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Professor is recipient of Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. David Bergen, associate professor of human relations, has been honored with the 2003 Distinguished Scholar Award from the North Carolina College Personnel Association.

The award annually recognizes someone who is involved with a North Carolina college or university and has made significant contributions through scholarly writing, research, teaching and service. In addition to teaching, Bergen directs High Point's Internship Program and coordinates the human relations major. He was also involved in creating the North Carolina Journal of College Student Development.

"I'm shocked," Bergen said. "Many of the past honorees have very strong national reputations. I am humbled that my peers would honor me with this award."

Don't miss variety of Christmas festivities

The university's choirs will present a Christmas concert on Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. The Chapel Choir, University Singers and Toccato Tones will all perform. The concert will be held in Hayworth Fine Arts Center and is free to everyone. The choirs are under the direction of Dr. Billy Summers and are accompanied by Marcia Dills.

The annual Christmas dinner will be Dec. 8 in the Panther Commons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

On Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., the campus will observe Christmas with the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols in Hayworth Chapel. The service is based on the traditions of King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England.

Following this event will be the lighting of the Christmas tree at 7 p.m. on the Smith Library Concourse.

On Dec. 11, "A Christmas Carol" will be performed at the High Point Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets to see this Dickens classic are free and may be secured in 212 Slane Center. For students requiring transportation, a bus will depart Slane Center at 7:20 p.m.

Women's soccer team wins Big South, faces notable UNC players

By Craig Grunwald
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team recently experienced the greatest honor and biggest challenge in its history.

After a spectacular victory in the Big South Conference championship game, the Lady Panthers had to deal with the University of North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA I National Tournament. The Tar Heel program is not only the most dominant in the history of college soccer, but perhaps the most powerful program in the annals of college sports. Since 1981, The Tar Heel women have won 17 national championships, and nine of the players on this year's U.S. national women's team are current or former Tar Heels.

The Tar Heels entered the first round

of the tournament with a 22-0-0 record in the regular season and were ready to face their first challengers, the Lady Panthers. The Panther women were making their first appearance in the national tournament.



They were also the first HPU women's athletic team to qualify for a national tournament game.

The Lady Panthers had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Unfortunately, UNC defeated HPU 8-0, but the loss hasn't put a damper on HPU's season. Carolyn Bader, a junior from Columbus, Ga., says she felt overwhelmed but also honored to compete against players who, a few weeks before,

she had seen on television playing in the women's World Cup.

"We were there regardless of what happened," explained Bader, "and we know we can make it there again." Sophomore Jen Evans, from Sewell, N.J., is upset that the season is over but proud of her team for having the chance to take on the best team in the nation.

Evans said, "We knew we had the opportunity to pull off a great upset. Even though we lost, now we know how it goes. We're experienced, and next year maybe we'll go to the second round or further."

The first goal of the game was scored by Catherine Reddick and the second was assisted by Lindsay Tarpley, both members of the current U.S. Women's team. When asked what strategy she took when

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Men's cross country tops Big South again

By Jared Prunty
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, High Point's men's cross country team is tops in the Big South.

The Panthers won the 2003 Big South Men's Cross Country Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"I'm so proud of these guys," said High Point head coach Al Barnes, who repeated as Big South Coach of the Year. "It's always hard to repeat — you've got that bull's-eye on your back and sometimes it's hard to get motivated. That wasn't a problem for our group. They were fired up and focused."

Jeff Fairman (25:53.99/4th), Bubba Hill (26:23.76/6th) and Derek Nakluski (26:38.97/9th) all earned All-Big South honors, while Kyle Lounsbury earned Big South Freshman of the Year honors following a 12th-place finish.

Chris Pereschuk took 14th and effectively gave the Panthers the title as the fifth scoring finisher.

Other HPU finishers were Taylor

Milne (18th), Mike Salamone (28th), Jon Renner (39th), Eric Martinez (40th) and Niran Pillay (61st).

HPU (45) topped Liberty (69), host Coastal Carolina (96) and UNC Asheville (107) en route to the crown. Other team scores were Radford (127), Winthrop (131), VMI (170), Birmingham-Southern (183) and Charleston Southern (273).



"If you look at the results, Coastal and Liberty were pretty even with our first three runners, so Chris and Kyle were the difference," Barnes said. "That's the blessing of having good depth."

The championship is High Point's third Big South title in the past two seasons (joining the 2002 men's cross country and 2003 men's tennis teams).

On Nov. 15, High Point's men's cross country team took 12th and HPU's women's squad finished 19th at the NCAA Southeast Cross Country Regionals at East Carolina University's Lake Kristi.

Jeff Fairman was the top finisher for the Panthers, taking 26th with a time of 30:59.6 in a star-studded field

Taking care can aid community in preventing crime

By Kathleen McLean
Staff Writer

Statistics indicate that High Point University had a low crime rate in 2002.

Last year there were 27 cases of larceny, 17 burglaries and three motor vehicle thefts.

Director of Safety and Security Robert Clark is in charge of all university vehicles, parking regulations and enforcement and the safety inspection of all buildings. There are lights covering the campus and emergency call boxes at key locations. The dorms are locked at all times and have silent alarms monitored by hired alarm companies. All buildings are equipped with fire alarms, fire extinguishers and burglar alarms. However, Clark said that most crimes committed on campus are those of opportunity because students forget to lock their cars or dorms and leave valuable items in plain sight.

Senior Andriy Shevtsov is a security officer who responds to emergency calls, which are mostly break-ins into cars and disturbances in dorms. He said, "Students should lock their cars and roll up their windows because failure to do so is a common cause of theft."

Last year, sophomore James

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'The Source' offers new forum for voicing views

Staff Editorial

Webster defines a university as "an institution for instruction in science and literature, etc." Let's face it: The crucial part of university learning is probably found under the "etc." category. Science and literature only begin to scratch the surface of what is being accomplished here. University learning is about researching various opinions and beliefs enough to either defend or reject our own. As part of this, a university should promote the exchange of ideas from all different types of people.

With that being said, it should be known that the staff of the Chronicle welcomes additional forums for free thinking. A new underground publication, known as the Source, has added to the limited media coverage within the university.

After only one issue, it is hardly fair to critique the Source and its contributors. It is unknown what the future may bring for the publication. But hopefully, the Source will seek and maintain credibility while enlivening debate on campus. The very announcement of the Source has sparked conversations about journalistic ethics and standards such as anonymity and the right to edit contributors' work. And we all know how healthy and invigorating debate can be.

The creative minds behind the Source should be commended for using what is assumed to be scarce resources to design, publicize and print their brainchild. Very few students would go to such lengths. The feedback to the idea

is proving that a new publication could be fresh and welcome.

The Chronicle is a relatively small animal, with a minimal staff and limited space to work with. In general, 12 pages of news, opinion and campus updates are published monthly. There is certainly room for further media coverage on a campus that is crawling with active, fascinating and opinionated people. Though a fierce competition between the Chronicle and the Source might make for the drama that entertaining daytime television is made of, let's be realistic. No sales, and therefore no dollar figures, are on the line here; both are free publications.

Despite its limitations, the Chronicle tries to represent the entire campus community by welcoming a variety of news coverage and editorial opinions. The staff only asks that issues be covered responsibly.

The Source brings a great opportunity to address important topics. This is a chance to increase awareness and get people informed. Hopefully, the editors of the Source will work toward positive change on campus.

