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## Column One News

### Phoenix Festival set for Nov. 18-19

You've probably seen the signs around campus encouraging students from any field of study to submit poetry and prose to the Phoenix Festival. What you may not know is that prizes are involved, from books to t-shirts to money (the largest prize, in fact, is a \$40 check).

HPU students are also invited to participate in writing workshops with leading-edge poets and fiction writers from all over North Carolina. However, this note is to remind all HPU students that their attendance at Phoenix Festival - at both the morning workshops and the awards ceremony later in the afternoon - is not required, but only encouraged for those who are interested and able to attend.

Submitting your work, therefore, in no way binds you to any certain schedule on the day of the Festival, though you are more than welcome to participate if you choose. So send us your stuff.

Phoenix Festival is an annual event sponsored by the English Department in which HPU students and area high school students submit works of poetry and prose for the purpose of advancing creative writing on all levels.

### Academic Services seeks ESL tutors

The Academic Services Center (ASC) is looking for students to help the English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors in a program for Japanese students.

Karen Dingle and Emily Miles, ESL tutors, hope to revive an old ASC program that involves taking Japanese students to restaurants, malls and ball games to help immerse them in American culture and the English language. They need American students to help because it will be easier for the Japanese students to learn and use English.

Although there will be no financial reward for participating in this program, students will be able to learn about another culture and meet new friends among the Japanese students involved in the program.

Students interested in helping should contact Mr. Craig Curty at x9014 for more information.

### GO FAR 5K Road Race set for Nov. 6

The Go Out for a Run 5K Road Race will take place Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. in front of Millis Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Entry fees the day of the race are \$20. Money raised will benefit the GO FAR program, which teaches elementary children about the importance of exercise. For more information, call Robin Hale-Lindsay at x9208.

## Professors, students emphasize need for political involvement as election draws near

By Kathleen McLean  
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The political science department, College Republicans and College Democrats are working to end the cycle of disengagement or alienation from politics among High Point University students.

The cycle of disengagement is the absence of a relationship between young voters and politicians. "The politicians don't talk to young people and therefore the young people don't vote. So, the politicians assume that young people will not vote and will not talk to them about issues that concern them," said Dr.

Mark Setzler, assistant professor of political science. Students do not become involved with politics because their

views are not represented, but Setzler said that the only way to break the cycle, which is part of his

job, is to encourage the development of one's own sense of partisanship.

All the professors and members of

the partisan groups on campus believe it is important for college students to be informed about the issues and to vote. Dr. Anthony Gabrielli, assistant professor of political science, said that there are two important reasons for college students to vote. "One, they have a stake in the government, so voting provides a sense of belonging to the country. And two, they need to get into the habit of voting or else they won't build up civic engagement and ownership of the system."

Dr. James Corey, assistant professor of history/political science, added, "It's the squeaky wheel that gets the oil." Students need to speak out in order to have the politicians pay attention to their issues because it is the voter who tells the president what direction to take the country. To involve his students in par-

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STUDENTS WATCH THE THIRD PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ON OCT. 13 IN NORTON HALL

PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

## Student's mission work takes him to Italy and Spain

By Amanda Roberts  
A&E Editor

For the fourth consecutive summer, senior Karl Hengeveld spent his break in a foreign country.

Hengeveld was a missionary for two months this summer in Italy and Spain. His previous trips to Nicaragua and Ghana were planned and sponsored by his church. This time, his journey was inspired by a different source. Hengeveld, with a small group of High Point students and thousands of others from all over the country, attended Urbana, a missions conference in Illinois, last Christmas break.

"There were several gyms, full of booths with mission agencies, and some of them were handing out free stuff. I got a t-shirt from one booth, turned around and found this booth for TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission). I signed up, applied for a missions trip and was accepted in January or February," Hengeveld said.

As a CIS major, Hengeveld knows a lot about computers, and the trip he went on was unlike the other trips. As he spent time in Italy and Spain, he

would not be working with residents as he had in the past; instead, he would be working on computers and helping missionaries learn how to use them more efficiently.

"I went to Italy for about three weeks," Hengeveld stated. "While I was there, I worked at an internet café in downtown Bologna. I had to set up the network, do a lot of installation, reformat and other stuff. It was hard to do because I had to do it all in Italian, and I know about three words in Italian."

The café offered free English classes. Hengeveld talked with a local who was taking one of the classes. "His name was Francesco. We talked and I found out what he believed, which was not biblically-based. He's Roman Catholic; everyone in Italy is Roman Catholic, but I shared with him what I believe," Hengeveld said.

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## Skinner warns about dangers of drunk driving

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

Motivational speaker Chris Skinner, a survivor of a drunk-driving accident, is a living example of what can happen when one is careless with alcohol and drugs.

"I'm not going to talk to you about statistics," Skinner said, as he spoke to students in Hayworth Fine Arts Center on Oct. 14. "I'm not into those."

He said his sole purpose was to make people leave the auditorium with a different perspective. He cautioned all not to get wrapped up in "temporary fun," which he used to describe alcohol and drugs.

"The party always ends," he said. "The keg always runs out."

On June 10, 2000, Skinner was involved in a drunk-driving accident, leaving him paralyzed and bound to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. He was leaving a wedding, intoxicated, and sat in the passenger seat of a truck driven by a friend, who was also under the influence of alcohol. On the last turn before reaching their destination, his friend lost control, causing the truck to flip two-and-a-half times. Skinner, who was not wearing his seatbelt, was thrown from the truck,

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HENGEVELD VISITED THE POET DANTE'S GRAVE IN RAVENNA, ITALY

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## Staff Editorial

## The next generation prepares entrance into tough election season

With only a handful of days left until the election, many students who intend to vote may have already done so by absentee ballot. Surveys done by the political science department show that students, like the rest of America, are closely divided between Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush.

More than 200 students gathered to watch the presidential and vice presidential debates on campus. At the conclusion of each debate, students completed a survey. After the third debate, 51 percent

of the student audience indicated plans to vote for Kerry-Edwards, while 44 percent supported Bush-Cheney and five percent were undecided.

But in this polarized election year, how can anyone be undecided as the campaigns winds down? Students' age plays a key role. College students have a limited voting history and therefore may have a minimal sense of loyalty to one party or the other. To young voters, the decision lies within the issues, not the party lines. The debates were an organized way of seeing the candidates' similarities and differences when it came

to the issues.

Students listened carefully and proved their open-mindedness. In fact, at the conclusion of the third presidential debate, twenty-three percent of the students said that watching one or more of the debates had either influenced or changed their likely voting decision.

To those surveyed, foreign policy issues were more important than domestic issues, with Iraq and homeland security topping the list. When it came to domestic policy issues, students identified health care, jobs, the economy, education and abortion as the top concerns.

Over two-thirds of students said that the debates affected how they were following and discussing the election. And it's good that students are paying attention. Young voters are becoming increasingly involved in politics and are expected to swing the 2004 election.

Most of the students here are experiencing our first presidential election as eligible voters. With polls indicating a dead heat between the Democrats and Republicans, it will be quite the start to our voting careers.

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Editor's note: The following article was not run in its entirety in the Oct. 8 issue. We apologize for the error.

## Agnostic turned atheist expounds on his views

By Trevor McDonald  
Staff Writer

"Make sure to call me 'Huxley' in your article," he said as we parted. This was a reference to Thomas Huxley, the father of religious atheism—"agnosticism." But my story concerns a junior on campus, not Mr. Huxley; a student who, through either fear of intimidation or perhaps simple exhaustion from the constant confrontations, chooses not to make his name public. He is an atheist—a group that, according to some, doesn't exist.

