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## Column One News

### Trustees seek Qubein as president

In July, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to recruit Nido Qubein as the next university president.

Qubein is a High Point alumnus who went on to become an internationally known speaker and consultant, a businessman and a community leader and philanthropist.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in business from High Point in 1970, Qubein received a master's degree in business and an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Qubein has written numerous books and is founder and chairman emeritus of the National Speakers Association Foundation. He has previously been named High Point's "Citizen of the Year" and "Philanthropist of the Year."

### Slane goes wireless

This summer, the Information Technology department completed phase two of the campus wireless Internet connectivity project.

Slane University Center is now wireless, allowing students to access the Internet from all parts of the student center as well as the external areas around the building's perimeter. Any student using wireless enabled devices such as a laptop or PDA will be able to access the campus network and the Internet, enjoying the online convenience that a dormitory network connection offers.

### Speakers scheduled for Orientation

The following speakers will be featured during Orientation's General Sessions:

-Sunday, Aug. 22: Les Brown, the author of "Live Your Dreams" and "It's Not Over Until You Win," and the author of the nationally syndicated "Les Brown Show."

-Monday, Aug. 23: Dr. Jacob C. Martinson, chancellor of High Point University

-Tuesday, Aug. 24: Dr. Jane Stephens, English department chair and professor of English and communications

-Wednesday, Aug. 25: Chris Michener, president of the Student Government Association.

All sessions will be held at 7 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium.

compiled by Andrea Griffith

## Enrollment holds steady, housing numbers increase as year begins

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

There are 1650 day students enrolled for the fall semester at High Point University.

Last year, High Point University had the same number, which was the largest enrollment to date. The school expects similar numbers for this term. This number includes about 570 incoming freshmen. One-hundred and ten of these freshmen are presidential scholars, and 30 are transfers with Phi Theta Kappa scholarships, which are given to transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa and

alumni of a two-year college. Mr. Jim Schlimmer, dean of enrollment management, said, "New students are the lifeblood, energy and vitality of an institution." The new class represents a third of the undergraduate population and will be watched carefully to make sure they grow during their time at High Point University.

Schlimmer said that the admissions office received 1800 applications for the new year, which shows a growing interest in the school. "The nature of quality is the range of students and the numbers that select us as well as their academic background and endeavors," said

Schlimmer. Students from High Point University represent 40 states, but are concentrated in the mid-Atlantic region.

Mr. Allen Jones, assistant dean for operations in the admissions office, commented that he is always intrigued by the incoming class because of the range of states they represent. Seven percent of the new class are international students, which is an increase from the normal four to five percent, and 65 percent of the students are from North Carolina. When asked if he was anxious to meet the new

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## Committee unveils new running panther logo

By Amanda Roberts  
Staff Writer

The "running panther" logo, found on athletic jerseys, t-shirts and above doorways at the university is leaving High Point, to be replaced by a new athletics logo, licensed by the NCAA.

Lee Owen, sports information director, stated, "It's a fresh look. It's different, but not in a crazy way. A lot of schools — big and small — struggle to find an identity, and they end up over time with literally hundreds of different logos. Syracuse just changed its logo

this summer and had never — that's right — never had an official logo that all its athletic teams shared."

The athletic community at High Point wears uniforms representing varying stages of High Point's logo development. Owen hopes that this new logo will unify High Point and with the standardization of uniform and logo, will represent the university on a national level.

Junior Rebecca Fleming said, "It's sad. I like the energy of the running panther. There's something streamlined and clean and... inspiring in its stretched form. He's sleek and stylish and oh-so-

alive. I'm going to miss him."

The colors purple and black will remain prominent in the logo, with gray used as an accent color. The committee did exhaustive research and found that "only 7 percent of NCAA Division I schools use purple in their color scheme," according to Owen. High Point is the only school in the Big South Conference to use purple.



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT  
NEW PANTHER LOGO

Formed in fall 2003, the committee, composed of student-athletes and leaders, faculty, staff, alumni, coaches and members of the High Point community, met several times

through March 2004. Owen said, "[High Point-based] Ed Kemp Associates brought us some initial sketches, we told them what we liked and what we didn't, and eventually it evolved into a finished product that everyone associated with High Point should be happy with.

"The committee and the University administration spent a lot of time and resources working on this, and hopefully the students will embrace this as the new face of not just High Point athletics, but the University as a whole."

Dean Smith, former coach of the  
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## President welcomes students

Dear Class of 2008:

Welcome to your future. Among the nearly 2,000 applicants, you were selected to attend High Point University. We are proud of you and your accomplishments, and we look forward to working with you across the years.

At High Point, you will find a superb faculty. Under their expert guidance, teaching and counseling, you will be blessed with the discovery of new paths of learning and a sense of direction. I envy you this wonderful opportunity.

We want your stay at High Point to be a special time in your life. Believe me, it will be as you meet new friends and as you grow in knowledge and wisdom and go forth to serve.

As of now, this is your university. Make a contribution to the life of this place, put yourself into it, assume ownership of it and leave High Point even better than you found it.

With best wishes for an enriching and successful High Point University experience,

Sincerely,  
Jacob C. Martinson  
President



PRESIDENT MARTINSON

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## Staff Editorial

# Staff outlines improvements for the new year

Here we are. It's August already. With August comes a sense of renewal, and with renewal comes a fresh set of goals. We at the Chronicle hope to make this year's issues improved and revitalized. Only time can judge our success, but for now we present to you the editorial staff's mission statement for improving the Campus Chronicle in the coming year. We figure that putting it in print will only serve to further help us outline it and "stick to it."

This year, we hope the Chronicle contains:

-Fewer errors. OK, this one seems obvious. But we understand that for writers, a misspelled headline because of carelessness can seemingly ruin hours of hard work. When a minor error goes to print, the writer and many readers lose sight of the solid argument that is presented or the fluently written story. By checking and double-checking each other, and ourselves, we hope to obliterate the errors. They say there's never been an error-free paper published, but we can try, right?

-More liberal opinion. In Op/Ed Editor Drew McIntyre's defense, we have tried in the past to solicit more liberal viewpoints of many of our writers. We even ran a staff editorial last year titled "Where have all the young liberals gone?" hoping to prompt some left-wingers to make their arguments known in the Chronicle, but to little avail. So for this one, we need the help of you, fellow students. Come on. It's an election year. We need some healthy Bush vs. Kerry vs. other people debate. You cannot complain about the "right-winged Chronicle" if you refuse to do something about it.

-More features. Readers love feature stories, because what's more interesting than learning about others' lives, right? So, we pledge to facilitate more interactions within our campus community by writing about students, faculty members, staff members and alumni who have a story to be told. After all, don't we all have a story?

-More campus/student issues. Sometimes, it's easy for any newspaper staff to fall into a routine and forget about the readers. The only way we can adequately report campus news is by listening to those around us. Again, to do this, we need readers' help. If you are affected by a campus or student issue that you feel needs to be addressed, or if you have a story idea in general, please let an editorial staff member know or e-mail us at [news@highpoint.edu](mailto:news@highpoint.edu).

