



## Have we heard activism's death toll?

Senior investigates nationwide phenomenon at a local level, searches for new outlets on campus

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Gone are the days of flower power and peace signs. It has been ages since females were setting their bras ablaze in the name of free-spirited womanhood. No longer do you turn on the news to hear stories about groups of young Americans rising up against the establishment and demanding their voice be heard through protests.

Where has all the activism gone? "I wish there were more students on campus who would be willing to take a stand against the things they see wrong in the world," says one member of the College Democrats who wished to have his name omitted. "I am surprised that more students aren't upset that their friends and family members are being sent overseas to fight a war that many people in this country don't believe in."

The lack of social and political activism does not seem to be exclusive to HPU. Even at Ivy Leagues, the megaphones have gone silent; the protest signs remain blank. Since 9/11, students might feel as though speaking out against the war in Iraq is a slap in the face to the thousands of American troops who are working to rebuild a country that the U.S. essentially turned upside down. Other students may feel that their voices would

never be heard so there is no point in trying to raise a fuss.

While there are no doubt some stark exceptions, today's college students don't seem to be overly concerned with the problems in the world. Here at HPU, the demonstrations are scarce at best. With several politically inspired organizations on campus, it would seem fitting that these groups would occasionally find fault with something and would attempt to give the problem a voice.

This apathy among college students can further be illustrated by the low voter turn-outs. According to an article by Fox News correspondent Hannah Sentenac, the movers and shakers on today's college campus are finding new mediums in which to channel their opposition and rebellion—namely volunteerism. College admissions offices are finding that many prospective students are looking for a college where they can express a benevolent energy. Rather than painting a picket sign and standing outside an administration building, students are gathering their friends and filling care boxes for troops, organizing city clean-ups, visiting the elderly, reading to children and serving their communities in a wide range of volunteer capacities.

Of the students who belong to what is supposed to be the "apathetic generation," much of the focus seems to be

on labor and wage issues, environmental concerns and the poverty epidemic. However, the lack of opposition to the Iraq war is surprising.

"Even if you don't necessarily agree with the war, it is our responsibility as Americans to support the troops and to stand behind our president," says senior Mike Peeler, an avid Republican.

Military recruiters can still be found wandering around college campuses handing out free goodies while spreading pro-military propaganda. While their words often fall on deaf ears, every now and then they are able to enlist an unsuspecting student who is yearning for direction and is easily wooed by the offers of college scholarships and hefty signing bonuses.

One rising trend is that students are initiating change through more conservative means of protest such as groups on the social-networking site Facebook. For example, when the cafeteria received an "83" sanitation grade last semester, hundreds of students joined a group on Facebook for students outraged that the cafeteria was allowed to operate with such low health standards. Even HPU President Nido Qubein took notice and joined in, and less than a week later, the sanitation grade was back up into the 90's. A dirty cafeteria isn't exactly a profound cause to protest, but it is a start.

## Number of eating disorders continues to increase

By **Jody Wicks**  
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Can you imagine walking past a mirror on the way to the shower and vomiting because of your own reflection? People who suffer from eating disorders battle their body image every day.

Eating disorders plague people of different ages and genders. Five to ten million girls and women in the United States alone suffer from eating disorders and that number is continually growing. Eating disorders are most common among female teens ranging in age from 13 to 22; hence, eating problems on college campuses nationwide are a growing problem.

Many high school seniors view college enthusiastically as the beginning of their road to independence. They look forward to leaving home and starting classes while studying for a career of their choice. Many other students are anxious about leaving home for the first time. They aren't looking forward to being on their own and can find the whole situation very frightening.

Unfortunately some students who feel unsure about college turn to eating disorders as an outlet. They feel that if they are focusing on calories and their weight they won't have time to worry about anything else. Lynda Noffsinger, HPU's eating disorder specialist, employed in the

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## On the Run: What's New

### Big South Conference holds inaugural Undergraduate Research Symposium

Ten High Point University students will participate in the inaugural Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium (BigSURS) this weekend, March 23-24, on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. This event is an outgrowth of the Conference's Academic Consortium to foster academic relationships among the League's membership.

Students from Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, High Point University, Liberty University, future member Presbyterian College, Radford University, UNC Asheville, Virginia Military Institute and Winthrop University will have an opportunity to present specific research proposals at the Symposium.

BigSURS is modeled after the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), the major national collegiate academic conference. The proceedings of the BigSURS conference will be published by UNC Asheville later this year. This symposium is partially funded by a grant from EPSCoR IDeA, the S.C. Experimental Program to stimulate competitive research and institutional development awards, and from donations by the participating Big South institutions and the Big South Conference.

### Call for Student Research

The annual Honors Day Symposium is scheduled for the morning of April 18. If you are interested in presenting your research, email your submissions to Dr. Schneid at [fschneid@highpoint.edu](mailto:fschneid@highpoint.edu). Presentations are 15-20 minutes in length with time following for questions and answers.

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Mr. Craig Curty moves his ADV 101 from the classroom to the grounds so that students can benefit from the splendid spring weather. Curty's scholars may be afflicted by spring fever, which has reached epidemic proportions on campus.

Photo by Pam Haynes

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## Annual count shows 161 more homeless people for 2007 than last year in Guilford County

By **Samantha Hester**  
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As he limps through the heavy door of a local restaurant, he can feel the eyes examining him. He can hear people's whispers - he knows they are talking about him. All he has come for is the hope of having a warm meal that he is more than willing to work for. With the go ahead from the restaurant's manager, he grabs a broom and dust pan and heads back out into the cold, windy night to the dimly lit parking lot and begins to sweep. His name is Leroy. He is homeless.

The homeless population in High Point cannot be avoided. The Homeless Prevention Coalition of Guilford County recently conducted its annual count of the homeless. The results were 1,269 homeless, 161 more than last year. Of these people, 502 were found in emergency shelters, 560 in transitional housing and 207 living unsheltered lives.

However, according to Steve Key, executive director at Open Door Ministries, those numbers don't include everyone who is homeless. He said that there are always some homeless who refuse to participate in the count. "I think this gives us a glimpse of the problem, but I don't know if it's completely accurate. We know there are other people out there that we're not counting." The numbers also exclude those who might have been hospitalized or in jail at

the time the count was taken.

In 2005 the North Carolina Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs honored 22 local governments for adopting the 10-year plan to end homelessness. Greensboro, High Point and Guilford County were one of the recipients of the awards. Carmen Hooker Odom, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, said, "The leaders of these cities and counties have made a commitment to use the latest research and data to develop outcome-driven plans that will lead to measurable decreases in our homeless population. I encourage leaders of all our communities to consider adopting a local plan."

If Guilford County's commitment to the homeless is working, why were there 161 more homeless this past year?

A recent story on WFMY News 2 centered on a homeless high school student who was spending not only his days, but his nights in the classroom. Antonio King is a member of the track and field team at a local high school - he is also a foster kid. He was forced to leave his foster home because he "aged out of the foster care system." He had nowhere to call home when the last bell rang at school and began hiding in bathrooms until his classmates and teachers had gone home for the night. He would crouch on a toilet seat for hours so that no one would find him.

King said, "I was stuck. It was either walk the streets all

night and be cold, or stay in the school and have a warm place to stay." At night he would study and sleep like his fellow students, only he had never left school grounds. The only time he got a chance to shower was on the weekends when a friend would lend him the use of his bathroom. This went on for weeks until one night when King didn't hide himself in a bathroom stall. He had left school to try walking the dark streets, but decided to go back to his newfound shelter. He crawled through an unlocked window of the school, and an alarm began to pierce his ears. The building was surrounded by police who shouted for him to drop to the ground or he would be shot. He explained himself at the local police station, and his principal took him to her house for the night. It was at her house that he ate his first meal in two weeks and wore clean clothes. These days King isn't spending his nights locked in his high school with no bed, food or clean clothes; he now takes up one of eight beds at Joseph's House, a local residence for homeless kids. Joseph's House claims that there are over 164 homeless high school students in Guilford County. Antonio King is thankful to have a place to stay again.

The housed population of High Point may overlook those who have a different living arrangement because they have never experienced life without a home, but for people like Leroy and Antonio, that lifestyle is very real.

