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Column One News

'Arsenic' to bring huge laughs to audiences

The Spotlight Players will present "Arsenic and Old Lace," a classic comedy, Feb. 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in Hayworth Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty and staff. For tickets, call 841-4673 or visit the box office weekday afternoons.

The play was a Broadway hit that became a 1944 movie starring Cary Grant. According to director Wade Hughes, the play will require fearless comedic performances from its actors, who include Mike Maykish, John Mattingly, Joel Hodge, Pam Grier, Meg Kennelly and Savada Gilmore.

Campus to host consortium on Europe

Distinguished scholars from around the globe will participate in the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, which will be hosted by the university Feb. 19-22.

The program is open to the public. For more information, go to www.revolutionaryeurope.org. High Point students will serve as program assistants and will have full access to the conference.

Professor Gunther Rothenberg will be the featured speaker on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. Rothenberg is a world-renowned military history expert who has authored numerous books on warfare.

Professor Peter Wilson from the University of Sunderland in England will speak at noon at Feb. 20 at the Radisson in High Point. He will address Germany's military preparedness during the French Revolutionary Wars.

Professor Jeremy Black from the University of Exeter in England will speak at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the Radisson. He will speak on Britain as a world empire in the 18th century.

New exhibit now open in Sechrest Gallery

A new exhibit, "Colorscapes," has opened in Sechrest Gallery and features the landscape pastels and charcoal drawings of Elsie Dinsmore Popkin. Popkin's landscape paintings colorfully display the sights of the Carolinas. Her charcoal drawings of famous musicians were inspired and created during rehearsals at Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival.

Popkin's work will be on display through April 29. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. Popkin will give a lecture on Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. in Hayworth Fine Arts Center, which will be followed by a walk-through and discussion with the artist.

MLK is honored by members of campus and community

By Amanda Roberts
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Students, faculty and members of the community united to honor Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19.

"Is the fight for equality over?" speaker Dr. Frankie T. Jones, Sr. inquired of the audience who sat captivated, intent on hearing what Jones would say during this lecture for which the 11 and 12 o'clock classes had been canceled.

Jones spoke about King and the effect that his life had on the Civil Rights Movement, continuing to this day. "He was a human being, subject to pain, hatred, anger and bitterness, like us. He could have been as much a racial extremist as his enemies. Nonviolence took him into dangerous situations."

Describing King as a preeminent voice in civil rights during his era, Jones equated the movement with the ideals of

justice, morality and law, and maintained that the achievements of King were astounding. "He labored tirelessly; he was an advocate, orator, field general...a symbol that represented hope and reminded America that as a nation we're not there [to equality] yet," Jones said.

"Martin Luther King reached more people than any other (leader) in his generation, with the reform movement," Jones said. He compared King to Abraham Lincoln in his quest for equality and in his death. King "fell a victim in Memphis in an event like that which had claimed Lincoln many Aprils before."

"The rise of Martin Luther King was not just an accident, but a movement of God himself; he was a learned social and religious advocate. As grandson of a slave, he dealt with the pain and struggle

of inner and outer adversity," Jones said.

King rejected the idea that the ends justify the means. "The ends must cohere with the means; they represent the means in process, and the end is preexistent in the means. Immoral, destructive means cannot bring about good," Jones stated.

"The dream stands in jeopardy," Jones said. Fifty-five percent of black youth are unemployed; people of color are not valued in the marketplace and cannot access adequate health care. The median family income for blacks is \$15,000 less than the average white family. "If the social and economic scales do not become balanced, his dream cannot be realized," Jones insisted.

King was a pioneering leader who left a legacy of opposing contempt with respect and hatred with love. King was in tune with the realities of the country, of the inequality between races, but he held to what he knew was right in spite of insurmount-

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PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS
DR. JONES AT THE MLK LECTURE



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GENESIS GOSPEL CHOIR PERFORMS AT MLK LECTURE

AIDS fight in Africa is everyone's concern

By Craig Grunwald
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When I was hanging up one of my posters on the front door of the Slane Center the other day, a fellow student came up to me after reading what was on it and said, "6,500 people dying a day in Africa sounds like population control to me. Besides, if I had one more day to live, I'd make the best of it and sleep with as many girls as I could." Words can't describe the rage I felt within but I held my composure, told him I disagreed and continued hanging my posters. This experience redefines why I'm involved in the fight against AIDS.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will." I believe people can change and that understanding can come from misunderstanding. I hope that the

gentleman who attempted to discourage me with those words while I was hanging up my poster the other day reads this article and sees things differently. Maybe on Feb. 25 our campus' "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" will have the same effect, not only on him, but also on you.

I've been very fortunate to get to know many of you on campus—students, faculty and administrators. Though I've had disagreements with some, I know there is good will in everyone I've met. Act on your good will by helping me and the others who have already joined me in this fight. We can't do it on our own. There are many people in the world much less fortunate than we are and this is our chance as a university to make a real difference.

During last year's state of the union address, President Bush promised the world that, over the next five years, America will give \$15 billion towards

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Hispanic student celebrates heritage

By Ada Hernandez
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Students might have noticed on campus a girl who has cinnamon skin, dark brown eyes, long, curly hair and a boisterous voice. She is a member of the gospel choir and participates with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Darlene Brito is her name; she is half Dominican and half Colombian from Paterson, N.J. This Jersey girl, a senior, is proud to be a Hispanic student.

According to recent research, only 11.5 percent of Hispanics have the opportunity to go to college, and Brito is happy to be one who can. The move from New Jersey to North Carolina was a big change for Darlene. New Jersey is full of Latin nightclubs and all kinds of Latin restaurants, in contrast to the Triad area, which mostly has Mexican restaurants and only two Latin nightclubs.

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John Edwards turns his back on North Carolina

No one in North Carolina should vote for John Edwards. I'm largely speaking to registered Democrats here, who have the chance to pick their candi-



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date for the upcoming presidential election. If by some miracle, however, Edwards wins that nomination and goes on to face George W. Bush, then I posit that no one in our beloved state should vote for him.

Why the animosity, you ask? It's not that he's a Democrat. While that is, of course, a major fault, that is a separate diatribe. My primary beef with Sen. Edwards is that he is still in his first term of office and has forsaken the state that elected him to make a run at the White House. It seems politicians are constantly seeking new levels of arrogance. I, of

course, did not vote for Edwards, but I have to say he did an excellent job of winning his seat. Lauch Faircloth, the Republican incumbent who lost to Edwards in 1998, grew complacent and ran a lazy campaign. He got what he deserved. And I don't think Edwards is all that bad of a guy. He speaks and ar-

gues well and has thus far run a nobler campaign than the other Democrats, focusing on positives instead of taking the low road, squabbling for sound bytes lambasting Bush. That being said, the good senator has no place to even think that he has earned the right to be president.

Edwards claims that "I want to be a champion for the people I have fought for all my life — regular people." Edwards was a lawyer for most of his life. Moreover, he was a personal injury attorney. Yes, he comes from humble beginnings, but that doesn't negate the fact that he's spent a large part of his life winning multimillion dollar lawsuits. He's about as regular as Bill Clinton, also a Southern lawyer-cum-politician that came from simple beginnings... and we all know how well that worked out.

The only positive aspect of Edwards' run for the White House is that we'll have the upstart out of our Tarheel hair after his campaign crashes and burns. He's announced that he will not seek re-election if (and when) his presidential campaign falls through.