-More focus on international students. We want to run occasional features on students joining us from all over the world. They can provide some insight on what it's like to be living in America as an exchange student and can show us the differences between America's culture and other cultures. We could also explore the unique situations they face as newcomers to the area.

-An improved Greek/Organizational Page. We vow to cut out the "shout outs" on the Greek page. Though they express nice sentiments, we're looking for news. The less fluff these briefs contain, the more briefs we can include on the page. We want all campus organizations, not just Greek ones, to make a habit of reporting their news to us. We have also pondered the idea of having a "Meet Your Greek" column, to add to the substantiality of this page.

-More art. After all, no one likes a mostly gray newspaper. Photographer Krista Adkins will help us brighten it up. We would also love to find cartoonists to lend us some artistic talent.

-More interaction among our staff members. Listen up, writers! Our editors' meetings are about to become staff meetings. We want our staff writers to be involved in the meetings (held only once a month for about an hour) so they can share story ideas, ask advice about an upcoming story and lay claim to stories that are unspoken for. Not to mention, we should

all get to know each other a little better. This doesn't mean that your copy will be deleted from the file if you fail to show and it also doesn't mean that you will see the Chronicle staff gather around a campfire singing songs and roasting marshmallows anytime soon. It's just something we're going to try out. More about that soon.

That's all we can think of at the moment. We are proud of what we've accomplished in the Chronicle so far and look forward to another year, even better than the last.

## Attention all freshmen: tips for you to survive

An experienced Panther gives time-tested advice

At the beginning of every year, the school is filled with new students that light up the campus with the "Freshman Glow." The "Freshman Glow" is a term some of us upperclassmen have taken to calling the look of innocence and naivete that enables you to point out a freshman 100 yards away.



==Katie Estler==  
Assistant Editor

It isn't your fault; you are just excited to be here and eager to start your college life. I'm sure you have all studied your orientation information very closely, but face it: the lack of knowledge of basic day-to-day life leads to that Freshman Glow across your face. So here are some friendly tips that will help dull the glow in your eyes.

1) To keep you from wandering up and down the Greensward, there are four different Ha(y)worth buildings: Hayworth Fine Arts Building, David Hayworth Hall, Hayworth Chapel and Haworth Hall of Science. All but Haworth Science was donated by one very generous family. Make sure to look at the building abbreviations on your schedule or you will end up in the wrong place. To limit confusion all the buildings are referred to differently: Fine Arts Building, David Hayworth, the Chapel and Haworth Science.

2) The caf is called the caf; that's right, no one calls it the Panther Commons. You have two different meal plan options. If you have the 19-meal plan and aren't one of those early risers before class (most of you will come to value an extra hour of sleep over pancakes), switch to the 14-meal plan. Chances are you are going to need those 11:30 p.m. snack runs over that 7:30 a.m. breakfast. A few other helpful hints about the caf: The past two years Thursday has been premium night; come to these nights. Other key times to attend are holiday meals and invited-to dinners in the private dining room. Even if the event sounds dull as dirt, the food is usual worthwhile. If the schedule says the Point and the C-store are supposed to be open till midnight doesn't mean

those doors won't be locked at 11:55 your time; give yourself a few minutes.

3) Respect your Resident Assistant (RA). This is not saying you have to follow all the rules to a tee; no one does. All it is saying is if you don't give your RA a hard time, they won't give you one. Don't give them a reason to come busting into your room. There is a way to get around anything as long as you are smart about it. Remember RA's are students just like you and writing you up for doing dumb stuff is just a pain for them and is cutting into their time to be out partying.

4) Dorm rooms are not the place to party. They aren't as much fun as other sites, and they lead to conflicts with said RA. There are much better spots to party on campus. There tends to be at least one party a weekend at the Frat apartments. (Side note: our fraternities do not have houses on campus; they have apartments with basement party rooms.) If the giant throngs of people aren't your thing, find someone on 6th Street that doesn't mind hosting, throw open the door and see who stumbles in. Once the campus police come around to close down the big parties, everyone moves to the apartments or makes their way to O.A. Kirkman or Forest. The Frats tend to keep off campus houses there. During the weekend O.A. is normally so crowded you can't drive down it.

5) Make friends. The first few weeks are crucial, mainly because all the other freshmen are as lost and friendless as you. Talk to/introduce yourself to as many people as possible. Face it: Later on you are going to need someone to fix your computer, drive you to Wal-Mart and proofread a paper. Find people for all these areas and it doesn't hurt to have a few backups. Aside from that, friends are how you survive college. They are the people you party with and go to classes with and they are the ones that are there for you when things get rough. Your friends are your family here, so make some you can count on.

There is still plenty for you to learn, but this might help dull the glow in your eyes and keep the seniors from stealing your beer money.

Just so you know, when the prospective students (prefrosh) start touring the campus and you start sizing them up like cattle, we did the same thing to you.

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## Alumni Spotlight

## Grad uses biology skills at government post

By Ali Akhyari  
Staff Writer

Once Mr. Ray Hotz, HPU alumnus and American foreign service officer, worried about life after college like we all do.

"Everyone's life finds a pace. It's not necessary to get everything in place by 22 or 23," Mr. Hotz stated. He was referring to the very common feeling that many college aged people experience. It's the feeling of being anxious to get one's life on the road and have everything figured out.

Ray Hotz graduated in 1986 with a major in biology, got married at 31 and became a father at 40. Some might think that he started late or was just slow moving; however, this situation was certainly not born out of laziness. After graduation, he went to grad school and taught high school biology and chemistry. Since 1993, Hotz has been employed by the United States Department of State.

His business has allowed him to live all over the world. He served in the U.S. embassy in Manila, Philippines from 1993-1995 and in San Jose, Costa Rica from 1996-1998. Since then, he has been based at the State Department in Washington where he has mingled with members of Congress, foreign leaders and such figures as Bill Clinton, Colin Powell and George W. Bush.

In Washington, he has worked in several offices, including Korean Affairs, Japanese Affairs and Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation. He was involved in negotiations over Korea's nuclear program and worked tracking the

sales of weapons to rogue states. If that weren't enough, Hotz is tri-lingual, adding Spanish and Chinese to English. The most recent addition was the Chinese language. He has been studying since last September because his next assignment will take him to China where he will look after the interests of American travelers. He noted that arrests there can be politically motivated, so part of his responsibility will be to ensure that Americans are treated fairly by the Chinese legal system.

Despite all these accomplishments, he is a modest man who calls Guilford County, North Carolina home. During his time at High Point University, he traveled to Greensboro to hang out at some of the clubs. He waited in line for a Bruce Springsteen concert until his toes were frostbitten and was fortunate enough to attend one of the final concerts by Police. He watched N.C. State Wolfpack football games in Raleigh and even attended a few roller discos before Miami Vice took over.

Hotz is juggling the responsibility of being a foreign service officer and maintaining a family. However, recently he spoke to me about himself and his time here at High Point University, and I had the privilege of learning a little about this successful man.

**Were you involved in any campus organizations?**

I was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Student Union Secretary, SGA Vice President, SGA Treasurer, a member of Alpha Chi, Who's Who, Junior Marshal.

**Do you feel that your experience here helped you get to where you are today?**

lived up to our end of the bargain," said Schlimmer.

