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Students, faculty wage campaign to put a face on AIDS in Africa

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Students and faculty at the university hope to ignite a movement among college students with their Feb. 25 program "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa," which will center around two guest speakers who run an orphanage in Kenya.



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS
STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR AIDS EVENT

The program is part of a weeklong visit by the co-founder and doctor at New Life Homes, an orphanage in Kenya that has emerged as a model for saving the lives of children left to die as a result of the AIDS epidemic. Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai will bring their message of hope to a variety of Triad audiences beginning Feb. 22.

Beckenham and Wangai will be the guests of Drs. Chad and Jane Stephens, who discovered New Life Homes when the family was in Kenya in 1999. The Stephenses adopted their son, Joe, from New Life Homes and their daughter, Bui, came to live with them when her mother died in childbirth. Now, the Stephenses want to tell the story of these orphans to

others. As English department chair, Dr. Jane Stephens has reached out to the university's students, who have responded with a commitment to get results.

"For me, this is a personal cause," she said. "I'm so thrilled that High Point students have reached out to make it personal to them."

In addition to High Point, Beckenham and Wangai will visit Elon University, Wake Forest University,

Forsyth Medical Center and area churches the week of Feb. 22.

Through months of effort, students and faculty at High Point have organized the week's centerpiece event, which will be on Feb. 25 in Millis Athletic and Convocation Center at 7 p.m. The program will feature a multimedia presentation about AIDS orphans, performances by Genesis Gospel Choir and the university dance team "Panthers with Pizzazz," a display of artwork by local elementary school children and a touching surprise finale.

"In my opinion, there is no more important project than to give hope to thousands of Kenyan children, orphans in Africa," said University President Dr. Jacob

C. Martinson. "The enthusiasm that our students have shown in their praise of this program is inspiring."

Following is a sampling of fundraising activities for New Life at High Point prompted by this event:

-Fraternalities have recycled cans for money.

-Evening Degree Program students and sororities have planned baby showers to collect baby items for the homes.

-The International Club has sold raffle tickets.

-Students have collected artwork from local artists, including Mrs. Libby Martinson, wife of the university president. The artwork will be sold in a silent auction beginning at 5 p.m. in Millis Center on Feb. 25.

-The Student Government Association has donated \$10,000 to help fund the event, with the remainder being donated to New Life.

-T-shirts have been designed promoting the event and will be sold.

-Resident assistants are sponsoring a "Pie Your R.A." contest to raise funds.

-Students have collected money at Panthers basketball games.

-Students solicited Bono's foundation DATA, which agreed to participate by sending a video diary of Bono's crusade and some educational literature on

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Stephens family blessed by orphans adopted from Kenya

Editor's Note: This story was written by Charlie Lehman of McNeill Lehman, the university's news bureau. It was included in a comprehensive news kit that was distributed as part of the event's publicity campaign.

Jane and Chad Stephens did not go to Africa in 1999 to adopt AIDS orphans, but once they met Bui and Joe, there was no coming home without them.

Today, as Bui and Joe thrive in their North Carolina world, their parents keep a flame burning for those left behind. More than 200,000 Kenyans die of AIDS

each year, leaving behind infants and toddlers who will eventually become street children - or dead children - if they are not adopted. Jane and Chad Stephens hope to help connect compassionate Americans - and their love for children - with all of those AIDS orphans across the sea.

To that end Jane has helped to organize the first weeklong "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" conference this month at High Point University, where she chairs the English department. Events are also

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Popular 'caf' king departs after 13 years

By **Kathleen McLean**
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He greeted students entering the Panthers Commons and talked to them about their day. He listened to food requests and made the Kenny Burger a famed item on the menu. He won the Mr. Panther Contest in the faculty category twice. However, on Jan. 28, Kenny Roseboro's services ended at High Point University.

Roseboro was employed by Aramark, a company contracted by the university for food services. As production manager, he was responsible for ordering and receiving food for the Panthers Commons and working concessions at the games and events on campus. He worked for Aramark for 24 years and at High Point University for 13 years.

Mike Dickson, Aramark district manager, is unable to comment on Roseboro's

dismissal because it is against company policy. Dickson also cannot comment because of legal issues and respect for Roseboro. "You hate making changes; it's one of the hardest parts of a business," said Dickson. "But the goal is to make things better and move forward."

Roseboro said that he appreciates the students' support in his situation, but does not hold any hard feelings against those that made the decision. However, he would like to remind everyone that the cafeteria was not all about him. "I was blessed with a lot of good people," said Roseboro. "It's the staff that makes the managers look good."

Aramark works on a system of managers that report to Dickson as a liaison between Aramark and High Point University. Ms. Gwyn Ewing will be taking Roseboro's position as production manager, which leaves her position as resi-

dential dining area manager open. Dickson said, "Anytime you bring in someone new, the dynamics change. But the different backgrounds bring in a fresh new outside perspective."

Aramark's primary goal here is to provide the customers with what they want. "There are needs that the students, faculty and staff have, and we're charged with fulfilling those needs," said Dickson. "It's a constant goal." Dickson hopes the dining services will remain a positive aspect of campus life.

"Where else on campus do you have such a concentrated gathering of students, faculty and staff? We try to be as much a part of that interaction as possible and make it as positive as we can," said Dickson.

When students learned of Roseboro's dismissal, they were upset and confused. Freshman John Zeigler

said, "It's a shame Kenny is gone because he would come talk to you just to say hi." Freshman Matt Cordeau agreed.

Roseboro was known for his friendly personality and student interaction. A co-worker said, "He was more student-oriented than any of us, and it came naturally to him."

On Feb. 3, the Society's Source published an article on Roseboro which speculated Roseboro was dismissed because he was too courteous to the student body and gave out more portions than allowed. Although Dickson was not allowed to comment on Roseboro's dismissal, he said, "You have the right to feel, think and say whatever you want, but it is only an opinion," said Dickson. "We were never approached by anyone from the Source."

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Staff Editorial

AIDS crisis in Africa: please join the fight

"A whole generation of children are growing up without their parents, condemned to live their lives in poverty... This is a new holocaust... How many tens of millions more people have to die before we address this situation seriously? Future generations of historians will debate why it took the world so long to respond to the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS... They will probably conclude that the delay is as immoral as it is incomprehensible."

These words, by Justin Malewezi, Vice President of Malawi, say it all. Imagine a 10-year-old child left to care for her younger siblings because her parents were victims of AIDS. Imagine a child who must walk from his village for miles without shoes. Imagine the countless children, even infants, who have been raped because African men mistakenly think that this violent act will cure AIDS. These are children who have faced more trauma in the beginning of their lives than most of us will ever see.

Oprah recently visited some AIDS orphans in South Africa over Christmas. She threw a Christmas party for thousands of children. She gave them dolls and toys, clothes and shoes, a good meal that would be the only meal of the day for many of them and a Polaroid picture to remember the day. Most of them had never had their picture taken. Imag-

ine your childhood without the countless photo albums.

Oprah was overwhelmed by the children's joy. Despite all they had been through, they were bright-eyed, spirited children who will be eternally grateful to her. They have become Oprah's cause. They should be the world's cause.

If you're still not convinced that you should be spending time helping the AIDS cause, I ask you to do two things. First, see Oprah's "Christmas Kindness" episode on Feb. 24 in Hayworth Fine Arts Center at 11 a.m. Second, attend the "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa," event in Millis Center at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25. Both are worth IDS credit. These two events will make the cause clear and urgent for you, but more importantly, they will inspire you.

You may have recently felt inundated by AIDS posters, meetings, fundraising efforts and discussion on campus. But feel encouraged. These conversations will play a role in the overall effect. The statistics make AIDS seem hopeless—a child is orphaned every 14 seconds, AIDS claims 6,500 lives everyday in Africa. It is the faces of the courageous children, the missionaries who are pioneering a turnaround and the activists who bring hope. Won't you join the fight?

MLK's words remain important to this day

By Derek Shealey
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High Point University is a great school, and I'm proud to be one of its students, but it was on the campus of another university that I learned my most important lesson yet as a college student. It was late last year when I and two other majors had the pleasure of accompanying our English Department chair, Dr. Jane Stephens, to Wake Forest University to hear a series of speeches and interviews by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event, titled "Trumpet of Consciousness," paid tribute to some of King's most moving and socially relevant speeches. In the oration that we heard, the civil rights martyr expressed his contempt over American involvement in the Vietnam war.

After the speech was read, the host encouraged audience members to share their ideas. From hearing this one anti-war, politically-conscious 36-year-old speech, students, guests and faculty members shared the spotlight and gave their views on a number of social issues. Topics included Iraq, the economy, racial problems, affirmative action and the state of hip-hop music.

Interestingly, almost everyone made a reference to the "dream of King" or "spirit of King." I think that hearing such eloquent and urgent language affected inspired people to share their diverse and honest views about the world. That's the universal lesson I learned from the experience. King's legacy and timeless influence are founded on the belief of improving the quality of human life and ex-

pressing that belief. King shared the same dream of freedom as history's other great black activists, such as Malcolm X and Nelson Mandela, but he stands alone as the man who has spoken words of inspiration and humanity that have resonated in the hearts and minds of more people than anyone else of his era.

Of course, almost everyone would say that King's power resided not only in his speeches, but in his actions. If these actions, brave and dangerous as they were, brought him praise the world over, he didn't relish it. The focus stayed on a particular cause, protest or other issue that concerned the people.

