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Column One News

Why we're late

Campus renovations have set back the Campus Chronicle schedule. This issue of the paper was delayed by two changes in office location in three weeks, technological complications involving inadequate internet connections and the illness of the adviser. This paper should have reached you Sept. 9. We apologize. For queries or comment, please write Mr. Michael Gaspeny at mgaspeny@highpoint.edu or call him at 841-9111.

Scholarship awarded

Junior Emily Jo Miles has been selected as the first recipient of the Dr. Martha Gleaton Scholarship, established to honor the memory of a much-loved, long-time member and chair of the English Department.

Miles, a senior from Long Island, Va., has a 4.0 average. She's an adept literary scholar and creative writer whose work has enlivened recent issues of Apogee, the campus literary magazine. Because Dr. Gleaton was a specialist in 18th Century literature, the scholarship is designated for literature majors.

Track to be named after Charlotte Philanthropist

On the heels of the recent groundbreaking for the Jerry & Kitty Steele Sports Center, High Point University announces plans to build a track facility and name it for Charlotte philanthropist Irwin (Ike) Belk, who, along with Charlotte friends, has committed \$500,000 to the \$1.1 million project. Included in the project is a bronze sculpture of the university's panther mascot created by Jon Hair, an internationally acclaimed sculptor.

Making the announcement, President Nido R. Qubein said that the track project will be an integral part of a larger athletic park that will include the Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center, a soccer stadium and redesigned fields meeting intercollegiate athletic and intramural sports needs. The total project cost for the facilities exceeds \$8 mil-

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Vidrine's resignation shocks many

Absence of dedicated friend, helper keenly felt among students, faculty alike

By Justin Spinks Staff Writer

After nearly eight years of service, Elizabeth Vidrine resigned as the director of media services department of Smith Library on Aug. 16. Although the search for a replacement has begun, it will be difficult to find someone with the same level of commitment.

In an email to some faculty members concerning her resignation, Vidrine said, "Sadly, I never thought I would think of leaving High Point University. But leave I must."

Vidrine's decision came in part from her dissatisfaction with the recent changes at Smith Library. She felt there were problems in the library that were not being addressed and only worsened when David Bryden assumed Judy Hitchcock's posi-

tion as library director. "The recent change in library administration has not proved to be a positive one for me," she said.

Bryden said that he was "dumbfounded" when he heard Vidrine's decision to resign. "When I became director, I thought we had a good relationship," Bryden said.

However, Vidrine does not echo Bryden's sentiments. She said, "I left for personal and professional reasons, all of which were caused by the stress of working in the new library environment."

Another reason Vidrine decided to leave under her own terms was her fear of losing her job. When former Smith Library Director Judy Hitchcock's yearly contract was not renewed, Vidrine testified for Hitchcock at her grievance hearing. Vidrine said, "I was not testifying

against the University, but to defend Judy as being a fair manager," but later she feared her contract would not be renewed "after doing something that would be viewed as defiant."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Vance Davis said that he was unable to comment on the situation, but he did say that Vidrine's decision to resign was her personal choice.

Vidrine felt that working under Hitchcock gave her freedom to make her own decisions concerning media services. She researched, purchased and installed the new computers in the media services center in Smith Library. But things changed after Hitchcock's departure.

"After she left, decisions I had made concerning the media services department

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History professor worked against terrorism in Israel

By Gena Smith Staff Writer

From his hotel window in Tel Aviv, Dr. Larry Simpson could see the Dolphinarium, a discotheque where 21 people died and 110 were injured on June 1, 2001, because of a suicide bomber.

From Beitel, a settlement on the west bank of Jordan River, he heard Yoel Tzur, a well-known radio commentator, tell his story: in 1997, three men approached Tzur in his car and started firing with AK47s. Even though Tzur was an Israeli Defense Forces commander, his combat knowledge was to no avail: his wife and son died before his eyes.

The hand of terrorism has left its mark throughout Israel. It is a hand Simpson, a professor of history, is trying to fight. After his trip this summer with the Foundation for Defense of Democra-

cies, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that focuses on defeating terrorism and promoting human rights, Simpson is one job closer.

From May 28 through June 8, he studied terrorism with a Wall Street Journal reporter and 35 other professors -



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some from Harvard, Dartmouth and UNC-Chapel Hill. Simpson, a former Middle East analyst for the U.S. Air Force, brought a "working knowledge" of the Hebrew language to the team.

"We got to do things you never normally do," said Simpson, who met with ambassadors from the United States and Jordan, other diplomats and military personnel and traveled aboard an Israeli missile ship.

He also had an inside look at the po-

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Epic disaster sweeps over Gulf Coast

By Amanda Roberts Editor in chief

Two weeks ago, Hurricane Katrina smashed into the Gulf Coast, leaving in her wake a massive scene of destruction.

This hurricane is an unprecedented disaster as early estimates show the devastation could take over a decade to recover from. Hundreds are dead, thousands left homeless. Rescue crews passed over dead bodies in hopes of finding people hiding in attics and saving them from the roofs of their houses, which was often the only spot they could be without drowning.

Lake Ponchartrain overflowed, breaking the levees, flooding the already inundated city of New Orleans. Late last week, flood waters began receding slowly while engineers manufactured ideas to repair these levees and make them virtually indestructible should another hurricane wreak havoc on the city. On their failure to halt the flow of water, a chief engineer for the U.S. Army states that the levees were designed for a Category 3 storm. Though the storm weakened to Category 4 just before making landfall, 140 mph is still a tremendous force.

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Staff Editorial

Hurricane Katrina damage causes perspectives to shift

The changes made to the campus are remarkable – the upgrades to the dorms, the deconstruction and construction taking place and the aesthetic changes to the landscape. It does not look like the campus the upperclassmen stepped onto even a year ago.

With all of these changes come disruptions to everyday life, particularly in the Slane Center, which houses the offices of Student Life, and as of recently, several campus organizations, including the yearbook, Campus Activities Team and newspaper. Also missing are the most commonly used meeting rooms – the Great Room and Leeds Room in particular.

What has happened to these places of meeting, these offices of production and ideas? Other areas around campus have become hosts to meetings like the Fellowship Hall beneath the David Hayworth Chapel or the patio outside of Slane Center. Temporary homes for offices formerly located on the second floor of Slane have been found in places such as trailers or the library.

The career services center of Sam Beck and the counseling offices of Kim Soban have been relocated to the Safety/Security house up on West College Drive from their second floor home in Slane. Students are now trekking to the border of campus to visit Kim's chocolate Labrador therapy canine Sydney and discuss life after college with Sam Beck. There's

a place for everyone somewhere on the campus – it's just a matter of finding out where it will be.

Ingenuity and imagination typify the student response to change. Remember the Bingo Night during Orientation with the makeshift cards? The original ones had been displaced at some point when the CAT offices were moved, but with some quick thinking, students were able

to make the best of the situation. Rarely does anyone just give up and call it quits. Students have found there's no reason for despair, that anything is possible with determination.

These minor problems we face on campus – the

construction, the displacement – are meaningless in the face of true problems and disasters. Thousands of people were displaced while hundreds of people were killed when Hurricane Katrina smashed into the Gulf Coast. Natural devastation on that scale has not touched the United States in decades. And just last December, the tsunami affected millions of people thousands of miles away. Scenes of agony and horror mark the face of history – some created by natural disasters, others wrought by man.

The things that happen to humanity on such a grand scale place into scope what we as individuals face each day. Can we imagine a hurricane hitting High Point

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High Point ignores tragedy of residential expansion

I'm at the top of a large hill, looking down into a valley carved by a large creek where "ginormous" boulders cause the water to murmur. All around are trees with leaves so green, I wonder if I'm in a cartoon. Through the holy canopy, the sky is that rich Carolina blue and the only sound I can hear is the wind



Ali

== Akhyari ==

Opinion Editor

moving through the forest and the creek below.

This could be a private spot in the Appalachian Mountains, but it is not. It is a large tract of undeveloped land between Shadowvalley Road, Westchester Drive and Lexington Avenue in High Point, and it is really hard to tell the difference between this site and nature preserve. It is a precious gem hidden in the concrete jungle being thrown up all around it.

I used to play back in these woods. There were several mountain bike trails that we as kids used to conquer. There was a shallow area of the creek where the trail crossed, and we could actually ride across it if we had enough speed and gall. Years later, I have returned to the area with my mountain bike, after rekindling my romance with the sport, and discovered that the trails were not only still there, but they had multiplied. I have ridden on mountain bike trails in Oklahoma as well as all over the Triad and I have not experienced anything as breathtaking, challenging and rewarding as this unnamed part of High Point.

When I first rediscovered these

woods, I came upon a tiny fenced-in area. The trail wrapped around it like the arms of a loving mother. Ivy grew all over the fence and the area inside. As I peddled closer, it became apparent that it was a tiny gravesite so old that the names and dates could no longer be read. It occurred to me how untouched and truly unique this place is in the Triad.

Honestly, to be in the middle of these woods is to get a feeling of what it must have been like before man decided to try and conquer nature. A time when trees were a source of shade and a forest was a home. This is a time when leveled areas of land for towns were the minority. When people didn't need a weatherman to tell them if it was going to rain – they could smell it in the air. They knew which way the wind was coming from. This was a time when man was truly in communion with nature.

Now it is an unwanted partner in a symbiotic relationship. We are trying to figure out how to get along without it, using technology. As a result of the progress we make as a society, we pollute our own world and have to create new technologies to deal with the problems that result. We know that the world is cyclical. It has an amazing design where everything contributes, but we are slowly breaking this beautiful machine.