Patricia Mitchell, assistant residential director for the complex, said that she looks forward to meeting the new students and helping them grow. "I expect them to make mistakes, try new things and have character-building experiences," said Mitchell. "I'm there to help them, give advice and make sure they learn and grow in a safe environment."

Triplett also looks forward to meeting the new class, but hopes that they will take responsibility for themselves and fight their own battles. "The easiest thing to do is call home to fix everything, but most of what you learn is outside of the classroom," said Triplett. "We don't expect anyone to be perfect, but we want to work with them to help them grow into adults."

Schlimmer also expects a great degree of excellence from the new students because they expect a lot from High Point University with small class sizes, new facilities and interaction with professors. However, there is also more expected from returning upperclassmen. This year, there are more returning students and more that wish to live on campus. "I hope to see an additional year of maturity," said Triplett. "The best role of upperclassmen is to make freshmen feel welcome and to be mentors."

High Point offers students a chance to change and grow in a safe environment with faculty and staff who are eager to meet them and get them involved in campus life. Schlimmer said, "It is no coincidence that High Point is a residential university."

My experience definitely helped. Studying the sciences taught me to be analytical. Working for the State Department, a big part of what I do is to analyze world events, political and economic developments, etc. In addition, my involvement in student government gave me opportunities to develop leadership and public speaking skills that have become very valuable in my work.

**Are there any professors that you particularly remember for good or bad?**

I mostly remember good things about my professors. Bad experiences seem to fade over time or you realize that what seemed to be a bad experience really was trivial. I have fond memories of my biology professors including Dr. Fred Yeats, as well as Dr. Leo Weeks and Dr. John Ward, both of whom sadly have passed on.

**Do you have any strange or funny stories about your time here?**

I have quite a few stories but none that I think I want published in a newspaper. My wife, whom I met years after HPU, refers to these as the "why are you still alive?" stories.

**What is your view of fraternities?**

Fraternities have a place in college life but not to the exclusion of other activities. I was also involved in Student Government, Student Union, and worked to get good grades.

Fraternities are social groups but need to be about more than just drinking beer, particularly in an era when liability is such an important concern. Fraternities are most successful when they include a diverse group of people who bring different strengths to the

group. That having been said, individual fraternity chapter's fortunes wax and wane as members' ability to maintain diverse membership and the balance between social and academic pursuits are sometimes stronger or weaker.

**Personally, I'm a beach lover but I like the mountains as well. Did you take advantage of HPU's location in visiting either area? If so, where was your favorite place to go?**

I enjoy both the beach and the mountains but was partial to the beach. After spring semester, we would go to North Myrtle Beach. I am still a big Jimmy Buffet fan.

**What do students have now that you didn't have during your time here?**

I think the thing that amazes me is that I graduated before PC's became really useful tools. We actually typed term papers using typewriters. If you messed up, you started over typing the same page, no backspacing and erasing, no saving, nothing. I know that's what we did, but it just doesn't seem real.

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UNC men's basketball team, once said, "While sports are far from a university's most important facet, they are the most visible. Athletics are a university's front porch." High Point, whose teams have won several conference championships wearing different emblems, will present a unified face in the future.

The university will have the chance to "embrace" the new logo on Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. in the Millis Center.

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students, Jones said that he already had.

Jones said that the admissions office should not be seen as people sitting behind a desk because a good amount of their time is spent off campus at college fairs. "You can only learn so much from a website, and we provide the chance for face-to-face questions and interaction," said Jones.

With the growing numbers on campus, campus housing is quickly filling. Both Schlimmer and Jones commented that they are looking forward to having the dorms filled.

Mr. Rans Triplett, associate dean of student life, said there are about 1100 students living on campus, which is the largest number of students ever on campus and that "we are packed to the gills." There is still paperwork being completed and with rolling admissions, there is always the chance of students having problems finding housing on campus. Triplett said that it looks like the residential assistants will have roommates and that the next alternative will be triples.

Triplett is also anxious to start the new year and meet the new freshman class. He agrees with Schlimmer and said the new students infuse energy into the campus. "It's fun to get to know them and watch them grow into athletic stars, student government leaders or fraternity and sorority members," said Triplett.

Schlimmer recalled a student whom the admissions office helped financially and then how in later years, the student's name began appearing in the campus newspaper.

"We want students to change when they get here. If they don't, we haven't

## Join the Chronicle staff

By Michael Gaspeny  
Adviser

You can begin to write your own success story and improve the quality of life at High Point University by working for this paper.

The Campus Chronicle, honored both on and off campus, has provided the launching-pad for many grads enjoying media careers. Join the team that has won the organization of year award here and national recognition through a first-place with special merit rating from the American Scholastic Press Association.

## Wanted:

- \*Liberal Columnists
- \*News Writers
- \*Sports Writers
- \*Music reviewers
- \*Layout Artists
- \*Photographers
- \*Cartoonist

For writers, experience is helpful but not necessary. If you have a clear style and a sense of fair play, we can teach you the rest. While we try to place new writers in their areas of interest, we are

always looking for reporters to cover campus events. This year we have a special need for sports reporters and music reviewers.

In the art department, we are shopping for cartoonists, illustrators and layout artists with PageMaker experience.

To discuss the role you would like to play in the ongoing success of this paper, visit us at the Chronicle table during the Campus Activities Fair on Monday, Aug. 30, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

## Fall Semester Campus Chronicle Schedule:

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# 'Coach' introduces Chronicle staff lineup

By Michael Gaspeny  
Adviser

Advising a newspaper is as unpredictable as coaching a basketball team. Sometimes, in what figures to be a down year, the players overachieve. Other times, a potential powerhouse sulk through the schedule. Raw rookies excel; veterans demand a guarantee of 30 shots a game.

In my 25 years as an adviser at three colleges, I've seen plenty—from an editor hired by the Wall Street Journal to a staff member who told me to expect little from him, because he had dedicated his senior year to the keg.

The best way to judge a college paper is to compare its first issues with its last over the course of the academic year. On that basis, this year's seasoned staff has much to offer. Last year's Chronicle had some problems, but it made a great

leap forward in depth. By second semester, our coverage of campus issues and our features were stronger. We intend to maintain that momentum.

Three rising seniors were primarily responsible for the improvement.

Andrea Griffith, this year's editor in chief, is a professional. Over the summer, she increased her newswriting skills as an intern at the High Point Enterprise, writing memorable stories about D-Day vets, lethal fires and Fantasia Barrino. Last year as an employee at McNeill Lehman, the public relations firm for the university, Andrea wrote most of the stories appearing on the HPU webpage, including the press kit for the Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa campaign.

Assistant Editor Katie Estler embarks on her third year as a key staffer. She has served the paper as A&E editor and chief layout artist. Due to her talents, the paper was much better groomed last year.

Photographer Krista Adkins also made a large contribution to the improved appearance.

Opinion Editor Drew McIntyre, Republican par excellence, expanded his international perspective last fall when he studied at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. He also learned to relax with a wee dram.

In addition to Drew, a pack of columnists continues with the Chron, including from the Right, Joel Stubblefield and Jonathan Miller, the center, Josh Farrington, and the Left, Derek Shealey and Lisa Bouchard.