An agnostic from age 12, this 'Huxley' became a full-fledged atheist on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, after a good friend of his was murdered. High Point University is, after all, a Methodist school, so why did he come here? "I screwed up in high school," he says. "I want to raise my GPA so that I can transfer out."

Huxley spoke of the increase in tolerance that occurred in the '60s and '70s, and how in recent times a resurgence "of hate and [nonacceptance]" has begun. He went on to give an example: "I wrote an article in the High Point Enterprise over the summer [about lack of tolerance]. I received phone calls about it. Some said, 'You should accept Jesus,' but some were much darker." He suggests that the majority of people treat atheists this way because "when someone doesn't understand something, they assume it isn't true." I asked him why he would choose to be an atheist, knowing he would have to put up with prejudice. He answered: "It's not to be different or to stand out. It's [a personal preference], to see things in a different view. When you boil religion down, it's personal opin-

ion. My personal opinion is different from the majority's."

I asked Huxley if he thought of atheism as a faith. He replied, "Every atheist is different... I would call it more an ideal than a religion or faith. [Atheism relies heavily on science to exist.] You always need to question things, no matter what you are. Even the Bible says, 'Test everything, and keep what is good.' That's probably why I'm an atheist. I tested Christianity, and it failed."

What about the validity of other religions? He said: "Personal faith is not a bad thing. I think it's one of the greatest placebo effects created by man. But I just don't have it... Christianity is a good thing.

Some people use it as a crutch. I've often thought about how it could be reformed, though."

Why did Huxley respond to my last article? I've often thought that most people feel that their responsibilities do not include activism when it comes to

combating stereotypes, that they cannot make a difference or change anyone's mind, so why did he contact me? "I didn't want you to interview someone who was [misinformed] or a jerk. I don't want anyone to get a bad impression of atheism. I want people to know that I'm tolerant of others. There have been times at this school where I almost gave in and just said that I believed in Christianity, but I'd be lying to myself and to others. I still refuse to tell anyone that I'm an atheist because of the stereotypical confrontations that come from it."

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## Supreme Court not to be overlooked in race

One of the least known and talked about aspects of this presidential election revolves around the U.S. Supreme Court. This issue perhaps will come to the forefront in the aftermath of the recent hospitalization of Chief Justice William Rehnquist with thyroid cancer.

Rehnquist is expected to return to the bench in early November despite the diagnosis, and at age 80 will remain Chief Justice. Appointed to the Court in 1972 by President Richard Nixon, Rehnquist has been a member of the Court for over 30 years, serving as chief justice since replacing Chief Justice Warren Burger in 1986.

Yet the recent health concerns of Rehnquist clearly bring to question the current situation in the Supreme Court. Within the next four years, between one and three justices are likely to be replaced. The aforementioned Justice Rehnquist is expected to step down in the next presidential term. In addition, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at age 74 is expected to retire soon, as is 84-year-old Justice John Paul Stevens. O'Connor has been a key swing vote in the past on issues dividing the court such as abortion, and Stevens has also tended to vote with the liberal cause.

Given the fact that an appointment as a Supreme Court justice is for life, and that the last four justices to retire have served an average of 28 years, either Presidential hopeful John Kerry or President Bush stand to slant the direction of the Supreme Court for decades to come. The media, however, is largely ignoring this issue.

If Bush is re-elected, he will likely

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# Crossfire: President Bush & the war in Iraq

Columnists from the left and right sound off on one of the most divisive issues of '04

## Iraq, a war of Bush's choice, not necessity

By Brandon Wright  
Staff Writer

Change is usually a good thing.

A lot of people in our country believe that now is the time for a big change. After standing by and watching as President Bush has slapped "United States" on every cause he desired, we can finally stand up and speak with a voice that belongs to our people.

One main argument for reelecting Bush is that he is the great leader that John Kerry is not. Bush proponents are right that he is a leader: He led us into the largest deficit in history; to cut costs for big businesses, he led us into the weakest environmental policy since the advancement of pollution controls and forest preservation; he led us through a campaign of terror which caused many to worry about whether they should live life as they have or in fear; and he's led us into a war in which there is no end in sight and whose cause is now seen as poor intelligence by our country. He also led us into the morning of September 11, 2001 with no worries, while possessing intelligence that Osama Bin Laden and al Qaeda intended to commit terrorist acts in the U.S. with the use of hijacked airplanes.

The Bush administration has taken our country for a ride. On the way, he has: managed to allow our domestic issues, such as healthcare, education and welfare reform, to take the backburner; alienated us from the global community because of our internationally viewed imperialistic tendencies; and done a lot of hunting, fishing and flipping horse-shoes.

On the day he received intelligence of Bin Laden's hijacking intentions,

Bush went fishing. President Bush has had the last four years to play because of an election where the winner could well have been Al Gore. It's time to end the most vacationed presidency in our history.

The War in Iraq, the top subject for the candidates at this time, is a conflict in which we didn't have a well-defined enemy. There is no evidence of a connection to al Qaeda or 9/11. There is no evidence of weapons of mass destruction. However, there was evidence of the world's second largest oil reserve. And now we occupy Iraq in a daily street fight between our country and whoever our enemy is.

Iraq is a sovereign nation which means it can deal with its own affairs and, if necessary, liberate itself. It's not sovereign anymore. We have chosen to be the "liberators" of Iraq because our president selected that path. However, liberation and freedom can't be won in war or achieved by flexing military muscles at those who have none. Bush decided that the best method of showing off American ideals was to invade a country, bomb it and kill thousands of civilians.

There is no justification for so much death. How can we win the hearts of one family while standing on their front yard with an M-16? Instead of breeding freedom, Bush has bred hate, fear and more terrorists.

Above all this, Bush has put soldiers who trust and believe that our cause is right and just into the line of fire. Our friends, brothers, sisters, fa-

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## 'W' stood up to Saddam, made the world safer

Amid all the issues and events of this campaign season, one important concern



Jonathan

Miller

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remains at the forefront of the political spectrum -- Iraq. With the presidential race at its peak, the Democrats want the voters to believe that President Bush and the Republicans are war-mongers who manipulated intelligence in order to invade Iraq for its oil reserves. Rhetoric of this magnitude would be laughable if we were not discussing such an important issue. In order for us to make an informed decision on Nov. 2, we must look at the facts and put aside the rhetoric.

First, we must answer a popular myth about Iraq. Democrats will have you believe that the president hastily rushed to war and abused his power. This, of course, is wrong. Saddam Hussein violated 13 United Nations Security Council resolutions and had over a decade to comply with diplomatic efforts to disarm his regime. Also, the decision to invade Iraq took over one year. Congress debated the matter for months and reached the conclusion that action must be taken. The Iraq War Resolution was passed with overwhelming support from both parties in October of 2002. Even with substantial approval from Congress, President Bush waited nearly six months before actually invading Iraq. So, we have over 10 years of diplomacy, 13 international

resolutions violated, a full year of debate on the floor of Congress, a resolution passed by Congress and six months of warning to Saddam Hussein to surrender. You can think of many adjectives to describe the president's decision in Iraq, but "rushed" is not one of them.

To find support for President Bush on this issue, look no further than Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. In 2002, Kerry stated, "I agree completely with this Administration's goal of a regime change in Iraq..." He also argued, "Saddam Hussein is a renegade and outlaw who turned his back on the tough conditions of his surrender put in place by the United Nations in 1991." Kerry concluded in this speech to the DNC National Conversation, "If Saddam Hussein is unwilling to bend to the international community's already existing order, then he will have invited enforcement even if that enforcement is mostly at the hands of the United States, a right we retain even if the Security Council fails to act." The notion that President Bush misled the U.S. into war is just absurd. Democrats in Congress were agreeing with the president, and John Kerry was one of his biggest advocates. Now, Kerry is trying to convince voters that the invasion he supported is now something he is against.