Fifteen years ago, this small place in High Point may not have been so lonely. Forget 50 years ago. Until recently, the problem of the ever-increasing human population was as far away as global warming. It only applied to places like New York City and Los Angeles. I was always proud that North Carolina seemed to be an area where nature was still respected and understood as a vital part of human existence.

However, as I consider this now, my

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Straight Talk from Dr. Nido Qubein

Ground broken for Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Complex

One of many campus transformations underway, and on the way

Dear students:

As I write this letter to you, a feeling of overwhelming pride comes over me. Today, we broke ground for the Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center. The ceremony was festive, the tone was celebratory and every face bore signs of anticipation for what is to come. We are blessed, indeed.

The Steele Sports Center is the first of several new building and construction projects planned for campus, and while it was conceived long before I became president of HPU, it's my good fortune to be part of something that will last longer than my tenure as your president. The Steele Center – and other structures to follow – will be here when you and I meet on campus for Alumni & Family weekend decades from now.

For today and in the future, the faculty, staff and board of directors are focused on the task at hand; specifically, the

transformation of your campus and the elevation of the quality of education for all students. It is the solitary mission of this university to make you proud of your alma mater, elevate the value of the education you receive here and to give you the tools to create significance in your life.

As we move into the next phase of this transformation, please join us as we focus on significance. Do that by working hard in your classes, being respectful and generous to those around you and offering a kind word to the workers who are toiling around the clock to create a beautiful campus for you. These next

several months will be challenging, and the construction process may provide some inconveniences. But if we pull together and keep the goal in focus, we will create something more powerful than our minds can imagine.

President Nido R. Qubein



Meal plan can be a source of confusion as well as frustration for some students

Some Panthers see the cafe primarily as an arena to socialize

By Kaci Martin
Staff Writer

As a senior, having the meal plan as a requirement frustrates me on different levels, especially since I have a kitchen less than five feet away from my bedroom. What am I actually paying for when I invest in a 10 meal plan? Is the food that is served to students that expensive? I try to understand the reasoning behind the meal plan for those of us who live in the Sixth Street or fraternity apartments. What is the point of the meal plan when I have my own kitchen and appetizing food to serve myself every day as I please?

For me to live in the Sixth Street apartments, which are fully furnished with three bedrooms, three private bathrooms, living room, laundry room and a state-of-the-art kitchen, my parents are already forking out \$600 a month. This is not bad for everything that is included in the price, but having to pay \$2,550 a se-

mester, \$5,100 a year for a 10 meal plan that I hardly ever use is absolutely outrageous. Seriously, how many people splurge that much on food over a 12-month period of time? My estimate would be slim to none because there are a lot more things that money could and

I am one of the few that have not tried to get out of having the meal plan because so many of my friends have wasted their breath in trying to do so. Some students get doctor's notes saying that they have everything from allergic reactions to irritable bowel syndrome caused by the cafeteria food. Unfortunately, few students have succeeded in overturning the meal plan.

I understand that the more students who get a meal plan, the better the quality of the food and service. If students were to be exempt from having the meal plan, then it reduces the operating budget and quality of food and service, and not as much help would be needed in the cafeteria. I know that the requirement of the meal plan is stated clearly in the application so students understand

what they are getting into before signing anything, but who is going to choose an off-campus dwelling over a convenient on-site apartment despite the meal plan?

When I go to the cafeteria, I am more interested in social aspect instead of worrying so much about what goes into



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STUDENTS ENJOYING A MEAL IN THE CAFE

should be spent on other than food. No average person spends this much money on food in general, especially when the cafeteria food is not gourmet food. I could buy loads of groceries and treat myself to fine restaurants such as The Olive Garden almost every day for the price that my parents pay for me to eat in the cafeteria.

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Can a state-wide lottery be truly beneficial?

By Sam Shepherd
Staff Writer

August 24 was a dream come true for Governor Mike Easley. For five years he has pushed for a lottery in North Carolina, and that morning he got to sign it into law. As Easley and the Senate Democrats rejoiced, many citizens were in disbelief and saddened by the way they pulled the victory off.

Why was there so much opposition to something that has been marketed as a great opportunity to our education and to our economy?

First there is the issue of gambling addiction, a problem that the Nation Gambling Impact Study Commission (NGISC) has determined a crisis in the United States. Over five million people are pathological gamblers, and as many as 15 million are at risk to become addicts.

NGISC has reported that these numbers are growing in lottery states. This is a financial and economic problem for those states, such as Minnesota which spends over \$1.8 million on helping compulsive gamblers.

USA Today reported that 56 percent of Americans believe gambling and those addicted damage everyday families and communities. The Washington Post reports that the damage comes from a "massive transfer of money from the poor to the well-off."

Other reports have stated that cities with legalized gambling have higher rates of crime, bankruptcy, divorce and suicides. Poor families that would normally spend money to purchase milk, food and clothing will now be investing that money in lottery tickets.

The lottery also attracts the poor who hope to escape their plight. Studies show that it is the lower class that predominantly plays the lottery. Researcher Cort Kirkwood has coined the phrase the "sucker's tax."

He states that, "those who can least afford lottery tickets are some of the lottery's biggest and best customers," for they are not as educated about the dangers as bureaucrats and politicians who "exploit their (the poor's) ignorance."

Some opponents of the North Carolina lottery point out that surrounding states with lotteries focus their advertising in ghettos.

The main problem with the lottery lies in the allocation of profits. Where is the money going and who has control of it? Allegedly to education.

The North Carolina 2005 budget states that 50 percent will go to class-size reduction in schools, 40 percent to school construction and 10 percent to college scholarships.

When we look at other states with lotteries that were supposed to help education, we see that such plans have failed or been co-opted.

Now that we have a lottery in the Tarheel state to support education, we need to make sure that this commitment is honored. We need to hold the General Assembly accountable for how they use the lottery revenue.

Concern growing over meth problem

Ease of availability is one of the leading factors in meth addiction

By Derek Shealey
Staff Writer

Methamphetamine has become the No. 1 drug in our society. The daily news is becoming ripe with numerous stories about meth labs and rings being uncovered by the FBI. Then there are compelling stories about the human faces behind the drug. People who use meth for the first time, eager to experience the heights of pleasure and power, become trapped in the drug's crippling hold, and fall to the deepest, ugliest depths of addiction's ruin.

Meth is death. Even as Americans become more aware of this fact, the drug's popularity continues to increase with more than 12 million people having reported using it and 1.5 million claiming to be addicts. The meth epidemic is proving to be a headache for the government and police, as well as many teachers and parents. It's a complex and very dangerous drug. Stopping its spread may demand new ways of thinking and fighting the drug war.

Originally developed as a treatment for fatigue, meth became a street drug in the 1960s, when it was peddled by motorcycle gangs across the country. Long considered a blue-collar drug, in the past decade, meth has infiltrated all socioeconomic backgrounds, from suburban teens to farmers to urban gay professionals. Sometimes known as "crystal meth" or "ice," because of its texture (it also

comes in pill form), meth can be injected, snorted, smoked and manufactured. A meth high makes the user feel an intense rush of energy and optimism. Ultimately, however, an addict's brain cells become deformed, and the person can no longer feel the high, even as the mind seems to scream for it. Binging leads to severe depression, hallucinations, liver damage, skin damage and possible strokes. Most long-term users lose all their money, and

new, exciting alternative to their reality. As these users grow and become a more diverse group, another set of players emerges. They are the people who are generally uninformed about the drug crisis and downplay it. The skeptics, in particular, are limited by the media's stereotypical portraits of inner-city drug users.

The spectrum of people affected by drugs is broader than most Americans realize. Therefore, the meth epidemic will be easier to overcome as long as it stays in the public's consciousness. When a respected news magazine such as Newsweek produces an informative and graphic expose on meth and

"People who feel bored, confined and disenchanted in their lives see the drug as a new, exciting alternative to their reality.... The spectrum of people affected by drugs is broader than most Americans realize...."

the convenient labs, with all the toxic chemicals they require, are extreme safety hazards. Hundreds of meth cooks have been burned and killed.

Now, you may be asking the obvious question: Why would anyone with more than half of a brain get involved with poison like meth in the first place? The answer isn't so simple.

Meth, like every other drug, originates as a psychological quick-fix. People who feel bored, confined and disenchanted in their lives see the drug as a

more organizations produce anti-drug advertisements, drug prevention efforts get a greater spotlight. The attention pays off. Oklahoma and Oregon are two states that recently passed innovative laws restricting the availability of pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in making meth, in pharmacies. From what we've witnessed so far, the meth problem is now a national tragedy.

Every resource that is available on a political and social level should be invested in bringing about its demise.

'Now' fashion features the return of romance

By Rebecca Fleming
A & E Editor

Have you ever seen a movie-version of "Jane Eyre"? Do you remember the dresses? You know, the really beautiful, ladylike, modest dresses? This fall, chances are good that you'll see girls wearing similar fashions.

After a spring and summer of decidedly more feminine clothes, fashion is taking another drastic turn. For the better, I might add. The September fashion magazines are highlighting styles that are extremely ladylike and modest. These new looks are not so very new, though; they're being lifted straight from the pages of classic literature. Designers have looked to an era of mystique and romance for inspiration and discovered



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a host of literary heroines with impeccable style. Most notably Jane Eyre and Anna Karenina – two of my many favorites.

As an English major, I find this fascinating. As a diehard romantic, I delight in the storybook aspects of it all. As a girlie girl, I cheer that society has decided to join me in my skirt-twirling. And as a college student in the 21st century, I wait with interest to see how my fellow students will react to these latest trends.