## Teacher tenure causes lack of creativity and passion in America's education system

By **John Winn**  
Staff Writer

It's official--the Golden Age of public education is over. No one can say when it disappeared, or the circumstances of its demise, but we can all see the results of its absence. Overcrowded schools and burnt-out teachers are just a few of the signs of the decay of our public middle and high schools. Where once students and teachers were able to learn and prosper in peace, bureaucratic incompetence, powerful teachers' unions and a culture that discourages risk-taking in favor of conformity have all conspired to sow the seeds of failure that threaten to mature and kill off one of our nation's most precious resources. I am no expert, but times like these call for desperate measures, and that means abolishing one of the most archaic relics of American public schools: the institution known as teacher tenure.

There is a method to the madness. While tenure at one point guaranteed teachers the right to express unpopular ideas in the classroom, especially during the McCarthy witch hunts of the 1950s, today it is little else than a political weapon that is used by groups such as the National Education Association whenever anyone proposes serious reforms, especially if they have to do with administrators' ability to fire teachers whom they perceive as abusive or incompetent. New York Mayor John Lindsay learned about this the hard way in 1971, when he was accused of being an authoritarian, and much worse, when he tried to wrestle control of the public school system away from the city council, which tended to side with the unions more often than not. One activist even accused

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### *Straight Talk from Dr. Nido Qubein*

#### Lessons to remember from life skills class

Dear Student:

It has been my joy for the past two semesters to lead the President's Seminar on Life Skills. This class is intended to impart to students practical "how to" pointers and to help provide information that will lead to personal success and significance. Here are several concepts I often speak about. I hope you read them and apply them:

- Competence leads to confidence. Don't interrupt, but be interruptable.
- Leave every person feeling better for having talked to you -- they'll be happy to see you next time.
- Say what you mean, precisely what you mean and only what you mean.
- When you're thinking ahead, you can't hear what's being said.
- Forget your ability to think faster than another person talks -- everybody has it, but only the foolish use it.
- Listen at least twice as much as you talk -- others will hear twice as much of what you say.
- It's our enemies from whom we learn the most.
- Talking when nobody is listening is as futile as trying to cut paper with half a pair of scissors.
- If you create tension, you get resistance. If you create trust, you get response.
- Personal communication is hindered by hasty assumptions.
- Self-centered people tend to monopolize the talking; secure people tend to monopolize the listening.
- You're wasting your time when you try to answer questions people are not asking.
- A "monologue in duet" happens

when I think up what I'm going to say while you're saying what you thought up while I was talking.

- With life-long education, learning becomes a renewable resource.
- Make it a habit to say nice things about yourself, to yourself. You'll find that you like yourself better.
- The key to your success is to be sensitive enough to understand what other people want, and generous enough to help them get it.
- Pay attention to others and they will pay attention to you.
- Be interesting by being interested.
- The genius who can't communicate is intellectually impotent.
- The leader who can't communicate can't create the conditions that motivate.

President Nido R. Qubein





## On alternative spring break, student sees progress, but also a need for more Katrina relief work

By Pam Haynes  
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The houses of suburban neighborhoods in the gulf area of Moss Point, Mississippi don't match. A common street scene contains one house that has been rebuilt and freshly painted while the house next to it sits empty, watermarks clearly defined, as it still sags from the weight of the waters that Katrina brought.

When I first arrived in this town with the rest of the students who chose to do Katrina relief work over spring break, I wasn't sure that there was anything to be done. Stores were in operation and the sides of the road bore no debris. It wasn't until we drove to our work site on the first day, March 5th, that I noticed a problem. All of the progress, however good it may be, is overshadowing the people who still need help.

Many of the houses have been rebuilt. The devastation seems less now than it did a year ago, easily deluding people to believe that the job is almost finished. This was the case with the first house that my group was assigned to. The surrounding houses stood firm and had people bustling in and out of them. The house of Peggy Kight, however, had blank windows testifying to its internal emptiness. The inside walls stood bare, the basic frame exposed, with empty spaces where insulation should have been placed. Without looking into Peggy's house, the only major signs of the storm in that neighborhood were the few white FEMA trailers that occupied driveways of the houses yet to be repaired.

The first thing that we did was to fill those empty spaces in the walls with insulation. Shortly after, we hung dry

wall, which we then applied putty to and sanded the next day. After living in the FEMA trailer for a year now, Kight seemed adjusted to her situation. She walked through the house every so often, telling



Kight stands in front of fresh dry wall that students hung. Students also puttied and sanded each wall.

Photo by Pam Haynes

the crew that we were doing a good job. "It needed remodeling anyway," she said concerning her house before the hurricane. She also welcomed us to use the restroom in her trailer, which was so small that you had to lean over the toilet to wash your hands in the bathroom sink.

We alternated our work between Kight's house and another house, but the second house was different because there

were three people - a husband, a wife, and a mother- living in it. Tools and supplies used to repair the house were strewn about the driveway instead of a trailer. When walking in the front door, the walls were without paint, only touched by the wall putty that Earnest Young, the owner of the house had applied. The unfinished kitchen and halls were separated from the rest of the house by a plastic curtain. "I did all of this by myself," he said as his hands motioned around the house. "I didn't think I was ever going to get help, but then you all came." As we were working on Ernest's house, a man driving by slowed down to talk to the leaders of our group. "My mother needs some work done to her house too," they said.

By the end of the week, every room in Kight's house was dry walled. Young's walls had been sanded and puttied, a hot water heater had been installed and electrical wires had been repaired. Young promised to repay us by cooking a meal for us before we left. After our last day of work, March 9th, group leaders picked up a fried turkey that Young had prepared for the team.

Because of the students' hard work, the shadow of progress grew even greater during those five days. While progress is always a beautiful thing, we knew that behind the things that looked right lay houses without electricity, walls without sheet rock or insulation, and home owners living in cramped trailers. It's a good thing that the houses don't match anymore, a sign of cleaning up the devastation. But until every last house is repaired and every last victim is settled, there is more to be done.

[See page 9 for another view of the house.]

## Missing: seniors' motivation and focus to finish semester

By Amanda Roberts  
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The epidemic is spreading over the nation. Everywhere you look, they are dropping like flies, especially on the High Point campus the week of March 12. Yes, it was the week after spring break, but added to that was the beautiful weather. The seniors at High Point are falling victim to every professor's foe: senioritis.

It occurs every year around this time. A general lack of apathy infects the senior class as the temperatures rise and the days dwindle down towards graduation. Other symptoms include lethargy, procrastination, denial and spontaneity. Expect random road trips in the forecast, along with runs to Teeter, the mall and the park.

"I have senioritis times a bajillion," one senior stated. Another senior was heard saying, "I'm tired, I can't concentrate on my work even though it's pretty easy. I'm even bored with checking facebook.com and away messages." [Due to the nature of the article, all seniors requested anonymity.]

This phenomenon is not restricted to High Point University. Holy Cross senior Kyle McCarthy states, "The number one sign is when you no semblance of motivation to read for any of your classes or study for your 11 a.m. test because you know that you will do well enough to pass."

Senioritis is not restricted to the graduating class. Juniors, sophomores and freshmen are heard complaining about the same symptoms. "I think I have senioritis left over from last year," freshman Josh Fast states as he procrastinates on writing a paper due the next day.

Though senioritis remains the driving force behind most seniors, some are experiencing second thoughts. Junior Dane Jackson expressed similar sentiments: "I have mixed emotions between fun summer plans and becoming top-dog next year, while I'm also sad about saying goodbye to those who have been family to me for three years now. I don't know what I'm going to do without them."

Even though many seniors embrace the idea of walking across the stage at graduation and stepping off into the real world, others remain leery about the idea. "I really don't know and I honestly don't care how many days there are until graduation," said Elizabeth Imhoff. "Leaving High Point University is going to be a shock for many of us who have grown comfortable in this environment where you know most of the people by sight if not by name; in the real world, it's about the bottom line, about your production. Nobody's going to care about your crises because they have their own to consider. Here, your friends and your professors want to know as much as they can and how they can help you cope. Yeah, there will be no more tests or papers, and you'll [hopefully] get a steady paycheck. But there will be bills and expenses that some people don't realize. It can be a rude awakening."