With this in mind, I find it confusing how, sometimes, society chooses to preserve King's

memory. I live in High Point, and for the past few years, members of the city council have been trying to get Hartley and College Drive renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard. The proposal has received a great amount of local support. I support it because it's a way of keeping King's memory alive. At the same time, I don't think it's enough to merely rename a street or anything else after King. It's sort of a hollow tribute for a man who had real visions for creating a fairer, more united society. If the city council wanted to create a scholarship, build a job training center or develop some other community project in King's name, I would be more comfortable in my support. Monuments signify vanity, something King rejected as a

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Coping with breakups

Every girl, deep down, wants to be swept off her feet by a Prince Charming, but what happens when the fairy tale ends?



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At the beginning of the year, I wrote an article concerning ethics in dating. I talked about how you couldn't plan a relationship. You just have to let things happen, and I still believe that to be true.

Recently I was in a relationship that I thought would last a long time, but things happened and now I'm single again. Although a lot of girls would feel hurt to hear the words, "I love you, but I just can't be with you," I'm not. Sometimes you have to realize that it is the honest truth.

People who are on the outside of a

relationship may be angered because a friend was hurt or confused because everything looked perfect. However, they shouldn't stay upset because there was nothing they could do. All any friend can do for someone who was dumped or dumped someone else, is to be there as a shoulder to cry on or a sounding board.

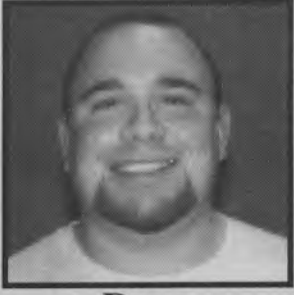
A relationship doesn't involve the whole world; it's only about those two people. The important thing is that those two people talk in order to save some sort of feeling they had for each other. I may not be in a relationship right now, but I know the guy I dated will always care about me and be there for me because we both had an influence in each other's lives. The same goes true for any relationship I have been in. Each has given me a memory or feeling that has affected my life.

Memories are to be cherished, and love is something that shouldn't be thrown away. Although you may have been dumped and were in love, that doesn't mean you should let go of ev-

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Why you should think about studying abroad

The chance to study abroad is something that every student should take seriously. Specifically, HPU has some great



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programs for students to choose from. Last semester, I and two others went to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. There are also programs to Oxford-Brookes, in Oxford, England, Leeds, also in England, as well as foreign language study programs in France, Germany, Spain, Mexico and others. I can attest to the fact that studying abroad is an amazing experience, and I hope you'll consider it.

I will say it probably isn't for everyone. As excited as I was at the beginning, I had some reservations. I'm an only child, very close to my family; I'd never been away from home for any period longer than a week or two. We won't even mention distance; it should tell you enough that I live in Winston-Salem and chose to go to school here. And there's also the fact that it's a completely different culture, almost a different language and a completely different and frankly confusing educational system. Oh, yeah, and Scottish food is only a notch or two above English cuisine...and I have an intimate relationship with what goes in my stomach.

OK, now for the good news. You get three months with no responsibilities except classes. Even then, you'll have less than you do here and since only credit hours transfer, your GPA will be unaf-

fectured (read: all you have to do is pass - talk about freedom). You're in a new country surrounded by all manner of exciting things to see and do. Not that this is important, but the drinking age is probably going to be 18, and there are no special stores for the "hard liquor." Yes, odds are you can purchase your nectar of choice at the grocery store along with everything else. I'm not sure why I even mention this, though, as I'm sure it means nothing to most college students. Oh, and don't forget, you have the chance to travel. Especially if you do one of the European programs, you will be a short flight away from an endless number of incredible destinations.

My reasons are a little different, but hey, maybe you can relate. I don't want to say I was looking for a semester off per se, but I was certainly looking for a semblance of a break. Yes, I wanted to travel, and yes, I was just chomping at the bit to experiment with kilts (at various levels of undergarments) and meet people from a lot of different cultures. Mainly, though, I just wanted a little R&R, and what better place to do that than bonnie Scotland?

Whatever your motivation, look into spending a semester (or year) abroad. I promise you won't regret it. Get in touch with Dr. Head in the Modern Foreign Language Department. She's the director of our study abroad programs. If you'd like info specifically on St. Andrews from me, e-mail the Chronicle account, and I'll get back to you. Keep in mind that St. Andrews is a more academically rigorous program, so you need to have a GPA of at least a 3.5 to apply. Oh, and if you write me with any questions about Prince William, I will delete on sight. With all that being said, Godspeed, and happy trails. And if you happen to be in Scotland at any point, have a wee dram for me.

The ugly truth about St. Valentine's Day

Ah, Valentine's Day. It's the day when people who love each other can say that they love each other through ex-



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clusive jewelry, extravagant dinners and countless cards that no doubt have a catchy, adorable poem inside. However, when you look

closer at all of these thoughtful things we do for the ones we love, they don't seem so precious and adorable after all. Let's be honest here. If you're spending a ton of money on a fancy dinner or jewelry that would make even some celebrities jealous, you're trying to buy a 'get out of the doghouse free' pass. It is a valiant effort, and I have to say that it's hard to get mad at someone

a month or two after Valentine's Day when you're wearing diamond earrings and still talking about the best filet mignon that you've had in your entire life.

Another common thing to give to that special someone is candy. Normally, chocolates in a red heart-shaped box are supposed to convey the message that you care about that person. Of course, you care about that person's feelings, but do you care about that person's weight? After hearing someone say, "I love you," and then being handed a three to five

pound chocolate heart, it's difficult not to hear the words, "Now get fat," in tow. I swear, most break-ups after Valentine's Day are due to the loss of physical attraction. Hey, it's your fault. You just had to say, "I love you," with a "Fudge of the Month Club" membership. The only candy given that I don't have a problem with are the conversation hearts. How can you get upset at little, sweet, pastel hearts that give you simple instructions, like "Kiss me," and "Be mine." Personally, I think the x-rated conversation hearts are a little more memorable. Their instructions are a little more demanding, but I think the pay-off is greater in the end.

I think we had the right idea when we were kids. What happened to the gift of a construction paper heart, where you could still see the glue around the edges? I don't know about everyone else, but I still give gifts like that. Sure, I may lose a boyfriend and a few friends after exchanging valentines, but I'm the one that saves money!

Don't get me wrong. I'm all for showing people that you care about them. However, a day that prides itself

"...a day that prides itself on a flying, fat, half-naked man...should be celebrated in moderation."

on a flying, fat, half-naked man, holding a bow and arrow and shooting people in the backside, should be celebrated in moderation.

After all, he is a grown man wearing diapers, so how seriously can the 14th really be taken? However, I am just as guilty as the rest of the public, since I also sometimes indulge in a few of the cliches of Valentine's Day. I think it's just part of the fun of it all. I am paying for it, though. In fact, I'm late for the gym now. Stupid "Fudge of the Month Club" membership....

Massachusetts legal battle sparks conflict over gay marriage and its implications for America's future

By Jonathan Miller
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In case you haven't been paying attention to the news, a historical event is about to take place in Massachusetts. This May, Massachusetts will become the first state in the Union to legalize same-sex marriages. The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled in November that denying same-sex marriages is unconstitutional. Lawmakers in Massachusetts thought Vermont-style civil-unions might meet the Supreme Court's requirements. As you may know, Vermont allows civil-unions, which is something short of actual marriage. The Massachusetts Supreme Court issued an advisory opinion last week stating that civil-unions will not suffice as a homosexual's right to marriage; thus, only marriage will be granted in Massachusetts, nothing less. This action by the high court prompted law-makers in Massachusetts to push for a constitutional convention in order to amend the current constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

While this article is being written, the Massachusetts legislature will be voting on the Marriage Affirmation and Protection Amendment. If all goes as planned with no parliamentary procedure delays, the amendment will probably pass; however, that does not make this amendment law yet. This amendment must be approved by a majority again by the next legislature in the 2005-2006 session and then the people will have the opportunity to vote in November of 2006. Therefore, Massachusetts will have allowed same-sex marriages for over two years. In order to ensure the passing of this amendment, some legislators have proposed changing the amendment to at least guarantee civil-unions. This compromise has not been well received by either side of the issue.

I am opposed to same-sex marriages and have confidence that the Massachusetts legislature will come through. If

things go wrong there and same-sex marriage becomes law, we are heading down a dangerous path. Aside from homosexuality being unnatural and a perversion of nature and the religious argument that homosexuality is morally wrong and an abomination as stated in Romans 1:26-27, homosexual marriage will lead to other non-traditional marriages. Evidence to support this argument has already occurred.

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A polygamy case in Utah is using the recent sodomy case, *Lawrence v. Texas*, to justify marriage with several women. When the state begins granting marriage to homosexuals, the state will have no ground to stand on when it tells this guy he can't marry 10 women. Allowing one non-traditional marriage will ultimately lead to allowing all non-traditional marriages. Say what you want, but marriage is a privilege granted by the state, not a right.

The state has always granted mar-

riage licenses, just like it grants driver's licenses. Therefore, the state makes the rules; however, the state could approve of same-sex marriage if it were voted on by the people instead of being declared by activist judges. Given the current climate, not all the states will approve same-sex marriage, but some will. This would break up the cohesion among states. A homosexual couple would be recognized in one state and not in another. The legal problems that would occur from this would be enormous. Legal matters regarding marriage benefits would be chaotic at best, leading to unnecessary complications among states. Thus, a federal marriage amendment seems to be the only possible solution if same-sex marriages become legal in some states; or each state could amend its constitution to guarantee marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

If these immoral and unnatural laws continue elsewhere, I'm afraid to say our country is moving in a direction we should not go. It could be disastrous. Massachusetts will prove that.