Mid-19th century Europe is so far removed from 21st century America. I find it amusing that our fall fashions are supposed to mirror theirs. Can a society that excels at "taking it all off" really make the jump required to follow these trends? Jane and Anna wore skirts that swept the floor, bodices that covered their shoulders and collarbones. That's a far cry from the skimpy tanks and high-riding skirts that girls have been wearing.

And yet, there's something enticing about stepping back in time to revisit the era of full skirts and long sleeves. Something plays upon the romantic in many of us, tugs at memories of fairytales we heard as kids. Remember playing dress-up when you were little? How elegant you felt when you could look over your shoulder

and see a skirt-tail trailing behind you? I realize that I'm talking predominately to the ladies at this point; I have enough younger cousins to know that dirt and sweat were the favorite decorations of boyhood.

Ladies, I'd like to challenge you to play up the feminine mystique, to give these fall fashions a chance. I realize this is the age of feminism, and society tells us to be "one of the boys," but is this really the best way to win? If we all make an effort, I can promise you the reaction

will be more affirming than when we degrade ourselves by leaving nothing to the imagination. How can I be so sure? Easy: I've been dressing like Jane since I was 15.

I'm not asking that you give up your jeans or anything drastic. I'm just suggesting that we might want to give this a shot. Radical as it sounds, what designers have done in bringing back these styles is far from forcing women into bondage. Rather, they are glorifying womanhood and the feminine mystique – that element that makes us so fantastically confusing and delightful. I like that concept, and not just because I'm a literature-nut who delights in long skirts.

I'm proud to be a girl, and it's high time society affirms us in that regard. Don't you agree?

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lice force, learning that some policemen dress as Arabs to capture terrorists before they execute their plans.

Despite the location of his hotel and the fact he had to ride in a bullet-proof bus with armed Israelis, Simpson said, "I felt safe all the time. The more you deal with terrorism, the personal fear dissipates."

Simpson and the group spent time in the maximum security Gilboa prison, where many infamous terrorist groups are represented. He talked with some of the Palestinian prisoners in the main room where the guards were unarmed to prevent prisoners from seizing the weapons.

The prison was "very clean" with a reasonable amount of space for each prisoner, complete with cable television, table tennis and a basketball court in the recreational area.

Simpson said the only tension he saw was between the prisoners and his group "until a couple of individuals took the initiative and crossed the invisible boundaries that separated us."

Despite the serious nature of the trip there were some moments to laugh at. During one lunch, a waitress told Simpson that she planned to go to the United States to support Michael Jackson at his trial.

Simpson last visited Israel 20 years ago and was surprised at the "degree of Russian presence." Even at the local internet café, the keyboards are in Hebrew, Russian and English.

The experience Simpson has will enhance his teaching. He hopes to see students from HPU head to Israel for a similar experience in July of 2006. He now has connections with pro-democracy Arab speakers who he anticipates will speak at the university.

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Drivers' habits ensure higher gasoline prices

By Ali Akhyari
Opinion Editor

With gas prices topping \$3 a gallon and expected to continue rising, many people are wondering when the madness is going to stop. How much do they really expect us to pay? The problem, though, is not the price of gas. The problem is that we are asking the wrong questions. We are approaching the problem from an askew angle. The real question is: How much are we willing to pay?

As I rode my bicycle back from the grocery store recently, I passed a gas station and noticed the price for regular unleaded was \$3.09 per gallon. I didn't notice any sign that said you were getting a free massage or a candy bar, so I have to assume that all you get for that much money is a simple gallon of gas. It is the same gallon of gas that cost 87 cents during my stint in high school.

But it was the traffic whizzing by me on Eastchester Drive really caught my attention. I counted about 25 vehicles. Thirteen-mile-per-gallon SUV's took some of the share, but most were sedans. A rainbow of colors decorated them all. But what most of them had in common was that there was only a single person in the car. About 80 percent of the vehicles I saw were completely empty except for the driver, and I would confidently guess that at least half of the remaining drivers were not consciously carpooling fellow employees to work or lunch. I've done this on several other occasions and the results compare like identical twins.

Considering this nonsense, I entertained the notion that \$3.09 a gallon being too much for gas is just an invention of the media. They must have something to gain by angering the people of America and setting them against the oil

companies.

Perhaps the leaders of all major media outlets met years ago and recalled how, ironically, they were all humiliated in some way by a gas station attendant. At this imaginary meeting, the head of CBS takes a puff of his cigar and recounts the time he was on a date with the love of his life, and to impress her,

he pulls into the full service bay where the attendant cleans his window and fills his car with diesel instead of regular gas. The future media mogul goes inside, uses the phone to get a tow truck and comes out to see his date and the attendant steaming up the back window of his vehicle.



Crushing indeed. Terrific motive as well.

After all, what other explanation can there be for the grumbling that is supposedly coming out of America? If \$3.09 is too much for gas, then how come 80 percent of drivers I see are wasting the gas they pay for? If gas is too expensive, why aren't more people carpooling, riding bikes or anything else that helps to conserve this precious commodity? Obviously, gas prices are not too much for these people.

However, the ones that are hurt are the those that are always damaged by political maneuvering and economic action. Those in the bottom part of the tax bracket. There are those that are having to put groceries back on the shelves so they have enough petroleum to get home, because the rest of America bends over and says "Thank you, sir! May I have another?"

"So when is this all going to end?" you wonder. The answer is simple: As long as we're foolish enough to keep paying extravagant prices, the end will never come. We, the general public, wield more power than we realize. Oil companies aren't going to lower prices if we're willing to pay. After all, who would ask their boss for a pay cut?

Glad to have you

The Campus Chronicle staff would like to welcome the new High Point University faculty. **Mr. Bryan Hertweck**, Assistant Professor of Information Systems; **Dr. Beth Holder**, Associate Professor of Special Education; **Ms. Maria Jimenez**, instructor of Spanish; **Dr. Elizabeth McCorquodale**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; **Dr. Judy Ransom**, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Music; **Dr. Paul Ringel**, Assistant Professor of History; **Ms. Jess Sisk**, instructor of Interior Design; **Dr. Michael Smith**, Associate Professor of Information Systems. The new faculty will add quality and distinction to the various academic departments of High Point University. The Chronicle staff welcomes the new faculty to the High Point University family!

--Shane Holman

A project completed...



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAY MEEKINS
THE FOUNTAIN NEAREST ROBERTS HALL PROVIDES A GLIMPSE OF BEAUTY DAY AND NIGHT

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University with the force it struck Louisiana and Mississippi? It will take at least three times longer to rebuild these areas than it will for construction to be completed on campus, according to current plans. The current estimate for restoration of electricity along the Gulf and the Mississippi is somewhere within the two to three month range.

Weeks will pass before the final count of victims is known, and maybe just as

long for a family to be reunited. People will be homeless, without jobs... We can do something to help them. Become a blood donor and give every 56 days. Send money to reputable relief organizations.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," the saying goes. Imagine yourself in that situation and think how deeply you'd hope that someone would want to help you. An individual can make a difference in the life of someone far away. That individual could be you.

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Meteorologists nationwide watched the news reports come flowing in – the storm had hit just 15 miles within the projected path. With that type of accuracy, in the future more lives will be saved as more and more residents heed the call of government officials. As early as the Sat-

urday preceding the storm, southeastern Louisiana was predicted to be a disaster area and southern Mississippi received the same prognostication a day later; however, many people stayed in their homes, disregarding the mandatory evacuation orders.

As people evacuated New Orleans and Mississippi Gulf cities, others stayed behind to swoop down on the victims. As soon as the immediate danger had passed, looters took to the streets. In some instances, it was a matter of survival – stories abound of people taking medications, sanitary items, food and water. And in some cases, these people plan to repay store owners. Others have no intention of paying the owners back, stealing clothes, jewelry and electronics.

The scope of the disaster is chilling. Twenty-five billion dollars is the low estimate for rebuilding. Closer to home, the impact was felt in the pockets of anyone with a car as gas prices soared upwards of \$3 per gallon, possibly closing in on \$4 up and down the Eastern seaboard.

All last week, the major news networks had constant coverage of the hurricane. This story gripped the nation and will slowly fade into the back of the minds not affected by it.

Senior Kelly Collins has a different perspective on the storm: her family is originally from the Gulf Coast and she still has uncles in Mississippi. Her grandfather received a phone call from the Red Cross saying workers could not get into the area in Gulfport, where her uncles and their families lived, to check on them. For two days, she wondered if they were safe, asking for prayers that they would be found alive and well. On Aug. 31, she received an email from one of her uncles: they were fine.

"It was almost unreal, watching CNN and it hit home: I saw the beautiful city that I'd spent so much time in and loved so dearly destroyed, and then I started seeing the videos and pictures out of Mississippi and that scared me to death. It was terrible realizing that we were so completely helpless in the situation, and the worst part was not knowing," she said.



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were rescinded," she said. "I realized right away that I would never again enjoy any measure of autonomy so long as I remained."

English professor Dr. Judy Isaksen said that without Vidrine's help she could not have put together her film "Birth of a Nation, Take III," which has been shown at Purdue University, George Mason University and at HPU last February for Black History Month. "It would never have happened without her," she said.

Isaksen said Vidrine gave up her entire fall break last year to work with her and teach her how to use the video-editing programs in the media center. It was during this time Isaksen said she really got to know Vidrine. "Her spirit is unbelievable," she said.

Another teacher to utilize Vidrine's skills was French professor Dr. Jean-François Llorens. He said that Vidrine got the school a subscription to TV5 International, a paid channel that broadcasts different international television shows, and she would tape French programs for Dr. Llorens any time he needed them. "She was supportive of the mission to enlarge the university's cultural understanding," he said. "I'm starting to miss her expertise."