Seniors, just remember: Keep your focus. These last five or so weeks are the most important of your life; if you don't pass your senior seminar, you could end up not graduating. As that is what we have been working towards for the past four years, it is imperative to stay on task.

*Editor's note: Roberts was unsure whether she should write this article as she is suffering from some symptoms of senioritis and did not want her professors to find out. However, she stepped up to the plate and wrote it - it must be noted that it was late as a result of a severe warm snap.*

## Spring fever arrives, students must choose work over play

Students must learn to organize, motivate, and balance themselves to avoid being distracted by the spring weather.

By Jessalin Graham  
Staff Writer

The thermometer reads 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Normally this is no cause for alarm, except that you are feeling restless and have a compelling need to slack on schoolwork. Chances are, you have a classic case of spring fever. The bad news is that it is very contagious and it is certainly going around on the campus of High Point University. Euphoric students can be seen on the International Promenade involved in every outdoor activity from extreme Frisbee to playing catch or basking in the sun on beach towels or lounging in hammocks on other areas of campus. This sounds like the perfect spring afternoon, except these fun activities result in class time being boring and distracting, as well as cause studying to be nearly nonexistent at a time in the academic year when it is important to stay on track. It's crunch time: many assignments are nearing their due dates, and the school year is moving closer than ever from midterm exam time to final exam time. However, students should not worry because spring fever does in fact have a treatment program.

Most importantly, balance is the key to successfully overcoming spring fever. Students are faced with the decision of completing their schoolwork while simultaneously being beckoned out into the sunshine. A healthy balance of the two is

critical in working towards getting back on track, and here students have a few options.

Foremost, students must make a list of their academic priorities and go from there. At this time of year students can easily get overwhelmed, and to combat such feelings, students need to maintain order and stay organized. For example, students can make a calendar of test days and assignment due dates and post it somewhere where they will take notice. That way students can also schedule outdoor entertainment and be productive at the same time. Prioritizing is certainly the most important step in being successful. This allows time for students to maintain their good grades and have fun without having a dark cloud of schoolwork hanging over their heads. Prioritizing also works so that schoolwork is not the only activity on the list and ensures outdoor time is not neglected.

Secondly, students can use warm weather activities as incentive for completing a less than exciting assignment. Students could set up a reward system with various recreational entertainment such as; if the student makes an A on an exam, he or she can spend a certain amount of time participating in his or her favorite outdoor leisure, or after a student reads a few chapters he or she can spend an hour socializing on the International Promenade. It is also important that the student take the reward seriously and after the hour is complete, he or she goes back to being

industrious again.

Furthermore, students could use the sunny weather to their advantage and take their books outside. There are many places on campus that would be perfect study locations; Rocking chairs, hammocks, umbrella tables, swings and benches are scattered all across High Point University. However, it is important to study in these outdoor locations when they are relatively quiet and when there are no distracting activities going on nearby.

Also, it is important to remember that professors can also do their part in aiding students during their spring fever recovery by involving the class in more energetic lectures that keep the class involved in learning. Fun classroom activities would certainly keep the students engaged in the topic at hand instead of staring out the window at butterflies. Occasionally, it might not be the end of the world to venture outside for a class period. Outdoor lectures would certainly cheer up a classroom full of ailing students and would be good variety for the professor as well who might also have a touch of the fever.

Even though spring fever can interfere with learning, there are important steps to take to remain on the right track. Keep in mind the importance of balance and the use of incentives. Remember that outdoor study time is possible, and do not forget to occasionally remind your professors to take the class outside.



## 'Premonition' fails to come true 'Crank' not your typical action movie

Cinematography saves flick from utter ruin

By Maria Rojas  
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From its previews and title, "Premonition" appears to be about a woman who receives forewarning about the death of her husband. However, the film is nothing more than a parable gift-wrapped in the theatrics of Hollywood.

"I don't like surprises," says Linda Hanson (Sandra Bullock) at the onset of the film, and according to the movie's plot, the writers obviously want viewers to hold that same emotion.

"Premonition" tells the tale of a family living the American Dream, and in the midst of happiness it is

engulfed with pain. Linda and her husband Jim have two kids and a two story house. Jim's perfect job provides Linda the luxury of being a stay-at-home mom. As heart-

warming as this is, it makes the film overly predictable and mundane.

The sub-plots produce a mediocre attempt to create suspense and disappointingly play directly off the meaning of the movie's title. Every 10 minutes a new sub-plot catapults into effect, causing viewers to scratch their heads in bewilderment by the conclusion. If you blink, you will miss a part of the never-ending jigsaw



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Bookstores and libraries are fascinating places, but sometimes they can be overwhelming. With so many books in the world and so little time, what's a body to do? Here are some suggestions to make the book world less intimidating ...

Don't force yourself to read "the Classics" because you think you should. If you really want to, go for it, but don't pick up *War and Peace* and expect to be done by dinner.

It's OK to read "stupid" books! Light reading with no real purpose is great for destressing. (My personal favorite: the *Shopaholic* series by Sophie Kinsella.)

Browse the children's area. Reread something you remember from back in the day, or try one of the newer releases - there are some great children's and young adult books out there right now. And I do mean great!

Events and places you'll never be able to experience or visit are fantastic reading material. The California Gold Rush, Arctic exploration and survival and adventures on the high seas are favorite reading-destinations of mine, especially since I really hate boats.

Most importantly though, go with what catches your eye. Don't suffer through something just because "everyone" is reading it. Don't let people sell you on a topic you have no interest in - that'll make the reading burdensome.

Now then, if you'll excuse me, I hear a book calling my name ... - Rebecca Fleming

### Four "must have" CDs fill music needs

By Lauren Croughan  
Staff Writer

The following bands are on my "to get" list. If I had all the songs I want on my computer, I wouldn't have the memory to do anything else on it.

#### Rock

Love of Diagrams- *Love of Diagrams*  
It is as if someone took defibrillators to an old record store and jump-started an over-looked '70s record. It's brilliant in its ability to time travel without going anywhere. The obvious early punk influences are prevalent and created this really interesting album. It isn't for everyone, but I like obscurity. Go to their MySpace page and check them out.

#### They/Cant/be/Classified

Gym Class Heroes- *As Cruel as School Children*

I heard this band, including their hit "Cupid's Chokehold" last summer. They assisted on the "Snakes on a Plane" soundtrack. The album, which mixes fun songs and inspirational lyrics, will have anyone bouncing in their seats or at least singing along. This mostly hip-hop album also blends many other influences and is so well-done it is a "must add" to any collection.



GYM CLASS HEROES

#### Techno/Rock/Banjo

Hellogoodbye- *Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!*  
Can somebody say random? I first saw the video for "Here in my Arms" a while ago and wasn't sure how to react. Should I have laughed? Cried?



HELLOGOODBYE

Smacked a waffle? Honestly, this weird band is weird. And their music? Even weirder, but in the best way possible. The only sentence to come to mind is that the music consists of avant-garde beats reminiscent of the '80s with modern lyrics. It is a very enjoyable album, and everyone should have a listen.

#### Indie/Folk

The innocence mission- *We Walked in Song*  
Beauty. It is beauty. Indulge yourself with calm songs with very pretty music that would fit a movie character sitting in a park as birds fly by while he/she is contemplating something important. This isn't their first album by any means, but was brought to my attention by a search for folk and lighter bands. The lead singer sounds like Dolores O' Riordan from the Cranberries. This is definitely an album to save when a peaceful mindset is absolutely necessary.

By Kristina Hardy  
Staff Writer

At first glance, I thought this would be your everyday, senseless, guy-blowing-stuff-up movie with no plot to speak of. But before I passed it up to watch "Deal or No Deal," I put it in and was amazed. It is action-filled literally from the moment it starts. Chev (played by Jason Statham) wakes up to find himself injected with a drug that will literally slow him to a death by a gangster named Verona. He learns that the only way to slow down the drug is to combat it with adrenaline.



So he roams the city in search of Verona and an antidote while fast cars, violence and drugs, even in one case nasal

spray to keep him on a permanent rush. In his attempt to find Verona, his best friend Kaylo gets caught up in the struggle and causes a major shift in the plot. Chev, unable to slow down, calls this friend Doctor Miles to find out ways to reverse the effects of the "Beijing Cocktail," and the answer leads to the destruction of half of a hospital and the police on his trail. All the while, he has to find a way to tell his girlfriend, Eve, the truth about his occupation.