New Life Homes in Kenya save lives of AIDS orphans

Upcoming HPU guests Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai have turned 500 babies HIV negative since 1994

By **Andrea Griffith**
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There are 11 million AIDS orphans in Africa. Clive Beckenham, Mary Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai are three people doing something about it.

Arriving in Kenya in 1989 as missionaries, the Beckenham became aware of the plight of babies abandoned as a result of HIV/AIDS. They saw infants who were HIV positive with one or both parents dying of AIDS left to languish in the pit latrines and ditches of Nairobi. They learned that many children's homes, fearing the AIDS scourge, were refusing to take in these babies. The were appalled by the result: HIV infants born in hospitals were spending their brief days on rubber mattresses where they were essentially left to die.

As a result, the Beckenham worked to open an orphanage to address this humanitarian crisis. New Life Home opened in 1994 as one of only two orphanages in Kenya caring for AIDS orphans. They brought in Dr. Paul Wangai to provide medical care.

Calendar of Events:

The Visit of Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai will include the following events, which will lead up to High Point's main event Feb. 25.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22ND:

11 a.m.- Dr. Paul Wangai speaks at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem

MONDAY, FEB. 23RD:

**Visit to Elon University
7 p.m.- Program at Elon Community Church**

TUESDAY, FEB. 24TH:

11 a.m.- Oprah's 'Christmas Kindness' episode shown in Hayworth Fine Arts Center

Free Admission

Noon- Speak to Forsyth Physicians' Group

6 p.m.- Speak to National Medical Students' Group

8 p.m.- Program at Wake Forest University, Benson Student Center

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25TH:

Visit to High Point University

5:30 p.m.- Dinner with students, faculty

7 p.m.- "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" program, Millis Center

THURSDAY, FEB. 26TH:

8:30 a.m.- Speak at High Point Wesleyan

7 p.m.- Speak at Winston-Salem State University

New Life Homes (there are three now) have enjoyed unprecedented success taking 3-pound, sickly babies and helping them become vibrant, cheerful children. As a nurse, Mary Beckenham has the same British charm as a 60-something Mary Poppins. She speaks about the children with such pride that anyone listening is left believing that they will go on to become the next great world leaders, despite their humble beginnings.

Dr. Jane Stephens, chair of the English department, witnessed New Life's spirit first hand

when she visited in 1999.

"Their reputation for caring for babies in Nairobi is profound," Stephens, who lives in Winston-Salem, said. "They've had 500 babies, but each one is very much their own. They have shown us that one person can make a dif-

ference."

For the Beckenham, starting New Life was partly their responsibility as Christians.

"We began this Christian response because Christianity's founder and leader demonstrated that true compassion comes from the heart of God," Clive

Beckenham

said.

"Jesus

said,

'When-

ever you

refused to

help one

of these,

you re-

fused to

help me.'

We know

these

problems

are world-

wide, but the individual responses are

eternally significant and command im-

measurable importance to the babies who

are hungry, thirsty and homeless."

Today, the three New Life Homes save the lives of Kenyan AIDS babies every day in Nairobi, Kisumu and Lamu.



CLIVE AND MARY BECKENHAM WITH NEW LIFE CHILD

A prayer for AIDS victims everywhere

By **Erin Fedas**
Special to the Chronicle

If I am to be honest with you Lord, I must tell you that at times I seem to be boggled, perplexed, hurt and even mad. The suffering and injustice that you allow to go on in your world makes me wonder what you are doing up there sometimes. Seeking many answers yet failing to take action, I find myself asking, "Why do you permit the social discrimination, the racial prejudices, the hatred, the spread of fatal diseases around the world, if only to increase an apathetic nature in your people? Did you not teach us to love one another as we love ourselves, to live a life in serving others and to follow the life of your son, Jesus?"

Where is the love? When will we put the needs of others before the wants of ourselves? Is it even possible when society teaches us to be consumed with our own lives, to abide with a me-first attitude, to strive to make the most money and to earn the highest degrees? Where does that get us? Are we ever completely satisfied? Are our bellies ever full? Will we ever learn what love is?

But it was when I did not truly know you that I had these doubts. Please forgive me. For it has not been until recently that I do understand that your master plan is perfect, and through the pain, suffering, and injustices that nations must undergo, a greater reward will flourish and will await them in due time. Part of that greater reward must start with us, though. For you call us to a life of service and love. You call us to place the needs of others before the needs of ourselves. And it is in the truth of your word that you call us to be servants, not only to our friends, family and fellow Americans, but also

to strangers in struggling nations. For in loving and serving them, we also love and serve you. So what does that mean exactly? Lord, how can I as an individual make a difference? Do I really have anything to offer? What role do you call me to play so that I may help stop the injustices of the world?

Lord, I must thank you for the blessings you provide me every day. I praise and thank you for the roof over my head, the plentiful food I enjoy, the clothing giving me warmth, a healthy body and for the thousands of blessings you grant me through your grace. I next seek a prayer of healing. I ask you to use your hand to begin healing the countries that suffer through hunger and thirst, that are cold from lack of shelter and clothing, that are in pain from diseases and lack proper medical care, and that hurt because they do not know you, Lord. I pray that you use us, your people, to reach out and touch them. It is what you long for us to do. You tell us our most important job is to send forth your love and comfort to the world. For I pray that to be more like Jesus we must have a heart for the six billion + people in this world.

I pray Lord that you restore in our hearts the sheer joy of love. For if there was one thing you want us to learn while we are here on this earth, then it is the lesson of love. Love will last forever because it is the most enduring impact that we can leave on the world. Lord, help us to realize that our accomplishments, honors and wealth earned will not be remembered as much as what we gave to your people. We must love them unconditionally and serve them wholeheartedly the same way you love and serve us. I thank you Lord for giving us opportunities everyday to make a real difference. For "as we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men" (Galatians 6:10). And "withhold not good from them to whom

it is due, when it is in the power of [our] hand to do it" (Proverbs 3:27). Opportunities start with learning about the problems and not remaining apathetic to injustices that may not directly affect us...yet. Help us realize that there is no small service to you, Lord, because all acts of service are pleasing to you. A small donation, a short mission trip, a few people we encourage to get involved or even a quick prayer are all ways we can begin to serve. In doing so, we can be the teachers to others around us and for future generations.

While we all know, Lord, how lethal the AIDS virus has become, I still ask you to touch our hearts and open our minds in understanding the potential that the disease carries. I ask you to open our eyes to the millions of people dying and the increasing threat that the crisis could wipe out entire continents. I ask you to unplug our ears so that we may hear the screams of babies in Africa, the pleading of our brothers and sisters in our own cities and the cries of the million of others that we don't even know who are infected. May our hearts go out to them all. But that cannot possibly be enough! For our actions speak much louder than our words, and since a Christian life equals a life of service, I ask you Lord to push us to do more.

Lord, we need not fear the criticism of others and their rejection when we go against the norm, for you tell us not to fear because you are always with us. So may you be with us as we try to put a face on the AIDS crisis in Africa and through the utmost parts of the world. May you guide us to teach others the menace that the crisis poses to us all. Mostly, I pray that you remind us of our call in life: to love others and serve others as you did love and serve us.

More information about New Life Home Trust can be found at www.newlifehometruster.org.

A student plea to activist rocker

Editor's Note: This letter was sent to Bono of U2, but is not meant to imply that he will be attending the Feb. 25 event.

Dear Bono,

As college students, we are ready to protest. Millions of African children are becoming orphans, all because of an epidemic that is treated with oblivion. Our government treats AIDS with lip service; the wealthiest country and biggest power in the world is doing little to help an entire continent of victims.

But we feel that hope can be found if our generation gets behind this cause. Just as our parents' generation protested the Vietnam War, we can protest the apathetic attitude that our nation lends to this humanitarian crisis. AIDS is the most severe epidemic in history, but somehow it has become virtually excluded from the headlines. It's as if we are living during World War II but are

unaware of the fact that millions of Jews are being killed.

We refuse to sit idly by while millions of people die. We want to start a grassroots movement among colleges. But we need your help.

Your relentless devotion to fighting AIDS in Africa has inspired us, and thousands more, to take initiative. Because you are such a pioneer for this cause, we ask you to help us magnify an AIDS awareness event we are planning at High Point University on Feb. 25.

Our event, "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa," will center on our guests, Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai, who have saved hundreds of AIDS babies through their New Life Home orphanage in Kenya. We hope that our event will raise enough money to cover New Life's budget for 2004. Dr. Jane Stephens, our English department chair, has adopted two babies from this orphanage. Their story begins the same way every AIDS orphan's

in Africa begins, one of near death and lost hope. Jane's personal connection to AIDS orphans has created an energy on our campus and in our community that is multiplying in great numbers even as we write this letter. Our quest began with a dozen students, but now, our entire university is working on fundraising for the New Life Home Trust, local elementary school children are creating artwork as a tribute and faculty members are integrating AIDS awareness into their curriculum.

But we still envision more. We hope that our efforts will bring major attention to a problem that has been all but ignored for far too long. We hope that we can set the tone for other universities worldwide, for it is essential that college students become proactive. We hope to set a precedent at High Point University for continuous events. We

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planned at Elon University, Wake Forest University, Baptist Hospital and various churches. "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" features Clive Beckenham, a Christian missionary who with his wife, Mary Beckenham, founded an orphanage that serves AIDS orphans in Nairobi, Kenya; and Dr. Paul Wangai, who directs medical care at the orphanage.