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my mouth. In a month, I go to the cafeteria maybe two to four times, which means the rest of the money that I do not use in is a waste. To be honest, I am not so concerned with the quality of the food, although it has improved since my freshman year, as I am not having a say in whether I want a meal plan or not. I have no other choice unless I move off-campus which is not the direction I prefer. The dollar sign that is attached to the meal plan and for the fact that it is required is ludicrous and unfair. The meal plan should be optional to students living in the Sixth Street and fraternity apartments instead of a stipulation.

Many arguments have been made regarding this requirement. A member of the judicial board, who currently lives in a Sixth Street apartment and wanted to remain anonymous said, "It is ridiculous that students have to pay so much money for a meal plan. It costs more than room and board. It's expensive enough to go here as it is. Besides, I hardly ever go to the cafeteria, but when I do go it is to see and spend time with my friends. Why are there kitchens if we still have to have a meal plan?" On a positive note, Ryan McRae, who lives in the fraternity apartments said, "I do not mind the meal plan because of the social aspect. I get to see everybody, especially those

David Bryden said that the university has already received about 30 resumes for Vidrine's position. Currently the library's media services department is being operated entirely by Vidrine's former student workers.

Andrea Davis, a junior and one of Vidrine's student workers, said that Vidrine was a good person to work with and was also very fair. She said, "All of her student workers miss her very much."

Senior Allyson Bond worked with Vidrine since Bond was a freshman. She recalls Vidrine giving all her student workers gift bags for the holidays including candy, hot chocolate mix and cards.

"I'm sad she's not here anymore, but whatever she goes on to do, she'll be successful," Bond said.

Other contributions Vidrine made to the Smith Library include installing the technology in the lecture rooms used by both students and faculty and the technology in the listening and viewing lab used by foreign language students. She also installed Ethernet ports in the library basement so students can hook up to the internet.

"I'm very sad that she's gone," Isaksen said. "It's our loss."

who I do not get to see often. It is nice to have a break from classes to sit down and spend time with my friends."

Of all the comments both negative and positive that students make about the meal plan, can High Point University do anything about the concerns that students have about this issue? Dean of Students Gart Evans said, "I think at some point there will be an option of having a meal plan, but right now it's not happening. Personally, I do not agree with the requirement of the meal plan. I see financially how the business office looks at it, but there should be an option. Over 50 percent of students still get the meal plan that live in the University Apartments and they have a choice whether or not to get one. I think that if Sixth Street and the fraternity apartments were to have the option there would be at least 50 percent of students still buying the meal plan. To some students, having the meal plan is easier, especially since there is no mess to clean up."

I know that as of right now nothing can be done to satisfy everyone. In the future the meal plan may become an option for students or the price may decrease, but for now, the meal plan is a must. High Point University is in the process of undergoing a lot of changes, all around campus; hopefully the meal plan will be a part of the change as well.

NOTICE
To the HPU community:
The office of Safety/Security should be moved to its permanent home in the lower level of the old student center, beside the Slane Center, by September 14th.

Blogging can be hazardous to your job

Still, millions post daily - in rare instances will blogging get you in trouble.

By Rachel Johnson
Staff Writer

Blogging has become so widespread that it seems everyone has a blog. But what exactly is a blog? Simply put, a blog is an online journal, a place for the authors to discuss things that are important to them. Many politicians use them to share their platform with the public; movie stars and musicians use their blogs to keep their fans up-to-date with projects they are involved with; business people use blogs as a marketing tool; and most people use them simply as a way to give their readers an inside look at their day-to-day lives.

You would think that since blogging has become so popular, with nearly 80,000 new blogs being created daily according to Technorati.com, that maintaining a blog has no downfalls. Although for the most part, most who have bought into this ever-growing trend would likely say that their "blogging experience" has been positive, those who have faced negative consequences because their blog has fallen into the wrong hands would probably have a slightly altered perception.

Nadine Haobsh's experience offers a perfect example of "blogging gone wrong." The then 24-year-old was working as associate beauty editor of Ladies Home Journal when she started a blog under the pseudonym JolieNYC to offer an inside look at the beauty industry, give beauty advice and express her thoughts about the current celebrity gossip. What started off innocently enough soon turned into a scandal in the industry, and within two months of starting the blog, Haobsh found herself fired from her position at Ladies Home Journal and with a rescinded offer from Seventeen magazine. While the publicity from her story has opened up many opportunities to her, such as the chance to write a book, the beauty industry is very unforgiving, and the chances of her being able to re-enter the field and regain the respect of her colleagues are slim.

Ellen Simonetti and Heather B. Armstrong both suffered the same fate as Haobsh when their blogs were discovered. Simonetti, a former flight attendant, was fired from Delta Airlines when her bosses judged pictures she had posted on her blog to be "inappropriate." Armstrong was fired in 2002 from her job as a web designer in Los Angeles for posting openly about her workplace, bosses and coworkers. You would probably think, with all the problems their blogs have caused them, these three ladies would be anti-blogging, but in fact the opposite is true, all three continue to post frequently on their respective blogs.

Of course, these cases are the most extreme and definitely not the norm among bloggers. Your social life is much

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Alternative break lots of fun, a must

By Modu Kamara
Staff Writer

One of the biggest questions for students during semester breaks is: What am I going to do? For some the answer to that question is simple, but for others, it is not.

Last spring I embarked on an alternative spring break with ten other students and a faculty member that landed us in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Our reason for going to Lancaster in the winter was to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and also to see the Amish country.

Before we departed, I asked our adviser Dr. Kelly Norton what she expected to get from the trip. She said, "I hope that students can take advantage of a twenty dollar spring break, use this opportunity

to bond with others and make friends."

Upon our arrival in Lancaster, the Church of Apostle hosted us. They provided us with shelter and food, and they opened their house of worship to us.

Temperatures up north were unfavorable; nonetheless, we looked forward to working with HFH. Our first job was at the Re-Store, and then we went to Lancaster Building Supplies. This establishment went out of business and gave its inventory to Habitat. Inside the building, the temperature was below 20 degrees, and there was no heating system. During our stay, we were able to build two sheds completely and had about six that were incomplete. We also helped to build a duplex home that will house an Ethiopian, Spanish and a Togolese family.

While we were not working for Habitat, we visited Chocolate World and the Amish country and enjoyed family style dining. As we rode through the Amish areas, we approached we encountered residents on the road, and each time a student saw one, the person screamed, "Look! It's a buggy."

The trip lasted for eleven days, and each day had its own moments and experience. For me, the trip was a turning point in my life; I can't believe that I had so much fun and experience for just twenty dollars. Fortunately, Dr. Norton told me that "we'll continue this type of program in the Fall and henceforth." So if you are among the college students that wonder about what to do for fall break, I will suggest you contact Kelly Norton for the upcoming alternative break this semester.

Richmond artists featured at the Sechrest Gallery

High Point University opened a new exhibit, "Compass: Four Richmond Artists," on Sept. 12 at the Darrell Sechrest Gallery of Art in the Charles E. and Pauline Lewis Hayworth Fine Arts Center.

"Compass" features paintings by four artists living in the same city, each following their own path - one center, four directions. The featured artists include: Andras Bality, Sally Bowring, Kathryn Henry-Choisser and Amie Oliver.

Bality's paintings embrace the art of daily life. He writes: "I make paintings that record my wanderings and the allegorical truths I stumble upon." Bowring's paintings reference the fragmentation and segmentation of time, the beauty and history of textiles, and the calligraphy of language. Henry-Choisser's works reflect the thoughts, dreams and seemingly benign

interactions of day-to-day experience. Oliver addresses the history of language and art, reflecting the power of signals, objects and a vocabulary of human form through his paintings.

The exhibit will be on display through Dec. 8. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to a walk-through and reception at 11 a.m. Sept. 22.

The exhibit will also include the permanent collection donated to the university by High Point alumnus Darrell L. Sechrest, which includes works by Christian Dietrich, Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Allesandro Gherardini, El Greco, Sir George Harvey Emile Louis Picault, Elsie Popkin and Antonio Zucchi and Angelica Kauffman. The gallery is open to the public without charge.

Interested in learning Japanese?

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages is sponsoring an informal Japanese class this semester (1 hour/week - no credit). The class is taught by Yuya Nakamura, a senior from Japan.

If you are interested, come to **Roberts Hall 123** on **Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome!

Summer days drifting away...



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A successful Orientation Week came to its conclusion on Derby Day. This year's festivities were a bit more low-key than the competition days of the past, but everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Wading pools dotted the International Promenade, while a water slide helped students stay cool. Segway races and an obstacle course aided in keeping the competitive spirit alive.

Prowler the Panther

Looking for a Few Fun Men & Women

Can you have a conversation without even talking?

Do you have a lot of energy to exert in a fashionable way?

We are in search of three students to be "Prowler" throughout the year at various athletic, marketing, and university functions.

You must have flexibility in scheduling, attend a minimal number of cheerleading practices and be creative in your actions.

Well-hydrated students preferred!

Interested? Contact Tracy Lovejoy, Head Cheerleading Coach, at tlovejoy@highpoint.edu or 767.7107.

To be continued....



Construction continues throughout campus... President Nido Qubein unveiled the plans for the next three years at a special assembly of students, faculty, and the High Point community at large on Sept. 13.

Don't forget, Alumni and Family Weekend is Sept. 20-Oct. 2

Highlights to include...

HPU Open Golf Tournament
Sept. 30 @ 8 a.m.

"The Funniest Guitar Virtuoso,"
Mike Rayburn
Sept. 30 @ 6 p.m.