"Crank" is a rush to watch, with a gripping plot, recommended to anyone who loves action.

Seen a good movie? Discovered a fantastic new band? Let us know!!  
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### mewithoutYou 'entertaining and deep' in concert

By Samantha Hester  
Staff Writer

As paper cut-outs of the sun and the moon were hung, mewithoutYou set up their equipment - they rarely use a crew to set up their instruments, except for a wife here and there. They used the sun and the moon as props for their show; the guys of mewithoutYou are fans of scenery. The sun and moon are also the artistic themes of their latest album, *Brother Sister*.



As I waited with my boyfriend in the smoky, dimly lit room of Charlotte's Tremont Music Hall, I noticed that what had been a room packed door to door with people slowly became less of a crowd and more of a disbanding - many people were moving into the pool hall. The true mewithoutYou fans had begun to surface, and apparently much of the crowd had been

there to see the opening band, Sparta.

Lead singer of mewithoutYou, Aaron Weiss, welcomed the audience by taking the stage with an acoustic guitar and an accordion to play a solo. He sang, as the audience recited every word: "We took the twine we used to use to tie up tight our tattered shoes, twisted twigs and crooked cross, a necklace for the deeply lost. Builder with the broken bricks, mother to the baby chicks. You made this world to look so nice, I wonder what the next one's like?" Yellow

spider, yellow leaf, confirms my deepest held belief." He paused between each verse to check the sound, asking, "Does it sound OK?" - they were experiencing technical difficulties.

The remainder of the band joined Weiss on stage after "Yellow Spider"

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### 'God of War 2' better than original: exciting, engrossing

By Jesse Cherry  
Staff Writer

Everything about God of War 2 is better than its predecessor. The action is faster and gorier, the puzzles are more intelligent and well thought out, and the story and level design blow the first game out of the water.

GOW2 does a great job immersing you into the world of Greek mythology, with its great graphics, presentation and story. The writing in GOW2 is just brilliant. It takes many popular mythological stories and characters and mutates them to fit the games dark style.

The environments also play a huge roll in bringing this world to life. The graphics that this game has pulled off are astonishing. Graphic enthusiasts who

are used to the look of their Xbox 360 games are going to be more than happy with GOW2. With beautiful textures and gorgeous effects, it is not a stretch to say that it is one of the best looking games ever.

One of the most satisfying things



about this game, is the boss fights. With at least one boss in every hour of gameplay, your need for killing the very big and powerful will be met. Now every boss is not of epic proportions, but even the diminutive encounters are a blast to fight.

This game is also very well paced. The gameplay is split up into action and puzzles sequences, and sometimes these

elements meet. There are several times where you will be forced to think on your feet, because you will be solving a puzzle

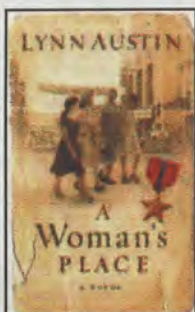
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## Novel deals with World War II-era issues; thought-provoking and relevant for contemporary readers

By **Rebecca Fleming**  
A&E Editor

*A Woman's Place*  
By Lynn Austin  
2006, Bethany House  
446 pages



The title alone should be enough to catch your interest – the term “a woman’s place” is taboo in our modern world, so why is it plastered across the front of a novel? And why is there a military medal as part of the background image? What kind of book is this anyway? For the sake of honesty, I wasn’t too sure myself, and even though I’d stumbled across it a couple months ago, it took until Spring Break for me to actually bring it home and read it. I was surprised by what I read – in a good way.

*A Woman's Place* is set in a small Michigan town, during WWII; the four main characters are women who have either lived there their entire lives or moved there during the war. Ginny, Helen, Jean and

Rosa, as different as women can be both in temperament and background, are forced into working as a team while wiring ships in the local shipyard, as part of the war effort. Having women in the workforce was controversial; Ginny even faced opposition from her husband, even though able-bodied men were hard to come by.

Other touchy issues addressed in the novel are racial division and prejudice of several varieties and overcoming family background. Austin weaves these issues, along with a handful of minor crises, into the main story with a skillful hand. The chronology is sometimes hard to follow since every chapter focuses on a different woman, and so the same weekend might be discussed from two or three viewpoints. Any confusion arising from that will be minor, and readers will quickly become engrossed in the story itself, particularly a remembered love story that plays an integral role.

All things considered, *A Woman's Place* is not only an engrossing read – and a pleasant surprise – but is ‘real’ enough to prompt readers to think seriously about the issues addressed.

## “The Play’s the thing” at High Point University!

Complete History of America, Abridged

Thurs., March 22nd @ 7:30pm  
Fri., March 23rd @ 7:30pm  
Sat., March 24th @ 7:30pm  
Sun., March 25th @ 2pm  
Empty Space Theatre

Diviners

Thurs., April 12th @ 7:30pm  
Fri., April 13th @ 7:30pm  
Sat., April 14th @ 7:30pm  
Sun., April 15th @ 2pm

Pauline Theatre, Hayworth Fine Arts Center

For ticket information and other questions, contact the HPU Box Office located in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center, or by calling 841-4673

## Movie Recommendations from the Staff

On DVD...	At the Theater...
<i>The Prestige</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>Rocky Balboa</i>	<i>Zodiac</i>
<i>The Departed</i>	<i>Bridge to</i>
<i>Blood Diamond</i>	<i>Terabithia</i>
<i>The Guardian</i>	<i>The Namesake</i>
<i>Babel</i>	<i>Music and Lyrics</i>

## Give these artists a second (or first) look

Unkle Bob	Jeremy Camp
Relient K	Baby Boy Da
Akon	Prince
Modest Mouse	Raines
Imogen Heap	Rise Against
Umbrellas	MAE
OK Go	The Classic Crime

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puzzle that is presented by the plots.

The movie uses brilliant camera angles to evoke fear and create intrigue. This element along with the intricate placement of lighting saves this movie from being a total dud.

Thematically, the movie plays off of many biblical illustrations of faith and the practice of reaping what you sow. Linda goes into a frantic pursuit to save the life of her husband, depicting how a person should never give up on what she values as most important, no matter the

outcome.

Examples of classic Hollywood stereotypes are not lost in “Premonition,” no matter how gloomy the movie may appear. There is the insertion of the pretty blonde, the token black (Nia Long) and the unsatisfied husband. Yes, the movie tries to copy the blockbuster

hit “The Six Sense” in regards to the plot twist, but fails miserably.

Overall the movie is not worth the gas it takes to drive to the theater.

Grade C-

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while fending off foes. There is only one small section in the game that seems to drag, but only because the rest of the sections are so exciting.

If you thought the first game was too short, you will be satisfied to find several extra hours of gameplay in GOW2, along with plenty of unlockable content and secrets to discover. With how fun and enjoyable the ending to this game is, you will most likely find yourself starting a new game just moments after finishing your first play through.

To keep it plain and simple, if you like GOW you are going to love GOW2. Many will say it doesn’t do enough to distinguish itself from its predecessor, but who cares? The game is fun to play.

GOW was a great game, but GOW 2 is even better.

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and they began to play songs from their latest album *Brother, Sister*. During the whole show Weiss danced rhythmically around the stage while singing as if he were performing some form of tribal ritual or was imitating maybe someone who attended Woodstock in 1969.

The set list was mostly songs from *Brother Sister*, except for a few off of their previous album *Catch For Us the Foxes*. For fans of all of their albums like me, this was somewhat disappointing. However, the music remains the same - talented, entertaining and deep. The show was, as they always are, a spiritual experience. I recommend to anyone who has never heard *mewithoutYou* to have a listen - you won’t be disappointed.





## General fee increases and pays for important student services and activities on campus

By Pam Haynes  
Opinion Editor

On every full-time undergraduate student's tuition bill the words "general fee" are printed under other costs such as room and board. Most of the other costs are self-explanatory, such as "meal plan" which goes towards the cafeteria and the student's food source for the semester. But, with a term like "general fee," do students really know why they're being charged \$825 per semester and what this money is used to do?