I'm sure we haven't seen the last of Edwards, though. He was consid-

ered as a possible running mate for Gore in 2000, and with the history of Southern Democrats in the White House and in national politics in general, I'm sure this bad penny will turn up again. Let's just hope he stays out of North Carolina for good, as he has proved that he only wants to use it as a stepping stone.

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Unfair attacks on security

By Ali Akhyari
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Ah, yes, the age-old art of security guard-bashing, a favorite pastime for many children. Recently I read an article in the underground newspaper "Society's Source" (although I am a little confused at its being called a newspaper when it contains no news). The article contained a paragraph and a half, sarcastically responding to a statement in the Chronicle maintaining the campus is a fairly safe one especially when considering the location. The unidentified author used an incident he/she was apparently witness to where a friend was "dragged" out of an apartment and beaten up.

I am not going to pretend that I do not have the opportunity to be biased, but unlike the writer in Source, I will examine both sides of the issue. First, it is true that on this campus crime happens: cars have been broken into, things stolen and students even hit each other. Unfortunately, no police or security force in the history of the world has been 100 percent successful at deterring crime so I don't know why HPU security is held at a higher standard. Crime will always happen because there will always be people who share the same community and do not care about their own neighbors.

Also, there are no stats for crimes deterred because they never happen. There is no way to count how many times a student's car was not broken into because a thief saw a security guard driving by. There is also no way to count how many times a student was not robbed or raped because a security guard was seen walking in the distance. However, these things are easily overlooked because it is much easier and more fun to blow the security personnel off as worthless. This occurs despite the fact they work year round 24 hours a day trying to keep the students safe despite themselves.

Not only does security have the re-

sponsibility of guarding the campus from criminals and thugs that come from surrounding areas, they also have to chase the criminals and thugs that are included in the very same student population they have to protect. This brings me back to the strange story of a seemingly innocent student who was dragged from an apartment and beaten while a security guard watched (along with the friend/author of the article) as it happened. It is a strange story because many important details were excluded so I will have to assume some of them.

I must assume that alcohol was involved. I also have to assume the victim was not simply dragged from the apartment at random for a beating. It just doesn't make sense that a group of people would go through the effort of dragging someone out of a room to hurt him for no reason. It is also hard to believe that a group of police officers simply stated that "it is not our job to protect you" without being coerced into saying something of the sort for the purpose of quoting. At the very least, they were harassed by drunk students to the point they were fed up with answering stupid questions.

It is simply a sad thing that the security force has the added responsibility of guarding the students from themselves. It is like trying to find and stop an unknown person from committing suicide, nearly impossible. While most students are mature adults who become the victims, a few are the criminals who hide from security so they can rob or beat one another up. I can't pretend that campus security is perfect, but campus turmoil is a social problem. We are a community of students with some members who have no regard for their brothers and sisters. How can we be so blind and immature as to point fingers at those that can't stop us every time. I'm not sure which would be the greater tragedy; the police/security that are fed up with protecting unappreciative people, or the university community constantly fearful of crime or punishment.

'Source's' potential hurt by poorly crafted arguments

To the Editor:

Growing up, I was taught to respect the opinions of others and to recognize the value of self-expression, both virtues that I do hold dear. Lately though, I have found that to be a difficult endeavor. When I first heard about the Source, it sounded like a fun, interesting piece of literature, slightly comparable to the Chronicle. The articles released thus far from the Source have thoroughly proven me to be incorrect in my assessment. Rather than expressing understandable, respectable and supported opinions, it merely seeks to insult and devalue others. Instead of being a noteworthy piece of work, I find it on similar footing with Jerry Springer, amusing at first, but quickly morphing into annoying garbage.

In a recent issue, one of the Source's authors sought to put down members of the Chronicle staff, people who are wonderful authors. Sure, there are things that cannot be mentioned in the Chronicle, but when authors have the courage to attach their names to the articles, there some are lines that cannot be crossed. Is that not an understood concept? Our campus does

have its number of problems, but isn't that synonymous with any college campus? If the 'hallowed' authors of the Source find it so deplorable here, do they not have a right to leave and attend another institution?

I fail to grasp the value or the purpose of a paper that merely attempts to enrage people rather than actually making points and bringing about change. Pardon my lack of knowledge, but I was under that impression that consistently prodding people to see how annoyed they can get and how much negative attention can be received was something practiced by elementary school children, not by 'mature' college students.

I tip my hat to the hard workers on the Chronicle staff; you all are wonderful writers who by far outshine your peers. However, I do believe that the Source still may have a slight measure of potential left in it. Granted, that can only come about if its authors approach their craft with maturity and respectability, as opposed to the apathy and immaturity that we have been privy to.

-Marie Ratchford

Beloved professor may be gone, but she had a marvelous effect on many students

By Jonathan Miller
Staff Writer

While we students were heading home for the three week-long break to enjoy Christmas and the coming new year, a beloved professor of political science left. Dr. Linda Petrou no longer remains a member of the faculty. Reasons for her departure involve complex personnel issues that cannot be addressed in this column. Questions and comments regarding her departure can be e-mailed to me at jmiller584@yahoo.com.

Dr. Petrou may have left the university, but the memory of her good deeds remains. Those of you who had Dr. Petrou in class, associated with her through a club or just simply had a relationship with her outside of the classroom know why she was such a great person and faculty member. As a professor, Dr. Petrou understood politics inside and out. She knew how to play

the game because she has been there before. She had worked on Capitol Hill and brought that insight to her teaching. Dr. Petrou also brought a conservative woman's perspective on the political world, an outlook lacking at many institutions of higher learning. Dr. Petrou's best ability as a professor is her unique ability to make political science interesting. Those of you who had her for United States Government can vouch for that. Political science has very little attraction for most college students, but Dr. Petrou could make you enjoy your time learning about that vast and crazy world of politics and government.

Dr. Petrou was also very savvy. Those of you who ever saw her in action outside the classroom on a field trip can confirm that. She was such a great ambassador for the university. Dr. Petrou never met a stranger and could talk her way around the room, making valuable contacts that would help the university in

the future. She was instrumental in getting President George W. Bush to speak on campus two summers ago as well as a key player in bringing C-SPAN last January. Dr. Petrou also brought the world of politics to students by taking them on field trips to Washington, D.C. This summer, students will be attending the Democratic and Republican National Conventions thanks to Dr. Petrou's connections. None of this would have been possible without Dr. Petrou's invaluable abilities.

Lastly and most importantly, Dr. Petrou's character and personality bring her to the top of the stellar faculty here at High Point University. Dr. Petrou has a booming personality which makes you feel comfortable and at ease every time

you are around her. Never afraid to befriend her students, Dr. Petrou would always lend a hand to aid any student with a problem. At those times, her motherly characteristics would shine through. She has the ability to counsel students in a way much like a mother would. Dr. Petrou's ability to do so probably arose out of her genuine love for her students. She definitely treated each student as her own.

Dr. Petrou will be missed tremendously. Those who knew her, feel free to e-mail your kind comments to the Chronicle or to me. All comments will be sent to Dr. Petrou so she can appreciate the work she did. The least we can do is show a great woman how much we care her.

"...Dr. Petrou could make you enjoy your time learning about that vast and crazy world of politics and government."