Picnic & International Food Fair
Oct. 1 @ noon

Worship Service
Oct. 2 @ 9:30 a.m.
*Brunch served following service

For more information, call Alan Williams at 841-9126

Fall 2005 Sports (through early October)

Cross Country (Men's and Women's)

- 17 Sept. Winthrop Invitational Rock Hill, SC
- 24 Sept. Collegiate Prep Invitational Greenville, NC (ECU)



Men's Soccer

- 17 Sept. Campbell High Point @ 7 P.M.
- 21 Sept. Liberty High Point @ 7 P.M.
- 24 Sept. East Carolina High Point @ 7 P.M.
- 28 Sept. Winthrop High Point @ 7 P.M.
- 05 Oct. UNC-Asheville Asheville, NC @ 4 P.M.

Women's Soccer

- 16 Sept. Rider Lawrenceville, NC @ 4 P.M.
- 24 Sept. South Carolina State Orangeburg, SC @ 4 P.M.

- 25 Sept. Coastal Carolina Conway, S.C. @ 2:30 P.M.

- 28 Sept. Radford High Point @ 5 P.M.
- 01 Oct. Winthrop Rock Hill, SC @ 2 P.M.

Volleyball

- 13 Sept. NC A&T Greensboro, NC @ 6 P.M.
- 16 Sept. Sacred Heart Providence, RI @ 2 P.M.
- 17 Sept. Gardner-Webb Providence, RI @ 10 A.M.
- 17 Sept. Hartford Providence, RI @ 12 P.M.
- 21 Sept. Winthrop Rock Hill, SC @ 7 P.M.
- 30 Sept. Liberty Lynchburg, VA @ 7 P.M.
- 01 Oct. Radford Radford, VA @ 4 P.M.
- 05 Oct. Davidson Davidson, NC @ 7 P.M.



Chron staff: where we like to eat

The Dog House

The Dog House is a tiny little corner restaurant in a much larger building at 662 N. Main St. that serves only lunch. This little gem is a High Point staple and as I'm sure you may have guessed, it serves hot dogs. However, it also features other items such as cheeseburgers and a variety of sandwiches, all of which are made only after you order. The french fries are excellent, and I recommend dumping them out of their container and using it to hold ketchup. The menu is small, but the food is very tasty.

Being open only during lunch hours means the owners have to make as much money as possible in the few hours they are open. The result is a "get in, get out" atmosphere, and the staff isn't shy to let you know it. It's not unusual for a line to extend out the door, and if you're expecting to have a conversation after your meal, then I'd suggest pre-inserting your favorite CD into your car stereo to cheer

you up after you've been asked to give up your table. But people are waiting in line for a reason: Good food, prepared quickly so that you can get back to your day with a satisfied stomach as soon as possible. And the reasonable prices will keep the weight in your respective wallet or purse. Be sure to try your meal with a Cheerwine, but don't get too attached to your seat. -*Ali Akhyari*

Alex's House

Hidden in a corner on Main Street, Alex's House is a rare find. It's small and intimate, with booths lining the walls and stools bordering the counters. The waitstaff knows the regulars, and this is the ultimate small-town diner. Pies are made every day; they're so fresh and flavorful and very obviously homemade. The omelettes are delicious, made just to order and served with toast and jelly. The parking lot is always crowded, and it's rare to find an empty spot if you

come at a busy time of day. Alex's House is a wonderful find and an asset to High Point. -*Amanda Roberts*

Kaffini's

Located in Jamestown, halfway between Greensboro and High Point, on High Point Road, is Kaffini's. The result of a sandwich shop and coffee shop marriage, Kaffini's is home to really good sandwiches and even better drinks.

The atmosphere isn't quite as artsy as a traditional coffee shop, but neither is it boring. The last time I went, there were chess and checkerboards scattered among the tables and even a deck of Uno cards. Since it's located at the end of a strip center, two sides of the building are windows, allowing the sun to pour in and make things even more cheerful.

A definite must for those who enjoy sandwiches, coffees and smoothies. -*Rebecca Fleming*

Anti-Bush author justifies Iraq war in 'Long Short War'

A Long Short War: The Postponed Liberation of Iraq

By Christopher Hitchens

Published by Plume, a division of the Penguin Group, 2003

104 Pages

By Josh Farrington
Staff Writer

You can label author and political commentator Christopher Hitchens many ways based on his often radical beliefs—conservative is not one of those labels. Hitchens is a former editor of the Marxist review International Socialism and a staunch atheist (he once wrote a book called "The Missionary Position," criticizing Mother Theresa for her efforts to convert the natives of India to Christianity). Hitchens was and continues to be an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War and maintains that Henry Kissinger should be tried as a war criminal for his role in the illegal bombings of Cambodia.

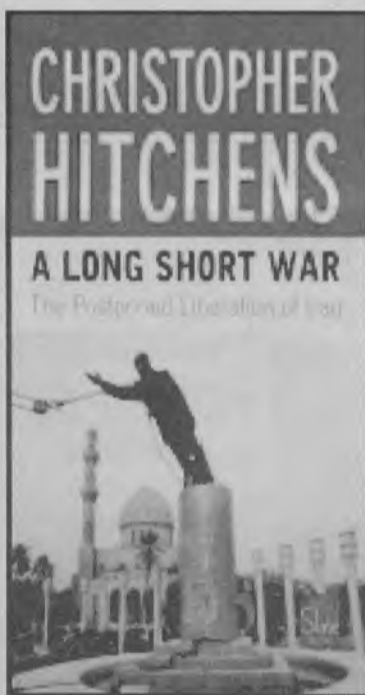
It is this same Christopher Hitchens, the same "left-wing liberal socialist" (to use the current political labels so frequently evoked) that has become one of the most articulate supporters of President Bush's foreign policy, especially with regard to the war in Iraq. His book, "A Long Short War: The Postponed Liberation of Iraq," which more accurately is a compilation of articles he wrote for Slate in 2002 and 2003, is an insightful and well-argued defense of the moral justification of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. While the Bush Administration frequently employs platitudes in defense of its Iraq policy (the most common ones of late include "staying the course" and "spreading democracy"), Hitchens offers an intellectually convincing explanation as to whether the war in Iraq, to answer the growing question, is "worth it."

None of the arguments in "A Long Short War" is based on the faulty intelligence set forth (either mistakenly or recklessly) by the Bush Administration. Hitchens' argument centers on repeated violations of the Genocide Convention and unspeakable human rights violations. While he certainly does address other misconduct by Saddam Hussein's Iraq, such as the invasion of Kuwait and its desire to obtain nuclear weapons, genocide and human rights are at the forefront of his discussion.

In one particularly gut-wrenching story, Hitchens writes about his dear friend and former translator, Mazen al-Zahawi. Al-Zahawi would later become a translator for Saddam, but was, to use Hitchens' term, murdered by Saddam on a "whim" after being denounced as a homosexual. Hitchens also recounts stories of those brave enough to criticize Saddam. One such critic arose one morning to find a video on his front porch of female family members being gang-raped by Saddam's henchmen.

Many have responded to this argument by claiming, "Yes, it's true that Saddam was a bad guy, but the world is full of bad guys, and we shouldn't invade every country that has one as its leader." Hitchens' question in return is "How many bad guys could they name who had violated the Genocide Convention on their own territory [killing well over 100,000 individuals, most of whom were women and children], and invaded two neighboring states?" The answer: there are no other equivalent "bad guys."

Regardless of one's opinion of the war, it would be dishonest to denounce Christopher Hitchens as yet another neoconservative mouthpiece for the Bush administration. If you are looking for an intellectually satisfying answer as to whether Iraq was "worth it," you might want to turn off the rhetoric of the Bush administration and turn to Christopher Hitchens' "A Long Short War."



"Brothers Grimm" goes deeper than fairy tales

By Adam Utley
Staff Writer

Wolves and mirrors, magic beans and chase scenes: "The Brothers Grimm" flies high in theatres now.

A new film directed by Terry Gilliam ("Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," "Monty Python and the Holy Grail") entertains in every moment.

Grimm boasts a star-studded cast including Matt Damon ("The Bourne Supremacy," "Good Will Hunting") and Heath Ledger ("A Knight's Tale," "The Order") who play Will and Jacob Grimm. Starting life as poor peasants in Germany, the two boys grow up to be con artists who pretend to be witch hunters. The story begins to unfold when one witch story ends up true.

The supporting cast is brilliant and includes Peter Stormare ("Constantine," "Bad Boys II"), Jonathan Pryce ("Pirates of the Caribbean," "Tomorrow Never Dies") and Lena Heady as Angelika.

Angelika is the love interest of sorts in the film; whether she ends up with Will or Jacob is for you to see.

The film is easy to categorize as Action/Suspense/Comedy/Fantasy/Horror/Drama as Terry Gilliam brings to each audience member an assortment of genres that is sure to please.



The story occurs in a small village in Germany where the young girls of the town are disappearing one by one.

Through the woods and back again, Will and Jacob travel to find the culprit and return the children safely to their families.

The relationship between Will and Jacob brings a much deeper level to this film; the picture is also enhanced by the chemistry between Matt Damon and Heath Ledger.

If you are ready to see one film before the summer film-fest is over, choose "The Brothers Grimm."

Of five stars, I give this one three and a half. "The Brothers Grimm" swings out of theatres soon, so don't hesitate.

The Campus Chronicle welcomes all student submissions - movie, CD, book reviews, opinion and sports articles. If you want to comment on any of the editorials, please write a letter to the editor.

Our next due date is Oct. 21 at noon. Send your submissions to news@highpoint.edu.