President Bush took the right action when he decided to remove Saddam Hussein. Undeniably, Saddam was an evil person. His regime committed thousands of atrocities, and it is no stretch to assume that Saddam associated with terrorists. Criminals associate with criminals. Even if John Kerry did take a principled stand against the Iraq War, he would be wrong. Kerry assumed the

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## Kerry campaign indulges in fear-mongering

Don't be influenced by Dems' misleading claims

A great deal of fear-mongering is taking place during this presidential



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race, and most of it is on the Left. John Kerry and Democratic front groups have spent the run-up to election day telling virtually every group imaginable that George Bush and the Republican party are either incompetent with their concerns or actively seeking to disenfranchise them. These groups include, but are not limited to, the old, the young, African-Americans and the middle class.

To the old, Kerry goes on and on about how Bush is going to privatize Social Security (remember, Dems love government control!) and take their checks. The reality: Bush has spoken of his plans to privatize a tiny sliver of

Social Security by allowing young people to save part of our Social Security into a tax-free savings account. There is no "January surprise," so don't believe the hype.

Kerry has some fear tactics for our generation as well. He and his flunkies have continuously hinted that Bush and his neoconservative hawks are just itching to reinstate the draft. The reality: Bush has said flat out that he will not reinstate the draft, largely because it isn't necessary. The Iraqi army is being trained regularly and our own forces are being redeployed from the old Cold War fronts to better serve our current needs. You won't be drafted under Bush.

Kerry and the liberal Dems have had a monopoly on the black vote for decades. This is no surprise and is not likely to change soon. Part of the strategy to do this is to convince African-Americans that Republicans are plotting to disenfranchise them. The worst of this fear-mongering is seen among despicable groups like ACT, who distribute flyers linking the oppression of blacks in the pre-civil rights movement days to Republicans of the present.

The reality is that there is no "vast right wing conspiracy" (a la Hillary) to disenfranchise blacks. There never has been. What Republicans are saying is that they want every eligible voter to be able to vote. Voter fraud is already rampant, and with liberal 527 groups running all kinds of sleazy registration drives (one group was even found to have been soliciting registrations for crack), this is a completely legitimate concern.

And lastly, John Kerry, invoking an old liberal tactic of class warfare (where is Marx when you need him?) has been attacking Bush on his love of the rich and hatred of the middle class. John Edwards referred to it as "two Americas."

Kerry is continuously using stump speeches to lambast Bush's "tax cuts for the rich" and blames everything from the price of oil to rising medical costs on the Commander in Chief.

The reality: Bush's tax cuts benefited the middle class most of all. Especially those who own small businesses, who produce 70% of new jobs in this country. This is because small businesses are mostly taxed at the individual income

tax level. This means that the top two brackets that Kerry wants to tax to death to pay for his universal (read: Socialized) medicine, reduction of the budget, and improvement of education will include and harm many job creating small business owners.

Kerry is trying to make himself out to be the friend of the little guy. Let's be real. Bush and Kerry are both songs of privilege. Bush just doesn't wear it on his sleeve like the Massachusetts Senator.

It is the job of the challenger in an election to attack. I suppose that when a legitimate attack is not available, someone like Kerry has to make them up. This is nothing new on politics on either side.

I believe it is safe to say that the Democrats have a monopoly on fear-mongering this election season. Oddly, Dems are accusing Republicans of the same thing, mainly because Dick Cheney expressed doubts about Kerry's ability to make the country a safer place given his record on secu-

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# A comedic glance at the upcoming election

*In the midst of a heated political season, one columnist sees the humor in it all*



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I am not a fan of neither President Bush or Senator Kerry. Neither candidate has impressed me in any way, shape or form, and the last presidential debate displayed this point for me. While listening to what both men had to say, I found myself reading between the lines and thinking about what the men truly wanted to say.

Girls, remember when you were young, and you'd call your friends before school and coordinate your outfits? Eventually you grew out of that phase. However, Bush and Kerry did not. Both men wore basically the same suit, tie and flag pin. It looked as if they were about to engage in an unusually formal team sport. Bush must have taken a large dose of

lithium before getting on stage, because a smile never left his face, much like a hair never fell out of place on Kerry's head. Jeez, what do you use on that thing, John?

These men often got into heated debates on various issues, ranging from gun-control to affirmative action. I just wanted one of them to break the tension by raising the roof or something.

Kerry began an argument by saying, "Let me pay a compliment to the president." He wanted to tell Bush that he's a very handsome man and that he's sick of John Edwards' cold touch. He was thinking of saying something like, "Homosexuality, shomosexuality - You want me," while "I Want You to Want Me" played in the background. This, of course, would cause the president to pull out a gun to defend himself, since he's anti-homosexuality, but favors the ability to bear arms. Kerry, as-

suming this would be the outcome, decided to keep his mouth shut.

On the topic of terrorists, Kerry promised that he will "hunt them down and kill them." Who are you? John Wayne? Where's the tumbleweed that normally flies by after the main character says something to that effect?

At one point Kerry talked about his wife and daughters, claiming that they love to kick him around. That's kind of kinky, John. "Sometimes we role play, and Teresa covers me with ketchup..."

Kerry laughed aloud at Bush at one point. Little did everyone know John was just playing the movie "Old School" in his head to keep from falling asleep. He was just getting to the "bring your green hat" part when the moderator interrupted him.

On the topic of religion, Kerry says

that he was an altar boy. Well, that's great John, but this is a debate, not therapy.

Kerry says that Bush is the first president to lose jobs since Herbert Hoover. No, the president, not the vacuum guy.

Bush claimed that the borders are guarded more today than when he was the governor of Texas. That's because the borders didn't need to be guarded, since every threatening person had already been executed. During Bush's reign, people often wondered why the entire state smelled like barbecue.

Bush could've stopped his lengthy, sometimes confusing responses, by just yelling out, "Get 'er done!"

At one point, Kerry was frustrated with Bush's responses, and said, "Again, the president didn't answer the question." Well, George was never really good at Trivial Pursuit.

Bush said that he was "all for the sanctity of marriage." He said later that he loved being surrounded by strong women. So really, Mr. President, you believe that marriage should be only be-

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## Voting is a privilege; use yours for Kerry

With less than a week left until the long-talked-about Election Day, the dissent between Republicans and Democrats, Bush fans and Kerry supporters has risen to dramatic heights. There has not been an election in recent history where individuals felt such conviction in support of one candidate and such disdain for the other. So, who is right?

While no one can answer that for you, they should be able to defend their view and fully explain why they support the candidate they do - and not only that, but why they don't support the opponent. As an involved supporter of

John Kerry, one who is part of the local grassroots campaign, I can ramble to you all day about Bush's poor decisions, bad policies and shady politics because I truly believe that "four more years" would place our nation in an unenviable position that would take more than one presidential term to reverse. I will also be happy to tell you of the qualities that I think make John Kerry an excellent candidate, the man who can successfully take us out of the war in Iraq victorious, rebuild both our economy and our foreign allegiances, and make our people safe and truly equal for once.