President's immigration policy looks promising

By Josh Farrington
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Every now and then when I'm reading the newspaper or watching the daily news, there is a story on illegal immigration, namely from Mexico. Usually I turn the page or change the channel, wanting to hear the more "important" news of Michael Jackson's trial or Howard Dean's most recent outburst of anger. In the past few days, however, in an effort to better understand President Bush's proposed immigration policy, I have gone back to read the archives of stories I previously skimmed over.

The more I read and studied, the more complex the issue of how to deal with illegal immigration became. I asked various students around campus their opinion on the issue, most of whom simply stated, "We shouldn't reward anyone who enters illegally." Others were a bit stronger in their opinion: "I think we should deport them all and build a wall between us and Mexico," said one student.

There are an estimated 8 to 13 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S., making any attempt at mass deportation next to impossible. On the other hand, a completely open border presents not only a national security problem, but could arguably result in a flood of immigrants that would "take more jobs away from Americans." Bush's proposed policy would give guest-worker status to immigrants who are willing to take jobs Americans will not.

In an age of rigid partisanship, I am amazed at how many people, both Democrats and Republicans, oppose Bush's new plan. A recent *Winston-Salem Journal* survey found that 80 percent of the people in this area were opposed to the new policy. Most people quoted in the *Journal* survey claimed that giving jobs to immigrants only took away jobs from Americans already out of jobs. However, Bush's policy only

gives immigrants jobs Americans are unwilling to take, despite high unemployment.

What is often forgotten in the midst of these economic fears is the human side to illegal immigration. Even the use of the term "illegal" is misleading when the only crime being committed is the seeking of a better life. When faced with poverty most Americans cannot even comprehend and when legally entering the United States is nearly impossible, what other choice is there for some but to sneak across the border? The true crime is the crime of poverty that forces innocent families to break the law in order to find a better life in America.

On the base of the Statue of Liberty is written: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me." Regardless of your position on immigration, do not forget that behind this "huddled mass" of illegal immigrants are fathers, mothers and children yearning for freedom from the chains of poverty. Too often we as Americans make rapid judgments on immigration policy, selfishly thinking only of ourselves, forgetting that the vast majority of illegal immigrants come here as a last resort in their battle of survival. Others are like I was and choose to turn the page or change the channel when it comes to immigration.

Immigration is an issue that due to its complexities is either ignored or simplified solely into economic terms. There exists right now no clear answer to solve the problem. However, there will never be an answer if we continue to ignore the issue or make rash judgments. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. once said, "Beware how you take away hope from another human being." As we continue to struggle with the immigration issue, we must strive not only to find a policy economically beneficial, but also one that does not deny hope to the millions for whom America is the last hope.

Applying MLK's dream to our everyday lives

It's been over 40 years since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his powerful "I Have a Dream" speech. Most of us know the speech or at least bits and pieces of it. If you are familiar with it, I have one question for you. Are you living out his dream? Notice I didn't ask if America was living out his dream, but I asked if you were living out his dream.



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One quote from the speech will forever stick out in my mind: "I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today." My mother often told me what it was like growing up in the segregated south. She was teased and tormented because of the color of her skin.

I never quite understood why some people chose to carry that ignorance. How does one judge others before getting to know them? I still remember my first encounter with a racist person. It was surprisingly at a place where people try to get away from the stresses of the world. It was at a place where families become closer to each other and where magic happens for kids--Disney World.

I entered a gift shop, and one of the clerks spotted me as soon as I walked through the door. Her cold eyes followed me around. I wondered, "Is something

wrong with me? Is there something going on in here that I don't know about?" She finally approached me and said "You can leave. We don't want you or your kind in this store." My blood boiled, and my body began to quiver with anger. Deep down inside, I wanted to scream every thought that instantly came to my mind.

A student ran and told my principal what happened. She came and gave that vile woman a piece of her mind. I stood watching my principal. I was amazed because there was a white woman standing up for me and my people of color.

I wish more people would be like her and stand up for what's right. So many people only sit around and watch as incidents occur and get worse. Some of these events are without a doubt intolerable. There is one event in Georgia that is quickly catching the public eye.

The high school in a small rural town hosted its first integrated prom in 33 years in 2002. Before that prom, the high school always held two different proms. One for blacks and the other for whites because the school didn't want problems to arise from interracial dating. Even after their integrated prom, a group of white students

want to practice the old time idea of isolationism by having a whites-only prom. I know what your immediate reaction is. Segregation is still being practiced? My answer is "Yes."

It's also true that America will never be completely cured of a disease called racism, but we can come close. Do what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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"I wish more people...would stand up for what's right. So many people only sit around and watch events occur and get worse."

Which Democrat has the youth vote?

By Justin Cobb
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As with any election, the upcoming 2004 Presidential campaigns will attempt to persuade the so-called "youth vote."

What is the youth vote? Where does it come from?

In essence, are we as college students a part of the youth vote? Will any of us actually vote? These are the questions the power hungry ask themselves.

If the past is any indication, the fat, grubby fingers of excess will grease the pocket lining of the most incorruptible of morally proficient candidates. This was the case in 1996; the "youth vote" was out in force. Bill Clinton, the charismatic incumbent from Arkansas, pitted against the crusty, old guard represented by one Bob Dole. This was before Monica Lewinsky questioned our morality but after the Whitewater scandal involving a certain person who became senator from New York.

As bad as 1996 was, it was a good year politically. With Clinton's reelection the country earned four more years of peace and prosperity, even though real prosperity is held in the hands and mind of Alan Greenspan. Without him, what would we do? Most of Clinton's remarkable economic achievements had nothing to do with his policies, but his timing. He was nothing if not a well-timed national injection of tranquility; the

Clinton years were a blissful time, a good ride for those of us who knew no better.

The youth vote helped to raise Clinton to this position. It was like this in '92 as well when the young candidate, fresh from Paula Jones and Gennifer Flowers, made his way to the MTV studios where he fielded questions from the mainstream "swing" youth voters. This was before the Right Wing-generated character assassination coup d'etat of the late '90s moved into the realm of acceptable behavior.

The only problem right now is the plethora of Democratic candidates to choose from. Who will the "swing" voters rally around? What will happen now that John Kerry and John Edwards have swept the Iowa caucuses against the favorite Howard Dean. It seems as though we're still waiting for that one candidate to emerge. The prevalent opinion chooses anyone as long as he beats Bush. Moderates like Dean and Gen. Wesley Clark were leading the way, while men like Kerry and Edwards were being left behind. Kerry was lambasted by the Right for his comments on the president's handling of the war in Iraq. Kerry said, "Did I expect George Bush to f... it up as badly as he did? I don't think anybody did." He is also the man who said we need a regime change in Washington. The thing to be watched is whether Kerry can back his talk with a winner's walk.

The only thing necessary to understand the complexities of the fringe vot-

ers is that we all want different things. While the majority of youth don't see a purpose for our military to be in Iraq, there will always be exceptions, and they will voice their objections from the perspective of an equal majority. That having been said, there is no way our government could exodus from Iraq in the current situation. It is now our responsibility to clean up our own mess and to carry through the president's vision, no matter how impaired it may have been. This is why it's so hard for the issue to be raised; the promise of removal of troops cannot possibly ring true.

Still others of the so-called "youth vote" want to retain the status quo. They will support Bush on the right and Dean or Clark on the left. We still don't even know if a third-party candidate could emerge, much like Ross Perot in 1992 or more recently Ralph Nader in 2000. These two movements cost Bush, the elder, an election and nearly cost Al Gore the election in 2000. If you're confused by this, know that Al Gore, the Supreme Court and Florida lost the election for Gore, not Ralph Nader.