Examining punk rock's descent from grace

By Patrick Donovan
Staff Writer

I'll be the first to admit that I'm a bit of a traditionalist, especially when it comes to music. It's something my father inadvertently instilled in me growing up with bands like The Doors, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, Led Zep and the like, and it's carried through into my own personal musical tastes, and that's why it bothers me so much to see a genre of music that I absolutely adore fall so far from what it was originally intended to be. Such is the story of Punk, or as the kids are calling it nowadays, Punk Rock.

Bands like The Sex Pistols, The Clash and a little later on, The Ramones and Black Flag forged a type of music that was intended to be anti-authority, anti-society, anti-your mother and anti-everything else. What they created in the late 1970s and early 1980s was a lifestyle. A code and mindset of "We're not going to take anymore of your rules and authority." A black leather, spiked-collar, mohawk-wearing culture that was sick of everything and wasn't afraid to tell the world. It was a massive following of angry, beer-swilling youths, hoping to lay waste to everything in their path for one simple reason.

That simple reason being that they could.

Yet now, Sid Vicious and about half of The Ramones are rolling over in their graves, Johnny Rotten cries himself to sleep every night and Henry Rollins has to make ends meet by doing spoken word. Bands like New Found Glory, Good Charlotte, Sum 41 and Green Day have turned a musical style that meant something into a trendy catchphrase for out-cast middle school-aged kids.

So, over the course of four issues of this beloved rag, I'm going to get down into the dirty that made Punk what it was. The attitude, its evolution from a statement against government and everything political, to the skate and surf punk made famous

by bands such as Suicidal Tendencies and Agent Orange, all the way up to the stuff that's being marketed to all the kiddies around the world in the form of whiny, make up-wearing 20-somethings, lamenting being dumped, getting beaten up, paying too much for gasoline and feeling suicidal all in one day.

With that in mind, next issue, I'll focus on the birth of Punk Rock in the U.K., as well as the States and the bands that laid the foundation for the genre. The bands that made the Warped Tour possible and, unintentionally, created a legacy that has pretty much been spat upon...repeatedly.

"What they created... was a lifestyle. A code and a mindset of 'We're not going to take anymore of your rules and authority'...."

BET needs to expand scope, consider cultural implications

By Allyson Bond
Staff Writer

Over the years, the Black Entertainment Network has produced a wide range of television shows from the now cancelled BET Nightly news to 106 and Park, a music video show similar to TRL on MTV. BET provides comedies and real-

that the program is controversial, un-sanitized, raunchy and intended for the Un-cut adult viewer. A religious program immediately follows this 60-minute "raunch fest." What, no chaser?

BET focuses on black Americans from age 18 to 34. BET provides black American mainstream entertainment. But

what about the not-so-mainstream? What about the not-so-controversial?

Long gone are the BET programs such as Lead Story with Ed Gordon, Teen Summit and Tavis Smiley. Such programs provided information

and insight on all of today's issues regarding black Americans of all ages. You can find Tavis Smiley on PBS and Ed Gordon on NPR these days. Ananda Lewis, formerly on Teen Summit, is a correspondent for a new program called The Insider, premiering this month.

BET is the main source of black images on television, and for the person who does not know any better, he or she could very well assume that all there is to black culture are hip-hop music videos, the BET Awards, late night adult entertainment in the form of music videos and religious inspiration in the wee hours of the morning and on Sundays. Perhaps, instead of getting rid of programs such as BET Nightly News, maybe it is time to extend BET's scope on black American culture and make an attempt to encompass and not to eliminate.



ity programs, as well as an afternoon show for teenagers called The Center. BET even provides adult entertainment without your ever having to leave the comforts of your home.

Unknown artists, as well as professional musicians such as Nelly and Ludacris as well as Lenny Kravitz, release videos that contain nearly naked women, which is hardly a phenomenon by today's standards, but these videos test the limits of the censors. These videos showcase women in their natural state; butt cheeks exposed, breasts and genitals covered only by the censors. These videos could be considered the bootleg Girl's Gone Wild Series, but shown for an hour three nights a week, Wednesday through Friday from three to four in the morning. In BET's own press release, it acknowledges

Popular author writes horror 'novel'; twenty-three short stories for the bravest readers

Haunted

By Chuck Palahniuk
Published by Doubleday, 2005
416 Pages

By Greg Smith
Staff Writer

Chuck Palahniuk is the only author capable of contriving an article that would drive me to buy a copy of Playboy solely to "read the articles." Throughout his career, Palahniuk has published several best-selling fiction novels including "Diary," "Fight Club," "Survivor," "Choke" and two works of non-fiction including "Fugitives and Refugees" and his autobiography "Stranger than Fiction."

Apart from Palahniuk's novels, he's also published several short stories in various magazines such as Blackbook, Gear, Playboy, Random House and Vogue. Many of these short stories have provided the framework for "Haunted," Palahniuk's latest novel. A narrative surrounds the short stories, adding plot development. The short stories and poems become those of the characters. The most notable of the 23 short stories is "Guts," this grotesquely vivid story appeared with two others now in Haunted

in the March 2004 edition of Playboy Magazine. While promoting the book, Palahniuk read this work at a book signing. Reportedly, 67 people worldwide have fainted as a result of the reading of "Guts." Bear in mind, this book is not for those with weak hearts, minds or stomachs.

A flyer is posted in coffee shops inviting artists of all types (poets, novelists, screenwriters, etc.) to abandon the distractions of everyday life for three months to create a masterpiece — a legacy.

The flyer gives the illusion of a comfortable writer's retreat — quality food and lodging and like-minded people to share ideas. Those brave enough to pursue the

retreat find themselves in another setting entirely.

The artists are locked inside an abandoned theater downtown for three months with illusions that once they're found, they'll all become rich and famous. Palahniuk seems to have a reoccurring theme in a few of his books, most notably "Diary," which involves nearly killing yourself or enduring intense physical and mental suffering in order

to open up a gateway of artistic inspiration.

The artists in "Haunted" accomplish this by first cutting themselves off from

the outside world by sealing all the doors and windows and destroying all the phones and then depriving themselves of food and electricity. Eventually, they cut off their own fingers, toes and genitals before they begin to die off and start eating each other. It's all a race to see who can out-do everyone else in suffering. The person who endures the greatest suffering, they believe, will get the best offers on the outside.

Over the years, Palahniuk has developed a cult-like following, especially after his 1996 debut novel "Fight Club" was made into a movie starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton.

His vivid descriptions, innate virtue and philosophical outlooks on daily life have been a trademark of his work to date. "Haunted," however, is much different from its predecessors. Often I found the book to be excessively repetitive; Palahniuk's tragic flaw. "Haunted" was also extremely graphic and violently sexual. Sparing these two setbacks, "Haunted" is another think piece showing how easy it is for people to publish with today's technology, something Palahniuk calls "the battle for credibility," and the perversion stirring under the skin of today's society.



Pi Kappa Alpha

We want to welcome everyone back to HPU for another great year. The most important event that we want to let everyone know about is our upcoming golf tournament on Sept. 24th. The Pi Kappa Alpha 1st Annual Jimmy V Garnet and Gold Classic - Sponsored by Liberty Steakhouse - will be held at Meadowlands Golf Club (in Winston-Salem) with all proceeds benefiting the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. The support we've gotten from the HPU administration and the High Point community for this event have already surpassed our expectations. As the date grows closer, we are in the process of finalizing the plans. If any students, staff or faculty members are interested in forming a team, please contact Event Director Billy Russo at (919) 218-6295. On that note, we would like to give props to Billy for all of the hard work and energy he has put into the tournament...you're the man, Bill.

In the ways of athletics, we are getting ready for another fun year of intramural sports. Our defending championship soccer team has been practicing to get ready for the upcoming soccer season; we wish them luck. Thanks to everyone who made it out to our first party on Aug. 20th; hope you all had a good time; we're looking forward to many more. Pictures will be up on the website (www.hpupikes.com) soon, so keep checking back for updates. Congratulations to all the sororities on your new fall pledges. We can't wait for Greek Week with the ladies of Kappa Delta in the beginning of October. Good luck to everyone in your classes this semester. Be good or good at it; peace.

College Republicans

The High Point College Republicans would like to welcome the new students and invite them - and any other student - to our next meeting. It will be on Tuesday, September 27 @ 7:30pm in the Private Dining Room. The PDR is located directly across from the Cafeteria in the lower level of the Slane Center. At this meeting we will be discussing our schedule for this semester as well as club elections and positions that need to be filled. We look forward to seeing all of you there! There are some exciting plans already being discussed - this is going to be our best year yet!

Kappa Delta

Welcome back! The sisters of Kappa Delta are looking forward to a great year filled with both hard work and lots of fun. First off, we would like to congratulate our four newest sisters, Corey Hamby, Melissa Langmack, Emily Middleton and Ashley Snoddy. We are excited for all the memories to come with you all!

Greek Week is just around the corner and we can't wait to spend time with the Pikes as our teammates this year. The festivities are always a good time and we know this year will be just as great.

We have already started our year's fundraising efforts with our sponsored night at Club Triangle. All of the proceeds

went to Breast Cancer Awareness and a big thank you goes out to all who attended. We will be doing that once a month, so keep your eyes open for information. Also, we will be having a fundraising event at CiCi's pizza on North Main street on Thursday, September 22. Just mention Kappa Delta Sorority before you place your order and a portion of the cost will go towards our philanthropies.

National Women's Friendship Day falls on Sunday, September 18 this year, and all women on campus and in the community are invited to join us for a dessert picnic that afternoon in front of Millis dorm. We hope to see you out there!