For those of you that feel that your thoughts would be better represented in an underground fashion, the Source might be right for you. If you hate having your work edited and wish to remain anonymous in your opinions, go to the Source. The entire campus will be reading. Just keep reading and contributing to the Chronicle, too. With multiple campus publications, the possibilities are endless.

Hospitality deserves responses

To the Editor:

I hope you will permit me to direct a few observations to the international students who are with us this year. We are truly fortunate to have them with us on campus, and I hope we have made that clear to all of them.

One of the ways in which we try to welcome students from other countries is to extend to them our hospitality, in particular through the international welcoming dinner, the Thanksgiving meal and the fall picnic at the home of Dr. Barbara Mascali. I'm sure that all our international students can appreciate the time and effort that these meals represent, and I hope that they all will express their gratitude by enthusiastically attending them.

A particularly American courtesy is the obligation to respond to a formal invitation and to actually be present when someone has indicated that he or she will attend a function. To fail to do this suggests that such hospitality is not important, and it also disappoints and offends those who work hard to make our international students feel welcome at the University.

I also hope that our students, both international and American, will support and participate in the events sponsored by the International Club, a campus organization that also strives to support students from abroad and encourage the intercultural exchange of ideas and values.

Dr. Susan Linker
Associate Professor of Spanish

Democrats follow Christian values, too

To the Editor:

After attending the political debate hosted by the College Democrats and College Republicans on Nov. 19, I left with the feeling of disgrace. I felt that way partly because of the uncivil debate that had ensued, which I did not want to be a part of and partly because I had been too timid to make my own views known, so that I was not truly represented by either political group. Therefore, I feel that I need to share my perspective.

I am first and foremost a Christian, and I try to live the way Jesus instructs us all to live, which is to love God, others and yourself. I am also a Democrat, and this is where I felt some conflict of interest on the night of the debate. I got the accusing feeling that if I am a Christian, then the party to belong to is the Republican Party. However, this is not necessarily true. Democrats fight for many of the values that Christians stand for: justice, equality and loving and helping your neighbor.

Among the issues discussed at the

debate were partial birth abortion and same-sex marriages. I want to make clear that I am not a member of the Democratic Party because I support partial birth abortion. I don't support it. And when reflecting on same sex marriages, I do consider my personal religious beliefs. Yet, while these two issues are important, they receive more attention than they should; voters should not look merely at these issues when aligning themselves with a party. As a Christian, I choose to be a Democrat because as a party we care and we try to help those in need or those who have been treated unjustly. We work for the welfare of our neighbors, as Jesus instructed, helping the jobless and downtrodden. And when we commit these good actions for others we are doing them for Jesus as well. My hope is that with open minds and hearts, people can realize that many Democrats also hold strong Christian values, and they play an important role in their political views.

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The significance behind the turkey feast

By Jonathan Miller
Staff Writer

Last week people across the country took time off to celebrate a truly American holiday: Thanksgiving. Thoughts of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce immediately come to mind; however, Thanksgiving means more than just good food. Don't get me wrong. I love the meal just as much as anyone else, but we need to remember what our national holidays really mean. Yes, they mean more than just another day off.

Thanksgiving received its birth in 1623 by Gov. William Bradford, a Pilgrim. Gov. Bradford proclaimed that all of his fellow Pilgrims "listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings." In 1789 President George Washington declared that America should honor God with a National Day of Thanksgiving.

Finally, in 1863 President Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. President Lincoln saw the occasion "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Subsequent presidents, including William McKinley, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and George W.

Bush also reaffirmed Thanksgiving as a day to thank God for all that we have. Thanksgiving, like Christmas, has slowly become a

secular holiday in this great country of ours, but we should remember that Thanksgiving is a God-inspired holiday.

Continue to eat the hearty Thanksgiving dinner and continue to give thanks to all that you are thankful for; but remember the beginnings of this holiday and consider giving thanks to Almighty God who blessed all of us with the opportunity to live in the greatest nation on earth.

"...we need to remember what our national holidays really mean."

Recent publicity proves Jackson's iconic status

By Derek Shealey
Staff Writer

Everyone has an opinion on Michael Jackson. As the pop icon is facing a child molestation investigation--his second fight with such allegations and the latest incident of bad press for him--Jackson's image is subject to more damage, and he could be going to jail.

I don't feel comfortable saying that Michael Jackson is innocent, since the details of the case have yet to surface. I'm keeping an open mind on the matter.

That is not an easy thing for me to do because I have an affinity for Jackson. I'm always intrigued by unique and unconventional people. I grew up with Michael Jackson. The white glove, "Thriller" music video and the moonwalk were essential elements of my childhood, and now they are remnants of the long-gone era when Michael Jackson was a media darling. My main form of defense against negative publicity towards Jackson was always "He didn't do it. He's a legend." I see now that this attitude is terribly flawed. A number of fans are using the same approach in this situation. They are unable to base Jackson's innocence on little else than the irrelevant view that he's musically talented.

Since very few of us have spent time with Jackson, our knowledge of the reclusive entertainer is limited to what we see in tabloids or on television. In this case, a stronger argument would be made by contending that no media source, particularly any concerning Jackson, is free

of bias. You would be hard pressed to find a positive article on Jackson these days, an article that doesn't mention poor album sales, lawsuits or the baby dangling incident. Some of his past behavior was indeed inappropriate, but is there any value in the press reiterating old difficulties on every occasion?

While many of Jackson's critics are quick to say that his career has weakened, I think that his musical presence is as influential as ever. His album sales may have declined, but there is still a very strong appreciation for his earlier material. Michael Jackson was the first African-American artist to achieve universal success, winning fans of all ages and backgrounds. His *Thriller* album was an innovative and genre-defying work that established the trends that are popular in hip-hop and pop music today. Musically, Jackson will always be an icon, and no amount of scandal can hamper the mark that he's already made in the music world.

Maybe there are deeper reasons behind Michael Jackson's conduct with children. To me, he seems like a lonely man, someone who has yet to meet his soul-mate. Perhaps the love and affection that he receives through friendships with children compensate for the loneliness. When I say love, I am not referring to sexual feelings. That would be predatory and inexcusable. I'm referring to a mutually shared closeness between two people. In the end, this is only my speculation. You can't know what a man feels, unless you know his heart.

'I left a piece of my heart there': student returns to Nicaragua

"What made you want to return?"

"I left a piece of my heart there."

"I see, and you're going back to obtain it, and possibly leave more of it there?"

"Absolutely."



Gena Smith
Staff Writer

My first trip outside North America was about three years ago when I went to Masatepe, Nicaragua on a 10-day mission trip. I had never been outside of the states, except for a theme park trip to Canada. The mission trip, more than I had guessed, was the most amazing taste of culture I had ever had. I saw real poverty and I experienced a life much simpler than I ever thought was possible.

On Jan. 26, I will return there. This time I get to stay for almost three months. There are many things I'd love to gain, like a deeper appreciation for what I already have as well as better Spanish-speaking skills. Despite my anxiety about the language barrier and not knowing exactly what I'll be doing there, excitement consumes me.

It has taken me about a year to make this dream of returning a reality. Due to the concern of my parents, which although frequently annoying, shows me how much they care, and making sure this is the right time of life for me to go on such an adventure, I have been patiently waiting the definite "yes." I suppose it didn't hit that I am really going until I purchased the plane tickets, and

since then I've been amazed at how all the details have come together.

