with his "Cooking with Cope" (Cope is short for Copenhagen© chewing tobacco). He concocted three different recipes blending Copenhagen© with peanut butter, corn flakes, and milk. When his last concoction, a Cope milkshake, slopped all over the stage, Stewart remained in character and licked it off the carpet.

Many students cited White's talent as their favorite. The homestarrunner.com Web site increasingly fills students computer screens on campus. White continued with the HomestarRunner theme and conducted a mock session of Strong

Bad e-mails.

The first E-mail requested a demonstration on "How to be Emo." White's assistants, Phil Duvall and John Laughter, dragged freshman Nathan Thomas on stage bound in a sleeping bag. Duvall and Laughter released Thomas from the sleeping bag after splintering a stick over his back.

White's definition of an "Emo" person was exemplified in Thomas: "a dorky white guy with tight pants, a band T-shirt, a sweater, a retro leather jacket, and an array of Chuck Taylor shoes to choose from."

One of the judges, Bob Graham, asserts, "It's hard to translate an animated character into real life. I had heard of the Web site, but I wasn't really familiar with [Strong Bad]." Students attribute White's



Contestants Jazz Cathcart, Drew Stewart, George White & Andrew Baird vied for votes.

last place ranking to this confusion. Graham jokingly added, "Personally, I thought he had a big head."

The judges partook in the rebel-

lious atmosphere through the Question and Answer segment. They launched it by posing the question,

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## Brevardian Crumbles Montreat Gate

By Kortney Blythe

36-year-old David Kirby careened into the landmark Montreat gate at 9:15 p.m. on Valentine's Day while attempting to navigate the slippery roads.

Kirby is director of bands at Brevard College and was returning home from a conference when he collided into the arches.

According to the police report filed by Officer Phyllis Comrie, Kirby was headed south on Assembly drive when, "he missed judged the entrance to the gate applied his brake and his car slid into the middle abut-

ment."

The crash crumpled Kirby's 1994 Saturn leaving it undriveable and causing an estimated \$6,500 of damage to the car, mainly to the left front side.

Officer Comrie reported Kirby's statement: "he did not realize how close he was until he was right on the entrance." Rain and dusk may have added to his visibility and perception hindrance.

The police report stated that the vehicle smashed into the gate at 30

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The Montreat gate abutment suffered serious damage in February 14 late-night accident.

By Lyndsay Mayer

The National Geographic Society polled 18-24 year olds in nine countries on their "geographical literacy," ("From the President," National Geographic, Jan. 2003). Only 13% of Americans were capable of identifying Iraq on a map and only 23% correctly "named four countries with nuclear weapons."

The week in review: a breakdown of the showdown

Saturday, 15 Feb. saw millions of people world-wide take to the streets in protest of the Bush Administration's decision to employ military intervention in Iraq. 200,000 in Sydney, 100,000 in San Francisco, and even a few hundred in Asheville joined to announce their disapproval. Smaller groups gathered to quietly show their support of Bush's efforts, with signs reading, "war is bad, evil is worse" (MSNBC.com).

Also over the weekend, five Bahraini men were arrested for attempted terrorist attacks on American citizens stationed in Bahrain, home to the Navy's 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet. Bahrain has remained an ally to the U.S. since the Gulf War, but security has remained high after the 2000 attack on the USS Cole in Yemen, which took the lives of 17 American sailors.

NATO is comprised of 19 allies, and all decisions must be unanimous. Last week, Germany, Belgium and France opposed NATO protection of Turkey, who has consented to allowing U.S. troops to station themselves in Turkey in exchange for NATO protection. Turkey is a valuable ally, as it bor-

ders Iraq to the north. On the evening of Sunday, 16 Feb., France was the only remaining opponent to the bolstering of Turkish borders. NATO decided to override France's vote and approved the motion. NATO Secretary-General George Robertson was quick to comment, "These decisions are purely for the defense of Turkey," he said. "This is not a step toward war." (CNN.com)

As of 17 Feb. France is joined by Germany, Belgium, Luxemburg, Greece and Austria in the stand against Bush's decision to resort to military intervention with Iraq. The UK, Spain, Italy, Denmark and the Netherlands are in support of US plans to invade. Ireland, Sweden, Finland and Portugal have not made

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## International Affairs Heat Up

## Students Retreat Into Catacombs

By Erin Maguire

About thirty students crowd together on Gaither stage every Wednesday at 10 p.m. to confide in Christ and flee into the freedom of worship at Catacombs.

The word catacombs ventures back to the days of ancient Rome. The catacombs served as an underground place of eternal rest for the dead. Christians retreated to the catacombs to avoid persecution.

The flickering light of candles circling the group provides a soothing calm atmosphere where students can

experience personal worship alongside one another. Some sway. Others rise and raise their hands. Some sit and sing while others wait for the next song they know better.

"We decided to start a worship service here at Montreat. We had heard stories from other colleges of night services where students just take a break from school, homework and all the stuff we deal with during the day. It's a time to seek after God and also a time to hold each other up in prayer, encouragement and as bros and sis

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### Verse of the Week:

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek,*

Romans 1:16  
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