Lexi Messerly, senior, admits that she didn't entirely know what it was for. "I know that bits of the money go to things like the Zenith yearbook, but I don't know a lot about it," she says. Sophomore, Holly Smoot, was also unaware of the fee's specifics. "I've seen it on the bill and wondered what it was, but I never knew," she says. Their responses are the same as many other students' responses to the mysterious "general fee."

While tuition is the worry on most students' minds, the general fee may possibly be the next most important cost in that it is the only money that students can decide how to spend. Directly related to the Student Government Association, the money, which is held in many different accounts, is discussed at all SGA meetings. "The entire SGA budget is derived from general fees," explains Josh Faucette, student body president. "The SGA then appropriates funds to the various clubs and organizations across our campus in the form of semester budgets or bills introduced to the Student Senate."

SGA is required to hold seven meetings per semester. That is seven opportunities that students have to voice their opinions on where the money should go and why. It is especially helpful to organizations on campus because all of their funding requests are derived from the general fee. To get money, the organization must present a bill to the Student Senate.

"The Senate debates the bill, and then a vote is taken to decide if the money should be appropriated to the said task or event," says Faucette.

There are three ways in which money from the general fee is requested

and used. The first way for an organization or a particular event to receive funds is by proposing a bill to the student senate. The individual or group must defend their bill and explain why it is important. Finally, the senate will vote accordingly.

Second, chartered organizations attending at least five out of seven of the SGA meetings are eligible to apply for a semester budget. They can do so by presenting an outline of how that money will be spent. The senate will once again make the decision themselves.

Third, the funds are distributed during times of crisis or emergencies. For example, after a student passed away last year, general fee funds were used to send flowers to her family.

But the power to direct the funds does not lie solely in the hands of SGA. Faucette reminds us that SGA meetings are open to all students who wish to attend. Students can also become a part of the Student Senate, which has more than 80 members. These students are appointed or elected by their particular organization or their class.

Besides funds for campus organizations, the fee also provides for health services and entertainment. "Services covered by the general fee certainly enrich the students' college life. This fee covers such things as the health center, counseling services, campus intramural programs, and entrance to athletic events and other special events," says Director of Student Accounts Teresa Kane.

These funds finance many of the popular, traditional events such as the Homecoming dance, the Snowball formal and intramural sports. Because of innovations on campus, such as the Slane Student Recreation Center, the annual fee will increase to \$1,925 in the fall of 2007.

While the general fee seems to be just another chunk of money for the university to charge, Faucette views it as a necessity. He says, "From my point of view, the student activity fee is absolutely essential to providing any kind of adequate programming and events on campus. To do away with the student activity fee would result in students having to fund much more of their own organization's events, trips, conference fees and other general expenditures."

### Tuition and Fees (2007-2008)

Tuition: \$18,000  
General Fee: \$1,925\*  
Campus Living:  
\$7,960 - \$9,760\*\*

Total: \$27,885 - \$29,085

\*Fee subject to change  
\*\*Does not apply to commuter students

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Lindsay of being an anti-Semite, especially since the proposal would allow Lindsay to return some of his responsibilities back to communities like Ocean Hill, at the time a majority-black area where Jews were considered a simple minority. In case anybody thinks I'm just making this up, no less of an authority than I.F. Stone detailed what he called the 'New York crisis' in an essay entitled "The Mason-Dixon Line Goes To New York"—look it up.

The issue of teacher tenure is closely linked to the issue of teacher pay. The average teacher on probation makes about \$29,000 dollars per year, according to the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics. The average tenured teacher makes about

\$60,000 per year. Lifetime tenure also brings with it certain perks that to teachers that otherwise would not be available to them, including paid vacations, sabbaticals, and of course lifetime employment. While these in themselves do not constitute proof that our public schools are broken and corrupt, to a troubled teacher these are invitations to exploit the system however they see fit; this is not the fault of the architects of American public schools, but it is an example of their folly.

Compounding the problem is the system's emphasis on conformity over creativity. Teachers today are rewarded for blending in and refusing to challenge their students versus standing out and pushing them. My fifth grade teacher, Mrs.

Richardson, was the opposite of that. She wore Converse sneakers and spoke often of her hatred of high heels. She encouraged all her students to read, and kept a personal library of books from Oliver Twist to the latest Steven King novel, and encouraged us to "check them out" ourselves, provided we return them at the end of the day; yet in the highly rigid climate of today's schools with their emphasis on rote learning and teaching to the test, performance is tied less to innovation that it is to going through the motions and enforcing the norm.

According to the North Carolina Department of Education, there were 20,175 students who dropped out of the public schools in North Carolina in 2006. Wake and Guilford Counties were two of

the hardest hit areas, with 1770 and 644 dropouts, respectively. While it is hard to fathom what drove these students to the brink of quitting, I cannot help but wonder if it was because of some uninspired, mediocre teacher who either failed to reach them or didn't care. Instead of allowing these vultures to continue feasting on the carcass that is our public schools, we should assert ourselves and brush them aside, make room for new blood, and begin the long tortuous process of rebuilding the education system in America. Although the 20,175 won't be able to benefit, at least we can make sure that the next group of kids won't have to endure the same kind of mistreatment.

## Word on the Street

The general fee, which is currently \$825 per semester, will increase to \$1,925 per year in the fall due to new growth on campus. Students were asked whether they would prefer to keep campus the way it is or if they prefer to have facilities and pay more money for them.

Chad Ross, Junior:

"I would rather pay more money. We need new facilities because we have to keep up with bigger universities like Duke and Carolina."



Will Rhodes, Sophomore:

"I don't mind paying more money if most of the new facilities finally open. I'll be a junior [next semester] and I'll only have two years left. But if I get to use the new facilities, it's worth it."



Jessica Bookbinder, Sophomore:

"The free passes to the YMCA were good enough without the new Slane Center because of the free classes you can take there. I'd rather keep that and pay less than have new basketball courts, which we already have, and pay more."



Donald Belton, Senior:

"I can see why they are raising costs because they have to charge for new things to increase the HPU experience, but I wish they would get a to point where the fee would remain the same instead of rising every year."



Natasha Flores, Sophomore:

"It comes down to how our money is being used. I wouldn't mind if our extra \$100 goes to something the students will benefit from. But if it goes to something like installing another fountain, I'd rather keep it."





# Perseverance and passion propel Crews to pageant's top tier

By Natalie Ragan  
Staff Writer

What is a "pageant girl?" Many people think of pageant girls as beautiful but ditzy and superficial. One thing's for sure, sophomore Brittany Crews from Raleigh may be beautiful but she is neither ditzy nor superficial. As this year's Miss Piedmont Triad, she has more ambition and brains than most girls her age. Sure, her smile may be as wide as North Carolina but the goals she has achieved in her life are due to her hard work and dedication to being successful inside as well as out.

"Pageants have opened up so many doors for me," says Crews. "I have made a huge network of contacts, been able to attend an awesome four year college and have it paid for, and found the organization I would like to work for. Not to mention all of the confidence, public speaking skills, and friends that I have gained." Crews says her goal is to become the event coordinator for Eagle "U", a leadership conference based out of Dallas. Her pageantry experience has given her essential skills she needs to reach her goal. But, Crews explains, pageants take hard work and dedication.

Crews has been doing beauty pageants since she was 5 years old. She laughs as she remembers her very first pageant: "It was in a mall! And I wore this really ugly red organza dress. Oh, it was horrible!" That 5-year-old girl in the organza dress would then go on to become Miss North Carolina Teen USA 2003 and Teen Miss North Carolina 2005. Crews won the title of Miss Piedmont Triad 2006 in October, making her one of HPU's very

own celebrities.

The next title Crews will be competing for is Miss North Carolina in



BRITTANY CREWS

COURTESY OF BRITTANY CREWS

June. "I have wanted to be Miss North Carolina since I was a girl and now this is all becoming reality for me." Crews explains that preparing for pageants as big as this one takes a lot of hard work. This includes spending a lot of time finding the right outfits, working on your talent, freshening up your current events knowledge and, of course, getting your

body in peak condition. "I have tried my best to make a healthy diet and exercise lifestyle for me so that I am always in great

physical shape," says Crews. "I don't think it's fair to just 'fad diet' for a few weeks and call it a day. I like to do things 100 percent."