Alpha Delta Theta

The sisters of Alpha Delta Theta cordially invite the young women of HPU to join with us at our Open Houses Tuesday, Sept. 6 and 13! We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs in the Chapel at 7 P.M. We have a lot of fun activities and events planned this semester and year! We would love to have any and all ladies interested to come meet with us, learn more about the oldest sorority on campus and make some new friends. The sisters of ADT are committed to our various service projects and enriching the spiritual lives of the women of HPU. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ashley Zickefoose at 869-2728 or Rachel Johnson at 888-5169.



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THE NEWEST SISTERS OF KAPPA DELTA

Phi Mu

Amnesty International

High Point University Students, a new student organization is being created here on campus this semester! A new Amnesty International Student Group is being created here on the HPU campus. Amnesty International's purpose is to restore and preserve human rights internationally through grassroots efforts, particularly as described by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Please Contact Misty Overstreet at mistyoverstreet@hotmail.com or Shane Holman at holmas04@highpoint.edu if you are interested.

The Phi Mu's would like to welcome everyone back to High Point University! We've already gotten off to a great start with a Giant Twister game on the International Promenade the first week of classes, a kickball game in which the Lambda Chi's and Kappa Chi Omega fought a hard battle for first place with the Kappas ultimately winning and a carwash at AutoZone on Sunday. Congratulations to all our new girls, Maria Matyjasik, Becky Albertson, Ashley Stanfield, Mo Kamara, Jamie Greiss, Amy Tilley, Kerry Donovan and Lauren Price. We're so excited to have you - life couldn't be any sweeter! We'll be having another carwash at the end of the month, so keep your eyes open for flyers!



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SISTERS OF ADT AT THEIR SPRING FORMAL



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MEMBERS OF PHI MU'S INTRAMURAL SOCCER TEAM GO OVER THEIR GAME PLAN

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HPU admits students displaced by Hurricane Katrina

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High Point University has admitted two students that were planning to begin classes at New Orleans universities this fall, but who instead found themselves seeking refuge with family and friends in the Triad area because of Hurricane K a t r i n a .

The two students expressed interest in High Point University, where faculty and

staff provided admission tests, advising and created schedules for the students as quickly as possible.

High Point University is held several fundraising events, including a weeklong fundraiser, "Fill the Cafe with Music," to aid hurricane victims. The university Chapel is donating all the money collected at its Wednesday evening worship services for the rest of the semester to the American Red Cross.

Coming soon: Greek Week battle of the fittest

By Sylvia Harwood
Greek/Organizations Editor

In a few short weeks you will begin to notice a change in the air. Secrets will start to be shared, doors will be locked tight and alliances will be formed. Covert plans will be made and meetings will be held into the late hours of the night. No, this is not another episode of Survivor or Big Brother; it is simply known as Greek Week, the highlight of the year for many students.

Even though its basic purpose is to unite the Greeks on campus and to provide some entertainment during the week before Homecoming, it usually means much more than just fun and games for the paired teams of sororities and fraternities. While the only current prize consists of bragging rights for the following 12 months, great lengths of preparation and practice go into each small detail of the events. From perfectly painted banners aglow with shiny glitter and artistic images to pre-pizza eating contest dinners to stretch and prime the stomach, each event is taken seriously and performed to the best of one's ability.

Out of all the competitions however, none is more organized and thought-out than the final night's lip-synching event. Each team's carefully arranged skit reveals its week's theme through song and dance in many creative ways which have previously ranged from Woodstock to a Super Bowl halftime show. The fraternity guys mainly attempt their best, mostly shifting their feet side to side or front to back while the girls break out moves that could receive a PG-13 rating. Costumes are created, and CDs are perfectly timed in order to keep from extending over the time limit. It is the main event, the climax to the week of building points and usually the last chance for teams to gain a lead over the others.

If there is one downfall that arises during this intricate and well-planned contest, it would be the unnecessary bad attitudes that develop when one does not do as well in an event as one hoped or a team fails to come out on top. A competitive edge is common in average people. They strive to perform to the best of their ability and take pride when they do well. I will be one of the first people to say that I am a competitive person. But the thing to keep in mind is to avoid times when the competitive streak turns into anger.

In the past, the term "friendly competition" during Greek Week has been forgotten as games are lost and points rise or drop during the week. For an event that is supposed to create unity and bring the Greeks together, it often leads to even more anger and rivalry than before. Points are even threatened to be deducted when bad sportsmanship arises. As a community, we must keep in mind that there is no actual prize and that in a short year, everyone will be given another opportunity to come out on top.

You are not remembered for what place you came in, more for the show that was put on during lip-synch, the crazy way in which a person consumed a large pizza in 10 minutes or the amazing banner that was displayed for the school to see. You remember the crazy times you had while practicing the choreography or the party that broke out when everyone finally got tired of learning dance moves. Above everything else, you remember the friends that you would have never expected to make if you were not brought together by a predetermined four-year cycle. As the anticipation of the competition begins, I encourage all Greeks to remember that this activity is meant to show the rest of the school how much fun we like to have and above anything else to simply enjoy each other's company. Let this year be the most memorable yet.

Lack of basketball courts concerns students

By Kevin Lamb
Staff Writer

The renovations on campus foreshadow an enhanced student life, but it is evident that for some students the construction is not bringing positive change to HPU.

The former Harrison gymnasium was among the buildings torn down, leaving many students without a place to consistently play basketball. Junior Ben Stahler is one of those students.

He says, "I get my exercise by playing hoops; now I can't get my exercise; the loss of Harrison is detrimental to my health. Instead of playing basketball, I drink beer; I don't think it's healthy."

Ben is one of many students that would gladly play in the Millis Center; however, due to men and women's basketball practice and the presence of the volleyball team, court time is in high demand.

Harrison was essential for intramural play, which is a key aspect to many students' everyday lives. There is a worry among many High Point students that there will not be an upcoming intramural basketball season. For many it is just something to laugh off, but for some students it would be an incredible let-down as there promises to be great competition and rivalry as the Horsemen look to defend their 2004 title.

The YMCA offers students an off-campus, friendly basketball facility, but it lacks the convenience that Harrison

offered. Transportation is a serious issue. While not all students have cars and with those who do suffering from high gas prices, it becomes a burden for any student to have to seek an off-campus facility.

Senior Brandon Wright is negative about driving to the Y. He said, "Drive? I have no car; even if I did, I like playing pickup with my friends and I'm not about to call 10 people just to play some basketball."

Activity is encouraged on this campus, and basketball is a great way to meet faces as well as balance out a perhaps less than healthy nightlife.

"It seems with all the construction amongst us, and all the money recently raised, the powers that be could construct an outdoor basketball court," said transfer student Ben Wentzel. There are various locations for a court to be placed on campus, and that court would not include the costs of heating and cooling like a building would. Perhaps this would not be an issue if most local schools had courts, but due to fighting, drinking and drug use by players, many courts in the Triad have been removed.

A disgruntled senior, who asked to remain anonymous, said, "I think (President) Nido (Qubein) should take it in his hands to see that we have a place to play basketball. Even my high school had outdoor courts, and I like to think of this place as being more prestigious than a high school, for my student loan's sake."

It is understandable why students in

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"...now I can't get my exercise, the loss of Harrison is detrimental to my health. Instead of playing basketball, I drink beer; I don't think it's healthy."

2005 baseball season marked by improvements

Springtime injuries jeopardized the season, forcing players to be stretched thin; one player drafted by MLB this summer

By Chris Smith
Staff Writer

New faces and a new start were the story of the 2005 Panther baseball team. Head coach Sal Bando Jr. brought 14 new players into the fold, including three four-year transfers, two junior-college transfers and nine freshmen. Coming off disappointing 15 win and 11 win seasons in 2003 and 2004, the Panthers were hoping the new faces would bring with them new-found success.

Led by freshman standouts Eammon Portice, Bobby Brown, Matt Schlanger and Randy Schwartz, the Panthers opened the season with 15 wins in their first 32 games. In the first half of the season, the Panthers completed a three-game sweep of MAC representative Ball State and a three-game sweep of conference foe UNC Asheville and had a four-game winning streak that included a sweep of North Carolina A&T.

During the second half of the season, the team was plagued by injury and disappointment. With multiple injuries to the pitching staff, Bando was forced to strain his pitchers and even use position players at times to help rest his young arms. The pitchers included three freshmen--Portice, Bubba O'Donnell and Schlanger--

and sophomore Brandon Moore. Bando knows that even through the struggles, the time on the mound was good for the young guys. "Due to four arm injuries, we were able to give several freshmen some great experience," he said.

The Panthers finished the season with a record of 19 wins and 36 losses and a 6-18 record in conference, the best record since 2002 when the team won 26 games and 9 in conference. Bando wants to make sure his guys do not confuse improvement with success, though.

"I don't think there was a key to our success because we were not successful. But we improved, and I think the biggest reason for that was we had more talent on the mound, which is crucial to any baseball team at any level," he said.

Portice, the ace of the pitching staff, who was drafted in the 17th round by the Minnesota Twins, decided to attend HPU instead of jumping straight into the MLB system. In his debut for the Panthers, Portice struck out 10 batters on one of the best teams in all of college baseball, the Miami Hurricanes. Portice would go on to toss the first shutout of his career and become the first High Point pitcher to throw a shutout since Riley Gostisha in 2002. Portice only allowed 2 hits and struck out 12 in his shutout of Ball State

on March 12. Portice finished the season out with a 6-4 record while recording a 4.01 e.r.a. and 90 strikeouts. Schlanger finished the season with a 4-7 record and a 6.54 e.r.a. and senior closer Matt Kniginyzky had a 3-6 record, a 3.23 e.r.a. and 7 saves.