Because of his relative youth, excellent debating skills and good looks, fully expect John Edwards to captivate the swing "youth vote" eventually. Perhaps the initial entrance of Howard Dean and his grassroots "on-line" campaigning have endeared Dean to a part of this voting bloc. Edwards, however, seems to have the most to say.

Confronting realities of college relationships

Am I the only one who has a problem with commitment? I'm so sick of this, "My boyfriend did this," or "My girlfriend said that." Don't get me



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wrong. I am all for having a significant other. However, I am not all for treating that significant other like they were a husband or wife.

You people

know who you are. The ones that have the mushy talk.

"I love you more."

"No, I love you more."

After hearing such language, I can guarantee that I'd be the person saying, "No, I want to kill myself more."

I don't know what makes me think like this. Out of all my past relationships, every time the words, "I like you," are uttered, I look for the nearest window to throw myself through. I still can't even speak of when the word "love" was said. Why is this? Perhaps it's the fact that I didn't receive enough love as a child. OK, that's not true. However, it is a good excuse.

Women are stereotyped as the ones who coined the phrase, "Where is this going?" However, I know for a fact that men use this phrase just as much. Otherwise, I wouldn't have broken out into cold sweats as much as I have in the past. The only acceptable scenario for the question, "Where is this going?" would be if one was on an airplane, car, boat or other mode of transportation and had no idea where they were headed. If both people who are partaking in a relationship are not seriously ill or dead, then obviously things are going fine. Well, at least well enough for you to shut up and go with the flow.

I just don't see how everyone isn't afraid of being with one person for the rest of their lives. There are so many potential partners out there. Why would you settle on just one? The sooner that you accept the fact that you may have three husbands or wives in your lifetime, the better off you'll be. Sure, it's nice to have that dream when you're little, believing that Prince Charming will come rescue you one day and you'll live happily ever after. However, what you don't take into consideration at the time is that hot stable boy who takes care of Prince Charming's horse or even the court jester, who has quite the sense of humor and really nice forearms.

All I propose is that people keep their options open. Don't ask your partner stupid questions. Don't say the word "love" unless you're ready to accept the potential suicide of your partner. And most importantly, stay away from the stable boy. He's mine.

Predictions on everything for '04

With the turn of the New Year and all beginning anew, I thought some predictions for 2004 might just be in order. We'll cover almost everything from politics to movies, music and sports.

So, without further adieu, let's begin with politics.



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Following the recent Iowa caucuses, it would appear that John Kerry is the front-runner of the week for the Democrats. However, does it really matter? With the capture of Saddam and the overwhelming success of the Iraq war, despite the lack of WMDs, President Bush has nothing to worry about. Furthermore, the economy is on the verge of a boom and should be rising quite nicely as November approaches. Like practically every other campaign, someone will ask if we are better off today than we were four years ago. My answer would be a resounding yes. We have endured the biggest attack on the U.S. mainland ever and have emerged stronger. We have met terrorism head-on and continue to fight its evils wherever they may be. Our economy is strengthening and will continue to do so, and furthermore, the Democrats have yet to produce a legitimate frontrunner. Howard Dean was beginning to pull away, but voters in Iowa obviously showed they didn't care to have an overwhelming pacifist running things. Also, given his recent yelling adventures reminiscent of an '80s hair band, Dean has practically sacrificed himself on the altar of public embarrassment. Now it appears to be a two-horse race between Kerry and John

Edwards, neither of whom will be strong enough to unseat Bush. Prediction: four more years for the Republicans.

Given the fact that it's extremely difficult to predict blockbuster successes at the box-office a year in advance, what follows is a bit of a shot in the dark. However, "Troy" will be one of the best movies in recent memory, led by an Oscar-caliber performance from Brad Pitt. Additionally, the so-called controversial "The Passion of the Christ," directed by Hollywood veteran Mel Gibson, will do quite well. The film, depicting the last

several hours of the life of Christ, debuts on Ash Wednesday. Also, be watching for this spring's "Miracle," the story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team. Additionally, rumors continue to fly about a possible sixth

"Rocky" film and another "Indiana Jones" movie, and I'm sure the summer will produce countless previews of some quality movies for the fall. As for the underground, keep an eye out for the sequel to "Boondock Saints." And, if you haven't seen "Boondock Saints," what's wrong with you? Prediction: too close to call for Best Picture and other such Oscars. However, keep an eye on Colin Farrell and Orlando Bloom as they continue to ascend the ladder of acting success. Additionally, expect the usual suspects (Cruise, Jackson, Hanks, Nicholson, Kidman) to produce at least a couple of quality films.

In music, we're obviously dealing with various genres and tastes. However,

some bands do appear to be on the verge of major success. First, Switchfoot is just breaking onto the popular scene despite years of success in the Christian music industry. This band reminds me more and more of Creed and could see similar success in the coming year. Secondly, Three Days Grace appears to be on the verge of a breakout year as well in the alternative genre. As for the rest of rock, expect Linkin Park and Three Doors Down to continue to impress their fans. In the pop genre, look for relative newcomers Maroon 5 to emerge. Originally known as

Kara's Flowers, this So-Cal group could find a niche in what's being called "power-pop" with their CD *Songs about Jane*. Additionally, as much as I hate to admit it, Dave Matthews and John Mayer will continue their success.

However, their cult-like followings may be checked by the rising popularity of Coldplay and Jason Mraz. While I admittedly have a very limited knowledge of rap, I would expect 50 Cent, Chingy and Ludacris to continue their success, as well as the usually successful Eminem. Finally, for you emo fans, expect the usual suspects of Dashboard Confessional and Something Corporate to enjoy more success. Additionally, keep an eye on the recently fast-rising Yellowcard and newcomers The Early November. Prediction: huge year for the alternative industry, followed closely by rap. Emo will continue to grow in popularity once people get past

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Beck helps students making post-graduation choices

By **Brianne Coone**
Staff Writer

Sam Beck, director of the Career Counseling Center, walks into her office, with a smile that is reflected in her dark brown eyes. There is an air of confidence about her, not that annoying, cocky sort of confidence some people display, but a friendly, professional form of confidence.

Just beyond the door of Slane Center Room 201 sits a small desk holding a computer. Pictures of Beck's three children, an aerial photo of her house, multiple degrees and Dilbert clippings adorn the walls. Three ivy plants, two hung in the corners from the ceiling and one on top of a bookshelf, add inviting warmth to the room. A love seat positioned against the wall sits opposite a larger desk, creating a relaxed feel. Two four-foot-tall karate trophies sit between the bookcase and the couch.

Beck received the trophies after being involved in the karate course offered on campus. For four years, she stayed after work to train in the evenings. After earning her black belt, she taught karate here for a year.

Beck's education stretches far beyond training in self-defense. Initially, she went to law school at Wake Forest University, but halfway through she decided that was not the work she wanted to do. She went to WFU graduate school to get her master's degree in history with the intention of teaching at a community

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efforts to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa. Now every tax-paying American is helping to fund this promise. Americans are finally contributing to an effort that should have seen their contributions years ago. However, much more needs to be done if the world wants to fully combat this crisis. The last thing we want to see is \$15 billion go to waste.