Though I have been quite excited when I think about my trip, I try not to overwhelm myself contemplating how it will be. I don't want to have many expectations, but I'd rather go into it with an open mind expecting for God to show me the path when I get there. A friend of mine always said, "We'll cross that bridge when we get there." That's what I plan to do, rather than worrying about tomorrow, because sufficient for today is its own trouble.

All the details I know of right now are that teachers are needed and a physical education program needs to be set up for the school I'll be working with. I don't prefer to know any more. It's more exciting this way.

It is true I left a piece of my heart there, and maybe I will never get that piece back. Maybe I will leave more of it there, but this is something I know I need to do. I guess life really isn't all about finding your heart, but rather giving your heart away to the desires and the dreams you have. The paradox is found in the realization that when you give your heart away to the right things, you also find what your heart beats for, and at the risk of losing, you gain.

Because of this trip, I won't graduate with the class I came in with. I won't walk with my class, I might miss a few award ceremonies and I'm sure I'll miss a few pictures for the yearbook. But that which I will gain, I have faith will be worth what I will lose. You have to take risks in life. You have to step out of your comfort zone. The heart is what makes a man move. I'm moving.

Beware of holiday shopping chaos

For most Americans, shopping on "Frightful Friday" is just a routine part of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Certainly, I have no problem with this, although I do not participate in the early jump on Christmas. However, we have to keep things in perspective, something we've obviously not done.



Joel Stubblefield
Staff Writer

I'm referring to the events at a Florida Wal-Mart on Nov. 28, this year's busiest shopping day. Forty-one year old Patricia VanLester

made a middle-of-the-night trip to the Arkansas-based chain for computer ink and decided to stay for the store's five-hour "blitz" sale beginning at 6 a.m. VanLester was knocked to the floor and trampled by the bargain hunters, leading to a seizure. Said her sister, Linda Ellzey, "They walked over her like a herd of elephants." Despite Ellzey's pleas, the crowd just continued to step on VanLester, much to Ellzey's astonishment.

Worse yet, one family even joked about taking the woman's \$29 DVD player that she still clutched while unconscious. Said shopper Valeria Calabrese, "There was a lady there, and her two kids were laughing about it, saying 'Mom's going to take it.'" "All they cared about was a stupid DVD player," said Ellzey. Even the paramedics complained about the crazed shoppers. Said Mark O'Keefe of EVAC Ambulance, "There were people all around this woman.... They would not move... They

were concerned about one thing: bargain shopping."

Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, issued a statement apologizing for the incident and explaining that such melees were unheard of. Spokeswoman Karen Burk added, "We are very disappointed this happened. We want her to come back as a shopper." As if that weren't enough, the store has offered to put the DVD player "on hold" for VanLester.

Are you kidding me? First of all, it should be noted that Wal-Mart is a great place; you can find practically everything you could ever need there, and it's a haven for college students. However, that reaction by the retailer is simply ridiculous. For starters, I'm sure that this probably happens more than everyone wants to admit, but we simply don't hear about it due to the lack of serious injury in most cases. Additionally, I'm sure that VanLester is deeply touched by the offer to put the DVD player "on hold." It just seems to me that a store that large could afford to give away a \$29 DVD player under such circumstances. However, this event raises several points to keep in mind this holiday season.

First, never shop at 6 a.m. Second, avoid Wal-Mart unless late at night or on a Tuesday afternoon. Third, watch your back in herd-like crowds. All kidding aside, we should keep things in perspective this holiday season. It's not about how many presents you give or receive, and, even for those not celebrating the religious aspect of the Christmas season, the holidays represent a time for family and good cheer, not trampling someone to increase material possessions. Have some class while shopping this year, and keep in mind that there is more to life than a bonus buy at the nearest retailer.

Democrats, Republicans should terminate emotional bickering

By Josh Farrington
Staff Writer

As demonstrated by a recent debate on campus as well as in the nation as a whole, it seems Democrats and Republicans no longer can intellectually argue their ideas. Instead, both parties have resorted to immature name-calling, and attack each other's character rather than each other's position on the issues.

Republicans often brand Democrats as "unpatriotic" and "socialist radicals" that seek to destroy the family and God, which "define" American values. On the other hand, Democrats label Republicans as "homophobes and bigots" that hate the environment, senior citizens and minorities.

In the recent judicial nominee fiasco in the Senate, instead of allowing a simple yes or no vote, Democrats have opted to filibuster the issue so that such a vote will never even take place. Ted Kennedy called Bush's nominees "Neanderthals," with one such "Neanderthal" happening to be an African-American woman. One can disagree with the qualifications of a judge, but saying "Neanderthal" makes Sen. Kennedy seem like a partisan bully rather than an

intellectual dissenter.

At a speech in Indiana, President Bush stated that there are Democrats "more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people." Bush is correct in stating that special interest groups should not be a part of national security, but saying that Democrats are "not interested in the security of the American people" is over the top.

Instead of calling each other "Neanderthals" or unpatriotic, Democrats and Republicans should find at least some measure of common ground and compromise. It's not that both sides should compromise their core values, but they should continue to urge debate that is true intellectual debate based on logic and facts, not based on emotional and thoughtless attacks on individuals. Both sides need to calm down and realize that they both have the same ultimate goal, a prosperous and safe America, and merely differ on the ways to obtain that goal.

However, as it exists today with all the yelling back and forth between Republicans and Democrats, I can barely make out what either side is truly saying, and like most Americans I'm searching for earplugs.

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Student abroad has new take on cultural differences

It is a commonly held but ill-conceived belief among those on the left and many around the world that Americans as a whole are, largely, ignorant of other cultures. I have been told in this very publication that I had no right to speak on matters of international relations because I cannot speak a foreign language and am somehow "unfit" to speak on such matters due to my being American. After spending a couple of months in a foreign country, I can honestly say that my views on things international have changed little; moreover, I believe I can sincerely say that it is not Americans that are ignorant, nor the inhabitants of any other country, but people in general.



Drew McIntyre

Contributing Editor

I'll be the first to say that Americans as a whole should know more about the world around us. Most Americans – especially students, in fact – know little about their own country and participate in its governance even less; in view of this fact, it cannot be surprising that most of us just aren't that interested in what is going on around the world at any particular time. Cynical members of the media love to point out this fact. But is the rest of the world really so different? I do not think so.

Most people are only as knowledgeable as they need to be. This is not indicative of laziness, but reality. Americans are fortunate to live in a society where education is both valued and accessible. The kind of knowledge it takes to be able to learn about and analyze world events is normally only accessible to those with certain levels of both freedom and economic resources. This is an age when anybody with a computer has instant access to nearly limitless information – but relatively few people have that luxury. Moreover, people who live in countries where information is tainted by government censors and propagandists, such as Iraq under Saddam or Nazi Germany, are little better off. Americans, and many Westerners, are better off than many in that we possess a free press and have access to education. The fact that so few of us take advantage of these tells us that most Americans, unfortunately, lack the perspective to appreciate this fact.