On top of doing pageants, Crews, a Human Relations major, has a pretty busy life here at HPU, all while maintaining a 3.25 GPA. She is Vice President

Recruitment for Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, a Pan-Hellenic Council Delegate, Social Coordinator for the HPU Cheerleading Team, an HPU Ambassador and is on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She's certainly got her hands full, yet she says she enjoys every minute of it.

Thinking of life as a pageant girl may seem alien to most people. Crews, however, is an expert. She says she has been in "a million" pageants and lost "a

ton" of them. "When I was younger, I used to travel all up and down the east coast almost every weekend in the summers," she says. "The only downside (of doing pageants) is that I wasn't doing the same hobbies that my other friends were in school. They all played soccer together, while I was off on the weekends doing pageants." However, Crews doesn't seem to be starving for friendships. She says she has made life-long friends through pageantry. "Just because we are competing against each other doesn't mean that we can't have a good time being together," she says.

So, what is in the cards for Brittany Crews? "Right now the goal is to become Miss North Carolina," she says. Crews would like to continue competing in pageants until she is married. From there she will achieve her other goals. "I would like to have a family some day, and be able to give my children everything and more than my parents could give me," she says. "I have a lot to live up to."

From doing pageants, Crews has won money, clothes, scholarships and much more. Yet she says she would encourage young girls to participate in pageants "because your heart is in it, not because you get to wear a pretty dress." She says that even though pageantry is very time consuming, she loves it and wouldn't have it any other way. Crews' heart and perseverance have certainly paid off and will hopefully be with her as she strives for the title of Miss North Carolina. "This may sound cliché," says Crews, "but it is so, so very important to always be yourself." It sounds like HPU may have a Miss America in the making.

## Disorders cause physical, mental damage

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office of counseling services, says, "Eating disorders are a negative coping skill. People develop eating disorders to cope with the stress going on in their lives or to escape. Sometimes individuals focus on their food and weight because they don't want to deal with the bigger issues of life—'What career am I going to pursue? Am I going to marry? Who am I going to marry? Am I going to

**For people with this mindset, there is no goal weight - the skinnier the better...**

have kids? Am I going to pursue a career and a family?" If you put most of your energy into focusing on food and weight, you don't have to think about these bigger, more complicated questions." Virginia Tech Sophomore Katherine (last name withheld) felt overwhelming anxiety as she was preparing to leave home for college. Noffsinger also said, "I have never met anyone that had an eating disorder that didn't have some depression and anxiety. Most eating disorder individuals are extremely anxious and don't like to take risks of any kind." Katherine was being pushed to the limit to succeed by her parents. They wanted perfection in school and sports, as well as a perfect body. Katherine stands at 5 feet 8 inches in bare feet and weighs 148 lbs. She's not overweight in the least, but when she looks in the mirror she said she feels disgusted with her appearance and wishes she could lose weight. For people with this mindset, there is no goal weight—the skinnier the better.

Katherine blames the cafeteria diet for intensifying her disorder. Too much pizza and hamburgers and too few vegetables. She said, "There just aren't enough options for me there. At this point I am only eating once a day if that, so there is no way I am going to put something greasy in my mouth. Because I know if I do that, I will have to be at the gym for three hours."

Some girls struggle in high school with body image, but their parents' presence does not allow them to go to the extreme about their weight. Once away from home they find it easier to eat less and exercise more because they don't need to be so secretive. When Katherine came to college, she had already been suffering a secret from eating disorder for two years. She viewed college as the opportunity for the body she'd always dreamed of but could never achieve with her parents breathing down her neck at home. When asked about how this disorder affects her relationships, she said, "It hasn't started yet. I keep it pretty quiet; it's not something I broadcast. I hope to keep it this way so people that I love won't begin to worry about me while I'm away from home."

Eating disorders hurt people emotionally and physically, but not only the people who suffer from the disorders. Families and relationships are torn apart by the mental consequences of these disorders which have become all too common on campuses throughout America. Lynda Noffsinger also said, "Recovery from an eating disorder is about adopting the idea that all foods are OK in moderation and getting rid of the idea that some foods are good while others are bad."—it's an uphill battle, but help is out there for college students silently suffering with eating disorders.

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**American Humor journal comes to HPU**

Dr. Ed Piacentino, professor of English, has been appointed the new editor of "Studies in American Humor," beginning in the fall of 2008.

"Studies in American Humor," the official scholarly journal of the American Humor Studies Association, will be moved from Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Va., to High Point University.

The journal will remain at High Point until Piacentino's three-to-five-year tenure as editor is completed, with two issues being published each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Currently, he serves as an associate editor for the journal.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for High Point University and will give greater visibility to the integrity of the academic program," Piacentino said.

"Studies in American Humor," founded in 1974, is a refereed academic journal that publishes essays, review essays and reviews on all aspects of American humor, literary as well as popular culture.

**English Honorary Society Inducts First Members**

The High Point University Department of English has announced its newly chartered chapter of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honorary Society. The first induction ceremony of High Point's Alpha XI XI chapter was held on Feb. 27.

Jenna Abriola, Rebecca Fleming, Joshua Flowers, Daniel Kim, Rebecca Owen, Britney Pendergrass, Amanda Roberts, Greg Smith, LuAnne Simpson and Adam Troy were chosen for their academic achievement and commitment to the goals of Sigma Tau Delta.

**HPU adds M.A. in History**

High Point University is offering a new Master of Arts in History, with the first students stepping on campus in January.

The new classes are offered in the evening hours during each of the three graduate terms each year -- spring, summer and fall. Candidates must complete 33 hours to earn their master's degrees. As the program grows, every professor in the History Department will be involved in teaching at the graduate level; currently, professors Paul Ringel and Frederick Schneid are offering courses.

"Everything's going extremely well," said Schneid. "We've got a great group of students and top-notch faculty to lead them. We're expecting a bright future for High Point University's first liberal arts graduate program."

Students in the program can choose from European, American or Non-Western World for their major field of study, and must write and defend a thesis paper. The program focuses on methods of historical research, analysis, and writing, and is appropriate for those wishing to teach, work in public history, prepare for a doctoral program or pursue an advanced degree for personal fulfillment. Students are exposed to the latest historiographical debates and the classic texts of historical writing as well as have opportunities to investigate a wide array of primary source material.

This summer, courses in Early Modern Europe and Religion in American History will be offered; in the fall semester, courses will be offered in U.S. women's history, modern East Asia and military history.

--Compiled by Amanda Roberts



## 'BlackScript' to hit the stands soon, providing new perspective

By Maria Rojas  
Advertising Editor

A new student publication will soon be appearing on campus. BlackScript, an extension of Black Cultural Awareness (BCA), will target readers interested in hearing the voice of ethnic diversity.

Creator and editor in chief Sheria Johnson says, "We can see a wide range of people and cultures (on campus), and I think it is only necessary to hear and know what all these beautiful differences have to offer."

According to the new publication's adviser, Dr. Judy Isaksen, "BlackScript is a noble effort to provide more [attention to] minority issues."

Johnson says, "We have few organizations that promote these (minority) differences specifically on campus, and those that do often get misconstrued, such as BCA. No matter how much we state and restate our purpose (BCA's), it is to introduce and make all people aware of African American culture."

The staff of the Campus Chronicle welcomes the appearance of BlackScript. Mr. Michael Gaspeny, Chronicle adviser, states, "BCA is an incredible organization, and I want to see to see this publication succeed in every way possible."

BlackScript started as a BCA newsletter titled Black Ink, which informed members of upcoming events and covered issues that concerned minority students. Talk about expanding into a paper started during the fall semester. "So many people had ideas it expanded," says junior BlackScript editor, Ericka Norris. In an attempt to make Black Ink its own entity, Johnson discovered that the name existed at UNC-Chapel Hill and two other universities, so the name BlackScript was

chosen. "Although three (publications) does not make it too common, I decided to go with another name," says Johnson.

The first issue of BlackScript will contain a variety of articles and more artistic appeal than several other campus publications have. Dale Tonkins, editor and historian, says, "We have artwork, poetry, interviews and an expression section to give students a voice on campus. We want to stand out on a predominantly white campus."

Isaksen says that "there is no anti-Chronicle statement in the creation of BlackScript, which was formed to get more out of the school than it is offering." However, one BlackScript editor feels the Chronicle lacks verve. "A lot of people don't pick up the Chronicle," says junior Ericka Norris. "They only pick up the Chron if they have friends or their story is in the paper. We (BlackScript) want to be more upbeat. The same types of articles get boring."