Their gravity will be balanced by the satirical writing of Erin Sullivan. No one is safe from her lampooning, least of all herself.

Our newswriters may be the best the Chronicle has ever had. They consist of the indispensable Gena Smith, who, during her four years has written every kind

of story, including dispatches from Nicaragua; Kathleen McLean, who has admirable powers of research and organization and Amanda Roberts, who brings bright prose and a sharp mind.

We're pleased that the wry wit of Ali Akhyari and Pamela-Montez Holley will return to these pages. We look forward to features of international interest from Ada Hernandez.

Sylvia Harwood, who got a head-start last year, plans to revamp the Greek page, and Bethany Davoll, whose ambition is to pitch for the New York Yankees, inherits the sports page from Kenny Graff.

Harry Leach, former editor in chief, will cap four years of work in the Chron office by providing technical assistance.

This team looks like a contender. Ed Koch, the former mayor of New York City, used to ask his constituents, "So how am I doing?" Be sure to let us know.

## Life in Southeast Asia holds enviable beauty

*Trip abroad teaches student the value of living the simple life*

By Erin Fedas  
Staff Writer

We Westerners are convinced our countries are evolving at a more rapid pace than second and third world nations.

We tend to pity those who don't own a TV with satellite connection or those who don't have daily access to a computer. We can't imagine surviving in a place where a McDonald's doesn't exist or where a local gym isn't nearby.

We ask ourselves, "Why would we want to live in a lesser evolved place like that? What would be the point?" However, could it be that we have been fooled into thinking this way? Could it be that we are actually devolving faster than so-called lesser nations? Has our quick-fix lifestyle led us down a slope on the evolutionary scale?

I set out on a journey after school ended last year through Southeast Asia for four months. What I found fascinating was the overall simplicity of their way of life.

And I began to wonder and investigate how westerners have been duped into thinking that our quick and easy way of living is actually helping us rather than causing devastating results now and in the future.

From trekking through the hill tribe villages in Vietnam to watching street vendors sell fruit on the islands of Thailand, I realized that these folks are far more advanced than we could ever imagine.

If you think about it, we've known it for years. Where do all our products come from? Where are all our clothes made? Who supplies our staple foods? We seem to underestimate how vital these "lesser" nations are to the survival of our consumer society.

The mountainous region in Sapa, Vietnam cannot be compared to the

Rockies or the Appalachians. It's not possible to find rows of perfectly formed rice fields or irrigation systems created from bamboo sticks anywhere in this country.

Yet, the mountains in Sapa are lined with them along with cornfields and one-room wooden huts that were all created by the diligent hands of the Vietnamese.

It's amazing how we depend so heavily on our treadmills and dumbbells to force our bodies to maintain peak condition when these people get daily exercise just from working outside in the fresh air to preserve their land, which allows them to eat, drink, wash and survive.

We reach for the maximum strength pill to relieve our minor aches instead of applying a few basic remedies made from natural herbs and grains.

And yet these Southeast Asians are healthier, fitter and happier, and have a longer lifespan than most westerners.

"If you think about it, we've known it for years... We seem to underestimate how vital these 'lesser' nations are to the survival of our consumer society."

They live in their own villages constructed with their bare hands. They make their own clothing, shoes and jewelry. They grow their own

food, cook their own meals and craft their own musical instruments. They have their own language and yet are so intelligent that they have picked up proper English easily from tourists. And they don't mind a few hours of hiking to the local town.

We call ourselves self-sufficient too easily because we fail to consider what being self-sufficient really entails. Sapa's beauty derives from its mountains, waterfalls, fields and people. The land hasn't been destroyed with the commercialized buildings and roads that we have fooled ourselves into thinking we need to survive.

While the Vietnamese enjoy their

simple lives in the mountains of Sapa, the people on the islands of Thailand do the same. Walking along the white sandy beaches of Ko Phangan Island and swimming in the crystal blue ocean are common adventures for these people. It's not everyday that one can lie on the beach beneath a coconut tree with a gorgeous view of mountains on either side and listen to the gentle waves.

However, the Thais experience the island's beauties each day.

They work with their hands; they build bungalows from scratch, including installing the electricity and plumbing. They pick, cut, eat and sell bananas, jackfruit, pineapples, mangos and coconuts.

Their way of living is not graded on how much one learns in an institution of higher learning. Credentials are unnecessary, networking is unheard of and yet they manage to live a happy, successful life. Terrorism seems like centuries away. While napping in a hammock and breathing in the surreal scenery, you can see why nothing bad ever happens here.

Why is it that our lives have become so much more complicated? We promise ourselves that we'll take a break and have time to ourselves to reflect, but we often fail to follow through.

Where have our values gone? What would a father say if you wanted to live on an island, build a house on your own and sell the fruit that grows behind your house? We claim to have strong family values, but we criticize the child who doesn't live up to their parents' expectations, which entail making more money than the parents have.

We live for the future, always work-

ing harder, longer hours, hoping that one day we'll have just "enough" money.

But when we have the money, we spend it on useless products and we are never satisfied. And the cycle continues.

Living for the moment seems like a Grimm Brothers fairy tale rather than reality. We consume ourselves with cramming more, more and more into

our daily lives rather than taking a moment to rest. Rather than using our arms and legs to complete basic work, we sit behind desks, frequently miserable and complaining while contemplating new ways to make more money to buy more things we simply do not need.

And taking a moment to relax in

a hammock to watch the world go by, well, that would be considered almost unpatriotic.

Although life in Sapa and Ko Phangan offers just a few instances of my journey through Southeast Asia, the basic way of life is similar throughout the other cities I visited.

How is it that we are so naïve to think we're advancing at a faster rate than Southeast Asian nations? From the industrial revolution to the new age of information technology, bio technology and nano technology, western society is rapidly moving closer and closer to losing its humanity.

After experiencing life in Asia, I believe we are not evolving at a faster rate; rather we are devolving at a much quicker rate.

Life can be enjoyed. Success is possible. Dreams are followed.

It's up to us to make that happy, simple life happen.

"Why is it that our lives have become so much more complicated? We promise ourselves that we'll take a break and have time to ourselves to reflect, but we often fail to follow through. Where have our values gone?"

# Chron alums now pursuing various careers

By **Michael Gaspeny**  
Adviser

Many graduates have parlayed their experience with the Chronicle into success in the so-called real world. Here's what some of our former staffers are doing:

**Editors in chief:** Reporting for the Winchester (Va.) Star, **Mike Graff** (1999-2001) was honored by the Virginia State Press Association for excellence in sports feature writing for the second consecutive year. As a result, Mike was promoted to the state political beat and is now covering the Virginia legislature.

**Brent Ayers** (1997-99) is director of education at the Sylvan Learning Center in Greensboro. This summer, he became a June groom when he married HPU

alumna Leigh Magraw in Hayworth Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Dean of the Chapel Hal Warlick. The story of the couple's courtship was featured in the (Greensboro) News & Record.

**Rob Humphreys** (1995-97) is managing editor of the Culpeper Star-Exponent, a daily paper in Virginia. He oversees a newsroom staff of 12. His paper recently won an award for its coverage of a hometown soldier who died in Iraq. Rob and his wife Kerrie have two children.