The orphanage, New Life Home, has literally saved hundreds of babies abandoned in the pit latrines and ditches of Nairobi. It is one of the few bright spots in this bleak AIDS-ravaged landscape. It is also where the Stephenses — Jane, Chad and their four children (Sam, John, Rob and Kate) — found Joe after already deciding to adopt Bui.

This odyssey of love began on Jan. 1, 1999, when the Stephenses left their Winston-Salem home for a six-month visit to Kenya. Chad and Jane had worked there before, he as a doctor and she as a teacher. This time Chad

was to treat patients and train a Kenyan physician to run a 36-bed hospital in Githumu in a remote area of Kenya's tea country; Jane was to write her dissertation, the last leg of a Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and the teenagers were to attend school.

Five weeks later, a midwife at the hospital delivered a baby girl — a "bright-eyed, beautiful child," Jane says — whose mother died of a hemorrhage two hours after giving birth. The father immediately returned to his village to make funeral arrangements and asked the hospital to care for the baby girl until he returned. She was placed in a makeshift bassinet and spoon-fed a mixture of water and cow's milk. Because of the risk of transmitting HIV, nurses are no longer used.

If the baby had been left at the hospital, she would have died, Chad says. After two days of watching the infant's condition deteriorate, the Stephenses took her home and found an old can of formula at an Asian kiosk. They stayed up all night, taking turns feeding her drops of formula through a tube Chad had inserted through her nose because she was too weak to drink from a bottle. The baby started perking up within 24 hours.

Soon the Stephenses began receiving messages from the father that his family couldn't care for the baby. One day the

father showed his appreciation by walking seven miles with trays of fresh eggs for the Stephenses. After delivering them, he raised his arms to the middle of his chest and asked, "Can you keep her until she is this big?"

"We knew she was going to die or we were going to adopt her," Jane says.

They walked to the father's village in a steep valley. Everyone they passed fell in line behind them, the first white people these Kenyans had ever seen. The Stephenses went to the home of Leah Wambui, the father's mother, "a wiry, perky grandmother who was cooking up a storm," Jane remembers. The families ate and talked (Chad and Jane speak Kikuyu, the tribal language of the area) for a couple. Leah Wambui, who was obviously in charge, eventually pounded a stick to silence

the group.

She pointed to Jane and asked, "You, why do you want this baby?"

Jane responded, "When I was young, my mother died. It's a bad thing for a little girl not to have a mother."

"Then she will be yours, and there will be no more talk about it," Leah Wambui said.

They decided to honor the Kenyan custom of naming the girl after her paternal grandmother, and it wasn't long before Leah Wambui was nicknamed Bui (pronounced buoy).

After lengthy dealings with the Kenyan bureaucracy to win approval for the adoption, the Stephenses family had grown by one. They all agreed that one wasn't enough, that Bui needed another baby to go with her to America. They visited an orphanage in Nairobi run by a British couple that cared for HIV-positive babies and had an amazing success rate at turning HIV positive babies into HIV negative babies. Entering the orphanage, Jane had another girl in mind, but Rob found Joe, who had been abandoned in an open-air market and was later "collected" by a police officer. And Joe (Joseph Amani, meaning "faithful") was on his way to becoming a Stephens in North Carolina.



PHOTO BY JANE STEPHENS
BUI AND JOE STEPHENS DURING HALLOWEEN

In June 1999, the Stephenses returned to Winston-Salem, a larger family, a more diverse family. They converted their dining room into a bedroom for Bui and Joe and shared babysitting responsibilities.

"These are absolutely wonderful children," Jane says. "They have brought such joy into our home. ..."

"The adoptions have meant much more than we ever guessed in terms of how we see the world. When you adopt, you adopt history. We are now part of their family. We are now a biracial family. It relocates us in terms of the world. When we realized that, we noticed how white our world is, and we made a concerted effort to live more in a black world."

Bui and Joe attend The Montessori School, which is very international and "looks like the U.N.," Jane says. The family also started attending Emmanuel Baptist Church with a historically African-American congregation instead of First Presbyterian, where they were members for 20 years.

"Bui and Joe are so happy there, but they can't put a finger on why," she says. "Race is fluid at their age."

Jane says another top-of-mind consideration for the Stephenses goes right to the heart of this "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" conference: "What kind of responsibility do we have for Africa, for those AIDS orphans that we didn't stumble upon."

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the AIDS crisis and what people can do to help.

The Tower Players donated proceeds from a recent production of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

High Point's dedication to the cause is not limited to the Feb. 25 main event. On Feb. 24 in Hayworth Fine Arts Center, students will have a chance to see Oprah's "Christmas Kindness" episode, which documents the talk show host's visit to South Africa and the lives she touched there. In the spring, the athletes at High Point will hold an athletic fair to raise money for New Life.

AIDS in Africa has become part of classroom discussions across campus. Students have written about the AIDS crisis as they define it and are documenting the events on campus. They will sell their anthology of the event this spring as a fund-raiser. Journalism students are

AIDS in Africa Fact Sheet

Excerpts from 46664.com and datadata.org

*Every 14 seconds, AIDS turns a child into an orphan.

*30 million Africans are HIV positive

*AIDS has already claimed 17 million African lives

*Everyday, HIV/AIDS kills 6,500 people in Africa

*Everyday, 9,500 Africans contract HIV/AIDS

*There are 11 million AIDS orphans in Africa. Experts predict that unless there is massive medical intervention and prevention measures adopted, there will be 20 million by the end of the decade.

*The world as a whole spends \$4.7 billion on AIDS treatment, prevention and cures per year. To put that in perspective, U.S. consumers spend almost twice as much on cosmetics every year.

*In South Africa, one in five adults live with HIV/AIDS.

*Millions of children have lost not only their parents, but their teachers, nurses and friends, too. Businesses are losing their workers, governments are losing their civil servants and families are losing their breadwinners. As a result, entire communities are in shambles, and economies that have been already crippled by poverty, debts and questionable trade policies are further compromised.

working on feature stories about the university's involvement in the AIDS in Africa cause.

What started as a dozen students meeting during finals week first semester has grown into a campus movement," said Briana Warner, a sophomore on the AIDS project student committee. "I have been proud to see my fellow students take action. Through action, hope is found."

Those involved at High Point hope that this year's activities will help integrate AIDS awareness into the daily consciousness of those who are touched by this extraordinary effort.

We want to be the school that started the major AIDS movement among colleges, the one that took a stand against such a terrible epidemic," said Craig Grunwald, chair of the AIDS project student committee. "Feb. 25 will only be the beginning."

Warrior attacks liberal principles

By Tracy Whitman
Special to the Chronicle

Warrior, also known as the Ultimate Warrior, a professional wrestler turned motivational speaker, was on campus Feb. 11. Proving that one can have both brains and brawn, he inspired and motivated students through his great insight and wisdom.

The Feb. 11 event was sponsored by College Republicans and the Young America's Foundation. Before speaking at Hayworth Chapel, Warrior dined with students in College Republicans and fans who drove as many as five hours to meet their hero.

At 7 p.m., Hayworth Chapel was filled with students, faculty and fans. An introduction video was played, highlighting Warrior's renowned wrestling career. It was a special moment for wrestling fans that followed his career in the 1980s and 1990s, and a great introduction for a man who has devoted his life to being a true Warrior both in the ring and on the battlefield of life.

An avid reader of the Great Books of the Western World, such as the Bible and works by Plutarch, Sophocles, Aristotle, Homer and many more, Warrior is also a champion on the battlefield of thought and philosophy.

Warrior reminded students that to truly be an adult, one should think and act like an adult. This includes using your mind, not your muscles, in educational pursuits. Acting like an adult means never insulting anyone's intelligence and always treating people with courtesy. He men-

tioned that success in life comes from working and pursuing goals, not from having things handed to you or just having it easy in life.

Warrior also spoke on the importance of role models — having them and being them. He pointed out that today many role models are perverted leaders and celebrities. To be a role model is to provide a

model of a human being, and when role models are negative influences, one should be very concerned about the moral decline in our country.

This moral decline, Warrior mentioned, is due to a weakening of traditional values and rational thinking. Moral relativism has become all too common in society. Warrior pointed out that many now make decisions based on feelings instead of thinking.

Thinking is the most traditional thing men have done in history, and it is what works. However, living by feelings has become a great problem in society due to the increase of liberalism, and Warrior pointed out that this dangerous increase is making mankind morally bankrupt. He suggests that liberals who

live by feeling rather than rational thinking have no sense of right, wrong, good or evil. However, this country will not survive without morality.

Warrior reminded the audience of Benjamin Franklin, who said that America is a republic, a country of rational thought and morals, as long as we can keep it that way. We must live up to our end of the deal, though. Warrior pointed out that, while we have unalienable rights, we also have an obligation and responsibility to "preserve the tradition of humans providing for themselves" and to preserve morality and stability.

According to Warrior, liberalism is an "assault on man's ability to provide for himself." He stated that the world will not work the way the liberals hope it will. In the battle over ideas, the liberal philosophy of the destruction of morality and rationality will never work.