Freshmen Bobby Brown and Randy Schwartz led the power attack for the Panther offense, while senior Chris Ramirez was more than happy to allow the big guys to drive him in. Bobby Brown could be found just about anywhere on the field as he started games in left field, right field, first base, and designated hitter. No matter where he was playing, he was hitting; Brown had .321 average with five homeruns and 28 RBI. Randy Schwartz, who missed the majority of the first half of the season while hurt, led the Panthers with a .323 average while also driving in 20 and hitting 3 home runs. Chris Ramirez, the Panthers' lead-off hitter, hit .313, scoring 44 runs while driving in 27 more. Ramirez also stole 17 bases, which led the Panthers.

Matt Kniginyzky became the first Panther to be tapped in the MLB draft since 1991 when he was selected in the 23rd round by the Kansas City Royals. Kniginyzky finished his career No. 3 in High Point history in career saves and is

fifth in strike-outs per nine innings. Bando, happy for Matt, feels that his signing could be an indication of more to come from HPU baseball players. "Ski has meant a lot. When we first signed him, we felt he brought instant credibility to the program. I was happy he improved his draft status and was given a chance. He deserved it. He is hopefully the first of many more pro prospects to come out of the program. If anything, we hope his signing gets the attention of others to the point that they will want to come and see High Point baseball." Bando said. Kniginyzky is currently playing for the Royals rookie league Idaho Falls Chuckars. He has a 0-2 record with 3 saves and a 2.70 era while recording 22 strikeouts in 13.1 innings.

The Panthers will continue to work to improve as they head into off-season recruiting. With a solid core of players coming back, Bando feels there is room to believe success is not far away. "We are excited about the upcoming year. I think with the nucleus of sophomores returning and the new players coming in we can be a pretty good club. We have a lot of hurdles to get over and we still have some unanswered questions, but if we stay healthy and have some leaders emerge from the pack, 2006 could be the year we get over that hump."

Start of football season infects fans with joy, encourages predictions and gives everyone hope

By Kevin Scola
Sports Editor

Ah, the great day has come and gone. Sept. 12. The official start of the 2005 National Football League season. Yeah, I know there was a Thursday night game before that, but that first Sunday always will be sacred to me

and therefore I consider it to be opening day. The off-season was interesting, fun, or, in the case of us Eagles fans, flat-out maddening.

I'll start out by just skipping ahead. My Super Bowl picks are the Baltimore Ravens and the Carolina Panthers. That's right, the Ravens. I'll get to my reasons later. Once again, defenses should rule

the NFL, even with the new rules (the next time I see a ref correctly call a "horse collar" tackle will be the first time), and these teams are two of the best. A healthy Panthers squad is one of the toughest to score on.

Carolina should be able to dominate the NFC South, finally finding a way to beat Mike Vick and the Atlanta Falcons. Atlanta picked the right year to play well last season as injuries had depleted Carolina and Minnesota, but if everyone's healthy, they're going to have difficulty moving the football without an NFL-caliber passing game. The Saints and Buccaneers will fight for third in the division, and I honestly feel sorry for anyone that has to watch that. Aaron Brooks has proved himself to be a poor man's Mike

Vick, and that's not a compliment. Tampa has to improve with Joey Galloway and Ike Hilliard helping out second-year receiver Michael Clayton and Cadillac Williams boosting the running game, but this offense seems like it's still a year or two away from competing for the division.

The NFC North should belong to the Minnesota Vikings. Daunte Culpepper ad-

justed to life without Randy Moss last year, and this year with Nate Burleson and rookie Troy Williams, a long with a revamped defense courtesy of the Moss trade, the Vikings will be ready for a playoff run. Green Bay should take second in the division by de-

fault. Brett Favre isn't able to do what he used to, and his "pin the tale on the donkey" style of passing does more good than harm, but his receivers are talented enough and Ahman Green will provide a solid running attack. The Detroit Lions should be much better than they are. Three excellent receivers and one of the best young running backs in the league would produce double digits wins on most teams, but their insistence on using Joey Harrington as their quarterback will cost them. Chicago will bring up the rear of the division.

St. Louis should once again win the NFC West. The Rams just know how to score points. Stephen Jackson will get more touches on offense, giving the Rams one more dimension and making them

that much harder to stop. Seattle will also have strong offense with Shaun Alexander playing in a contract year. The addition of Peter Warrick should help a wide-receiving core that led the league in drops last season. Arizona and San Francisco will also be fielding football teams this season.

The Philadelphia Eagles should continue their rule of the NFC East. The Eagles have the longest active streak of consecutive playoff appearances in the NFL, and despite the loss of Corey Simon, Todd Pinkston and Freddie Mitchell, and the ongoing headache that is Terrell Owens, don't expect that streak to end this year. The Redskins will also be a team to look out for. Joe Gibbs has supposedly figured out that running back Clinton Portis is not John Riggins, which should allow Portis to run towards the outside for larger gains, similar to what he did in Denver. The Giants will improve, if only because Eli Manning has one more year under his belt. Tiki Barber is coming off of a career year and will once again be a force out of the backfield. The Dallas Cowboys have a decent team, except for one glaring exception. After several years of tormenting Bills fans, Drew Bledsoe has found a new franchise to screw up. And with former New York Yankees minor league prospect Drew Henson as his backup, the Cowboys are my pick to bring in Jeff George sometime around mid-October.

The AFC East will once again go to the Patriots. New coordinators, new receivers, new linebackers, it doesn't matter. This team knows how to win games. The Jets and Bills will be behind them. If the Jets can get the same production of out Curtis Martin as they did last year, they're a lock for the playoffs. But it's a lot to ask of a 30-year-old back to rush for 1600 yards. Likewise, the Bills are counting on first-year starter J.P. Losman and second-year receiver Lee Evans, along with veteran Eric Moulds. The Miami Dolphins round out the division. Nick Saban seems to know what he's doing as coach, but it's going to take several years to turn around all the damage that has occurred in Miami.

My pick for Super Bowl XL, the Baltimore Ravens, should control the AFC North. Baltimore added more depth to the secondary and switched its defense from a 3-4 base to a 4-6. That means that all-World linebacker Ray Lewis will now

have two defensive tackles protecting him when he decides to blitz. The Ravens' running this defensive style could become very dangerous for opposing offenses. The Steelers should be second in the division, with their pound-the-ball style. Pittsburgh plays almost the same style as Baltimore; they just do it with significantly less attention. An older, wiser Carson Palmer and yappy receiver Chad Johnson should make the Bengals a tough team to play. Quarterback Trent Dilfer should have no such effect on his Cleveland Browns.

The Indianapolis Colts will win the AFC South. The Colts' offense is simply one of the best of all time, and with the addition of defensive tackle Corey Simon, their defense should be able to provide more than just token resistance. Tennessee, Jacksonville and Houston should provide an entertaining race for second in the division and a potential wild card berth. Each has a strong-armed quarterback, talented receivers and a solid defense.

The AFC will go to the Oakland Raiders. A lot of people are very high on this Oakland team, and with good reason. Randy Moss adds an instant match-up problem in every game. Jerry Porter should thrive against opposing defenses' second corners. Lamont Jordan will prove to be the powerful, playmaking back that Oakland has missed since Charlie Garner. So why don't I like them as much as everyone else? Two words: Kerry Collins. I don't trust him. The Chargers will come back to Earth after their stellar season last year. Gates and Tomlinson should still have big seasons, though. Denver will once again have a strong running attack. But with Jake Plummer as quarterback, they can only expect so much. And third in this division sounds about right. The Chiefs, despite having Priest Holmes back and healthy, are still going to have difficulty stopping opponents from scoring.

The wildcards will go to San Diego and Pittsburgh in the AFC, and Green Bay and Seattle in the NFC. The Panthers will beat the Eagles in the NFC Championship, and the Ravens will beat the Colts in the AFC Championship. All leading to the Ravens over the Panthers in Super Bowl XL in Detroit. I, of course, reserve the right to change any one of these predictions as the season goes on.



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THE PANTHERS AND RAVENS LAST MET IN SEPT. 2002

Women's soccer bounces back

By Jessica Ruth Taylor
Staff Writer

The future is bright for the 2005 women's soccer team. The team is working extremely hard as they start this season with a new coach and many new players. This would be a setback for many teams, but the High Point University women's soccer team refuses to allow this to slow the momentum that has been building the past couple of years. They are quickly becoming one of the Big South Conference's leaders. They have appeared in the Big South championship match the past two years. Each time the Lady Panthers went into overtime. The 2003 championship ended in a victory for the Panthers and 2004

championship left HPU the second best team in the Big South.

Although the Panthers started off their season with a 5-0 loss to N.C. State and a 2-0 loss to Gardner-Webb, they have begun to turn things around. Following the two disappointing losses, Coach Rayner said, "We will work harder because we will not be an average team." It is obvious that Coach Rayner really means what she says as evidenced by the 3-0 victory the Panthers had against the Citadel on Aug. 28, making their first step towards not being an average team in the 2005 season. We wish our women's soccer team the best as they pursue another successful season and encourage everyone to come out and support the Lady Panthers.

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their last year would be disappointed in sacrificing for a future they will not be part of. Many students would be happy if the lack of outdoor playing facilities were addressed.

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more likely to be damaged by your blog than your professional life, with the biggest problem facing most bloggers being that they vent about one of their friends, family members or significant others, only to have that person find the entry, which can cause even more problems. However, in spite of everything negative associated with blogging, it's a trend that isn't going to go away anytime soon. The question no longer is why blog, but why not?