As a student at High Point University, think about how much money you spend each day to fulfill your needs. Let's make it easy and focus on the bare necessities such as clean water and at least one meal a day. In addition to this, you need somewhere to stay, something Bob Dylan would call, "shelter from the storm." Don't forget, our university doesn't give you these things for free; you pay for them with your tuition or at least your parents do. Of course, the grand total for the daily cost of these things will vary based on the different life-styles of each individual because, while someone devours a steak dinner at Outback, another enjoys a burger meal at McDonald's. Now, keeping these things in mind, imagine living on less than \$1 a day. Suddenly food becomes much more important to you, and healthy drinking water is a luxury. This is the case for over 300 million people living in Sub-Saharan Africa, and this number could rise to 400 million by 2015.

To make matters worse, 30 million people have contracted HIV/AIDS in Africa, which accounts for 70 percent of infections across the globe. 6,500 people die and 9,500 more contract the virus everyday in Africa alone. That's twice the number of people who died on Sept. 11, 2001. Imagine two Sept. 11's occurring on a daily basis for the remainder of your lives.

college or a small college.

After earning her master's in history, she began applying for jobs. Because she had relevant volunteer experience, Forsyth Technical Community College administrators offered her a part-time counseling position working with disabled students. She was successful, so a FTCC administrator offered her a full-time position. In order for her to be a full-time employee, she would have to be available for all forms of counseling. While working at FTCC, she went back to school at WFU and got another master's degree, this time in counseling. She became nationally certified as a counselor. After being involved in all facets of counseling, she realized that career counseling best suited her.

As a career counselor, she not only helps people find jobs, but also advises them about their future plans. She works with "freshmen not sure of their direction, sophomores not sure about what they want to major in or what they can do with a particular major. Maybe juniors, who have chosen a major that they may love but aren't sure how that's translated into the next step. They may be seniors looking at graduate schools or professional schools," Beck said. Her job is to cater to the student's individual needs. "Because it's an individualized process, then what I do in that session totally depends on what the student is looking for," she said.

"I feel my responsibility is to pro-

What about the children? There are currently 13 million HIV/AIDS orphans living in Africa. These children are left to die on hospital shelves, street corners, in sewers, or the garbage. Again, the numbers are only increasing, and by 2010, an expected 20 million children in Africa will have lost a parent to HIV/AIDS. If children are the future, Africa's future doesn't look too promising.

Proper funding would pay for the drugs and the education needed to end the spread of HIV/AIDS, but large debts, unfair trade and broken promises keep preventing this from happening. Sub-Saharan Africa spends \$14.5 billion each year paying back debts to the world's wealthiest countries and international in-



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In Jersey, she was used to hanging out with many Hispanic people, and once she arrived here, her freshman year, all of that changed for the next three years. Brito, in touch with her culture, would try to make the best out of it. She says with a smile, "My freshman, my sophomore and my junior year people would laugh; my friends would just think I was the craziest person; and I would make little flyers to put on my door that said I'm proud to be Hispanic." It was tough for Brito not to know anyone that could understand how left out she felt. "I celebrated Hispanic Heritage month all by myself," she said.

She explained with a gloomy face how nobody knew that there was a Hispanic Heritage month. It begins Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 15. Brito says that throughout her first three years she only knew one Spanish person but that person did not speak Spanish, and the only

people that she could actually talk to in Spanish were her Spanish professors. She hated her freshman year; the only thing that kept her here was her major. She said that High Point was one of the few schools that offered international business as a full major instead of just a subsection of business.

Brito adapted to her new environment throughout the years. She met all different people that made her life more interesting. But no matter what she did, she did not forget about her background. She said, "My culture, my heritage, are very important to me, and I'm not ashamed of it at all." She also said how having someone that she could have shared that with would have made her first three years even better. According to her, Hispanics composed only 1 percent of the population her first year on campus, and now she says the number has increased to 5 or maybe even 6 per-

cent of their Gross National Product (GNP) to the poorest nations of the world. However, America is currently well below that mark at only 0.23 percent. On the other hand, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have all met the 0.7 percent mark, proving that it is attainable. It is vital for every nation who made this agreement to fulfill this promise because development assistance brings safe drinking water, medicine, school books and food to those less fortunate.

I could go on further with more statistics but I hope I've deepened your understanding in the urgency to act towards this effort. Please remember that when our "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" event comes to a close in the Millis Center on Feb. 25, our university's fight against global AIDS mustn't come to a standstill. When this event is over, be sure to finish the fight because while our lives continue on, other lives in Africa come to an end.

stitutions, making Bush's \$15 billion look rather small. As a result, most of the countries in Sub-Saharan Africa end up paying more in debts than they do for health care and education.

We must keep in mind that people dying of AIDS in Africa can't be blamed for the thoughtless loans that were made between the governments of Africa and wealthy nations and organizations. Why do we make people survive on less than \$1 a day when we know that they can't pay back their debts? Isn't less than \$1 a day bad enough? In fact, if all of Africa's debts are canceled, it will only cost each member of these wealthy nations about \$1.70 a year. For you, that's just one less hot dog and soda at a High Point Panthers basketball game.

Perhaps the most disturbing figure is the amount of money America gives to the AIDS crisis. In 1970, the world's wealthiest nations came together and agreed to give, on a yearly basis, 0.7 per-

cent of their Gross National Product (GNP) to the poorest nations of the world. However, America is currently well below that mark at only 0.23 percent. On the other hand, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have all met the 0.7 percent mark, proving that it is attainable. It is vital for every nation who made this agreement to fulfill this promise because development assistance brings safe drinking water, medicine, school books and food to those less fortunate.

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With her resume program students can fill out the questions, save the information, and then go to her for advice on how to improve it. She explains how companies will view applicants' content and possible questions interviewers will ask about it. Her program allows her to focus on the content of the students' resumes, rather than on format and tiny matters such as indentation.

When asked what she liked most about her job, Beck said, "I like the mix." Her work varies. She spends part of her day doing career counseling with students, which could involve an interest inventory interpretation or a resume critique. Depending on the demands of the week, she could be attending meetings about the N.C. Job Fair or designing a logo for a career conference.

Her favorite part of the day is working with students in many different ways and getting to do different things. She said she does not like to do the same thing all day and says multi-tasking is one of her career values.

Beck has been a career counselor here for 10 years. She did not go to school with any intentions of becoming a career counselor. She said, "I sort of fell into it, like a lot of us do in our careers, sort of by accident."

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cent. Brito laughed and said, "Actually I am a senior now, and it is now that I meet all these Spanish people out of nowhere." She has the chance to communicate and interact with her culture. Now that Darlene is a senior she wishes that she had done something to show the students about the cultures on campus. She had an idea to make a multi-cultural festival that would show dances from every culture on campus. Brito never had the chance to actually get to do this, but she hopes that someone has the same passion that she has for her culture and would be able to put on a show.

Brito will be graduating in the spring and is happy to leave the campus with more Hispanics. She just hopes that all these students stay true to their culture because for her it is everything she has. Brito with a cheerful tone said, "Nothing makes me prouder than being Hispanic."