**Clint Barkdoll** (1993-94), practicing law in Waynesboro, Pa., recently argued a death penalty case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He has served as a city councilman and belongs to the board of the Red Cross. A member of the Sons of the American Legion, he takes World War II veterans to see the monument in

Washington erected in their honor. Alumna Amy Cavallo, Clint's wife, counsels children for the Waynesboro schools.

**Other Staff Members:** Columnist **Justin Martin** (class of '03) is pursuing his doctorate in mass communications and Arabic at the University of Florida. This summer, he wrote the Alumni Office to thank professors for teaching him that "an 'A' at High Point University is an 'A' anywhere."

Assistant Editor **Terence Houston** (class of '02) attended the Democratic National Convention as a staff assistant to third-term Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-Ohio). Ms. Jones, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, is the House leader for the Kerry-Edwards campaign. Terence describes himself as "a Democrat forever!"

Assistant Editor **Heidi Coryell** (class of 1998) is a reporter for the Anderson (S.C.) Independent Mail, following a five-year stint with the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

Coryell says that "I have found myself surprisingly content writing for this small paper about such things as waterfall watching and the occasional loose cow." Her husband Larry, whom she met when both worked for the High Point Enterprise, covers Clemson University sports for The State in Columbia.

Sportswriter **Samuel Demiss**, who finished his coursework this summer, served as a stringer for the High Point Enterprise last year. Samuel compiled an impressive portfolio of stories focusing on the prep scene, Big South and ACC athletics.

# Women should be afforded the right to choose

On April 25, an estimated 800,000 pro-choice activists, led by celebrities such as Whoopi Goldberg, Kathleen Turner and Sen. Hillary Clinton, filled the Washington Mall to fight for the right to their own bodies.



**Kathleen  
McLean**  
Staff Writer

It was a national and world-wide event that involved 1000 organizations and 60 other nations. Marchers targeted President George

W. Bush and like-minded officials in government and religious organizations for their anti-abortion views.

A year earlier, on Nov. 5, 2003, Bush signed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, which was the first federal law to endow a fetus with legal rights distinct from the pregnant woman. But how can we dictate to a woman what she can and cannot do to her own body?

In *Griswold v. Connecticut* in 1965, the Supreme Court decided that various guarantees in the Bill of Rights, a combination of the first, third, fourth, ninth and fourteenth amendments, established a right to privacy and allowed married couples access to abortion information and the actual procedure.

A woman's right to an abortion was reaffirmed by the *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973, which gave a woman total autonomy over the pregnancy during the first trimester and defined different levels of state interest for the second and third trimesters. The Supreme Court ruled that unborn humans were not "legal persons" and that they were the property of the owner (mother) who was given the basic constitutional right to choose to kill her unborn offspring. Bush's ban in 2003 therefore violates a Supreme Court decision because he gave a fetus legal rights.

Medical research has proven that life begins at fertilization, and many pro-life organizations believe that mothers should not be allowed to kill their unborn children. Also, religious organizations, such as the Catholic Church, condemn abortion because a fetus is one of God's creations and birth is a blessed event.

However, the fight for abortion does

not revolve around the morals of death and life, but around personal choice and responsibility.

Until the 1960s, it was an indoctrinated idea that no "good girl" had premarital sex and that if she did, no man would want or marry her. Then *Playboy* magazine revamped that image and promoted free love for men, based on the view that men no longer considered virginity in women important or desirable.

Although premarital sex is not condoned, it is accepted. Many parents do not tell their children not to have sex until they're married, but instead say things like, "If you decide to have sex, use protection." Many parents accept their children's wishes to experiment and follow the desires of their hearts, even when those actions may lead to contracting a sexually transmitted disease or pregnancy.

Both men and women have the right to choose whether or not to have sex before marriage. But does that mean that women should not have the right to choose whether or not to be pregnant?

At the rally on April 25, Kate Michelman, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said, "The march is about the totality of women's lives and the right to make decisions about our lives."

When women first came to this country as indentured servants in the 1600s, they were bound by English common law and declared to be legally invisible. It was not until the 20<sup>th</sup> century that they were recognized as legal citizens. Women could vote, hold office and own property. Also, the feminist movements that occurred in this century began a sexual revolution and reproductive rights movement that advanced the idea that women were sexual beings and entitled to their own bodies.

Women have the right to do whatever they want to their own bodies. Women have the right to have sexual relations on their initiative and they should therefore have the right to decide if they want to have a child if they become pregnant.

Outlawing abortion denies women the freedom to their own bodies and places them under the constraints of English common law. Also, outlawing abortion will not stop it. It will continue under conditions hazardous to women's health. The World Health Organization estimates that a full third of all maternal

deaths are caused by poorly done illegal abortions, which amounts to 200 women per day.

Anti-abortion legislation is unconstitutional because it violates a woman's right to her own body and privacy. Although a fetus is a living being and moth-

ers have the option of adoption if they not want to be a parent, it is not our place to tell a woman to carry a child full term against her will. Women earned the right to be acknowledged as equals and should be allowed the same right as men to their own bodies.



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# Internship brings brush with 'American Idol'

By **Andrea Griffith**  
Editor in chief

This summer, I was fortunate enough to experience a daily newspaper first-hand as an intern at the High Point Enterprise. Like my previous internship, this one was very involved. I wrote my first story on the first day, was published on day two and never looked back, writing at least one story a day and usually working on two or more at a time.

Since I was serving in a temporary capacity, I didn't have a "beat" as they call it, but I did write about one topic far more than any other: Fantasia Barrino, now known simply as Fantasia. My time at the Enterprise began around the same time Barrino won "American Idol," but the stories about her continued throughout the summer. I inherited the story when I told my editor that music was an inter-

est of mine. From then on, any and all Barrino stories became my territory, culminating in a phone interview I had with Barrino July 5.

And I think I present an unbiased view when I say that High Point native Barrino was the single biggest local story of recent months. Usually, stories come and go with few follow-ups. This was the story that wouldn't fade, which caused some to swoon and others to sigh. From interviewing her elementary school

teacher to tracking sales of her single, I covered all things Fantasia.

One thing was always guaranteed—when I wrote a Fantasia story, I knew it was being read. I couldn't always say that

about some of my other stories, like the one about stream mitigation (first I had to figure out what stream mitigation was) or the one about the history of Flag Day. No, when I wrote about Fantasia, I got reactions from readers and co-workers.

Some readers wrote me from other parts of the country. Apparently, they began scouring her hometown paper online when they realized that stories about her ran frequently. And it's amazing what I observed.

Local people wanted to share with me poetry

they wrote in her honor. Others wanted to tell me about their connection to her ("I went to school with her brother") and still others wanted to rant about the tax dollars that were being spent in the name of Fantasia Barrino, as in the signs that were put up declaring High Point her hometown. Some called Barrino a role model for young girls; others denounced her, saying that an unwed mother who never finished high school sets a horrible example. Some praised the Enterprise for putting some front page focus on "good news," while others canceled their newspaper subscriptions for constantly putting

Barrino in the limelight when more important things, like the war in Iraq, were raging. My co-workers seemed tired of the Barrino phenomenon. Maybe they were tired of hearing about her; maybe they hated "American Idol" and pop culture in general. I could never be sure.