Warrior informed the audience that it is time to quit making excuses. It is time to take up intellectual arms and discipline. He said that liberals use "human" as an

excuse, but conservatives use it as an empowerment. We must be empowered to fight in the battle for thinking versus feeling. Warrior stated, "The path of least resistance is not living. It is dying." We cannot afford to take the easy path of al-

lowing liberalism to strip America of its morality and tradition. As American citizens, we are "entrusted with honor, jus-

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COLLEGE REPUBLICANS WITH THE WARRIOR



THE BOYS BOND WITH A CHILDHOOD HERO

Zenith looks to improve, thanks to the new editor

By Jannifer Hebert
Special to the Chronicle

Many students were disappointed by the quality of the pictures, captions and the cover of last year's yearbook.

This year's edition of the Zenith promises to be different. New editor Melissa Caudill, a junior from Leesburg, Va., describes this year's venture as a fresh start. There's a new staff, a new adviser—Director of Student Activities Roger Clodfelter—a new publishing company and plenty of new ideas. Caudill, who worked on her high school annual, got involved because she was disappointed with her freshman yearbook. She takes her job seriously. The plastic sleeves of her yearbook binder are packed with more than 160 pages of layouts, drafts and color-coordinated deadline sheets. It represents a semester and a half's worth of dedication from Caudill and the 10-member, all-female staff.

This year's book will focus on one theme, which will provide consistency and coherence. Caudill is keeping the theme a secret.

"Little things are what make a really good yearbook," she says.

The book will contain high-quality photographs instead of last year's pixelated pictures. Layouts will be uniform and the captions improved.

"My goal is for this book to be the best ever. I want it to be classic, traditional, one that everyone can be happy with," says Caudill.

The staff has faced many challenges this year. The number one problem has been to get people to complete their assignments. Working on the yearbook is time-consuming, and combined with school work and extracurricular activities, the workload can become a strain. Caudill works late, sometimes leaving the office at the time her peers are returning from parties. However, as a key member of the cross country and track teams, she is used to sacrifices.

The staff has also had to deal with the crash of the H drive. According to Caudill, "This is a digital yearbook. So we take the pictures, load them on Roger's computer; then we can access them from the yearbook computer. With the crash of the H drive, we lost the ability to do this, which has made it difficult to meet our deadlines."

It costs about \$25,000 to produce the yearbook. Last year the staff had extra boxes of books that went unclaimed by students. Caudill and Clodfelter are planning a formal assembly this year where the staff will present a slide-show with music and readings and then formally present a copy to the president. This event should generate excitement about the Zenith.

What does Caudill most enjoy about her work? "It's a good feeling to get your voice in there. It will serve as a memory for people and be a piece of our history," she says with a proud smile. The yearbook editorship serves as a good apprenticeship for her future. She plans to get a graduate degree in journalism and work for an interior design magazine.

Eric Reiss: a martial arts mastermind

Veteran instructor passes his knowledge on to a new generation

By Kathleen McLean
Staff Writer

He looked like he was drunk, with his body limp and arms flapping around like a rag doll, but Sifu Eric Reiss could not be pushed down by a student twice his size. Reiss then told the class that if anyone bet a friend that they couldn't push them over using his technique to give him a 10 percent cut should they win.

Sifu is the term of teacher in the Chinese martial art T'ai Chi Ch'uan. Reiss, 48, celebrated his 30th year practicing T'ai Chi this fall and said that the most important things he has learned are self-discipline and focus. T'ai Chi is a system of exercise, meditation and self-defense based on Taoist philosophy and the yin/yang symbol. The practice of the exercise is to restore balance and live a healthier, happier life in the cultivation of energy. It provides benefits in balance, strength, flexibility, blood pressure, inner calm and self-confidence.

When he was 13, Reiss was looking for an exercise to keep him healthy and something that he could practice for the rest of his life, and found an article on yoga. "I always liked weird stuff," said Reiss. Reiss is also experienced in Judo and Ju-Jitsu.

Reiss is originally from New Jer-

sey, but attended the California Institute for the Arts in Los Angeles and studied cinema and broadcasting in the film school. At the college, a distinguished martial arts master, Dr. Marshall Ho'o, offered a T'ai Chi class. Reiss joined the class and studied with Ho'o for 12 consecutive years.

But after three years of film school, Reiss dropped out and moved back to New Jersey. He studied under T'ai Chi master William C. C. Chen, and moved back to Los Angeles three years later. Reiss then moved to North Carolina and in 1997 enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Greensboro film school and graduated with a bachelor's degree

in cinema and broadcasting. "Without T'ai Chi I probably never would've gone back," said Reiss. "It helped save my life by making me take better choices."

He didn't receive the copywriting job he applied for, but was already employed full time. Ho'o had encouraged Reiss to teach when he moved to North Carolina. He started by teaching courses at a community college and his reputation spread, which left him with more work than he

could handle.

Reiss' school is called the Silk Tiger School of T'ai Chi Ch'uan, but he has no studio. "Wherever I am that day is my school," said Reiss. He teaches 4-5 hours a day in different locations: Elon, Greensboro, Asheboro and Burlington. He gets all of his work by word of mouth and phone calls. Dr. James Zarick hired Reiss to teach his class as a physical education course. "I got his number from the YMCA and

it's rare to find someone who is qualified to teach both yoga and T'ai Chi," said Zarick.

Reiss feels that it is important for him to teach on a college campus because that is

where he learned. He feels T'ai Chi Ch'uan is an important style to learn because of the stress reduction and health benefits. "I had a man my age in one of my classes who walked with a cane. It's been two months and now he walks without his cane, stands straighter and has reduced his pain

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EDP graduate returns to advise students

Debbie Dalton uses a personal touch to aid HPU night school students

By **Andrea Griffith**
Copy Editor

On a cool autumn Tuesday, Debbie Dalton monitors the phones in the Evening Degree Program office. She offers comfort to one student who calls in stressed about a particular class and her hectic life. Dalton offers a listening ear and supportive words.

"If you have to drop [the class], you have to drop. You can only deal with so much pressure. I hate that for you, though," she says. Dalton lets the student know that the staff is here for her and refers her to the campus counselor in case she needs further help.

The student is just one in a program of over 1000 that Dalton helps advise. She says she treats each student differently. Some need gentle reassurance, while others require tough love. Eleven years after graduating as an Evening Degree student, Dalton loves working for the program that changed her life.

"I don't think I ever really left," she said. "I haven't missed an EDP Christmas party in 15 years."

Dalton vividly remembers being an advisee, but now sits on the other side of the adviser's desk, helping students register for classes that she once took.

"Debbie has a great understanding

of what is required to be a successful night student," said EDP Dean Gail Tuttle. "She knows the commitment you must have...Debbie can remind students how their life skills they have learned from raising a family and working at a job can be truly utilized in the classroom."



Thirty years ago, Dalton, who also coordinates marketing and special events for EDP, would have never imagined her life now. At the age of 14, she suffered the loss of her mother. At 16, she was on her own until she married when she was 18. During her early 20s, she got her GED. She worked in a pharmacy and a restaurant, but continued to educate herself.

"I have always read textbooks...like history books. It's very difficult for me to read a novel," she said. "Textbooks just interest me."

But the biggest turning-point in Dalton's life came when she became a widow when she was 27.

"At the age of 27, I found myself at the same place I was at 16," she said. "At 36, I reassessed my life. [My husband's] death made me take time to think...Life was moving on and I wasn't."

Dalton remarried and decided that a

college degree would help her become a more goal-oriented person. She stumbled upon the Evening Degree Program, which is designed for working adults.

As a student, Dalton's adviser was her current colleague, Gail Tuttle. Dalton credits Tuttle for being a huge support system through the life-changing time. But Tuttle often exercised methods of tough love.

"I never knew I could drop a class until I became an adviser here," Dalton said. "Gail always told me to stick it out."

Dalton had many initial fears about returning to school. She remembers her very first test, which was also her first and last "F." She sat frozen in her seat, unable to write anything but her name. Her professor could have given up on her; instead, she told her to relax. It was this kind of support that made Dalton a devoted fan of the university.

"As a freshman, I was terrified," she said. "But I never once thought about quitting."

To help her confidence, Dalton would do extra work outside of class. "I would get high school books and bring myself up to speed," she said. "We studied Homer and I got a children's book on 'The Odyssey' to help."

The university broadened Dalton's

perspectives. She says that as an entering student, she had a fundamental belief system. One women's studies class changed many of her views.

"I was not a feminist. I had actually written Congress and protested the Equal Rights Amendment...that person is gone," she said. "I had always done what others told me to do. If college does not impact your life, you're not listening."

In 1992, Dalton graduated with honors in psychology and philosophy. After working for the Red Cross, she returned to EDP in 1997. According to Dalton, the difference between EDP and other programs of its kind is the staff.

"We function as a team," she said. "When a student comes on board, they're another member of that team."

The staff is composed of people with different direct

links to the program. Some of them graduated from EDP; others supported a spouse going through the program. No EDP student has a particular adviser. The staff as a group serves all students.

"We see whoever walks through the doors," Dalton said. "It never quite feels

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The student body would like to know the reason for Roseboro's dismissal, but neither Aramark, Dickson, Roseboro nor any member of the food service staff is able to comment. However, Roseboro was an important part of students' lives and will be missed.

Junior Keith Wilson knew Roseboro from washing dishes. "He didn't look down at me even though I was sent there for community service," said Wilson.



PHOT BY KRISTA ADKINS
KENNY AT WORK

"He always remembered my name, too." Roseboro went to the basketball game against Charleston Southern on Feb. 6. He has worked at five different places, but will always consider High Point University home. "Here you're not a small fish in a big pond," said Roseboro. "You're made to feel like you are special and a somebody here." Roseboro did his

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also hope that the AIDS crisis becomes embedded in Americans' daily consciousness, for without a sense of urgency, we will accomplish nothing.