'Grams' a heavy film

By Sarah Gray
Staff Writer

"21 Grams" is Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu's first English language film featuring Benicio del Toro, Sean Penn and Naomi Watts. The director is famous for his Spanish film, "Amores Perros." and the release of his new film was highly anticipated. "21 Grams" is the story of three very different individuals who are thrown together after a fatal car accident. The film follows how their lives intertwine and how each character is forced to face the reality of death. Jack Jordon (Toro) a religiously redeemed ex-con and his wife struggle to provide for their two children, while Jack questions his faith and puts it to the test. Paul Rivers (Penn) is an ill college professor waiting for a heart transplant. Meanwhile his wife tries to convince him to donate his sperm, implying that she will want to bear a child after he dies. The couple's relationship is tested through their turmoil and fear of imminent death. Cristina Peck (Watts) has the perfect family life with her husband after her destructive past. She is forced to think about her future and her family's lives.



"21 Grams" was mostly filmed with a hand held camera which gave it a rough, gritty and intimate feel. The structure is jumpy with flashbacks and back-and-forth scenes between characters. Overall the style is very much his own and similar to his earlier film. The performance by del Toro is possibly his best since "Traffic," and he commands the audience with his every move and words. Penn keeps getting better with each film he does. Watts redeems herself with this role following her mediocre performance in "The Ring." The scenes that are captured are breathtaking and sometimes disturbing because they seem so real. Moviegoers feel that they are in the film and watching it unfold in front of them. This film is intense and kept me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

The title of this film is not a drug reference, but 21 grams, the equivalent of five nickels, is the amount of weight a person loses when they die. This highly spiritual and dramatic film will not leave you unmoved.

'Big Fish': a larger than life tale

By Andrea Griffith
Copy Editor

Looking for a good film that rises above goofy comedy but isn't heavy on sentimentality and drama? "Big Fish" is your ticket, with a tone that remains light-hearted throughout, even as it addresses the issues of death and troubled family relationships.

Director Tim Burton and his amazing cast, which includes Ewan McGregor, Jessica Lange, Albert Finney, Billy Crudup, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi, Helena Bonham Carter and Alison Lohman, create contrasting worlds of the real and the imaginative that hold the viewer's interest throughout.

Finney stands out as the older version of Edward Bloom, who continues to tell his outrageous stories as he waits to die, even though these monologues have driven his son Will (Billy Crudup) to alienation. All of his life, Will's only dialog with his father involved

tales of giants, circuses and big fish, of course. Despite bitterness he feels toward his father for fabricating much of what he learned as a child, Will has returned home with his wife upon news of his father's illness. The folklore is revealed to the audience through flashbacks narrated by Finney. Ewan McGregor plays the young adult version of Finney's character in a way that is cheerful without being sickeningly sweet.



All cast members seem like natural picks for each of their characters. Jessica Lange adds brightness to the movie as Sandra Bloom, who tries to side-step the conflict that her husband and son face. As usual, Danny DeVito supplies energy as a circus entrepreneur that makes the entire film more rhythmic. Helena Bonham

Carter, in a fitting role, creates a sense of awe and mystery as a witch, and Billy Crudup glues the story together as he tries to discover the truth about his father's past.

The film is reminiscent of "Forest Gump" because of its unbelievable recollections, but is more visually stunning because of the added fantasy components.

"Big Fish" achieves a great balance of drama and comedy. At the heart of the plot is a son struggling to accept his father, but Burton is able to avoid the rush of sentimentality that usually accompanies death in film. None of the characters talks at length about Edward's condition; his death is not belabored or cliché. The focus remains upon his life of folklore and romance, which adds momentum to the film's message that life should be an adventure with no mundane patterns.

With "Big Fish," Burton and cast blend reality perfectly with fantasy. The result is a fun film featuring relationships that many of us can identify with and colorful worlds where most of us would rather be.

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the 'kid-in-the-tight-black-shirt' concept of the genre and actually listen to the music.

Finally, we'll conclude with sports. I'm going out on a limb on practically all of these, and could horribly fail with several, so here goes nothing. Straight to the predictions: the Carolina Panthers will win the Super Bowl. The High Point University Panthers will make the NCAA tournament. Duke will not win

the national title. The L.A. Lakers will not win the NBA title despite their disgusting amount of talent. Neither will the Indiana Pacers. The Chicago Cubs will have a huge season after quietly assembling a fantastic team. Additionally, the Anaheim Angels are going to make quite a bit of noise in the American League. Lastly, the Boston Red Sox will disappoint their fans, again.

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wanted us to do. Judge people by the content of their character. Encourage yourself and others to really know people for who they are on the inside. Learn from others about their culture and embrace yours as well. It's through learning one can get understanding.

What kind of person do you chose to be? Are you going to be the type of person who decides to stay ignorant and make the situation worse? Or, are you going to choose to be a part of the dream? The choice is yours. Just be sure to make the right one.

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able difficulties. He saw the past with internal urgency and that the past and the future are related and "it is into this web that humanity is born."

King traveled to Memphis, where he was murdered, in April of 1968 to lead a protest against the low wages and poor working conditions of sanitation workers. In closing, Jones said that if King had stayed at home in Atlanta, he would probably still be alive; it would be the "nonviolence of apathy, of safety, of contentment with the status quo. Instead, he wanted to be remembered as the drum major for justice, peace and righteousness."

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Welcome Back, Drew!
From your fellow staff members

Sports Med Club

After a busy fall, the Sports Medicine Club is making plans for an even busier spring semester. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving food drive and our holiday toy drive. Both events were a big success with over 150 food items being donated to the Father's Table, and over 5 boxes of toys being delivered to the Toys for Tots program. We are especially grateful to the Board of



Stewards whose donations were key to the toy drive's success. This spring, we will be putting on a Sports Medicine Symposium on March 20 for perspective HPU

students interested in Sports Medicine. The symposium will consist of guest speakers, member presenters and hands-on activities to give high school students an idea of what it is like to be an athletic training student at HPU. Just a few of the other events in the works for this semester include a campus health fair held in conjunction with Student Health Services, a social outing and the National Athletic Trainers' Association annual conference. The

club is open to any current or prospective exercise science or athletic training student and usually meets the first Thursday of every month in Millis Room 226.

Alpha Gamma Delta ΓΗ

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great break and got some much needed relaxation. Although it has only been a couple of weeks since we have been back, we have been very busy. We are currently getting ready for Formal Recruitment and cannot wait to meet all potential members. Formal Rush is one of our favorite times of the year and it always proves to be a great time for the rushees. Good luck to all fraternities and sororities participating in Formal Recruitment!

We are currently planning a great philanthropy event with our local Triad cancer centers. Sisters will dedicate one day from the upcoming month and spend the entire day with the children at the centers who are battling this disease. We will present these special boys and girls with goody packages and make each child a prince or princess for the day. We are looking forward to this event and plan to make it a tradition in up and coming years.

Boys, mark your calendars because next month on Feb. 14th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the Zetas in our annual Valentine's Day Date Party. This was a tradition started last year and

it proved to be a great success. We always have such a great time with the Zeta girls and enjoy strengthening the bonds between our two sororities.

We also would like to congratulate three of our sisters for being nominated for Snow Queen for Snowball 2004. Good luck, girls; you all work hard and deserve this honor! The Gams will all be attending Snowball and we hope to see many of you there as well.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming events sponsored by Alpha Gamma Delta. We are currently looking into bringing back an old tradition and holding a sister



retreat at Hanging Rock Mountain. This retreat will be a time when we can get

away from the stress of college life and even further strengthen our bonds of sisterhood and spend quality time with one another. We also will be sponsoring an event at High Point's Triangle Billiards soon and plan to have several mixers with various campus organizations.