And though I sometimes question the legitimacy of "American Idol," I had to admit that the whole thing was pretty exciting. In my three years as a resident of High Point, I couldn't remember a local event that happened on a bigger scale. High Point's mayor was on the Today Show, the Greensboro Coliseum was featured on the "American Idol" finale, full of Triad residents showing support for Barrino, and I was interviewing the key players. Plus, the girl can sing. Few people refute that fact.

Michael Gaspeny, Chronicle adviser, was once a reporter in Arkansas and covered Bill Clinton's first campaign for public office, a losing race for Congress. His stories were later quoted in at least five Clinton biographies. Barrino's no Bill Clinton, but she could become an artist with longevity, prompting biographical writing and television specials.

And who knows, maybe one day, for better or worse, my articles could be used as a reference.



BARRINO ONCE ATTENDED ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL IN HIGH POINT

## Brown's best-sellers full of suspense and intrigue

By **Katie Estler**  
Assistant Editor

The pastime of reading for pleasure has been all but lost in a mentality of "if it isn't for class I'm not reading it." From time to time books come along that beg to be read. Dan Brown's bestsellers "Angels and Demons" and "The Da Vinci Code" are two of these books.

These two stories are centered around protagonist Robert Langdon, a renowned symbolist. In each story Robert is unknowingly thrown into the thick of a murder investigation. The reason he is called upon is that these are no normal deaths. Each is very ritualistic and believed to be tied into ancient secret brotherhoods on which Robert is considered one of the foremost experts.

His role of informed onlooker is quickly changed as he is pulled deeper into the investigation itself. All he has to survive these misadventures is his own knowledge and analytical ability.

In "Angels and Demons," Robert is summoned to the Vatican on the eve of the naming of the new Pope. The Illuminati, an ancient satanic brotherhood believed gone, looks to be responsible for the horrific death of one priest and potentially four more. Robert accompanied by scientist Vittoria Vetra race around Rome trying to decipher Illuminate symbols and follow the ancient Illuminate path to find the killer. An extra element of suspense is applied as they also try to locate a ticking time bomb made by Vittoria's own lab and hidden deep within the Vatican walls.

The "Da Vinci Code" begins like "Angels and Demons" with Robert being called to the site of a bizarre murder, but this time it is at the Louvre and this time instead of being the expert, he is the suspect.

Robert, with the help of cryptologist Sophie Neveu, granddaughter of the deceased and the only one that believes Robert's innocence, escapes the French authorities. Robert and Sophie are on the run from the police as they try and follow the trail of cryptic clues hidden in great works of art as well as some from Sophie's grandfather. They discover the secret that her grandfather was one of the head members of the Priory Sion, a secret society with the responsibility of guarding the Holy Grail. The search to find the true killer and clear Robert's name also turns out to be the hunt for the Holy



Grail. Dan Brown's writing pulls the reader in, making it impossible to put the books down. Both the Illuminati and the Priory Sion were actual secret societies, and some of their secret symbols are still hidden among current art and structures.

The reader becomes enthralled by the story lines and finds oneself trying to decipher codes and unravel the mystery along with Robert. Throughout the books it is unclear who the villain really is as the story leads you through one plot twist after another. These suspense thrillers will leave the reader wondering what is real and what is just great writing. -For the same price as a movie ticket, one book is well worth the gamble on some extra-curricular reading.

## Cruise adds villain to his resume in 'Collateral'

By **Drew McIntyre**  
Opinion Editor

Tom Cruise as a villain? Jamie Foxx as his co-star in a non-comedic film? What is wrong with this picture?

The short answer: nothing. "Collateral" is a fascinating, character-driven action yarn that has proven to be one of the most worthwhile films of the season. The unlikely on-screen duo makes an interesting plot and picture to view. If you like Matt Damon as Jason Bourne the super-spy, you'll love Tom Cruise as Vincent the assassin.

Cruise's Vincent is a professional killer who has five stops (read: hits) to make in one night, with a taxicab as his form of transportation. Max, played by a surprisingly skilled Jamie Foxx, is the unassuming cab driver picked by Vincent for his grisly errands. When one of Vincent's victims crashes dead through the roof of the cab, Max soon realizes that he has a sociopath in his back seat. The remainder of the film

revolves around the dynamic between Max and Vincent—and Max's desire to not be party to a homicidal rampage across Los Angeles. Jada Pinkett Smith (the bride of "I, Robot's" Will Smith and

co-star of "Matrix: Revolutions") also has a noteworthy performance. She plays Annie, a young attorney who instantly warms up to Max with a friendly bet. Annie appears in the film before Vincent does but is also present towards the latter part of the movie as the plot comes to a head.

This is Cruise's first outing as a full-on villain—and it works. So well, in fact, that near the end one almost wants to pull for Vincent. Fans of such great Cruise movies as "Top Gun," "Risky Business" and "A Few Good Men" will not be disappointed. Vincent is, in an unusual way, as charming as any of his characters from the aforementioned films. And let's not forget Jamie Foxx. Who knew the star of "Boozy Call" could make a worthwhile contribution to cinema? His starring role in the upcoming Ray Charles biopic "Ray" might be worthwhile after all.

Director Michael Mann also deserves credit. Here, Mann's style is unusual. The cinematography is often grainy, up close and unsteady, but it absolutely works. He is the writer/director of several other great films such as "Heat" and "Last of the Mohicans." His most recent film was the dud "Ali," in which Foxx had a supporting role. "Collateral" is no "Ali," though, and deserves all the hype—and what is left of your last summer paycheck.



TOM CRUISE AS VINCENT



JAMIE FOXX IN 'COLLATERAL'

# Greek life an important part of HPU community

By Sylvia Harwood  
Greek Editor

Every student here has heard at least once, if not many times, that a big factor of college life is to get involved in something on campus. While some never give it a thought, many college students find that joining a group based around some common interest gives them a greater opportunity to meet new friends and expand their knowledge on many aspects of the world. Around campus, there are many ways for a student to find a place at High Point. Whether your choice is a political group, a community service-based organization, an intramural sports team or theater troupes, this campus is filled with ways to get students out of their dorm rooms and into real life.

An important and very prominent aspect of the High Point community is the presence of Greek life. Both fraternity and sorority members are involved in campus organizations, sing in the choirs and act in the plays, and some are student ath-

letes. They are in honors classes, give tours of the campus and work in student life. They contribute to the social life on the weekends and can be seen in groups, walking around campus during any time of day.



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GREEK WEEK BANNER FROM '03

Freshmen, be prepared: School rules state that you have to wait until the spring semester to rush. The fall semester can be rough, since Greek members strictly follow this policy and most of the times avoid freshmen as best they can. In the meantime, this fall you will have many opportunities to see what Greek life will have to offer for the future. All fraternities and sororities participate in Derby Day festivities, competing in various events. The week before Homecoming is reserved for Greek Week, a tradition in which each fraternity is paired with a sorority and the teams participate in games such as tug of war, banner competitions and pizza-eating contests with all events leading to the lip-synching contest on Friday night-- an event no one should miss. Along with the competitions, Greeks are involved in intramural sports and most will hold different charity events throughout the first se-

mester.