Nothing of this nature has ever been done in High Point or the surrounding area of the Piedmont Triad. The Triad consists of one million people living in Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem who think that AIDS is a problem a world away from them. We want to change attitudes and create a sense of hope through action, for as long as people

best to make the students feel welcomed, which included "recruits" visiting the campus.

Roseboro wants the students to know that he is in good health and taking this chance to rest and reflect. "I'm waiting for my next adventure," said Roseboro. He is assessing his options, but will probably go back into food services.

"It can never be said that I didn't put enough effort into my work, but wherever I go next, I'll put in 200 percent just like I did here," said Roseboro.

When he looked around at the crowd at the basketball game, he said the support never used to be like this and that he would try to stay in contact with the students as long as it doesn't cause problems.

"I got a lot of friends here, some for 15 or 20 years, and you don't just throw those things away," said Roseboro. "But I would like to thank everyone for the support because it feels good to have people call you and tell you how much you impacted them."

work tirelessly to fight AIDS, there is still hope.

As you know, there is much to be done in the fight. Your presence at our event will not only draw attention and therefore awareness, but will jumpstart an entire generation's movement and inspire thousands, and possibly a world, to become humanitarians.

Thank you for inspiring us. We hope you will join us. We are with you in the fight.

Andrea Griffith & Craig Grunwald

Ashton, Garvin crowned at 3rd annual Snow—gala

By **Sylvia Harwood**
Assistant Greek Editor

Despite the chill of cold weather in the air, students who attended this year's 3rd annual Snow Ball were swept away to a Hollywood premiere, complete with a red carpet entrance. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the Snow Ball provided students with another chance to break out the formal wear and dance the night away. The decorations for the night, created from the minds of Rans Triplett, Nicole Armer, executive vice president of SGA and Ashley Cox, co-chair of the Decorating and Design Committee, provided a spectacular change of the Radisson Hotel into a sparkling design of top hats and balloons, most of which were brought back by students as souvenirs.

When it came time for this year's Snow Prince and Princess to be announced, the crowd gathered around the stage in eager anticipation. The large court consisted of 10 upperclassmen who posed for pictures and smiled as they waited for the big announcement. The female court consisted

of Sarah Czyz, Angela Garvin, Betsy Edwards, Shannon Shattuck and Nicole Armer. The men vying for the top spot

were Adam Canavazzi, Ryan Bess, Michael Ashton, Sam Clovic and Chris Michener. With loud cheers and congratulations, Michael Ashton and Angela Garvin were



OUR ROYALTY IS CROWNED

declared the winners and crowned this year's Prince and Princess.

Unknown to many, it takes a large amount of time to prepare for the few short hours of the dance, and much help is required by those in charge. But each year all the hard work is worth it as the students walk towards the ballroom and see the final outcome. One of the most unique and enjoyable parts of this year's night, however, was the realization that as the guests had a great time on the dance floor, classic movies were being projected on the ceiling above them, providing just enough



STUDENTS GET DOWN ON THE DANCE FLOOR

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AIDS crisis forces student to reassess daily actions and choices

By Erin Sullivan
Staff Writer

I'm one of the most selfish people in the world. I always want to know what's up next for me, how I can benefit from something and how I can reach my personal goals. My biggest concerns consist of a lack of money to travel with for spring break, bad cafeteria food and collecting enough quarters to do my laundry every couple of weeks. I am a typical college student. Like myself, many of my peers look out for themselves first and foremost, and often give little thought to what's going on outside of the college world. However, I've come to find that this is a dire mistake. For every time I think of my lack of money for a simple trip, a vast number of people are infected with the AIDS virus. For every time I complain about the cafeteria food, an enormous amount of people are too ill to even have an appetite. For every quarter I find to do my laundry, countless people die from a virus that most of the public hardly knows about. This doesn't just apply to the college world. People of all different ages have a duty to gain



Photo from New Life Home website
New Life Babies

extensive knowledge of AIDS, and not just how to prevent it, but also how to help out those who are unfortunate enough to contract it.

It is said that the AIDS epidemic is today's Holocaust. During World War II, many people sat idly by as countless people were exterminated. In the case of AIDS, people aren't killing people, but their ignorance is. While we may not have a cure for AIDS yet, extensive public knowledge of the epidemic and the harsh problems it's causing would definitely be beneficial in this world that we live in.

It's so difficult to wrap your brain around the quantity of people that need to be reached that you easily lose sight of the fact that knowledge spreads like wildfire. I once thought that the phrase, "One person can make a difference," was so corny. But if you really think about it, there isn't anything as true as that statement. It's not that you can take on a problem head on. It's that when you have knowledge of something, then you will ultimately spread that knowledge to another person, and then to another, and another and so on.

A potential threat in our society is that when you do something rash or idiotic, no matter how harmful, another

person will follow the example. However, in the case of AIDS, this is also a potential benefit. If you follow another's bad behavior, then another person could easily follow your good

behavior. When you choose to lead, others inevitably follow. The fantastic thing about the selfishness of the typical college student is that it won't allow any of us to be content with following. We all want to lead. Everyone else can either get in line, or join us in the front. Either way, the world benefits.

We all have choices within this AIDS crisis. If you choose not to concern yourself with this matter, then that's your choice. However, if you choose to care about what's going on, then you may be choosing life over death for someone who could've been there to help. Choosing to care about the AIDS crisis means you're choosing to think, choosing to feel and choosing to act. Ultimately, you're choosing to be a complete individual, making up a complete line of defense around the world. I choose to be deeper than ignorance. What do you choose?

The time to stop being selfish is now.

"Choosing to care about the AIDS crisis means you're choosing to think..."

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like you're walking into admissions. We want you to worry about homework and tests...we'll get you through everything else."

But what are the main differences between an EDP freshman and the typical 18-year-old freshman?

"The traditional students have just had math and a foreign language, so they are much more comfortable entering those classes," Dalton said.

Also, EDP students are often less confident when it comes to academics and are afraid of their family seeing them fail.

"These are people who are proficient at a job and have raised children who expect them to get a 4.0," she said. "Adults are afraid to go to school. Young people are afraid to go to work."

The Evening Degree Program is now celebrating 25 years of changing lives.

The program offers 14 majors and graduates most students in four years through classes that meet three nights a week. Students can attend the High Point or Madison Park campus in Winston-Salem. The average student is 34 years old, married, raising a family and working full-time.

So what does Dalton tell fearful students?

"That I'll be here every step," she said. "Focus on the goal. Don't divert from it. We will be here until their last class."

Dalton is focusing on some new goals she has set for herself. She is working on a liberal studies graduate degree and is proud of her "A" average. She has become interested in fitness and recently hiked part of the Appalachian Trail. Everything she accomplishes can be credited to some degree to her college experience.

"Graduating from college gave me the ability to set goals and attain them," she said.

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Warrrior would have you ask yourself a question. What will you do in your life? What will live forever? What legacy are you leaving behind for future generations — one of rationality, morals and thinking, or one of destruction, relativity and immorality?

Warrior was no doubt an inspiration to those who were able to experience his wisdom and knowledge of life. In the battle for minds, Warrior is a true champion.

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leader. But this is only my opinion about how to keep King's dream alive. You may feel differently about it, which is good. It's a debatable issue.

If you want to learn more about Martin Luther King, Smith Library has a collection of books that deal with aspects of his life such as his early years, work as an activist and his teachings as well as his philosophy. These volumes are located on the library's first floor. I encourage everyone to try to find books about King and other people associated with Black History Month. It's a very interesting subject and encompasses all the major areas of human life.

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'Butterfly' is intensely complex

By Katie Estler
Layout Editor

Ever seen one of those movies that grips you and forces you to think about it long after the credits have rolled? One you have considered spending the money to see again just so you can understand it better? "The Butterfly Effect" was that movie for me.

The story line of traveling back in time to change things for the better is far from new or exciting, but the somewhat subdued trailers did not adequately portray the intensity and suspense in this drama.

Since the age of 7, Evan (Aston Kutcher) has suffered from blackouts, like his father, a permanent resident of an insane asylum. A disturbing childhood has left his friends

in miserable lives that only he escaped because of his blackouts, having no memory of these traumatic events. At college Evan finds a way to revisit his lost memories, and then he realizes he cannot only revisit them but change the past.

Instead of the traditional time machine travel, Evan can go back in his mind. When he revisits himself at age 7, he is an 8-year-old with the mind of a 20-year-old. At first he returns to save Kayleigh (Amy Smart), his childhood love. When he comes back to present times, he finds while he was successful in the one thing he wanted to change, he

altered other things as well, and not really for the better. "Change one thing; change all things." This theme is evident with each time he tries to fix things.

The story itself is very grabbing, but it is truly the editing, sometimes resembling that of a horror movie, that make this a freaky movie. The first hour and 45 minutes you are sitting there trying to figure out what in hell is going on, and in the last five minutes, everything comes together.

Kutcher's acting was impressive in this suspense, but that isn't raising the bar too high. "Dude, Where's my car" is the comparison. Logan Lerman, who played 8-year-old Evan, was incredible, realistically portraying a 20-year-old's mind in a child's body.

"The Butterfly Effect" is that intense movie that always keeps you wondering.

Change one thing, change everything



Staff Recs...

Nothing makes for a better breakfast than an all beef BIG DOG.

-Frat Boy

Quake- I hate video games, but I love this one.

-Cubacha

Toby Keith's Shock N' Y'all is great American music.

-MacDaddy

Spring break: Go to Cancun and sell yourself. It is easier than saving for months.