Again, good luck to everyone during formal recruitment and good luck to all students in the new semester!

College Republicans

This will be an exciting spring for College Republicans! Some special events are in the works.

Any wrestling fans out there? On Feb. 11, Warrior, also known as the Ultimate Warrior, will be on campus. He will be available for autographs and a photo opportunity, and will be speaking during his

stay on campus. This event is open to all students!

On Feb. 24, College Republicans and College Democrats will face off again in a debate. Even if you are not in one of these clubs, come to this exciting event!

Other events are in the works and will be announced soon! Have a great spring semester, and come join College Republicans!

Kappa Delta ΓΤ

The sisters of Kappa Delta are back from break in full force! We are SO excited about formal recruitment and look forward to adding some AWESOME girls into our chapter!

We are excited to report that we had a great visit from our CDC Lindsay Light and she gave us some very helpful tips on how to improve our chapter even more!

CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS for the date of Saturday, March 20th! We will be holding our 7th Annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run on this day! We are working very

hard to make it a bigger success than last year, so please come out and help us raise money for Prevent Child Abuse America!

Our annual Crush Party will be held February 27 at Triangle Billiards. Boys, be ready to be handcuffed! Lots of other



fun activities are in store for all those who attend.

Be on the lookout for some more of our upcoming Philanthropy events to help prevent child abuse and our local philanthropy, the Hallelujah House. We will be collecting necessity items such as toothpaste, shampoo and soap to donate to the battered women's shelter. If you want to help, please contact Sylvia Harwood at X9305.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

"The Spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha" has soared through the hearts and minds of the Ladies of the Sigma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in many ways. A small but powerful group, we have proven ourselves this past fall semester with our dedicated efforts on campus and within the community.

A recap of the semester shows our hard work in striving to serve all mankind. In October, various ladies of Sigma Mu campaigned to make students, faculty and staff aware of the causes and effects of breast cancer. Free breast screenings were offered which educated women on breast cancer and early signs along with pamphlets and ribbons that were distributed throughout the day in classes and around campus. Sigma Mu also invited a representative from the local hospital, High Point Regional Health Center, to provide more background information on breast cancer through a power-point presentation. She also spoke on how to prevent it and what to do if you have breast cancer.

During the week of Nov. 17-22, we helped enforce Buckle Up America by putting posters up depicting serious accidents dealing with not wearing seat-belts or driving under the influence. To enhance this program, A Seat Belt Simulator was brought to campus by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol in Greensboro, N.C. While on campus a Winnie the Pooh stuffed animal was used to demonstrate seat belt safety. While Winnie the Pooh did not have a seat belt on, it showed how he was ejected from the truck while

it was spinning around as if it was in a car accident. Many students and faculty stopped by and witnessed this event.

For National Volunteer Day, we served food to various families at the Greensboro Pathways Family Shelter. This shelter housed about 16 families who are in need. They come from all over, including New York and surrounding areas like Greensboro or Winston-Salem. Most of the families consist of single mothers with three to four kids. There were a couple of two-parent families. We came together to serve the families hotdogs, chili, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and drinks that were made prior to arriving at the shelter. The families enjoyed our presence and we enjoyed being there to help them.

Other events that we held consisted of secret sisters, delivering goody bags to the elderly at Evergreen Nursing home and a self-funding spaghetti dinner. This dinner was an event where we were able to invite two friends for dinner. This gave our guest a chance to learn more about our sorority, ask questions and interact more closely with us. Each soror helped out by shopping for food or making something for dinner. We also supported our graduate chapter Eta Omicron in the recognition of its Golden and Silver Sorors during an afternoon tea. Lastly, we held a dessert discussion on AIDS, which allowed the student population to come together and talk about facts on AIDS. It was an open forum where students shared stories and suggested ideas of ways to help fight AIDS. This was the foundation of a project that we started to help fight AIDS.

Alpha Delta Theta

The sisters of ADT have been pretty busy between our many services and socials, but we've enjoyed our time together and with many people throughout our community. We are a Christian Service Sorority which strives to be God's Light to the HPU campus and to the community at large. ADT has made quite a few trips to High Point Manor (a retirement center) hanging up cheerful signs, playing bingo and singing Christmas carols with the residents. We have also been involved with Operation Christmas Child, The Angel Tree Project, Habitat for Humanity and numerous other projects. Our social chairs have provided some fun and entertaining social events for us this year, including movie nights, game night, ice cream socials and many others. We are very excited and proud to have six new girls join our sisterhood: Jessica and Katie Culp, Doreen Furman, Heather Gregory, Brooke Hayworth and Dekesha Seay. Congratulations, girls! We love you! If you are looking for a Christian based sorority with a dedication to the Lord and to the community, please consider joining ADT! We would love you have you at our Open Houses scheduled for Feb. 3 and 10. For more information, please call Ashley Zickefoose at 888-6347.

Pi Kappa Alpha

The Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha hope that everyone is having a good spring semester. Since getting back to good old HPU, we have stayed really busy. Just before the beginning of the semester, brothers Darrin Sita and Sam Clocic attended a Pi Kappa Alpha Chapter Presidents Conference in Memphis, Tenn. They both came back with a lot of new ideas and we are looking forward to putting those ideas into action. On Jan. 24, we once again cleaned our two mile stretch of Lexington Ave. for the Adopt-A-Highway program. We are also planning some activities with the High Point Fire Dept. such as a benefit softball game and a pig roast.

We did really well during Spring Recruitment and got a great group of guys who we hope to someday call brothers. We would like to thank the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha for our last function. We had a great time in the grotto, ladies. On Feb. 28, we will be having our Annual Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl Formal at the Greensboro Embassy Suites. The black-tie event is a night dedicated to the lucky girl who will have the privilege of being the Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl. Good luck to our indoor soccer teams, especially the B team. Try not to embarrass yourselves.

This semester is no doubt going to be a busy one. We have a lot of events planned for the rest of the semester such as our annual beach weekend (tentatively scheduled for April 8-11) which will be in Charleston, S.C. this year. In addition to beach weekend, we will also be having plenty of mixers and parties, some school-wide fundraisers, and hopefully a few other events that will make this semester another one to remember. Finally, we want to wish Brother Nick Peterson the best of luck during his semester off; see you back here this summer, Mo-Pete.

Phi Mu ΓΖ

The ladies of Phi Mu, Gamma Zeta chapter, are proud to announce our new Executive Board. Kelly Rushin will serve as President, Emily Stilwell as Vice President, Heidi Bitler as Secretary, Erin Hipps as Treasurer, Sarah Seitz will serve on Panhellenic, Molly Bayard as Social & Risk Management, Kelly Brown as Phi Director, and Meghan Brown as Membership Director. We would also like to congratulate our new Phi, Elizabeth Balwah. Good Luck to all Fraternities and Sororities in the Spring Recruitment.

Off the field problems gain new meaning

Last Thursday began like any other day I have had since I started school this year. I woke up to go and work at the Dog House, hung out with my roommates for a couple hours and went to work out at the YMCA. All right, maybe working out at the Y is something that I've only done a few times since coming here. Things changed for the worse later that evening when I went shopping at the Harris Teeter on Eastchester.