In future issues, you will be able to read about all the upcoming events and big occurrences among the Greek community here on this page. For those returning students, you will notice that the page will look different from years past. In an effort to bring more life into the page, it will now also include a highlighted member of a fraternity or sorority

on campus as well as an article written by me, covering different topics concerning both Greek life and overall involvement on campus. I plan to bring more interest and better exposure to the many things that students do for the campus as well as the High Point community. The year ahead provides many opportunities and I hope you find the time to take in all that High Point has to offer.

## IFC plans next American Red Cross blood drive

By Matt Gillard  
IFC President

The Men of Interfraternity Council would like to welcome all the new students to HPU and extend a warm welcome to returning students. We hope you all had a great summer and look forward to having a great year.

This is our second year playing Bingo at the Wesleyan Arms Retirement Center, along with co-sponsoring a program with Pan-Hellenic where six men and six women will be working with special needs students in parks around High Point.

We will also be working with the volunteer center to help the American Red Cross blood drive.

Last school year, HPU donated 192 pints of blood, but this year, we are looking to donate 500 pints. The next blood drive will be on Sept. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to see you there and we will be working on getting prizes and free pizza to all who donate.

Derby day is coming up on Aug. 28. We're looking forward to a great day of competition on the Greensward. And Greek Week is going to take place from Sept. 26-Oct. 2. Good luck to everyone involved and we hope to see you all out there.



PHOTO BY ROGER CLODFELTER  
IFC OFFICERS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JEFF WOLFE, PHILLIP SHUMAKER, MATT GILLARD, DAN WOLFF, DAMIEN MORRISON

## Panthers' athletic teams gear up for new season

By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

High Point University sports have undergone some serious changes since graduation in May.

One of the most visible changes in the athletic department is a new logo, to be unveiled in a ceremony Aug. 24 before the start of classes and fall sports. The Millis Center gym will have new logos on its floor, to go along with new uniforms for all HPU sports. The change in logos was put in place to "reflect the energy and excitement that surrounds High Point's 16 NCAA Division I varsity sports," according to the athletic department website.

The men's basketball team won't have their rumored date with the Duke Blue Devils, but they will be playing in the Great Alaska Shootout. The Panthers will meet Oklahoma in their first game, and either Utah or Washington in their second game, which may be televised on ESPN2. Head coach Bart Lundy will return for his second season, after winning National Rookie Coach of the Year from collegeinsider.com in his first season, leading one of the most improved teams in the country last year.

The women's basketball team added two new assistant coaches, Trevor Lampman and Karen Curtis, a former HPU basketball star point-guard and the school's all-time leading scorer. They will work alongside returning head coach Tooley Loy, back for his fourth year in the top position.

The women's soccer team also added a new assistant coach, former

standout Stephanie Moenter, who was a four-year starter at High Point. Moenter was the 2003 Big South Tournament Most Valuable Player and graduated last year from HPU.

Katy Lusetti also joins HPU athletics as an assistant coach for the volleyball team, coming over from the University of Charleston in West Virginia where she was an assistant coach for three seasons.

On the baseball side of things, outfielder Josh Doane was named to the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League All-Star Team for the second season in a row. Several other High Point baseball players are participating in summer baseball leagues, including Chris Ramirez, Mark Shorey, Justin Pinyan, Josh Cotten and Jon Pavlack.

Men's basketball player Danny Gathings had a good summer as well, earning the NCAA's 2004 National Co-Sportsman of the Year award. Gathings, who was named the Big South regular-season Player of the Year and honorable-mention All America by the Associated Press, won the honor for his show of sportsmanship when he gave his 2004 Big South Men's Basketball Tournament Most Valuable Player trophy to Larry Blair of Liberty. Gathings felt Blair was more deserving of the award after Liberty won the conference tournament, led by Blair's career-best 29 points in the final game.

High Point's first home game pits the men's soccer team against Wofford, Sept. 1.

The defending champion women's soccer team starts off play on the road Aug. 27 at The Citadel.

## Athletes earn spot on Presidential Honor Roll

Courtesy of Sports  
Information Department

High Point University placed 48.9 percent of its 225 student-athletes on the Big South Conference's prestigious Presidential Honor Roll list for the 2003-04 season.

High Point ranked second in the Big South (behind only Birmingham-Southern) on the list. BSC placed 57.4 of its 197 student athletes on the list, while Liberty was third with 46.5 percent (out of 400 student-athletes).

Overall, 970 of the Big South's 2,547 student-athletes were honored.

To be named to the Presidential Honor Roll, student-athletes must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better for the previous academic year.

"To have nearly 40 percent of our student-athletes achieve the Presidential Honor Roll is an impressive testament to their abilities and dedication," Big South Commissioner Kyle B. Kallander said. "It is also a tribute to the priorities established by Big South institutions. We are all extremely proud of the achievements of these fine young men and women."

"We continue to be very proud of the excellent academic achievements of our student-athletes," said Melissa Perry, HPU's assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator. "They truly

exemplify the term 'student-athlete' with their sustained commitment to excellence in the classroom and on the playing field."

Perry oversees High Point's Student-Athlete Support Services, which seek to enhance student-athlete academic growth and personal development via the department's extensive Academic Support Program.

Student-athletes also have opportunities for personal growth, leadership and community service through the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Student-Athlete Mentors.

The Big South, an NCAA Division I Conference, is celebrating 21 years of excellence in academics and athletics. Comprised of nine member institutions throughout the Southeast, the Big South continues to be a national leader both on the field through its 18 championship sports and in the classrooms of its nationally accredited members. Birmingham-Southern College, Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, High Point University, Liberty University, Radford University, UNC Asheville, Virginia Military Institute and Winthrop University comprise the 21-year-old-League, which is based in Charlotte, N.C.

"We continue to be very proud of the excellent academic achievements of our student-athletes."  
- Melissa Perry

## Alumna joins athletic staff

Courtesy of Sports Information Department

Stephanie Moenter has been named an assistant coach for the women's soccer team.

Moenter, the 2003 Big South Tournament Most Valuable Player, was a four-year starter for the Panthers and converted the deciding penalty kick in the finals of the Big South Tournament, which lifted High Point into the NCAA Tournament her senior season. She graduated from HPU in May with a degree in business.

"Stephanie is probably the most decorated player in our short Division I history," High Point head coach Tracie Foels said. "She will be a great addition to our staff, and it'll be great to keep her in the program. She has a great mind for soccer and obviously relates very well to our players."

Moenter, who co-captained the 2003 squad, was named to the inaugural All-State team as selected by the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association and was also an All-Big South selection her senior season, as well as a member of the 2002 Big South All-Tournament Team.

Off the field, she was a member of the Big South Presidential Honor Roll and the Dean's List, and was also a Millis Scholar-Athlete.

Moenter, a native of Centerville, Ohio, is the twin sister of former HPU teammate Stacey Moenter, who also graduated in 2004. Even after their graduations, 2004 will mark the ninth straight year the Panthers have had at least one set of identical twins on their roster, with Anni and Lena Svensson playing this year.