Personal experience of being overseas has taught me that we are not alone in our relative ignorance. One of my fellow HPU students here at St. Andrews was asked in their first week here if all American students were just like the ones in the movie "American Pie." A girl I met from Texas has been told by several English students that everyone in her state wears a cowboy hat and has a gun. Contrary to the myth that Americans alone do not respect other cultures, there is a great deal of cross-cultural animosity in this part of the world as well. Some Scots have a great deal of ire for the English and desperately want full independence from their southern neighbors. The English and French have a rivalry dating back many centuries. A woman I met from New Zealand was trying to keep up with the Rugby World Cup and received a text message from an English

friend of hers about the England-France game that said something to the effect of, "Frogs can't play rugby; England wins." Such rivalries exist all over the world. Should Americans know more languages, then? It would be nice, I suppose. In a liberal arts sense of the word, all knowledge is ultimately good for us, and knowing other languages allows us access to many more cultures than English-speaking ones. Do Americans need to know more languages, though? This is arguable. Many, including my high school instructors, say that Americans should learn Spanish, due to the influx of Spanish-speaking immigrants. I will save my opinions on this for another article. In any case, America is only really bordered by two countries: Canada and Mexico. Canadians, except for residents of Quebec, predominantly speak English. Any place in Mexico that Americans vacation at caters to English-speakers; a family trip to Cozumel taught me this. My point is that many people throughout the world are surrounded by persons of different cultures, and it is a day-to-day necessity to be able to communicate with these people. That is why it is not un-

common for many Europeans to know three or more languages. As much as I admire this, due to my own lack of ability in learning foreign languages, I refuse to be called ignorant because I lack a virtue others possess by necessity. America's detractors, here and abroad, should recognize the fact that the average American does not need to learn other languages to survive. If I have learned nothing else by being in Scotland, it is this: People really aren't that different. Every person has the same basic needs and wants. Each nation has its ignorant and its enlightened, problems and blessings. America is no different. Americans aren't "this way" or "that way" in the same way that not all Scots or all French or all Kenyans are the same. We live in a world of headlines and punchlines, and it is in such small terms that most people relate to one another. And most people understand the world around them based on what are usually anecdotal pieces of information. Americans, I believe, are no different; we could all be a little more knowledgeable and be less hasty in our judgments, but so could everyone else.

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Chapel Hill game ignites sense of school spirit

By Erin Sullivan
Staff Writer

OK, the secret's out. I didn't decide to go to this school for its sports. Granted, there is a lot of talent at this school, regarding all the athletes in the various sports. However, my enthusiasm for soccer was really brought out at the last women's soccer game between High Point University and UNC Chapel Hill.

My last brush with sports was in high school, when I played basketball in a community league because I was too much of a chicken to try out for my high school team. However, that never stopped me from trash-talking. No matter how uninvolved I was in school sports, I was always talking trash to the opposing school's team. I knew absolutely nothing about my high school's football team (except how the boys looked in those tight pants), but that never stopped me from yelling obscenities across the field to the opposing team's fans during the game. I thought that kind of behavior was gone forever, until the recent soccer game between the ladies of HPU and the ladies of Chapel Hill.

I attended the game at Chapel Hill with a handful of friends. We were all acting like proper ladies, until our school's women ran onto the field. At that moment, it was all about making the other team beg for mercy. I don't think harsher words have ever come out of my mouth. It was as if I had a daughter on the field. I felt like an embarrassing parent at that moment. I flashed back to when my dad would yell at me during my soccer game in first grade. I would always hear a resounding "Hustle!" from the crowd, and I'd know who it was from. Except my father never had as much of an interesting vocabulary as I had that day of the college game. It's a good thing I wasn't as loud as others; otherwise I would've been waiting for my friends after the game's conclusion at a nearby sports bar, having been kicked out of the stadium earlier.

I wasn't nearly as bad as a few of

my friends. One, who I may add is training to defend our country, was threatening death to the opposing team's players. She's normally not nearly so violent. I knew we shouldn't have taken her to that nearby bar beforehand. Another one of my friends was constantly hoping for at least one more shot at the opposing team's goal. Her loud calls started off as innocent as, "Go girls! Kick some butt," but quickly became "Kick her in the head! No, not the ball! Her head!" Another friend of mine was just embarrassed to be seen with us. She was more interested in Chapel Hill's "cute" uniforms than she was our women kicking their behinds. I recall telling her to "love it or leave it," referring to our team, as if I was speaking to a communist within the United States. And myself? I was more preoccupied with the blanket one of my friends brought. When attending a sporting event, one typically brings a simple blanket, sometimes with a team's logo on it. Not my friend. My friend brought a bright purple and yellow afghan. It was the brightest thing I'd ever seen. I stared at that as if it were an eclipse, which one is forbidden to look directly at. I just couldn't get over the fact that she was not only conveying the idea that one of our team's colors was purple, but also the fact that we were apparently old and ugly. I believe I informed her of this fact, but she just stared at me, perplexed. I still believe that she thinks one of our school's colors is yellow.

I love school sporting events. It gives people, like me, who know absolutely nothing about sports, a feeling of school spirit. I don't normally get as excited about something I know well, like my course of study, or where I intend to end up when I graduate, as I do something I don't know well at all, like kicking a ball down a field. I had a much better time yelling things my mother taught me never to say than celebrating a victory of a game I don't understand. Even though the ladies of HPU lost that day, I owe them a lifetime of gratitude for providing me with the memorable time I had with my friends and the rest of this school. I don't think I could be prouder.

Crime, continued from the front page

Herlinger's room was broken into while he was in class. His Playstation 2, Nintendo 64, 30 video games and a pair of Oakley sunglasses were stolen. This fall, freshman Niki Atkins' car was broken into and her CD player faceplate, steering wheel cover, CDs, CD visor holder and sunglasses were stolen.

Members of the faculty and staff have also been victims of theft. Mrs. Patricia Sager's office in Smith Library was broken into and her wallet stolen. Also, two years ago, Ms. Georgeanna Sellers, assistant professor of English, had her wallet, checkbook and two payroll checks taken from her purse, which was in her office.

There have also been several vehicle thefts on campus. Junior Clifford Smith's Jeep was stolen in the fall of 2002 while parked in between the Belk and North dormitories. He said that although the campus security officers were very helpful in getting his Jeep back, they need to make themselves more visible on campus. "There are a lot of strangers walking around at night," said Smith.

Clark said that there is a security officer on duty during all hours and that the school hires off-duty High Point city police officers to work the second and third shifts which start at 3 p.m. and end at 7 a.m. Unlike the campus security guards, these officers do carry firearms and have the power to arrest. The university also employs students on the bike patrol who carry radios.

By law, all schools must report crimes to the United States Board of Education to be published each year. This is a public notification available

to all students, faculty and staff members. The information includes description of campus safety and security and crime data.

Many students feel that although the campus security is helpful, the officers need to make themselves more visible to prevent crime committed by outsiders. Clark said that the officers do their best at patrolling the campus, the University Village and the Sixth Street Apartments, but they can't stop everything.

"We are not a closed campus; we have no locked gates; we can't catch them all," Clark said. He asks that students use common sense and not leave valuables in plain sight and to keep cars and dorm rooms locked at all times.

Assault cases have dropped remarkably over the last three years. No cases of assault were reported last year, but five were reported in 2001 and 10 in 2000. Clark has suggested to the city that there be a sidewalk constructed that connects the University Village to the main campus and that students travel in groups or call for an escort. "There is no reason to invite trouble," said Clark. "People looking for trouble on campus look for students who are by themselves." The campus security office has repeatedly posted signs asking students to "two-it" while walking on campus to avoid such problems.