I do not see him as a "flip-flopper," which is the first, and many times only, criticism I can get from Bush supporters. I see him as a man whose values have remained steady throughout his

political career and as a man who is humble enough to change strategies when a situation changes. Other Republicans, and some Democrats as well, do not see Kerry as a "real" candidate, but rather a sort of fill-in in order to buy another four years to find a so-called real candidate. John Kerry has the experience, the intelligence, and the answers that make him a very real candidate, and a very real threat to the Republicans' treasured power in the White House.

I could continue to impart to you the reasons why four more years with George W. Bush create as much fear in my mind as the threat of a terrorist attack does in yours, but the bottom line is: You either already know who you are going to vote for, or even if you don't, one article in the Campus Chronicle isn't going to sway your opinion if you haven't already formed one based on the thousands of other sources of information available to you.

And if you think that turning on the nightly news is giving you a clear picture, or even reading the News & Record every now and then, think again. Dig

a little deeper and look at the source, rather than a reporter's interpretation of the facts. Don't let my opinion or anyone else's sway your own. And certainly don't start telling yourself that your opinion doesn't matter or your vote doesn't count. It does. And even if you insist on voting in support of the president's re-election (but especially if you don't) take a little time on Nov. 2 to be there, at the very least so you can allow yourself the right to complain when the election doesn't go your way. Regardless, take advantage of the freedoms that everyone loves talking about, but rarely ever exercises.

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Megan

Powers  
Staff Writer

## Clothing and identity: what really matters?

A t-shirt and jeans. That's my favorite outfit. Unfortunately, because I work everyday after school, I can't wear a t-shirt and jeans as often as I'd like. The corporate world insists that I follow a casual dress code of nice pants or skirts and dress shirts.

Do our clothes seriously define who we are? Am I any less or more of myself this year because I dress up more? What we wear, although it is a component of who we are, is not the only element. I don't wear skirts everyday. I wouldn't consider myself a girlie-girl, but I am still a girl. Do I receive respect from my peers because of my style? Maybe to an extent, but I like to believe it goes deeper than that.

Feminism deals with the social, economic and political equality of the sexes. Certainly there are areas of life where the sexes cannot be equal and where we were never intended to be so. However, the current freedoms and opportunities women have should not be taken for granted. For those women who desire to climb the corporate ladder, is it not their right to do so? Likewise, those who desire to be stay-at-home mothers should also have that right.

However, each person has been given specific talents that go beyond our natural roles. There are skills we must work at and fight for the opportunity to use.

I, too, want to be a wife and a mother,

but also a writer and a teacher. Regardless of what I wear, I sincerely hope my talents will push me onward.

I like to think of myself as a nonconformist, not necessarily because of what I wear, but rather because of how I act and live my life.

The Feminist movement wasn't necessarily about outranking men. It was about proving that women have talents they can use to better society, that women are more than baby-makers and sex objects. We have a brain that is able to do more than iron clothes and clean dishes. In a country that has a higher level of gender equality than most in the world, it's not always easy to see just how well we have it. Yet there are still countries where women have few rights and their purposes are confined to the basic, natural roles.

I wouldn't consider myself a Feminist. God made men and women different for a reason, and I believe that men should be the leaders in relationships, in families, in business and of nations. Yet, women are a major factor in such leadership. In the movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the mother says,

"The man is the head [of the family] but the woman is the neck, which can make the head turn anyway it likes." I understand that there are many brash women who unconsciously take over the role men should play, ruining the balance that should exist. However, each person, female or male, has talents that the education we often take for granted can refine for the betterment of society.

Whether I wear a skirt or jeans, I hope to show the world the integrity beneath the appearance because the modern outlook prefers cotton to character and the polyester to personality.

"What we wear, although it is a component of who we are, is not the only element...Do I receive respect from my peers because of my style? Maybe...but I like to think it goes deeper than that..."



Gena

Smith  
Staff Writer

# Trees planted as part of Arbor Day celebration

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Sports Editor

Thirteen different trees were planted across campus this year in recognition of Arbor Day, which has seen over 40 trees planted here in the past 11 years.

Students gathered to hear several speakers express their appreciation for the trees, among them Biology Club president Jennifer Morgan, Student Government

Association president Christopher Michener and Vice President for Administration Dr. Don Scarborough.

The Biology Club, Outdoor Club and Student Government Association co-sponsored Arbor Day, and this year the plantings

were concentrated around the new Norton Hall building. Mrs. Libby Martinson, the first lady of High Point University, is also instrumental in putting Arbor Day together every year.

Scarborough, the main speaker of the event, shared his love for trees, stating, "It's a great day to dedicate a tree,

but it's a glorious day to dedicate 13 different trees throughout campus." Among the different types of trees were Green Mountain Sugar Maples, Black Gum, Green Ash and October Glory.

Scarborough noted that often in society we focus on fast, economical trees, which grow quickly but don't last as long, and "we ignore the slow growing trees that support us."

By planting oak and maple trees, the



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY  
DR. DON SCARBOROUGH SPEAKS ON ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day celebrants hope to leave a mark that will last on campus and enhance the beauty of Norton Hall. According to Scarborough, trees take on an important role in our lives, "All that we revere in life can be found in our trees... High Point's trees will become even more valued over time."

There are numerous trees throughout campus as the result of past Arbor Day plantings, from as far back as 1993 when a row of Japanese cherries was planted.

Says Scarborough, "This campus, our gardens and trees, is more about the people... it is a legacy we leave for others."

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which was traveling at 55 mph. He was lying 10 feet from the truck and could still hear the radio playing. His friend, who suffered no physical injuries, found him and called for help. Skinner, who had a hard time breathing, fell into a coma and didn't wake up for 13 days.

Skinner now realizes the dangers of alcohol and drugs. "When you're born, you have one bullet in your chamber," he said. "Every time you get into alcohol and drugs, you add another bullet to the chamber."

Before his accident, he flunked out of Radford University due to excessive partying. When his parents cut their financial ties with him, he joined the Army National Guard as a means to pay for his return to school. He attended a com-

munity college, improved his grades and was re-accepted into Radford University. He expected to start classes at the end of June, but the accident two weeks before changed his plans.

Skinner has maintained a positive outlook despite the consequences of his accident. "The beauty about life is that you can always wipe your slate clean," he said.

Although Skinner needs a nurse to help him perform everyday tasks, he has enrolled in a Radford University master's program and has written a book, "The Ultimate Learning Experience," which describes the lessons he learned from the choices he made. Today, he says he plans on having children with his wife, his former physical therapist.

## Voting, continued from front page

participatory government, Corey gives news quizzes based on the New York Times and Washington Post so that students become aware of current issues. Gabrielli had his students watch the presidential debates and do Blackboard assignments that rate the candidates' performances and then discuss the debates with their classmates.

Setzler said that getting involved isn't hard, but people don't because they think it is. "You can't just come into the middle of a season of 'ER' and expect to understand things," said Setzler. Setzler said that the easiest way to get involved is to read news magazines because they frame the issues of the day or to use the internet.

Senior Jason Walters, chief of staff of the College Republicans, said that they have had voter registration drives and debates and have provided information to the students about how and where to vote and what the issues are. Before Election Day, Walters said that the College Republicans are planning to knock on doors and make phone calls to make sure everyone is aware of Election Day. The president of the College Democrats, Alicia Wassell, could not be reached, but Gabrielli, who is the faculty adviser, said that the group is very active.