-Upperclassman

Don't have almost your entire editorial staff gone the weekend before layout week.

-A&E Editor

Club 9 til 3 a.m.

-Dancing Queen

5 College kids

1 minivan

7 states

1 weekend

Priceless

-Patches

New Incubus CD, cuz I like that band.

-Rocker

Come to Cabaret

By Brianne Coone
Staff Writer

Cabaret opens to the public Feb. 26-29. Dr. Alexa Schlimmer, associate professor of music, has built this show from the ground up. This theatrical experience is unlike any other.

The show, titled "Be Our Guest," is "a potpourri of songs," said Schlimmer, director of the performance. Some of the members of the Petal Points, a female a cappella group (similar to the male group, the Toccatones), will be making their debut at this performance. Wade Hughes, said, "This is New York style cabaret." About 20 soloists from musical and theatrical backgrounds will perform songs by Sarah McLachlan, Billy Joel, Elton John and Josh Groban. There will also be jazzy tunes from the musicals "Chicago" and "Hairspray."

Schlimmer said, "Cabaret is an intimate art," and this production will hold true to that statement. Some of the actors, dressed in elegant gowns, will sing while weaving in and out among the audience. The spectators will be seated at white-cloth covered tables set off by black velvet curtains, while they snack on finger foods and sip sparkling grape juice.

Schlimmer has worked in conjunction with director of fine arts, Wade Hughes, accompanist, Marcia Dills and more than 20 students to make this production possible. The performers began rehearsals in Aug., so the show should be fine-tuned.

The show times are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26-28 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 29. Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$7 for faculty, staff and senior citizens, \$10 for general admission, and are on sale now at the Hayworth Center Ticket Office. Seating is limited due to the special arrangement around tables. Schlimmer said, "There are incredible surprises," so get to the ticket office early to secure your seats before they are sold out.

'50 First Dates': a quintessential Sandler flick

By Drew McIntyre
Opinion Editor

I'm not a professional movie critic, so luckily I can get away with liking Adam Sandler. Despite one or two films that I was not a big fan of, I am proud to count myself among Sandler's fans. "50 First Dates" is an excellent addition to his body of work. While not a perfect flick, it certainly is worth your time and money, and beats the average sappy, feel-good love-fest that your girlfriend usually wants to take you to.

A fantastic cast is a major reason "50 First Dates" is an enjoyable experience. It stars the already mentioned Adam Sandler as Henry Roth, a veterinarian working in Hawaii who spends most of his time having one-night stands with women who, conveniently, are only in town for vacation. His lifestyle changes drastically when he meets Lucy Whitmore, played by Drew Barrymore



(also his co-star in "The Wedding Singer"). They make an instant connection, thanks to Henry's creative method of breaking the ice, but the next day Lucy doesn't remember a thing. She has no short-term memory, and wakes up each day not having any idea what happened the day before. One would think that this would be a hindrance to any relationship...but not so with this movie. As the tagline on the movie posters reads, he decides to win her over, "every friggin' day."

Along for the ride with Henry and Lucy is a great ensemble. Rob Schneider, a mainstay of Sandler films, plays Ula, a strange, not-too-intelligent friend of Roth's that spends most of

his time surfing (and consequently avoiding shark bites) and wrangling his many small children. Lucy's grouchy father is played by Blake Clark, whom you'll remember as the hard-to-understand Farmer Fran from "The Waterboy." Sean Astin, still riding a wave of success based on his "Lord of the Rings" role as Frodo's steadfast friend Samwise Gamgee, is Lucy's brother Doug, who wears a lot of mesh, does steroids and tries to flex for the better part of the movie. All of these combine to make a great second string that complements the chemistry between Sandler and Barrymore well.

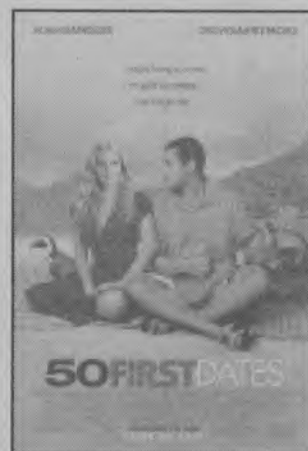
All of that notwithstanding, there are some downsides to this movie. This is largely due to the fact that the plot can get a bit heavy at points. So as not to give too much away, I'll just say that it becomes quite melancholy at certain times, having to do with Lucy's illness.

Sandler can pull off movies on that serious a plateau, as evidenced by "Punch Drunk Love" a couple years ago; the problem is that this movie is not meant to be taken seriously on any level. It should be light-hearted, with a good mixture of sarcastic, juvenile, and occasionally violent humor.

"50 First Dates" is all this, but burdened by a lead actress who is stuck playing a somewhat tragic role.

All in all, though, this is a very enjoyable, highly entertaining and extremely funny film. Despite a few minor flaws, I recommend it completely, especially if you like Sandler's usual stuff. I've personally been a fan since he was on SNL, and I still enjoy and respect him because, like fellow SNL alum Mike Myers, he

hasn't tried to go outside his niche and get serious. Jim Carrey would do well to follow their lead. On the other hand, you would do well to follow my lead and see "50 First Dates."



Lambda Chi Alpha IPZ

The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha hope that everyone is having a good semester and are a having fun time while somehow managing to adhere to the academic and integrity codes put forth by High Point University. We'd like to give an Iota Phi shout out to our new Associate Members (pledges to the laymen) Daniel Anacker, Brent Godnick, Jeremiah P. Hood, Matt Cahoon, Roger Zalinger and Richard English. These excellent guys will be much needed in lieu of the departure of some of the finest and most dedicated Brothers of Lambda Chi this chapter has ever seen: Conor Riley, Denny Hood, and Scotty Davis. You will be most definitely and sincerely missed!

We'll be busy this spring semester with our 50th Anniversary festivities taking place at the end of March. Also, come check out some of our crazy theme parties we have in store for the rest of the semester. And to the lovely ladies of the sororities: If you're lucky enough, maybe we'll finally contact you to plan a mixer. Our intramurals are looking forward to the upcoming basketball season when superstars Hunter "Goof ball" Grey and Madison "Cheese" Smith will showcase their B team skills while leading our marginal A team. And in closing, we'll also be doing our annual Rock-A-Thon to raise money for cancer; more details to come.

Kappa Delta IT

The sisters of Kappa Delta would like to thank Panhellenic and congratulate all four sororities on a great Spring Recruitment! Congratulations to our 13 new members: Zana Vance, Anne Lawrence Gess, Jennifer Sherman, Karen Grim, Nichole Houghtling, Laura Wyant, Susan Lewis, Jennifer King, Erin Smith, Lorryn Stillson, Wendy Williams, Suzie King and Lauren Eck!! You girls are fantastic and we're so excited you chose KD! We're really looking forward to celebrating our annual Crush Party on Feb. 27 with you girls!!

Another big congratulations goes our to the KD Indoor Soccer Team which took home the Intramural 1st Place Win!! Great job, girls!! You all played so well!

We hope that everyone will clear their calendars for Wednesday, March 17, also known as St. Patrick's Day, for our 1st annual St. Patty's Day Bash at Triangle Billiards. For those of you who came out for our Christmas Pary, hopefully this will be a repeat of the good times had in December! All money made from this event will go toward our donation to Prevent Child Abuse America. For more information, see a KD.

The sisters really want to stress the importance of coming out to our Shamrock 5K Fun Run on March 20. It's a lot of fun and 80 percent of the proceeds goes to the High Point Hallelujah House and the remaining 20 percent goes to Prevent Child Abuse America. Please help us fight against Child Abuse! So bring your sneakers, roller blades, skateboards or bikes and come on out!!

KD's Run to Prevent Child Abuse



This March 20 marks the 21st annual Shamrock Event sponsored by Kappa Delta Sorority of High Point University. The Kappa Deltas here at HPU have taken a stand with the national sorority to help prevent child abuse both locally and nationally! Every February and March, Kappa Deltas across the nation hold annual Shamrock Events to raise money to support local philanthropies and Prevent Child Abuse America nationally.

This year we will be holding our 8th Annual 5K Fun Run on Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. The race will begin at High Point University's Millis Gym on College Drive. All proceeds from the race benefit Prevent Child Abuse America (20 percent) and the local High Point Hallelujah House (80 percent), a shelter for abused children. Registration fees for the event are \$10, including a T-shirt, and \$5,

not including a T-shirt; both are tax deductible.

The Hallelujah House is a 24-hour crisis nursery for abused children that are unwanted by their parents, victims of alcohol or drug abuse, victims of emotionally unstable parents and members of dysfunctional families. Many children have found loving and secure environments at the Hallelujah House.

The sisters of Kappa Delta Sorority ask for your aid in making this the most successful Shamrock Event. If you are interested in participating in Kappa Delta's 5K Fun Run, please contact Sabrina Ugolik at 888-6336 or HPU Box 2765 by March 18. Late registration is on March 20 at 10 a.m. If you would like to make a donation to support our efforts, please make checks payable to Kappa Delta Sorority. Your interest in our philanthropy is greatly appreciated. Remember, "It should not hurt to be a child!"

*Lending hearts
and hands*

Thank you for your support.

Phi Mu

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Glad to see everyone is alive who when out of town this weekend, guess it takes more than a few snowflakes to kill off these students.