All of the security descriptions and guidelines for handling crimes were sent via e-mail to students in November. Anyone who needs to report a crime should call the campus security extension, 9111, or the non-emergency number, 9112.

Resident assistants provide leadership, companionship

By Patricia Mitchell
Editor in Chief

As a freshman, you are looking forward to new freedoms and no rules when you come to college.

However, during your mandatory hall meeting, this person, who is also a peer, tells you when guests of the opposite sex can be in your room, how loud you can play music and when you drink, you'll be fined. Then, after all these rules, the person promises to be here if you need anything.

Another word for this person is a Resident Assistant (RA).

As a sophomore, the task is to conquer or evade the RA, who is now seen as the dorm monitor in the Complex, Finch, Belk or Millis. As an upperclassman, you're usually able to obtain a better living area, such as U-ville, University Apartments, Sixth Street or the Fraternity Apartments. Usually in these areas the main rules are the visitation hours and escorting issues since most people are of legal age to drink. No matter what year you are, there has most likely been a point in your college career where outsmarting the RA has been an objective.

While there are some that despise the RA's because of the rules, there is a lot more to the job than meets the eye. First of all, RA's are usually just like any other college student. It is true that they do have to enforce rules and monitor the safety of the dorms, but they have tests, temptations and stresses just like any other student.

The one thing that separates RA's from the rest of the students is that they

have chosen to use their leadership skills this way instead of being a manager at their job, shift supervisor, captain of a sports team, club chairman or active organization member.

Being a RA does have a lot of positive points. First of all, you are part of a team, with people who usually share your same values. They are going to be people you can rely on if you're having a bad day or have questions. Also, being a RA is a way to become more involved in campus, get to know more people and help others become comfortable. And, of course, there really isn't any other job like a RA; you are the rule enforcer, companion if needed and program planner at the same time.

There is a lot more to this job than meets the eye. And when it comes down to it, the RA is in the dorms to monitor your safety and well being. The hall programs are supposed to be a way to get to know people by doing something fun for a cheap price or for free. On a daily basis someone needs to be close-by if a resident has questions about maintenance, computers or whom to call for assistance with various problems. Also, not everyone comes to college with the maturity to handle group living, and sometimes it's a positive thing to be able to call up a RA who will tell the people upstairs to turn down their music that has been blaring for the past few hours.

So, having a RA and being one can prove to be interesting sometimes, but remember that the RA's sole purpose isn't to make your life miserable; it is to graduate from college, just like you.

FYI, if you believe that being a RA is right for you, pick up an application in Student Life and join the team.

Media studies students attend broadcasting convention in Dallas

By Brianne Coone
Staff Writer

Friendships formed and contacts were made as college students and professionals shared information at the Collegiate Broadcasters, Inc.'s fall convention. Six HPU students interested in the media traveled to Dallas, Texas with instructor Greg Brown, to learn how to improve the University's radio station, 90.3 WHPU The Point.

They flew into Dallas for the convention, which was held Nov. 6-9. The students stayed at the Dallas Hyatt Regency, located downtown. They walked or took a train to the attractions located there. The only personal expenses were for food and transportation. Sophomore Justin Spinks said, "We got to know each other on an individual basis... It was good to get to know each other."

Nick Hammer, the station manager, researched the convention and informed Brown about it. The students were given itineraries so that they could

plan their days according to the seminars that were offered. They were free to choose which sessions to attend. The seminars included information about all forms of media: radio, TV, Internet, LPFM and print media.

The sessions, most of them 50 minutes each, were given throughout the day, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until around 6 p.m. There were over 60 sessions for the participants to choose from. The convention was held in the lobby of the hotel.

Over 3,000 people, including students, faculty and professionals, attended the convention. HPU students learned "how to get the station more recognized and more professionalized, give it more structure and create more positions for people," said Spinks.

As many of you know, Hurricane Isabel knocked out the radio station's transmitter at the beginning of this school year, but programs are still being broadcast through the University's cable channel 8, so tune in and listen to your fellow Panthers.

Campus Chronicle Staff wants to thank all our writers, editors and photographers for a great semester. A special thank you is extended to our readers and supporters. Without you, there would be no reason to publish a paper.

**The next deadline is Friday,
Jan. 23 at noon**

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Senior recounts four years of acting on HPU stage

By Katie Estler
Assistant Editor

The words Mike Maykish, playing the God figure, sang during the closing number of "Children of Eden" touched many people in the audience and even tugged at the hearts of some of the performers. Victoria Steele was one of these actors. As "Father" told of the journey we all must take, these words held a deep meaning for Victoria, as she thought about the journey she would soon be making.

Known as Vicki to her friends, she took her final bow as an actor on the HPU stage Nov. 9. She burst into tears every performance at the last two songs. With characteristic good humor, she called the songs "sickeningly sad."

"It was really hard, I thought about it the week before, but the show didn't upset me that much until I actually did it. At least I wasn't the only one crying," she said with a laugh.

One of the students that pushed for the show, Vicki received minor roles as storyteller soloist and one of the five personalities of the Snake. Though, she would have liked to have gone out with a bigger bang, Vicki has been a well known face on the HPU stage over the past three and half years.

As a freshman, she was assistant di-

rector of "The Imaginary Invalid." Directing was an aspect of theatre she very much enjoyed but wasn't able to pursue through the other shows as she was constantly acting. In the same year, she had her acting debut as Norah in "They Came

From Mars and Landed Outside the Farndale Avenue Church Hall in Time for the Townswomen's Guild's Coffee Morning."

"The show was great, not because the show was so

good, but because it just such a fun show to do," Vicki recalled with delight. Her character, a British maid who was given 12 Valiums and proceeded to steal food from audience members and fall asleep on them, eventually fell into a cake.

She has enjoyed other roles such as Mrs. Van Daam in "The Diary of Anne Frank" and Little Red Riding Hood in "Into the Woods," her preferred role and a personal favorite.

"Everyone else was singing these serious adult songs, and I got to be a little kid. The high schooler even has a more serious role than me," she said. Munching on cookies and hiding under other actors' hoop skirts, Vicki maintained her role even when not rehearsing.

Comparing her past roles she noticed the trend of always playing wacky, off-the-wall characters. "(Directors) Susan (Whitenight), Alexa (Schlimmer), and Wade (Hughes) told me I was cursed to play the funny old ladies," she said. She didn't seem to be upset by this thought. "It's fun; serious shows drag you down; character roles are light-hearted."

As her final semester dwindles, Vicki carries with her many more theatre memories than those made on the stage. Vicki had the honor of being one of the first two HPU nominees in recent memory to ACTF, a nationwide college actors' competition. Selected for her role as Little Red Riding Hood, she competed against hundreds of students from all over the country.

She remembers events of less magnitude. "I'm always going to remember my Acting 1 class, because of my fellow students." For instance, rehearsing her class scene from the "Crucible" with partner Ben Allen in the Slane lobby before it was Java City. "People walked by and thought I was being beaten. (To outsiders) you are always going to be a weird theatre kid," she said, smiling.

What does the future hold for this

veteran actor? A move behind the scenes. Returning to her freshman experience, Vicki looks to pursue and further education and a career in directing, starting off with her senior seminar project on Dec. 5. She will make her directorial debut with "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," a three man show starring Ben Allen, Mike Tarara and Jamie Glinski.