However, Setzler commented that he finds the situation on campus funny because the students seem to be voting for brands. "People vote for the Demo-

## Deception, continued from page 3

thers, mothers, sons, uncles and cousins are out their dying for our safety everyday. They are dying for the American way: freedom, justice, equality and natural rights. One of the most important rights which soldiers have and are fighting and dying for our safety everyday. They are dying for the American way: freedom, justice, equality and natural rights. One of the most important rights which soldiers have and are fighting and dying for is our right to vote. At the Democratic National Convention, Al Sharpton reminded us that our vote is sacred because it is soaked in the blood of those who fought and died before us. We should not disappoint them; we must not elect anyone who would so recklessly put our soldiers into harm's way.

## Iraq, continued from page 3

right position in 2002 when he voted to authorize force even if the UN did not comply. President Bush knew that the decision to invade Iraq could cost him re-election. When we invaded Iraq, the president was enjoying outrageous popularity numbers. Only something as drastic as war with Iraq could drive them down. Yet, President Bush is a man of principle. Saddam Hussein posed a threat to our nation and Bush decided action must be taken, even if re-election was at stake. He refused to see another Sept. 11. American soldiers still occupy Iraq, but elections are set to take place in January. The ride has not been perfect, but the president and his administration are leading our country in the right direction. The alternative, John Kerry, is not even an option. The choice is either principled leadership or politics of personal gain. Vote George W. Bush on Nov. 2.

## Hengeveld, continued from front page

The last five days Hengeveld spent in Bologna, he was a tour guide. "A missions team from Colorado came in to put on a children's festival. I took it upon myself to help them out; the missionaries were busy. By this time, I knew the area well - the bus and train routes, the best gelaterias (ice cream shops), where to park - so I gave them advice," he said.

After three weeks in Italy, Hengeveld went to Spain.

"I almost didn't make it," Hengeveld stated. "I had to fly from Italy to Barcelona. At the airport in Italy, they wouldn't give me my ticket for my connecting flight from Barcelona to Seville. They told me that I would get it in Barcelona. We only had a 30 minute lay-over, and at Barcelona, they wouldn't let me go through because I didn't have a ticket.



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
HENGEVELD AT THE RUNNING OF THE BULLS IN SPAIN

"Finally, I said, 'Dude, I need to get on the plane,' and went through; the lady at the gate let me on even though I only had my boarding pass. As soon as I sat down, we were taxiing out."

In Spain, Hengeveld lived with four missionary families for the first two weeks, in Osune, about 40 minutes east of Seville. After spending three to four nights with one family as he worked on their computer, he would move to the next house.

During the second two weeks, Hengeveld went to a town 15 minutes outside Madrid called Camarma. "I

worked at a missionary kids' school for about a week, and I kept on helping the individual missionaries with their computers," he said.

"I had to go to Guadalajara to work with another family, and one family dropped me off for a couple of days," Hengeveld stated. Guadalajara, like many other Spanish towns, has bullfights, and before the bullfights, the people run with the bulls.

"It was the most interesting thing I've seen in my life," Hengeveld said. "While I was there, I ran with the bulls, and it was probably my favorite part of

being in Spain. I hit a bull with my hand as I was running, and he tried to kill me."

According to Hengeveld, the food in Spain was fabulous, and the change in diet was not the only thing he had to get accustomed to: "Southern Spain goes six months without rain; by August, everything's brown and dusty. It's

too hot to even think during the day in Spain. Everyone has a siesta from about 3-7 p.m., and then they go back to work. Restaurants didn't open until nine in the evening, and that was early; most people eat dinner around midnight. I went to McDonald's at midnight, and the place was packed with people."

"It was great, the best trip of my life," Hengeveld said. "It's hard to put the trips on the same plane. The first three trips were evangelistic, but helping out the missionaries is a different type of ministry."

crats or Republicans like I root for the Atlanta Braves," said Setzler. "But you gotta look under the label." On campus there are Bush and Kerry fanatics sporting buttons and campaign slogans and shouting negative things against the other candidate such as "Kerry is a liar" or "Bush is the Anti-Christ." Students should not focus on brand names, but the person behind that brand. Students should also be aware that more is at stake in this election than the selection of a president.

One major issue of the 2004 election is the United States Supreme Court. "This is a critical election because it will determine the fate of our country for the next 30 years," said

Gabrielli. Not many students understand that new Supreme Court justices will affect their everyday lives. The next president will choose two, three or four new Supreme Court justices, which will alter the interpretation of laws and policies including environmental protection, worker's rights, religious liberty and privacy. "It's a shame that people know Bart Simpson, but not William Rehnquist (Supreme Court judge)," said Setzler.

The campus seems to be split in terms of support for the presidential candidates, but the political science department and the partisan groups hope that students will consider the issues instead of voting for a label.

## 'Dance' will leave you pleasantly surprised

*Gere flick has more to it than dancing lessons*

By **Kathleen McLean**  
Staff Writer

Taking its title from the musical "The King and I," "Shall We Dance?" is a wonderful romantic comedy that has more than just people dancing around in circles on a ballroom floor.

Richard Gere plays John Clark, an overworked estate lawyer who is not happy with his life. Although Clark has a wonderful children and a loving wife, the audience watches him go through the same routine day in and day out. Then one day he sees a woman, Paulina, played by Jennifer Lopez, looking outside of a dance studio window. He is intrigued by her sad gaze out into the street and goes into Miss Mitzi's Dance School and signs up for beginning ballroom lessons with two other young men.

At first Clark just wants to see if he

can dance with the beautiful Paulina, but then finds that he loves to dance and goes out of passion for the art. However, the only problem is that he hasn't told his wife about his new hobby. Beverly Clark, played by Susan Sarandon, is suspicious of her husband's activities and hires a private investigator who follows Clark around to discover that he is only taking ballroom dance lessons. Although she is relieved that her husband isn't having an affair, Beverly is upset because Clark hasn't told her about his new interest.

The movie has several themes including, "The rest is up to you," which is a phrase Clark uses with his clients who fill out paperwork. Clark is forced

to find out what he truly loves doing and after a few minor spills, he finds that he cannot live without dance. This also applies to Paulina, whom the audience discovers is a wonderful dancer who fell

with her partner at Blackpool, the expert dance competition in England. Paulina had lost her passion for dancing, but after working with

Clark and Bobbie, played by Lisa Ann Walter, to get ready for the novice dance competition, she finds her passion to dance again.

All the characters in the movie have some type of goal. Of course, like any

romantic comedy, there is humor. Most of the humor occurs when Clark is just learning to dance, but more is added when he discovers that one of his fellow co-workers also takes dance, Link Peterson, played by Stanley Tucci. Link is the oddball at work who doesn't want anyone to know about his hobbies and even disguises himself so that no one will recognize him at the dance school; unfortunately, Clark spots him, and Link is forced to come to the realization that there is nothing to be ashamed of being a straight white male who can dance.

Although the movie isn't at the top of the box office, it's a great movie to see with that special someone. It has romance for the girls, but not so much that it makes the guys want to leave the movie theatre and it has the wonderful message of driving yourself to achieve a goal.

"...Link is forced to come to the realization that there is nothing to be ashamed of being a straight white male who can dance."

## Zach Braff excels as triple threat in 'Garden State'

By **Sarah Gray**  
Staff Writer

"Garden State" is Zach Braff's writing, directing and acting debut in film.

The story unfolds with the main character Andrew Largeman (Braff), a struggling actor living in L.A. He receives a phone call from his father telling him of his mother's death and he leaves L.A. for his hometown in New Jersey for her funeral. Before departing, he decides to take a break from the prescription drugs controlling his life. He leaves his multiple antidepressants and lithium at home to see how life is without feeling like a zombie. When he gets home, he attends his mother's funeral, meets an old acquaintance (Peter Sarsgaard) and a girl Sam (Natalie Portman), who brings a new light into his life, and he avoids the long-awaited confrontation with his father. Andrew and Sam's relationship blooms, and for the first time in his life he feels clearly and falls in love. He daringly lets himself fall into the abyss of thought and feeling and finally to experience life.