The Sisters of Phi Mu sorority Gamma Zeta Chapter are excited to announce our news phis; freshmen Heather Fifelski, Katie Koeslin, Julia Bushand Katie Roberts, Faith Dobbs; sophomores Patty Rothwell and Lindsey Bianco; and junior Trish Mitchell. We hope everyone had as great a recruitment class as we did.

We are soon starting our Carnation Sister week which means lots of fun activities and massive amounts of spoiling for our newest sisters. A week we always look forward.

We are hosting our Children's Mircle network Change Drive. So if you see any of our change containers around campus and town have some love and throw your change in there. Come on, that 47 cents was just going to be lost in your couch cushions anyway.

Next weekend will be our Crush Party dance. Dates are invited with out knowing who their date is, nor do the girls know who they are taking. So boys if our social director calls you up and invites you to come, yes it does feel a bit stalker-ish but trust me it is all in good fun and no matter whose crush you are you can't lose because you'll have a Phi Mu lady as you date.



Women's team fighting for conference lead

By **Bethany Davoll**
Staff Writer

Despite a few struggles early in the season, High Point's women's basketball team is currently tied for second in the Big South Conference, behind reigning champ Liberty, whom the Panthers nearly beat on the road February 7th.

High Point was the last team to beat the Flames at home, in February of 2001, and nearly beat them again on their home court, before losing by a final score of 63-50. HPU had a half time lead of four, and led by as many as seven in the second half at the 15:56 mark. Liberty would outscore the Panthers 31-13 the rest of the way however, led by 6'6" center Katie Feenstra (22.3 ppg, 11.4 rpg) who had 32 points and 17 rebounds on the night. High Point played one of their best games of

the season, but didn't have an answer for Feenstra and couldn't quite get enough shots to fall down. Shorty Martin led the Panthers with 13 points, six rebounds, and five assists. Katie O'Dell contributed 10 points and six boards as well. Coach Tooey Loy felt positive after the game, saying, "We've been playing well in our last four games, the defense has been playing good and the offense has been getting better, we're taking better shots and giving up less turnovers. Every player is getting better, and we are getting better as a team." The rematch against Liberty comes February 28th in the MAAC, with Coach Loy hoping his team will "play them tough the same way, we just need better shooting, and on our home court we hope that we will be able to shoot better."

Before the Liberty game, High Point had been coming off a three game winning streak, with victories over Radford 60-55, Coastal Carolina 67-59, and

Charleston Southern 72-57. Shorty Martin, Chan Ingram, and Kate Jenner led the way with 20, 10 and 10 points respectively in the game over Radford, with Martin also adding 7 boards and five assists. In HPU's regionally televised game against Coastal Carolina Katie O'Dell had 19 points, Martin 16, Ingram 10 and freshman Katie Ralls added nine points and four assists. Ralls also had 13 points and seven assists in the game against Charleston Southern, earning Big South Freshman of the Week honors for the week of January 25th.

With Liberty in first place in the Big South at 7-0 as of February 11th, the Panthers need to improve upon their 4-3 conference record to move out of a second place tie with UNC-Asheville and Charleston Southern, and take sole possession of second place heading into the last half of conference play.

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Panthers enjoy heart-stopping television victory

By Taylor Humphreys
Staff Writer

A three-point play by freshman guard Landon Quick led the Panthers to a 63-62 upset of first-place Birmingham-Southern Feb. 17 and righted a team that had been slipping. The Panthers had started off the season sitting atop the Big South Conference with a 7-1 record but now possess a 8-6 league mark (15-10 overall) after losing the last four of six games.

On Jan. 31, Liberty came into the Millis Athletic Convocation Center looking for a win and got a hard-fought victory even with the Lundy Lunatics in full effect. They handed High Point their first home loss with a score of 67-56. High Point committed a season-high 28 turnovers with 19 of them in the first half, and the Flames went into the locker room with a lead of 31-23. The Panthers went ahead for the last time with a bucket from Danny Gathings to put High Point up 43-42. The Flames then went on to win by 11 points.

The following weekend on Feb. 6, pandemonium hit the Millis Center as the students and Panther Club came out in droves to "Pack the MACC." With a record attendance of 2,436, the Millis Center was

the loudest it had ever been. The game was neck and neck to the very end against the 0-9 Charleston Southern Bucs. There were 20 lead changes and 13 ties. The Bucs' Kurtis Rice tied the game in over-

time 78-78 with 1.5 seconds left. Lundy then drew up the Sportscenter-attracting play for Danny Gathings. Zion White caught the ball, turned in mid-air and took a three-point shot that hit nothing but the bottom of the net. The faithful student section rushed the court and knew we had won a furiously fought game. It was a memorable day for Brent Halsch, who played in his 100th game in a Panther's jersey. With only nine collegiate basketball games played on Friday night, High Point opened up ESPN's Sportscenter highlights on their national telecast.

Just three days after an overtime win, High Point had visiting Coastal Carolina to contend with. Zion White led the Panthers with 16 points, and Patrick Hillman had a career-best 14 points and nine rebounds while filling in for the injured center Jerry Echenique who was out with an ankle injury. Coastal pounced on the Panthers from the very beginning, opening up a 20-5 lead 10 minutes into the competition. The Panthers then went on a 9-2 run and got as

close as 22-14, but that was the closest they would get. The Chanticleers held High Point to a 37.5 shooting percentage, and High Point made only three of its 11

three point baskets. Danny Gathings, coming off Big South Player of the Week honors, was held to only six points.

Then on Wednesday, High Point traveled to Rock Hill, S.C., to visit Big South foe Winthrop. The Eagles looked to avenge the 17-point beating back in January, and that is what they did. The Eagles had 42 points off the bench and shot 59 percent in the second half to top the Panthers 78-67. With the loss, High Point fell to 7-5 in conference play. Gathings had his 11th double-double of the season with 14 points and 12 rebounds while the now healthy Jerry Echenique scored 15 off the bench. With 7:18 left in the 2nd half, Gathings tied the game 57-57, but then the Eagles went on to score six points in only 35 seconds. Chris Meeks, HPU's fourth leading scorer, didn't make the game after suffering a mouth injury in Monday's game.

Approaching the conference tournament, the Panthers need to retain the magic provided by Quick and Gathings and concentrate on taking better care of the ball. If those things happen, this campus has a serious contender for the championship.



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS
STUDENTS STORM THE COURT AFTER THE BUZZER BEATER



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS
FOWARD GATHINGS STEPS ON THE BASELINE FIGHTING FOR POSSES.



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS
Quick experiences mid-flight collision under board

heaved an over-the-shoulder pass three-fourths down-court. Gathings leaped,

minutes into the competition. The Panthers then went on a 9-2 run and got as

Players continue to leave early for professional sports

When I graduated from high school, I was prepared enough to handle leaving home and facing life on my own in college. I knew I was still going to need my parents' support for the four years until my graduation. After my freshman year of college, I still was not prepared for the long journey into real adulthood and to start living on my own. That really continued into the beginning of my junior year of college. Around that time, I began to understand the value of money and how to handle my life a little better. Now that I'm a senior, I feel prepared for life outside of campus.

Now, I do not understand in the least bit, how anyone can leave college after their freshman or sophomore year, especially with millions of dollars thrown into their pockets. The NFL rightly prohibited young adults less than three years removed from college from entering the draft, until Maurice Clarett, the one-time freshman phenom and current public en-

emy, successfully fought the system and allowed himself to enter the NFL draft.

Why is Clarett a public enemy? Listen to the sports media for 10 minutes during any day of the week, and you will hear not just writers and television reporters bashing the court ruling and readiness of any kid that young playing in the NFL against giant men. Listen to the players talk about how they are going to teach youngster a few violent lessons about the NFL. It is one thing to put up quality numbers against slower, smaller

college students, but wait until you try to do the same against the best athletes on the planet after a year away from the game.

I have been watching 18-year-old kids coming out of high school for the NBA for a decade now. I know it has been happening since Moses Malone challenged the system himself and turned down a chance to play for the Maryland

Terrapins to enter the NBA draft. However, only over the past six or seven years has it become expected for high school seniors to enter the elite draft. I have only seen one person come out ready to play in the NBA directly out of high school, LeBron James. Everyone besides him could have used a year or two in college to develop their skills without learning the responsibilities of living an adult life.

The NBA is still trying to stop high school seniors from entering the draft and is adamantly against the court ruling allowing football players from entering the NFL whenever they please. Neither of these two leagues has a developmental program similar to Major League Baseball or the NHL. If these players do not make it at the top level, which is hard for any grown man, let alone an 18, 19 or 20-year-old, they are gone. These kids may get a massive amount of cash, but they have no idea how to handle that money and will most likely blow it before it does them any good. I know that age 18, I would have thought a million dollars would last a lifetime and spent all of it on things I did not need, like Mike Tyson.

Most of these kids come from poor backgrounds and low-income families. They need, more than anyone else, guidance on how to handle the responsibilities of managing huge sums of cash and life outside of high school. Part of a college coach's responsibility is to teach these things. I know recently some coaches have failed at this in Colorado, Washington and Alabama, but for the most part, these coaches are teachers on and off the field. That is not on the professional coach's checklist. Their responsibility is not to baby-sit, but to develop a winning strategy.

Just one final thought for those who might disagree with me: I do not agree with kids leaving high school for the NBA or leaving before three years of college in football. You can play baseball, basketball, soccer and maybe even hockey when you are a very young man, but you endanger a 18, 19, or 20 year-old's safety if you put them on a field with 11 monsters trying to beat the pulp out of them.

That is what the appeals court needs to look at when viewing the Maurice Clarett case.



Kenny Graff
Sports Editor