The switch from actor to director has not been the easiest. "Parts are really frustrating; I want to be in it so I can do it a certain way. It's hard to convey to the actors what I want," she said. While Vicki struggles not to step on people's toes and still have the show she wants, she is excited about the show's opening. After considering three different comedies, she decided on this one even though the show requires a long list of props on a thin budget. It also requires her three actors to perform one aspect or another of all 37 Shakespearean plays in an hour and half. Audiences can look forward to a "splash zone" and full immersion.

Vicki has experienced much laughter and many tears on the High Point stage. Before she leaves at the end of this semester, she hopes to go out with a few last laughs. She encourages people to come to her finale, simply saying with a laugh, "It's Free."



STEELE, TO THE LEFT, IN 'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM'



STEELE STRIKES ANOTHER POSE FROM 'MIDSUMMER'

Students react to their Phoenix Festival wins

One writer wins twice; others excel, too.

By Amanda Roberts
Staff Writer

Junior Gena Smith has won the Phoenix Festival literary contests for HPU students in both the short story and poetry categories.

Her awards came on Nov. 21 during the 33rd Phoenix Festival, organized by Dr. John Moehlmann and the English department. The night before, Sarah Dessen, successful author of novels for young adults, read from "The Truth About Forever," her novel to be published next May. Friday morning began with the convergence of high school students from North Carolina and one school in Georgia. These students, as well as students from the University, participated in workshops with authors from the southeast.

At the end of the day, winners in the high school and university category were

announced. From High Point, honorable mentions in poetry were awarded to Angel Ashton, Alicia Caldwell, Genevieve Dunaj, Ali Wassell and Emily Miles; in the short story category, Jaci Cheek, Tracy Whitman and Alexis Winning received honorable mentions.

Double-winner Gena Smith is an English major on the writing track. She has wanted to write since early childhood. "Before I could actually write, I would go around the house singing songs I'd made up, and my dad would write them down for me," Smith said.

This year marked the first time Smith had written a short story; it was a requirement for Mr. Michael Gaspeny's Writing Fiction class. "I would have never thought I could write fiction, nor would I have tried. It's become a new passion for me," she said. "It's a completely new aspect of writing, and I find myself writ-

ing pieces of stories here and there, on napkins especially."

Jaci Cheek, a senior English writing major, won second place for her poem, "Peter Denies Jesus at Jerusalem."

Brianne Coone won second place for her short story, "The Sign." Coone, a senior English writing major, stated that she would never have entered the contest had it not been for Gaspeny's class.

Coone's story involves a woman stood up by her boyfriend who goes outside, praying for God to give her a sign; a shooting star falls out of the sky, which she takes to be the sign she's not alone. "I wasn't happy with the story when I wrote it. I didn't think it was that good," she said.

Smith's story "This Life" centers on a homeless man who desperately needs a new pair of shoes and steals a pair, thinking that they will make him happy, only

to learn that they don't.

"I've always wondered what thought processes go on in the mind of a homeless person, what struggles they face and what type of things they aspire to achieve. Not just homeless, but everyone...I think it would be cool to be an undercover reporter and see life from a different view," Smith said.

"A Demon's Discourse to His Peers in Hell" is Smith's winning poem. She wrote this poem for Dr. Marion Hodge's Writing Poetry class as a dramatic monologue. Railing at his cohorts, the demon denies the worth of his entire existence. "The thought came to me: what thought process does a demon go through; do they ever get tired of what they do?" Smith explained.

"It [winning second place] made my week," Coone said. "I've never entered anything like this before."

'Samurai' is new 'Dances with Wolves'

By Patricia Mitchell
Editor in Chief

Lately I have been wary of watching war movies with events going on in Iraq because the movies portray a horrific reality.

Last Saturday I ventured to see, yet another, Tom Cruise movie. What I went to see turned out to be as thought-provoking and touching as the classic "Dances with Wolves."

"The Last Samurai" takes place during the 1870s in America and later Japan. Captain Nathan Algren (Tom Cruise), of the U.S. Army, is sent to Japan to train its army and lead them in battle against the rebel Samurai. Algren does not go willingly, for he has demons of his own from past battles with the American Indians.

After arriving in Japan, Algren sets to training the Army, but soon realizes the men are in no shape for battle at the present time. However, Algren's superior officer orders them into battle against the Samurai.



During the battle, the

Japanese are defeated and the Samurai take Algren prisoner. While staying with the Samurai, Algren watches their disciplined ways, speaks their language and grows to love their life.

Not only is the story line strong, the filming of the movie and set layouts are done very well. There are multiple action scenes tying in the new way of warfare with the old.

This is a thrilling, action-packed movie that will keep you anticipating the next moments. It seems as if this is the new "Dances with Wolves."

'Eden' follows strong musical tradition

By Andrea Griffith
Copy Editor

The music and theater departments brought themes of family togetherness to the stage in "Children of Eden," which gave the book of Genesis a modern musical twist.

The musical, by Stephen Schwartz, was the first major production of the year for the theater department and featured one of the largest casts in recent memory. Mike Maykish as Father, Chris Holmes as Adam and Noah, Jamie Stone as Eve, Matt Haynes as Cain and John Mattingly as Abel led the ensemble in extraordinary vocal style.

Musically, the cast was nearly flawless, as the voices remained strong throughout. The bulk of the actors remained on stage during the entire musical as storytellers who formed the chorus. Schwartz's numbers managed to escape the often-annoying infectiousness of

many show tunes; the ballad "In Whatever Time We Have" was the only song that echoed in the heads of audience members, and did so in a pleasant way. In true artistic style, Schwartz digressed a bit from the Bible (for example, Cain's murder of Abel occurs when he tries to kill Adam and misses, in the production), but his script follows the Bible enough to prove educational for any non-Christian viewers.

"Children of Eden" continued the tradition of impressive musicals at the university, despite a relatively small music program (at last count, one music major, Maykish, attended here). The choreographed "In Pursuit of Excellence" featured several actors as the serpent who tempted Eve in the garden. This was perhaps the most entertaining number of the whole show, which is ironic considering its Biblical symbolism.

Brad Archer and crew produced an expressionistic set that was innovative

without detracting from the cast. The design had an original way of putting the production's musicians at center stage while keeping the focus on the actors.

Many of the lead actors in act one took on another significant role in the second act. Though good acting propelled the switch, a costume change could have eased the transition for the audience.

In an extremely well cast production, Chris Holmes and high school student Megan Newell exceeded all expectations. Holmes acted in two significant roles and somehow made it appear effortless, while Newell's diction and acting showed endless potential, especially considering that she is still in high school.

Director Wade Hughes and the entire department should be commended for choosing this as the major fall production. "Children of Eden" captured the family element of Biblical characters, while presenting material enjoyable for all ages.

Staff Recs...

'Master and Commander': Gladiator does Napoleonic naval warfare.
-Saint Andrew

The week back after Thanksgiving is too hectic. Pass out in bed Sunday night and don't crawl out till Friday night.
-Upperclassman

'Elf': Because we all need a laugh during finals.
-Mac Daddy

'Brother Bear': because you will never be too old for Disney movies.
-Patches

Enjoy the last two weeks without parents and siblings.
-Rawanda

Friend gift exchange for Christmas; keep it simple and cheap.
-Thrifty

'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)'

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College Republicans

November was an eventful month for College Republicans. On November 3 and 4, members of the club participated in the November 4 election by volunteering with Jim Stanley's campaign. College Republicans volunteered by placing campaign signs around High Point.