This film has a great cast, and is extremely well done, especially for a debut. The lighthearted comedy in this picture is placed perfectly with the general seriousness of the plot. The music soundtrack was well selected, flowing with each scene seamlessly. It includes music from Coldplay, The Shins, Simon and Garfunkel and Nick Drake. Each song is poignant and deep, perfectly coinciding with each event that unfolds.

The acting in this film is excellent. Zach Braff proves his acting ability beyond the television series "Scrubs." Peter Sarsgaard finds another hit in the independent genre of film as he did earlier with "Shattered Glass." Natalie Portman keeps getting better and better, picking roles that keep her career moving forward.

"Garden State" has its dramatic and comedic moments, but its greatest asset is heart. It is an excellent find and has all the elements of the perfect independent film.

This film was a winner at the Sundance festival and should not be passed by.

## Seuss comes to the stage

By **Katie Estler**  
Assistant Editor

Meet General Genghis Khan Schmitz. He scares children out of their wits. And you'll find the Cat in the Hat is more fun than a Zat with a bat. Horton will be there with all of Who. The show will never be slow with Mayzie and the Sour Kangaroo.

Next weekend, the Hayworth Fine Arts building is going to be all the rage as Dr. Seuss's characters jump out of the page to land on our stage.

"Suessical the Musical" is coming here to this very campus brought to you by the very good Who boys and Who girls of the HPU theater department. Yes, this is what we have been brewing in our tiny compartment.

With your favorite Dr. Seuss characters wound up in one show, it's certainly worth the five bucks you're going to blow.

From a wise-cracking cat, to a big-hearted elephant breaking the mold, this show, created to be a favorite of chil-

dren, turns out to be a show for young and old.

Come get lost in a world where dust specks can speak and where elephants take a rest on a nest. A colorful world where imaginations runs rampant. You'll find yourself on the edge of your seat. Will Horton save the Whos? Can he pull off this feat?

It's in town for only one week, so bring the whole family and come have a peek. Some faces are new and some familiar old actors. They make the show golden, just one of the factors.

Be a part of the Seuss world like never before. There are plenty of surprises still in store.

For the children at heart and our staff here at school, it will cost you just seven, not eleven. For the adults we ask ten, because you are full-sized women and men. For children and students were merely ask half, five dollars for your ticket to laugh.

"Oh, the things you will think when you think about Seuss!"

## New Duran Duran album not the least bit spacy

*DEFinition has contagious beats and Chevelle's new album is excellent; however, latest Sum 41 release not impressive*

By **Lauren Croughan**  
Staff Writer

### Pop

Duran Duran- *Astronaut*

I was "hungry like the wolf" for the next Duran Duran album when I heard about it, and I cruised down the "Rio" at "sunrise" to the CD store to check them out. It was cooler than I thought because I thought all those "girls on film" would never be another "electric barbarella." I personally thought they had "come undone." It turned out they had "a view to kill" and figured "all she wants" is a great album that reminded me of the olden days of gold and great songs. DD still have not lost their touch and have succeeded in combining pop and techno. "Sunrise," their new song, reminds me of their '80s hits and makes

me want to dance or drive fast. They are classically good even now. And if one did not understand, the quotations marks indicate their most famous hits.

Final grade- a hard-earned A+; over 20 years in the making.



**Rock**  
Sum 41- *Chuck*

This politically-charged band has released a new album, the first single being "We Are All to Blame." This song, as well as

this album, is packed full of social commentary. A typical teenage punk band, Sum 41 impressed me with their past two albums, but this one did not. I liked most of their melodies, and the message they

were sending was very good. Their lyrics were written fairly well, but they did not change my life. There was nothing that stood out from the album and merits an "A." If one likes this sort of thing, it's all for ya.

Final Grade- a merciful B-

### Hard Rock

Chevelle-*This Type of Thinking Could Do Us In*

The second studio album from this rock powerhouse is full of new lyrical anger and beautiful rock, which makes the guitar the primary instrument. There is nothing bad about this album. The first single, "Vitamin R (Leading Us Along)," as well as the rest of the album has lyrics that remind me of freeform poetry during a reading. There is some sort of magical rhythm

and power to these words that makes them irresistible. "Powerful" is the best way to describe this album.

Final Grade- a head-banging A



**Hip Hop/Rap**  
LL Cool J- *The Definition*

So I guess Duran Duran is not the only one with a comeback. "Headsprung" is the first single from this album, which is full of club-like beats and urban lyrics. It was very good to jam to, and as it was inspired in Miami, the atmosphere truly shows here. One cannot help but dance to the contagiousness of the songs, but one would not catch any viruses. LL proves to the hip-hop culture that he has the staying power necessary to be a star.

Final Grade- a hopping B++

## Kappa Chi

A few years ago Kappa Chi was an active part of student life here. Kappa Chi is an organization dedicated to uplifting the Christian spirit. Brothers of Kappa Chi are committed to the improvement of their lives, the university and the community. Kappa Chi's purpose is to have a Christian fellowship fraternity which promotes a Christian lifestyle and service activities. Kappa Chi has previously worked with service organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, local children's hospitals and the High Point public library. Kappa Chi is actively involved in campus intramurals. Kappa Chi will also work closely with the sisters of Alpha Delta Theta in fellowship, service and campus activities. Kappa Chi is open to all male students of HPU. If you are interested in joining Kappa Chi, the next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 3 in the Rosario Room at 6 p.m. If you cannot attend or if you have any questions, contact Shane Holman at holmas04@highpoint.edu or Dane Jackson at jacksd04@highpoint.edu.

## Kappa Delta

First off, though this is a little bit late, we would like to congratulate our newest members: Anky Patel, Liza Morgan, Katie Clain-Steffanelli, Michelle Kampner and Stephanie Nokes. We have had such a great time getting to know you girls and we look forward to all of the fun times to come. Secondly a huge thank-you goes out to the Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha. Without you, our Greek Week victory would not have been possible and we are so grateful for everything you guys did for us that week (especially putting up with our long nights of practice). We have made some great friends and have many crazy memories that will only grow in the months to come.

Congratulations to Kaci Martin for making Homecoming Court this year and also to Nicole and Jackson on winning. Another thank-you goes out to the guys of Kappa Chi Omega for our great mixer. We'll have to do that again. The next couple of months will be filled with new council members, a formal and lots more fun. Also be on the lookout for a fundraiser that we will be doing within the next few weeks.

## Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha would like to welcome everyone back to campus after fall break; we hope everybody enjoyed the time off from classes. Congratulations to sister Caroline Rinehart and Pi Kappa Alpha's Jeremy LeMaster who got engaged over break. We wish the best of luck to both of you in your future.

We are looking forward to our upcoming annual Halloween Date Party with the Gams; last year was a blast and we're sure this year will be as well.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our coin-drop before break. We raised over \$800 for breast cancer research. We are currently selling breast cancer ribbons to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. If you would like to help support this very worthwhile cause, contact a sister.

## Pi Kappa Alpha

We hope everyone had a good fall break. It's been a busy semester so far, and we still have a lot of events to look forward to.

In intramurals, we were still riding high off our soccer championship, but we were knocked down a few notches after our first couple of flag football games; we went into fall break with a promising record of 1-2. We're taking it easy on the other teams so we don't wear ourselves out before playoffs. A huge thanks to the brains behind starting intramural dodge ball...Game on.