As my roommate and I were loading the car with the groceries that we bought, he took the cart back and I started his car. As he slid into the passenger seat, a man came to the window to ask for the time. I reluctantly, due to circumstances I will explain later, cracked the door and had my roommate tell him the time. As I closed the door and was fidgeting with a car I was not used to, I could tell that the man wanted something else. Around this time, a second man approached with his hood on and acting excited. I glanced over to see what he was so worked up about and noticed him gesturing toward his hand.

Many people have different ideas what they would do if a gun got pulled on them, whether it is be brave and try to save the day or freeze in fright. I

thought for about a half second about trying to drive away, but there was no quick way out of the parking lot, so common sense took over. At least what I would call common sense under the circumstances.

My roommate and I jumped out of the car, thinking we were getting car-jacked. As we were standing up, the man with the gun yelled, "Get back in the car!" For a second here, I became petrified because I thought I was getting kidnapped. Luckily, and I will call it luck for now, the man with the gun and his friend, who was by now at the passenger side watching my roommate, just asked for our cash.

The men ended up with what I consider a good chunk of change from me and my roommate plus his wallet. We ended up driving down the street a little ways and calling the police. They never found the two men, but it was nice to see 10 police officers speeding around town trying to help us a little.

Most people would find this event traumatizing enough to last many years. For me, however, it has been just one of a string of incidents. A week prior to the armed robbery, I was the victim of larceny as I let someone in my house that I

should not have and he left with my \$80 electric razor. Over Thanksgiving Break, some nice people decided I no longer needed my X-Box, controllers, games and DVDs, and they also stole some of my roommates' things. If you put those three together, you have breaking and entering, larceny and armed robbery, all within a couple months. I actually picked up the police reports for the first two the day before I went to the Harris Teeter.

I remember my brother, the former editor of the Campus Chronicle, writing his last article about how High Point has become his hometown. It was an article I agreed with until a week ago. Don't get me wrong, I love the campus and the people that go to school here. I just cannot deal with the problems I have had over the last couple months. I might stay in the Triad if I get a job in the area, but, as of now, I cannot live in the city of High Point.

I did not write this to discourage anyone from living here or to say High Point is a bad place to live. I actually loved it before Thanksgiving. I wrote this so I wouldn't have to tell this story anymore. I wrote it so maybe I can sleep at night without worrying about whether the doors and windows are locked or thinking about what I could have done differently to stop any of these three crimes. With that out of the way, I'm now ready to watch the Super Bowl.



Kenny Graff
Sports Editor

Men's basketball team reaches top of league

By Taylor Humphreys
Staff Writer

The men's basketball season is underway and if you haven't caught a game at the Millis Center—you're missing 40 minutes of exciting basketball. On Jan. 27, the Panthers had a 12-5 record and topped the conference with a 5-1 mark.

With practically all the starters coming from junior colleges, one major hurdle was getting everyone to learn each other's game. Zion White, a junior transfer from West Plains Junior College, who is averaging 15 points per game, says, "In my opinion, getting to know everyone and the different way we all play was difficult since we're all new." Because of this, Coach Bart Lundy noticed right away what his primary job needed to be. "I had to get everybody on the same page and teach the system to all the guys, which has been a challenging and at times frustrating process, but also fun."

By beating Radford last Saturday, High Point has already tied the school record for single season Big South wins. With 10 more conference games, this has brought high expectations for the guys. Jerry Echenique, a 260 pound center who is averaging 12 points a game said, "Although the preseason poll ranked us 7th, we're #1 in our conference. This places a lot of pressure and the expectations are increased. Everyone comes into High Point looking to beat us."

Coach Lundy enjoys the high expectations because he believes they make the team work harder. "The expectations are already off the charts which is good. That high bar of expectations has created a spirit here at High Point for basketball that hasn't been here in awhile."

The team's success has also attracted national attention. Last week, CBS Sports developed early projected brackets of March Madness, even though it's not even February yet. Within those brackets, High Point was ranked 16th and projected to play Wake Forest University in the first round. White mentioned, "It's awesome that people this early have already noticed our basketball team but we still have a lot of work to do and that is to win the Big South, then look at the NCAA Tournament."

Lundy is making a huge impact in his first season. Coming from a successful career at Queens College in Charlotte, he is on his way to starting a winning record at High Point. One reason for this instant success is his expectations from his players. Jorsua Chambers, a 6-5 junior, believes that "when you have intense focus during practice and learn everything you need to, then the games will be easier to get a win."

Another thing that is necessary for home game wins is the student section which can be seen at games standing for 40 minutes, losing their vocal chords, bonging more beer at halftime and making sure that the visiting team experiences 40 minutes of pure hell. Since the season began, the attendance has grown with each game and the crowd at the Radford game exceeded 2100.

Lundy says, "The students have been unreal, and last weekend [versus Radford] was the loudest it has ever been; and with that noise it creates a huge home court advantage which is a direct result of the student section."

Women's squad looks for strong stretch run

By Bethany Davoll
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The women's basketball team has had its ups and downs in the first half of the season, including several injuries, getting off to a 8-9 (2-2 in Big South play) record through Jan. 24.

The Panthers' most recent game was at home against Charleston Southern last Saturday. The game was close in the first half with the Panthers' leading by only one, but High Point turned it up a notch in the second half to come away with the 72-57 victory. Katie O'Dell, the Panthers' leading scorer and third in the conference at 14.3 per game, had 20 on the night. Freshmen guard Katie Ralls posted a career high 13 points, along with seven assists and four rebounds, and Shorty Martin, fourth in the Conference at 13.9 ppg had 10 in the game and three assists. The women have been coming together as a team lately, playing better defense overall and running a more effective offense.

Head Coach Tooley Loy said of his team's chemistry: "We're getting better everyday, it's been a big adjustment with

not many of the players having played together so far. Since Christmas break, we have seen improvement everyday."

High Point played on the road Jan. 21 in front of a full house against UNC-Asheville. HPU played the 12-3 (3-0) Bulldogs close for the first 40 minutes of the ball game and two overtime periods, before losing 68-66. There were five lead changes in the 10 minutes of extra play, but the winning basket came with 14 seconds left in double-overtime when UNC Asheville's Brittany Hendly's layup was good after a steal. The basket put the Bulldogs up by one, and High Point had a chance to tie or win the game with a pair of free throws coming with six seconds in the game, but missed both and were forced to foul. UNC Asheville hit one of two ensuing foul shots, for the final score of 68-66. Shorty Martin led High Point with 17 points before fouling out with 33 seconds left in regulation, Chan Ingram posted a season high of 15, and Katie O'Dell added 12 points along with 10 rebounds. Freshmen center Timberley Jones played valuable minutes in the game coming off the bench, adding key rebounds

and four blocked shots to help keep High Point in the game defensively. After the game Coach Loy was hoping to take an optimistic outlook from the loss. "We had a lot of people step up and play big minutes. There was good intensity and a packed crowd and we played a good team down to the wire. We hope to take this game as a positive and not a negative," he said.

Before the UNC Asheville game, the Panthers were coming off a loss against Birmingham-Southern, 59-49. High Point played the game close getting to within five points with under a minute left in the game, before being forced to foul at the end. Shorty Martin had 23 points in the game, tying a career high, while Emily Mills added nine points and Kate Jenner seven. Before the loss the Panthers had been on a three game winning streak, rebounding after losing five in a row in non-conference play. High Point hopes to continue improving in Big South Conference play, Coach Loy says his team "plans to win every game. We play one game at a time. There is no team in the conference that we feel we can't play with or beat."

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