On November 15, members had the opportunity to participate in the Family, Faith and Freedom rally in Winston-Salem. Those attending had the privilege of hearing Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North (retired) speak about balancing career with faith, family, and civic responsibility in a free society.

College Republicans and College Democrats faced off at a debate on November 19. Debated topics included homosexual marriage, partial-birth abortion, and the current situation in Iraq. The intense discussion showed that High Point is home to some very skilled debaters.

The semester is about to wrap up, but if you are interested in participating with the Right side on campus, come to a meeting in January. Good luck on finals, everyone!

**Theta Chi
EA**

The brothers of Theta Chi would like to congratulate the new officers of the chapter, including the new members of the Executive Council, Brenden Donahue as President, Phil Shumaker of Vice President, Jeff Wolfe as Secretary and, once again, Nick DeSando as Marshall.

The new officers bring an new, young lineup to the plate. Hopefully the lack of the experience will be made up for with that youthful spring in their step and a lot of heart. Seriously, the fraternity has taken a step in the right direction and hopes to build on that.

With the minor things out of the way, it is time to concentrate on the big picture, Heaven and Hell. For those of you attending the festivities, it will be the same old good time as usual.

With the semester winding down the brothers would like to wish all of you luck on your finals and final projects. Hopefully you have not put everything off until the last minute. Also, once those are finished, have a good break. To the seniors that are graduating, good luck in the real world.

**Pi Kappa Alpha
ΔΩ**

The Brothers hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving break. With first semester coming to an end, we are staying really busy. One major project that we have taken on is the completion of our basement in the fraternity apartments. We started by painting the whole basement with our colors (garnet and old gold), then Nick Peterson and Joe Haubenhopher constructed a tiki-style bar which has gotten a lot of compliments. Our social chair Justin Mellinger has done a great job with the sound and lights.

We want to thank Alpha Gamma Delta for another awesome North/South mixer. It was a lot of fun for both teams, and not surprisingly, the South took bragging rights for the 2nd year in a row. We look forward to doing it again next year, ladies. We also want to thank the women's soccer Team for a great time at our last mixer.

On Monday Dec. 1, the Brothers helped raise AIDS awareness on our campus. Sam Closic, in addition to chairing the project, constructed a banner which featured a giant ribbon. Students, faculty, and staff were asked to sign the banner to support our effort. Sam also made hundreds of red ribbons for people to wear. In a brief statement delivered by Ms. Kim Soban, she led the small group of listeners in a prayer which encouraged us to be more understanding of the HIV and AIDS epidemic. To end the day, everyone gathered on the Greensward for a benefit concert. Overall, the day was a success and we hope that the HPU community benefited in some way from the events.

Congratulations to the newly elected executive council. The new officers are as follows: President-Darrin Sita, Internal VP-Clark Robertson, External VP-Nick Peterson, Treasurer-Zac Cuffe, and Rush Chair-Sam Closic. We want to thank our out-going President, Pat Warren, for all of his hard work and dedication during his term in office.

Finally, we wish everyone good luck on their final exams and we hope you have a good Christmas break. We'll see everyone back here in January.

**Phi Mu
ΓΖ**

It is that time again when the Thanksgiving holidays are over, and the semester is slowly coming to an end. The Ladies of Phi Mu hope that everyone received enough rest and relaxation over break in order to wind up the end of the year and face those dreaded exams.

The Giant Twister fund-raiser for Children's Miracle Network on Family Weekend was a blast, and we would like to thank everyone who came out to play and donated their time and money. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

The Alcohol Awareness program that took place in front of Slane was a huge success. It was really a sight seeing everyone trying to weave that golf cart in and out of those cones with drunk goggles on.

Thanks to everyone who came out and participated. We recently had our annual Thanksgiving Dinner where sisters and alumnae came together to celebrate the holiday.

Our next big event scheduled is our Christmas Formal on December 5th. We are looking forward to a great night.

Good luck to everyone on exams and have a great Christmas Break!

Scholarship opportunities

**Morris K. Udall
Scholarship**

\$5,000 scholarships are available for students studying fields related to the environment and for Native Americans or Alaska natives studying fields related to health care or tribal public policy.

In April 2004, the Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 2004-5 academic year. To be considered for an award, students must be nominated by the institution. The deadline for receipt of nominations by the Morris K. Udall Foundation is March 3, 2004. All HPU procedures must be completed by Feb. 25, 2004.

**Barry M. Goldwater
Scholarship**

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation seeks highly qualified sophomores and juniors with a demonstrated interest in and commitment to a career in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering. The scholarship will be for use during the 2004-5 academic year and will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. The deadline for receipt of nominations by the Foundation is Feb. 2, 2004. All HPU procedures must be completed by Jan. 20, 2004.

Please see Dr. James W. Stitt (DH #104) for additional information on these opportunities.

**Kappa Delta
ΓΓ**

The sisters of Gamma Gamma would like to welcome everyone back from the Thanksgiving Holiday! We hope you all had a great break and are refreshed and ready for finals!

We want to congratulate our newly elected council members and wish them the best of luck in their endeavors with the sorority. President Christie McGroarty will remain in her position as President for her second term! This girl

has some major dedication to the chapter! Congrats, Christie! VP-New Member Education is Allison Saviello, VP-Membership is Kaci Martin, VP-Public Relations is Sylvia Harwood, VP-Standards is Kathryn DiMola, Treasurer is Carrie Shank, Assistant Treasurer is Kate Litwin, Panhellenic Representative is Kristin Mali and last, but certainly not least is Tania Innurigarro as Secretary! Congratulations, ladies! We know you will do a great job in your respective offices!

Good luck on finals to everyone and we'll see you in the New Year!

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Men's squad Nothing like Saturday morning before football scares Tigers

By Samuel Demiss
Staff Writer

"Worst in the ACC," was just one of the chants ringing through the Littlejohn Coliseum Nov. 25.

Apparently Clemson fans, as evidenced by the low turnout, did not expect much resistance from a small school like High Point University, but the Panthers challenged Clemson on and off the court. High Point's fans, perhaps because of the three to four hour drive or the excitement of the impending Thanksgiving break, were also scarce. So who do you think would make the most noise in this game?

As Zion White bombarded the Tigers with a barrage of three-point shots in the first half, the confidence of the Pikes and Lunatics who attended the game soared. Cheers of "Let's go, High Point!" began to ring throughout the arena. At one point during the first half, High Point was leading by five. When Danny Gathings finished an alley-oop pass with 53 seconds left in the first half, the Clemson fans knew that High Point would not leave South Carolina quietly.

Perhaps the Clemson fans were a bit stunned by the fact that High Point kept the score close, or maybe they just are not expecting much from their team this year, but the people who came to see Clemson were extremely tranquil in relation to their team. The High Point fans picked out one player from Clemson and began to rail on him, mainly because he made the mistake of acknowledging the existence of High Point's fans while shooting free throws.