We want to thank the ladies of Phi Mu for a great time during Greek Week; we're looking forward to our next mixer with you all. Thanks to the Alpha Gamma Deltas for another awesome '80s mixer. Pictures from both are on our website ([www.hpupikes.com](http://www.hpupikes.com)).

A few of the events we have coming up: on Oct. 30 we are heading to Wake Forest to tailgate and go to the football game with the Gamma Phi Pikes which should be a good time. During Family Weekend, we will be hosting an informal get-together for our families at the Pike house on Friday, as well as our annual luncheon on Saturday.

Congratulations to Brother Jackson Newbauer and Nicole Armer (of AGD) on their selection as the HPU Homecoming King and Queen.

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seek a highly conservative, young Court of Appeals judge. The newly appointed judge, or potentially judges, could shape the course of this nation for years. Key votes on issues of presidential war powers, church-state relations, freedom of speech, the death penalty, the powers of the police and prosecutors, racial, ethnic and gender discrimination, and private property would display a markedly more conservative hue. Under Kerry, the court would bear a marked difference.

Undoubtedly the media has failed to bring this to the attention of many voters. As in almost every election at every level of government, 'hot button' issues become the focus and crucial matters fall by the wayside. Additionally, voters are often swayed by one's ability, or lack thereof, to debate, seldom considering the Presidency requires much more than an aptitude for argument. While there is certainly cause for concern over the economy, Bin Laden, the future of Social Security, and education, perhaps no greater reason to vote exists than the profound effect the winner of the 2004 election will have on the Supreme Court. The future of the United States of America will be determined on November 2nd, for the next four years and beyond.

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tween a man and a woman. And another woman. And another woman.

When you vote on Nov. 2, remember what's important. If Bush wins, you'll have the pleasure of watching a slightly dumber version of Porky Pig for the next four years. If Kerry loses, he may get his wife to close down the ketchup companies, and then what will you put on your hotdogs and hamburgers? Mustard? Please! It's up to you to decide which is more important. Let me know how everything works out. In the mean time, I'll be living in Canada.

# 'Real World' alumni plan campus visit

Events also planned for Family Weekend

By Sam Shepherd  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association wants to welcome back students, faculty and staff, from your short vacation from classes. There are several events planned for your fall enjoyment; keep your eyes open for times and dates. Below there is a short list of a few opportunities and announcements to add to your college experience.

Freshman Class has elected a new President, Ryan Nanch, and Vice President, Matthew Pierce. They will represent the freshman class at the Student Government Association meetings every other Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Norton building. Freshmen are encouraged to contact them if they have questions or recommendations to present.

The Multicultural Programming Committee, a part of the Student Activities Board, is proud to present to the student body Mr. Theo from Real World, Chicago and Ms. Jamie from Real World San Diego. They will be speaking on their

experiences in diversity on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. in Hayworth Fine Arts building.

Family Weekend 2004 will be held November 5-7, for family and friends to visit students and have a look at campus life. Events planned for this weekend will include athletics with both the basketball team performing in an exhibition against Chowan and the volleyball team demonstrating how they have already won games against Mercer, Davidson, Delaware State and Campbell University. Additional events are a play by the Spotlight Players, the President's Breakfast and a worship service conducted by Dr. Hal Warlick, Dean of the Chapel.

The International Club would like to invite you to their "International Food Tasting" on the Slane Center Concourse from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. No student should walk away hungry with students from 52 different countries presenting a traditional dish and additional food supplied from a local Italian restaurant. There will be music and games as well. Additional information about Family Weekend can be found at the High Point website.

## Homecoming events prove to be successful

By Sylvia Harwood  
Greek/Organization Editor

Even with a different location, this year's Homecoming dance proved to be just as beautiful and fun as those that came before. The bottom floor of the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem was decorated in purple and gold and the bigger space was able to hold the many students, faculty and alumni that attended the event.

As the culmination of a week full of Greek Week and alumni events, the Saturday of Homecoming began with the annual parade through the streets of High Point. Organizations walked and showed their Panther pride. That afternoon, the men's soccer team hosted VMI for the Homecoming day soccer game.

After a few hours spent dressing up in their best outfits, students loaded onto buses provided by the school and rode the 30 minute trip to Winston-Salem.

This year's dance was planned by SGA Vice President Nicole Armer and Ashley Cox. With help from other volunteers, they transformed a simple idea into a large event with over 500 people

in attendance. Students who attended the event were also given a commemorative mug which could be picked up in Student Life office in the days following the event.

Halfway through the evening, after many pictures had been taken and food had been eaten, and with much anticipation, the results of this year's Homecoming Court election were announced and Nicole Armer was crowned Homecoming Queen 2004. Jackson Newbauer was given the honor of Big Man on Campus. The rest of this year's Homecoming Court consisted of Amanda Frisbee, Kaci Martin, Virginia Provencher, Ashley Goodrich, Drew McIntyre, Chris Michener, Jay Bozman and Ryan Judy.

For the rest of the night, Homecoming attendants danced and enjoyed the company of friends. After the last song had played and the lights had come on, the buses filled up to take the students back to High Point. With such a successful event, students can only look forward to next semester's Snow Ball and prepare for the fun times to be had.

## Atheism, continued from page 2

Atheism and Christianity have always been at odds. Which is right? According to Huxley, "Everybody in their group thinks that they have a secret pipeline to the truth. But what they don't realize is that everyone else thinks the same thing. There's no reason to fight over it, it's such a superficial aspect. It's like killing someone because of his or her political affiliation... I don't go around trying to change anyone's mind. I'm OK with what they believe; I just want them to accept what I believe."

## Political Fear, continued from page 3

rity matters. Four months in Vietnam should not blind you to 20 years of voting to cut weapons systems and intelligence funding. The fear tactic is not going to go away. And there are some people out there (Al Gore, Howard Dean, Ralph Nader) that have some scary ideas.

But you have nothing to fear from President Bush. Four years of President Kerry?

That is frightening.

## Sports Recap

## Volleyball team owns a winning overall record

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Sports Editor

High Point athletics continued while students headed home for fall break. After winning six matches in a row for the first time since moving up to the Division I ranks, the volleyball team has dropped their last three matches. The Panthers' record stands at 14-12, 4-4 in Big South Conference play. The team has shown remarkable improvement this year. Against Coastal Carolina on Oct. 23,

HPU lost 3-0 by a linescore of 30-20, 30-18, 30-17. Ashley Johnson led the purple and white with 11 kills, while Michelle Feiser added 20 assists and eight digs. Kim Anderson had 18 digs in the game, for her 30<sup>th</sup> straight match with double figure digs, the sixth longest streak in the nation.

The Panthers played Charleston Southern the day before they took on Coastal, and also lost 3-0. Freshman Jamie Kaufman, who has won the Big South Conference Freshman of the Week

award three times this season, had a team high 14 kills. Lindsey Pickens added 10 digs and five kills, Kim Anderson had 17 digs and Michelle Feiser contributed 36 assists, 10 digs and five kills.

In golf action, the men's team finished ninth out of 17 teams at the Pirate Fall Intercollegiate on Oct. 19. Matt Hammond finished in a career-high 10<sup>th</sup> place, with a final round of 69. Marc Issler tied for 36<sup>th</sup>, while Daniel Windoff tied for 42<sup>nd</sup>, Patrick Rutter tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> and Chase Wilson tied for 73<sup>rd</sup>.