## Yankee fan has fightin' words for Boston

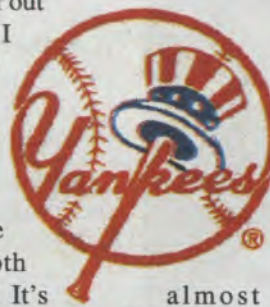
By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

The Fall Classic (better known as the World Series to less-avid baseball fans) is my favorite time of year. During that stretch of time in late October, all other activities come to a halt, and I've been known to shut out family, friends and schoolwork in order to watch hours upon hours of baseball. I even bought a larger television for the purpose of watching playoff sports on a bigger screen. Ten inches simply doesn't do when trying to watch your favorite team win a championship. I think the several hundred dollars spent my freshman year to upgrade my TV has been a sound investment.

In baseball, my favorite team is the New York Yankees. I know what you're probably thinking: bandwagon fan who likes them because the team is more often than not in first place. Not true. I've been a Yankee fan since the start, turned onto the pinstripes because my parents rooted for them. Paul O'Neil is my all-

time favorite player, and my license plate says Jeter, as in Derek Jeter, the shortstop and captain of the Bronx Bombers.

This year, it looks again like the Yankees will be vying for a spot to play in the World Series. Barring a collapse of colossal proportions, New York will win the American League East, as their only real competition, the Boston Red Sox, fall farther and farther out of contention. I love the Red Sox, but not as a fan. You can't be a Yankee fan and a Boston fan. It's like cheering for both Duke and UNC. It's almost against the law. But as a Yankee fanatic, you have to appreciate how the Red Sox predictably fall apart as the season progresses, rolling over for the Bombers, left hoping to win the Wild Card. This off season the Sox acquired ace pitcher Curt Schilling to try and stop the Yankees. But they missed out on Alex Rodriguez when



a potential trade fell through, and the Yankees picked up the former Texas Ranger shortstop, moving him over to third to play alongside Jeter. Now the Red Sox have gotten rid of their star shortstop, Nomar Garciaparra, and Yankee fans everywhere sit back and watch Boston implode, just as they do every year.

There's still September to enjoy the last month of regular-season baseball, and then October arrives, and the gloves come off. Teams will be battling it out to try and get to the World Series, among them potentially, the Yankees and Red Sox in the war to win the American League Championship Series. After several blowouts during the regular season, if these two teams meet during the post season, it's sure to be a close contest, but I'd readily put my faith with the Yankees. It's what any devoted fan prepared to shut out the outside world in order to watch every inning of the Fall Classic would do, and time considered well spent. And if you're a Red Sox fan, I have one reminder for you: 1918.

## Soccer Schedule

8/21	Women's	Home	Pfeiffer	7:00 p.m.
8/27	Women	Away	Citadel	4:00 p.m.
8/27	Men's	Home	Pfeiffer	7:00 p.m.
9/1	Men's	Home	Wofford	7:00 p.m.
9/3	Women's	Away	Georgia State	7:00 p.m.
9/8	Men's	Away	Eastern Carolina	3:30 p.m.
9/8	Women's	Home	Elon	7:00 p.m.
9/11	Men's	Away	Niagara	2:30 p.m.
9/11	Women's	Home	Winthrop	7:00 p.m.
9/12	Men's	Away	Canisius	11:00 a.m.
9/15	Women's	Away	Davidson	7:00 p.m.
9/15	Men's	Home	Appalachian State	7:00 p.m.
9/19	Women's	Home	UNC Wilmington	2:00 p.m.
9/22	Men's	Home	UNC Asheville	7:00 p.m.
9/23	Women's	Home	Longwood	7:00 p.m.

## NCAA honors Danny Gathings for sportsmanship

Courtesy of Sports Information Department

High Point men's basketball student-athlete Danny Gathings has been named the NCAA's 2004 National Co-Sportsman of the Year.

Gathings, a senior from Winston-Salem, N.C., was saluted for giving his 2004 Big South Men's Basketball Tournament Most Valuable Player trophy to Liberty's Larry Blair following the tournament's championship game.

"No one asked Danny to give up his MVP award," High Point head men's basketball coach Bart Lundysaid. "He could have kept the trophy and moved on like 99 percent of people in his shoes would have done. But he chose to take a stand and try to right something he thought was wrong, regardless of how people would react."

Gathings shares the NCAA award with the football team from Mesa State College, a Division II school in Grand Junction, Colo.

Gathings (who also earned Associated Press honorable-mention All-America and the Big South's regular-season Player of the Year honors), and Blair (a second-team All-Big South pick and the League's Freshman of the Year), led their squads to the Big South Tournament

championship game. Liberty won the game behind Blair's career-high 29 points, but Gathings was selected as the MVP at the conclusion of the tournament.

Gathings felt that Blair, a rising sophomore from Charlotte, N.C., was more deserving of the MVP trophy and decided to present it to him.

Gathings graduated from Parkland High School in Winston-Salem and is pursuing a degree in sport management at High Point. He is the first High Point student-athlete to receive a national NCAA-sponsored award.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the NCAA," Gathings said. "It's hard to think about being the first person at your school to receive an award like this. I didn't expect this kind of attention at all. It's a great honor, but I still don't really feel like I did anything special. I just did what I thought I should do."

"I'd certainly do it over again if I had the choice, but I've received all this attention that I don't think I really deserve.

It's been pretty crazy."

Gathings' coaches regularly single him out for his unselfishness and for his consistent effort in practice and games, and they note how he takes time to assist his teammates with perfecting their basketball skills.

"I can't imagine a more deserving individual for the NCAA to give this award to," Lundy said. "Danny has exemplified sportsmanship on a daily basis, and has shown the type of character that all universities should try to promote in collegiate athletics."

"Negative things in sports today tend to get all the publicity. But there are student-athletes that represent their school in so many ways that nobody ever writes or talks about. This award speaks to the kind of person Danny is. I consider it a privilege to coach someone of his character and ability."

The NCAA's Sportswoman of the Year is Chandra Gunn, a women's ice hockey player from Northeastern University.

Gathings, Gunn and the Mesa State football team will receive their awards later this fall on their respective school campuses. The recipients will also be rec-

ognized during the NCAA Convention in January in Dallas and at the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA) Awards Reception during the summer of 2005.

Each athletic conference and independent institution is eligible to nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the NCAA Sportsmanship Awards. Forty-four athletic conferences selected student-athletes as their conference sportsmanship award recipients for this year, and then submitted those student-athlete names to the NCAA as candidates for the national female and male 2004 NCAA Sportsmanship Awards.

Award criteria state that student-athletes must have displayed a demonstrable act of sportsmanship; demonstrated proper and ethical behavior in his/her daily participation in intercollegiate athletics; demonstrated good citizenship outside of the sports-competition setting; and be in good academic standing. Although the awards are created for individual student-athletes, teams also may be considered for the award.

The NCAA has been vocal and active in its push for better sportsmanship, having partnered with the Southeastern Conference last year on hosting a national forum to discuss sportsmanship, and partnering with athletic conferences to host the NCAA Sportsmanship Awards.



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