During the second half, Javier Palacios and Jerry Echenique began to make their impressions on the game. Palacios had one play where he was trapped on the sideline so he spun out of the double team and slid his way along the baseline scoring on two Clemson defenders. Echenique started to take on the whole Clemson frontline by himself, at times scoring with ease. Each score was followed by verbal approval from the High Point parents and students sitting behind the bench. This was done to the chagrin of all the Clemson fans, who seemed frustrated by the comments and cheers the Lunatics echoed while at their home court.

The only member of the Clemson student body that received High Point's approval was Katie, a cheerleader for the Tigers who apparently knew one of the High Point students. She smiled and waved to us as the crowd gave the High Point menacing glances that seemed to translate to, "Do you know where you are? This isn't Elon, son. C-L-E-M-S-O-N. You can't say that to an ACC school." I can only imagine what the scene would have been if 200 High Point students decided to make the trip.

High Point did lose the game 88-81, but the Panthers walked out of Littlejohn Coliseum at least with the consolation that they hung tough with an ACC school, and the few Panther fans there could feel proud because they topped the Tiger partisans.

A buzzer-beating goal by Danny Gathings from 16 feet out allowed HPU to upset Western Carolina Dec. 2 and raise its record to 2-3.

The readers of this column are going to get a change of pace this issue. The normal negativity and complaining are going to be replaced by something that actually makes me happy, tailgating.

I have yet to meet an individual that could not have a good time at a nice barbecue before a football game. No matter what the weather is or who is playing the game, everyone involved manages to have the best time.

If you have never managed to partake in the hoopla of an extravagant tailgate party before any college football game, I look down on you the same way Johnny Cochran looks down at an ambulance chaser, with pity. You cannot consider yourself a true college student until you witness a pig roasting on the back of some guy's pickup truck with a "Go Heels" flag sticking out the window.

I know High Point has the handicap of not having a football team, but many schools within an hour's drive offer the best Saturday morning fun every other week during the fall. It doesn't matter if the football team is good or bad. Tailgating is the best part.

Everyone is happy five hours before a college football game because his or her team isn't losing yet. That's the key, not to let the game get in the way of a perfectly good time. My favorite team has never been down 14 points before the opening kickoff, maybe two minutes later, but not before.

Tailgating has to be done properly in order to be enjoyed to its fullest; so here



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is the Complete Idiot's Guide to Tailgating.

The first step is time management. If you get to the parking lot two hours before the game starts, you are late. If the opening kickoff is noon, you must be talking trash to the opposing team's fans promptly at 8 a.m. This means either packing for the commute the night before or waking up at the crack of dawn.

The second step is gathering the necessary supplies. You cannot expect to be taken in by the regulars without at least a hibachi and some hotdogs. Also, it is vital to not forget something with which to take the hotdogs off the hibachi. That little grill still has a hot, painful flame. You will also need a cooler of substantial size to hold all of the sodas or whatever else

you might be drinking to get you ready for a football game, like beer.

The third step is vocal drills. This involves repeating the same cheer over and over again with your friends until even you think it sounds a little annoying. Once this occurs, the next logical step is talking a little, or maybe a lot, of trash to whoever is wearing the opposing team's jersey or colors. This can grow a little tiresome, especially when you have traveled to see your team at the opposition's stadium.

After four hours of eating, drinking and yelling, you are more than prepared to witness your team's glorious victory or devastating loss with not the slightest feeling that any money was wasted on the ticket and parking.

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playing against these players, Wendy Williams, a sophomore from High Point, said "I just wanted to beat my girl and maybe get her frustrated." Eileen Mazieka, a senior from Kettering, Ohio, added that "we wanted to make it a challenge but we also had to remember that they put their shoes on the same way we do. You just have to believe that you can do it."

Mazieka, along with the other seniors from this year's team, went into the conference tournament not knowing which game would be their last. After fighting off Radford and Birmingham-Southern in the first two rounds, the Lady Panthers dazzled the High Point fans on home turf by defeating UNC Asheville in a game that had to be decided in penalty kicks. The victory brought their first Big South Conference Championship title, and it assured the seniors that their final collegiate game would be a game in the national tournament.

Reflecting on the finish to the season and her college career, Mazieka said, "I'm going to miss my teammates and the feeling of working so hard in the pre-season, knowing that the others are doing the same and that during the season you're going to bring it all together again." Mazieka added, "Playing against Carolina put some part of the dream to win the national championship into reality."

It's usually every college athlete's dream to make it to the national tournament but so few actually make it there. Last spring, High Point's men's tennis team made it there, and now High Point's women's soccer team has shared the experience. This is certainly a sign of good things to come and apparently High Point is becoming a place where an athlete's dream of becoming a national champion can become a reality.

Women's basketball team has strong start

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The women's basketball team has gotten off to a strong start this season, with a 3-1 record to date. The Panthers have picked up wins over Murray State, Western Carolina and Tusculum, with their loss coming against Marshall University.

Against Western Carolina, the Panthers held a 33-28 edge at half time and never looked back from there. They extended their lead to as many as 10 in the second half before winning by a final score of 56-49. Sophomore guard Katie O'Dell used her mid-range jumper and ability to score from the baseline to lead High Point with 12 points, while Kate Jenner added 11 of her own from the post to go along with eight rebounds and freshman Candyce Sellars scored 10 points and pulled down seven boards. It was a good home win for the Panthers, who had lost to Western Carolina on the road by a score of 72-42 in their first game of the season last year. Said Jenner of the win, "It was a good team effort, and it's going to be very exciting to play the rest of the season if we keep improving."

High Point traveled to West Virginia to begin its season in a tournament

at Marshall University, where the Panthers came away with an opening-day victory against Murray State and a loss in the championship game to host Marshall.

Against Murray State, the Panthers came out cold for the first half of the game and found themselves headed into the locker room down 26-24 in a game they should have been winning. High Point would regroup, however, and go on a 12-2 run to open up the second half, led by Sellars who had eight points in the opening stretch. Once the Panthers gained the lead, they would keep it, winning by a margin of 67-56. Candyce Sellars had a high of 20 points to go along with four assists and three steals; Katie O'Dell added 11 points and posts Emily Mills and Kate Jenner had 10 and seven points respectively.

The championship game against Marshall University would not be as easy, and although the Panthers would put 70 points on the scoreboard, Marshall would score 90 for the win. HPU would try to whittle its deficit in the second half, getting as close as nine with 15:38 to go off a layup by Shorty Martin, but the lead grew back to 20 and would remain there for most of the second half. Although the Panthers kept things close in the first half and managed to force four ties before getting into the locker room down 40-31,

they would be unable to get their offense and defense going at the same time for the rest of the game. Katie O'Dell led the High Point scoring with 18 points and was named to the All-Tournament team, while starting point guard Shorty Martin scored 12 and had four assists. Candyce Sellars added eight points and four assists of her own and was also named to the All-Tournament team.

Head coach Tooley Loy likes what he sees of his players so far. "We are learning every game and getting better as a group. If this team continues to grow together we should be very good in January and February," Loy said.

Every coach always sees room for improvement in his team, and Coach Loy said he would like his squad "executing on offense a little better and finishing plays. We have the toughest part of our schedule coming up, and we will need to play great in order to come out ahead."

Junior co-captain Emily Mills also likes what she has seen of her teammates so far, commenting that "this team is completely different than last year. Everyone is into it, and we feed off of each other in our games." The Panthers are determined to maintain that cohesiveness.