The women's golf team played in a rain-shortened Wachovia/Great Smokies Intercollegiate match where the final 18 holes were cancelled after the weather failed to cooperate. The Panthers finished 21<sup>st</sup> out of 24 teams, led by Kate O'Sullivan who tied for 21<sup>st</sup> place.

Derek Nakluski, a senior on the men's cross country team, was named Big South Conference Runner of the Week for the second time this season after he helped lead HPU to a win at the Winthrop/Asics Fall Classic. Nakluski came in second overall, while Bubba Hill, Joel Primus, David Freier and Danel Slaydon all also excelled.

In soccer news, the men's team has

played four straight overtime matches, going 1-2-1 over that stretch. In their most recent game they played Campbell University and came away with the 2-1 loss in OT, with Chris Archer scoring his tenth goal of the season off an assist from Brindon Hall and Patrick Altoff.

Against Liberty on Oct. 19, the Panthers were able to pick up the victory when Chris Archer scored the go-ahead goal on a penalty kick in the third minute of extra play for the final score of 3-2. HPU fought back from a 2-0 deficit, helped by goals from Luke Lamanski and Daniel Walsh.

High Point tied Elon 1-1 on Oct. 15 after neither team was able to score in overtime. Patrick Altoff, a junior transfer who is second on the team in points, scored the Panthers loan goal of the game off an assist from Brindon Hall and Chris Archer.

Perhaps the biggest heartbreak the men's soccer team has had in awhile came against Virginia Tech on Oct. 12 when HPU lost 1-0 after Tech was able to convert on a penalty kick less than two minutes into overtime. The Hokies had upset the top team in the nation, number one ranked Duke, the week before and the Panthers hung in for the whole game until a questionable call lead to the PT and goal for Virginia Tech at the end.

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## Poker gains popularity

By **Bethany Davoll**  
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The latest craze has seized men, women, television, celebrities and all the territory in between.

It's quickly being hailed as the "new golf," and if you don't know how to play, you better learn quickly. Poker. It's everywhere you turn. Texas Hold'em is the popular way to play, and whether you're betting thousands, pennies or pretzels, you're likely to come across the game somewhere.

ESPN was at the forefront of the movement, first televising the World Series of Poker and Texas No Limit Hold'em. Over two million hits on an internet search engine can take you to websites all about Texas Hold'em, or you can watch celebrities play on Bravo, Fox Sports, ESPN and other cable channels. If you've hung out with a group of friends lately, chances are you've played poker along the way. I was recently stuck in Hurricane Jeanne in Florida, and we passed some of the time winning each other's change in Texas Hold'em.

Why the sudden craze over poker? Its popularity began to grow when ESPN showed average people winning mil-

lions. 2003 World Series of Poker winner Chris MoneyMaker was a 27-year-old accountant from Tennessee who entered an online poker tournament for \$40 and won the first place prize of a trip to the World Series. He then went on to win \$2.5 million, never having previously played in a live poker tournament. I don't think I could come up with a better way to spend \$40.

Poker is also a game that you can play almost anywhere with anyone. There's no need for money to play among friends, where snack foods are as good as poker chips. People used to get together for a round of golf on the weekend; now it's a weekly poker night that brings friends together. The chance to test your skills and strategy against others with the potential of winning big or losing big in any hand keeps the game interesting and the players on their toes.

You don't have to be in a crowded, smoke-filled room to play poker anymore. Poker has gone mainstream with everyone catching on. After all, Americans don't care if they're winning thousands or winning pretzels, as long as they have the chance to compete and earn bragging rights over friends and family.

## Hess leads women's cross country team

By **Melissa Caudill**  
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For the second time this season, the women's cross country team brought home a first place plaque. Led by Jemissa Hess, who captured her third straight individual victory, the Panthers won the Great American University Division race held Oct. 1 in Cary.

Sophomore Jemissa Hess said, "It was awesome feeling to not just take home a win individually, but as a team. It was just exciting for us all."

Coach Al Barnes said, "This was a huge step for HPU women's cross country and fulfills some plans in the works for the past years. It's great to see so many people work hard to come together and perform at the top of their game for a team goal. The women's cross country team at HPU has taken a huge step in their climb to the top of the Big South Conference and the Southeast Region. We still have a lot of work to do to fulfill our team and individual potentials, but we've definitely made a huge leap forward this fall."

Hess won the race in 18:09; behind her were Belinda Wilsher in 4<sup>th</sup> place, Melissa Caudill 19<sup>th</sup>, Sumiyya Hunter 20<sup>th</sup>

and Kala Robertson 24<sup>th</sup>. Other finishers were Cheryl Guiney in 30<sup>th</sup>, Shawwna Truelove 67<sup>th</sup> and Kate Atkinson 77<sup>th</sup>.5

"Watching the race, I saw our women go out aggressively and confidently with four of our runners in the top 10 immediately and throughout the first half of the race. It was evident that each of them wanted success and raced like it, taking our conference foe Liberty by a nice margin. I was real confident prior to the meet that we stood a legitimate chance to win the race, and as the gun went off and we moved to the front, I was strangely calm (thinking) that we had the race in the bag. Our women are tough racers and can be counted on to run their best race on any given day. That's simply what they did. We've won a few smaller races, but winning the Great American CC Championship puts us on the regional and national map in a big way," said Barnes.

The Panthers beat teams such as Liberty, Alleghany, Florida Atlantic, Albany, Delaware, East Carolina and UNC Wilmington. To date, the team has beaten every other team in the conference, which bodes well for the upcoming Big South Conference meet on Oct. 30.

## Football: a sport not just for men anymore

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37...84...17...hut!

It's a foreign language to women of all ages. In the fall, it takes over; it is always on the television on Saturdays and Sundays as men all over the country growl at the females who dare to touch the remote.

Football. Two teams from somewhere around the country, meeting head to head in order to establish world peace. Or stop world hunger. Or...or... well, just to beat up on each other, the victor having bragging rights for the next week, and if the winner did exceptionally well, with one standout play... they'll be on ESPN's SportsCenter.

I like football. I like to watch it on television, in person... I even like to play it. I do not think it's merely a man's sport to enjoy.

For beginners, I would recommend finding a team to watch and to watch the game carefully, listening to the commentators. You'll figure out the basic terms that way: touchdown, interception, holding, etc. But for expanded knowledge, if you really want to sound like you know what you're talking about the next time you're surrounded by sports-rabid males, I would recommend learning how to play the sport.

Together with a like-minded group of girls, find a place to practice. If you want, grab a guy who won't tease you too much to act as a coach. Everyone knows how much men like to show off their

knowledge.

Start with a football, the action of throwing. Be careful how you throw — it's not a baseball. Hold it with your preferred hand, every other finger on one of the laces. Aim it at the chosen recipient; then throw. If you flick your wrist just so, you get a nice spiral.

Once you have that trick mastered, try running and throwing the football. Note: Once the football is put into play, that is, after the quarterback has passed the football or the running back has been running, the only way a player can pass a football is called a 'lateral pass.' That means the player cannot throw it to another player who is in front of him on the field. It's a risky play — usually not done because the defensive coverage is in the way — but a good play if it can be pulled off.

Divide the group into offense and defense and work on formations. Huddle up, and devise a play that will boggle the mind and take the defense by surprise, and defense, try to think of every move the offense could make. Generally, they'll run or throw — not a large repertoire, no, but that's the way they do it in the pros. And if you're going to tackle, don't put your head down — you could hurt yourself.

That's the basic gist of how playing football goes. Everything else is unnecessary. Grab some friends and a football, and find a place to play. Girls, playing football is necessary to the free world. After all, why should guys have all the fun?