Amanda Roberts, editor in chief of the Chronicle, says, "What is in the Chronicle depends on what is submitted to us."

In response to the occasional complaint that the Chronicle lacks minority writers, Gaspeny said, "Five articles in the last issue were written by minority students. In addition, front-page stories focused on students from Cameroon and a speech by a Freedom Rider. Three of the five students quoted in Word on the Street were African American. Students belonging to minorities have always had a voice in Chronicle."

Johnson sees a connection among all papers. She says, "Everyone takes something different from everything that they read including a campus publication such as the Chronicle. Students will do the same with BlackScript."

## Racial division does not extend to all aspects of campus life

By Tiffani Cuyler-Greenhill  
Staff Writer

When you walk into the cafeteria, there's a clear high school-esque division. The black kids tend to sit together with a few white or Hispanics here and there. And all the Asian kids sit separate from everyone else. Why?

HPU has a population of about 3,000 students and only 20 percent of that 3,000 are minorities (17 percent African Americans, 2 percent Asian American, and 1 percent Native American).

Niki Calvillo, a sophomore, says, "Our school is kind of divided, but what school isn't?" Niki transferred in from Buffalo State, an inner city university, where she says that there was also a clear division. "I was always in the middle, because I'm Hispanic," she adds. "But we're not as divided as some others."

Brittany Loomis, a white freshman, sees the division mostly in the cafeteria and at basketball games. "I feel that there's a specific place where people sit," she says, "I don't think it's intentional; it just seems to happen."

But Loomis' African American classmate, Tiffany Springer, doesn't really see a division the way she does. "I don't really see a division except with the sororities and fraternities."

Loomis can't remember very many African Americans at the interest meetings for the predominately white sororities.

Corey Hamby, a white junior and a Kappa Delta, says that the black and white sororities have always done their pledging processes separately since she's been at High Point. "I don't know why," she says. But then she adds, "They did join in on

Greek Week this year. That was fun."

"Our backgrounds are just different," says graduate student and Alpha Kappa Psi member, Derek Tanner. Pi Kappa Alpha member Zac Cuffe agrees. "Because of our different heritages, they (the black fraternities) have a different pledge process than us."

Josh Faucette, a senior and a member of Theta Chi, says, "We're all the same though, if you really think about it. We all promote brotherhood and acceptance."

Does this division extend to athletics also?

A white sophomore McCall Zupon says, "That's just historical. More of the black kids tend to play basketball while the white kids play baseball." But she believes that it only extends to men's sports. "The women's basketball team has a lot of white girls, and the coaches play them frequently."

Megan Kearns, a white sophomore, says "The [men's] basketball team has a few white guys, but they barely play them."

Other Panther fans have picked up on this, too. The first round of the Big South conference was held in the Millis Center on Feb. 27. Many fans, jokingly, held up signs saying "White boys got game" or "Put in- (insert name/number of white basketball player)."

BCA is an on-campus group that promotes black cultural awareness. Kara Williams, a black junior and member of BCA, says, "We really promote our events by specifically saying we want all students to come out. However, we don't get a great deal of non-African American participation."

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## The difference between excessive drinking and dependency

By Heather Miles  
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and parents alike are aware that drinking is an almost inevitable part of college life. Concern arises, though, with the fine line between normal amounts of partying and actually developing a problem that has the potential to result in alcoholism. Many students drink responsibly, using alcohol only as a means of maintaining a healthy social life. However, excessive drinking leads some students to neglect schoolwork and often acquire depression that can result in a decline in G.P.A. or even withdrawal from school. Is alcoholism actually a pressing problem on college campuses, though?

The Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research states that, "Because denial is frequently a characteristic of alcoholism, it's unlikely that people who are dependent on or who abuse alcohol will seek medical treatment on their own." This fact points to the need of evaluation of some college students, since few admit to having a problem, while many appear to. How much of this idea, though, is based on the stereotype of this particular age group, and how much comes from fact?

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders defines alcohol dependence or abuse by symptoms such as withdrawal, tolerance, use in dangerous situations, trouble with the law and interference in major obligations at work, school, or home. In a survey conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration in 2003, drinking rates among young adults aged 18-24 were compared based on college enrollment status. Results showed that heavy drinking, which is defined as having five or more drinks on five or more different occasions within a given month, is prevalent among young adults, regardless of enrollment status. Rates of alcohol dependence or abuse peaked at age 21 for both groups, but were higher for students, at 25 percent, than for non-students, at 20 percent.

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A student-conducted survey at HPU that involved about 75 random students reflected an inside perspective that suggested one of two things: Either the majority actually has habits that are within the realm of healthy, or many are in denial. Both should be considered as the survey was self evaluative and seemed to have some conflicting results. For example, of those who said they drink, on average, three out of ten claimed to miss fewer than three days worth of classes each semester due to

the effects of a previous night. While most admitted to missing up to five days, two of ten admitted to more. Yet, less than one third believed their grades would be better if they drank less. Perhaps attendance does not yield better grades? The most shocking result, though, could have been that more than two-thirds had themselves, or had known someone else who took time off, dropped out of, or withdrew from school in part due to their amount of drinking. Yet, every single participant *claimed* to have "normal" drinking habits.

Kim Soban, the director of counseling, gives a reason to believe that in many cases students are drinking normal amounts. She says, "Most students are using substances to self-medicate." Often there is a deeper issue such as depression or anxiety, which is usually the cause for excessive alcohol consumption. She believes that alcoholism itself is not the pressing issue. Soban says, "I don't tell students not to drink - that would be stupid. Instead we promote responsible drinking." Perhaps alcoholism among students is not as common as some believe; however, it does exist to some extent, so how can it be controlled? The first step is determining if you have a problem or not. The "Big Book" that members of Alcoholics Anonymous live by says that if you're not sure, you should go back out there and try to control it. One person's advice is "Go to a party as the DD (designated driver), see if you can actually stay sober; if you can, see if you can still have fun." If you can't, you have a problem. At the same time, though, the "Big Book" stresses the idea that the

only one who can determine if you have a problem is you.

A senior, who missed fall semester because of drinking returned to campus recently as a member of AA who has now been sober for close to six months. There was no single, eye-opening event that brought the realization that she had a problem. She says, "The probation, failing grades and random guys didn't show me anything. Even when my friends said I drank too much, I would just get mad and find someone else to party with." Instead, she says she knew when, "it became a mental obsession. It was no longer, 'Oh there's a party, I can go hang out with my friends.' It was, 'Oh there's a party, I can go get wasted.'" Luckily she has supportive friends and family and has been successful thus far. The process wasn't easy, though, so she advises other students to be observant and self-aware.

It seems that excessive drinking has more associations with age-group than it does with college activities. While everyone should be careful and responsible with drinking, students do not exceed the normal amounts for their age by far. The problem is not as great as it is often perceived. For those who are concerned, though, there is a self-evaluative survey on the counseling link of HPU's website. There are numerous versions of this survey that can be found on many other sites, as well. In addition, there is the advice of someone who has been there to: "Go to an AA meeting just to see what it's like, especially if you think you have a problem."



## Greek Organizations Welcome New Members

### Phi Mu

The week of Mar. 12 was very exciting for the ladies of Phi Mu as our new girls found out who their big sisters were. The air was filled with anticipation as the girls found little presents and clues on the hall every day that week, and by Fri., some of the girls had already figured it out, but others were in for a complete surprise.

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Congratulations to all the bigs and littles!

We would like to congratulate our sister sorority,

Kappa Delta, on the amazing Shamrock Run; as always, it was a great experience to involve the entire High Point community as they came together to raise money to prevent child abuse.

Thank you to the gentlemen of Pi Kappa Phi for another fun St. Patrick's Day mixer! We always have a blast with y'all and we're already looking forward to the next one.

We would like to announce our annual Cold Stone fundraiser on Apr. 15 from 1-4 p.m. Come chill out with us as our sisters scoop your ice cream and help us help Duke Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network.

### Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Gamma Delta would like to congratulate the new girls we received in January. They are Nicole Van Hessen, Rory Menscher, Erica Marini, Christina Coppola, Taylor Kimsey, Paige Koster, Lexie Polivka, Jessica Quackenbush and Danielle Justice. We are extremely excited to have them be

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a part of Alpha Gamma Delta. Our Annual Flag Football

Tournament date has been set for Mar. 31. It will be held on the intramural field and there will be prize drawings and free food from Armadillo Grill.

We are looking forward to cheering on our very own Brittany Crews in the Miss North Carolina pageant in June. We are very proud of her! Next weekend is our sisterhood retreat at UNC Wilmington. We can't wait to meet their chapter of Alpha Gams and compare ideas about improving our sorority.

We would also like to thank everyone who came to support us at Cici's Pizza on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful turnout and raised a lot of money for The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for Juvenile Diabetes. Thanks everyone!

### Pi Kappa Alpha

The gentlemen of Pi Kappa Alpha would like to welcome everyone back from spring break; we hope you had a good time. We'd like to congratulate the 12 members of the Spring '07 pledge class. They are a great group of guys who stand to bring a lot to our chapter and we look forward to the day we may call these men brothers. In intramurals, we had a solid showing for dodge ball and as for water polo... we had fun. We're looking forward to the upcoming basketball season.

On St. Patrick's Day, Brothers worked with Habitat for Humanity of High Point for the second time this semester. We are currently planning a spring fundraiser for our chapter philanthropy - The Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. We want to thank the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha for a great time at our St. Patrick's Day mixer; we had a lot of fun and look forward to doing it again!

We would like to congratulate our Chapter Advisor, Brother Andy Bills, on being named Vice President of Enrollment for HPU. In addition, we also want to congratulate Delta Omega Alumnus, Brother Chris Dudley, on being named

Vice President for Community Relations. These men continue to serve our Chapter in numerous capacities and their ongoing support of Pi Kappa Alpha is greatly appreciated.

We have a few annual events that we are really looking forward to this semester. As always, we will be taking our annual beach trip to Tybee Island, GA over Easter weekend. Towards the end of the semester, we will once

again be holding our spring formal, where we will announce the 2007 Dreamgirl and Chapter Sweethearts. Finally, we will regrettably be saying goodbye to our outstanding graduating seniors at our annual senior send-off celebration at High Rock Lake.

We just want to let everyone know that Brother Joseph H. Haddad, currently serving in Iraq, will be returning to High Point on a two-week leave near the middle of April. We are really looking forward to his return and we ask that everyone keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

## Have a Blast While Helping a Great Cause

### Lambda Chi Alpha

The brothers of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity will host their 25th Annual Rock-A-Thon for the Aicardi Foundation Mar. 23-25 on the balcony of the Slane Student Center. The Aicardi Syndrome is a disease that only affects females. Although the disease is very rare, the effects are horrible; the list includes impaired vision, mental retardation, seizures and loss of bowel control. Sadly, the girls that have this disease will not live to see their 15th Birthday. There will be live music on Fri. 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Sat. from 6 p.m. until. In addition, there will be dancing, a raffle

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for a gift basket worth over \$100, kissing and dunking booths, and packages that are \$15 that include an event t-shirt, frisbee and food. Another option we're offering is an event t-shirt and a frisbee for \$12.

Plus we will be hosting late night cookouts from 11 p.m.-3 a.m. on both nights serving hotdogs and hamburgers. Did we mention that you can kidnap a friend for only a dollar? Have a friend kidnapped by one of our brothers or an off duty police officers until they can make their bail. Help the Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha make a difference in the lives of others!

### Human Relations - St. Patrick's Day

Shamrock Shindig was a popular event among college students on St. Patrick's Day. Organized by Dr. Bergen's Human Relations class, this event was intended to support a local charity while also giving students a welcoming environment in which they could listen to music and talk with friends. Although it was very cold, most students came to support the Open Door Ministries as well as for the atmosphere. With pizza in their bellies and a warm fire next to them, it was a huge success and all of the canned goods brought to the Shindig will be taken to the charity soon. The Human Relations class would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our cause as well as Nido Qubein, Roger Clodfelder, Chris Dudley, Chad Hartman, and Hilary Cole for helping to organize this event, and we hope it can continue as a St. Patrick's Day tradition next year as well.

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### Race relations at High Point reminiscent of high school

*Relations, from page 8*

White sophomore, Megan McGee says that she doesn't attend BCA events because, "I feel that I would stand out in a negative way and would feel excluded."

Jenn Hastings, another white sophomore, attends a good number of the BCA events. She jokes, "As long as I have other white girls with me."

Williams insists that BCA wants everyone to join in on their events, not just blacks. They have bake sales throughout the year for fundraising purposes. As well as dating games, with the male dating games usually being in the fall semester,

and female in the spring. "But one of our biggest events is Black History Month," says Williams. "This year we held different events throughout the month of February and wrapped it up with a Black History program on Feb. 23."

Even though HPU seems to be divided in some ways, students do come together for certain events. For example, school dances, like Snowball. "Everyone dances with everyone," says white sophomore Elizabeth Carty. "I was dancing with everyone and so was everyone else."



PEGGY KIGHT'S HOUSE BEFORE STUDENTS BEGAN RELIEF WORK. PHOTO BY PAM HAYNES



# Men's basketball ends historic season with semi-final loss

By A. Carter Bills  
Staff Writer

Although High Point's loss in the Big South Conference tournament semi-finals to VMI ended their run short of team goals, it should not overshadow their fantastic season – High Point's first time to 20 wins as a Division I program.

"This was a very good season for the school but a bad season for me in my heart," said Panther star forward Arizona Reid. High Point finished the season 22 – 10 and 11 – 3 in Big South play – good enough for second place in the conference. The Panthers finished short of the first place Winthrop Eagles, who ran through the Big South undefeated to finish 24th in the Associated Press, 22nd in the Coach's Poll, for the regular season.

Although loaded, Reid's remarks are very understandable. Last June in a team meeting Coach Lundy's staff and the players agreed on a goal of reaching the NCAA tournament. It had been the Panthers' vision throughout the season. This is something every player dreams of and something the Panthers are yet to do. They came close to post-season play, however. The pre-season prediction of Winthrop and High Point finishing one and two, respectively, panned out just as the media suggested. The anticipation going into the conference tournament was that the two Big South powerhouses would meet in the finals – the winner receiving an automatic bid to the "Big Dance."

"If we just got to the finals," says senior manager Chris Cottrell, "I feel like we would have gotten a bid to the NIT (National Invitation Tournament)." Most would agree.

The players share Cottrell's thoughts. "We should have definitely been headed to the NIT if we made it to the finals," said sophomore guard Tim Burns. The final game was not where the Panthers' vision ended, however, and the NIT was not the desired destination. "We knew we were capable and we all wanted to go to the tournament bad," admits Burns. "It was our goal."

Considering these things, it is understandable how the season was unsuccessful in Reid's heart. It also speaks well of the team leader, who is still a legitimate candidate for the All-America selections that come out later this month. His accomplishments were secondary to his dreams of the Panthers in "The Big Dance."

"I want to say how proud I am of our team and the great season we had,"

said head coach Bart Lundy after the Big South tourney loss to VMI. "Tonight was another learning experience for a young team with just one senior. Hopefully, we can grow from this game."

Freshman guard, Gene Harris believes they can grow indeed. "The season was good, but I thought it could have been great," said Harris. "I feel the same way for me, individually," he added. Very humble remarks considering "G" lit VMI up for 23 points (including a conference tournament record seven three-pointers) in the Panthers' final contest. "I thought I played pretty well, but there's definitely much room for improvement before next season," Harris continued. "Next year will be determined on how hungry we are."

Junior point guard Mike Jefferson said, "The season ended in failure, but there were a lot of positives – we were the first team in HPU history to win 22 games, which was great." He added, "Everyone was just looking forward to winning that ring – unfortunately that will have to wait until next year." Jefferson had a very up and down season, exploding some nights while hanging his head after turnovers and missed shots on others. "I blame myself for a lot of our problems," Jefferson said. "Next year I will be more consistent and defensive-minded. Hopefully everybody will be playing (well) during this time next year," said Jefferson.

"We just have to work harder and come closer and be like brothers," added Reid.

Becoming closer should not be too difficult for the Panthers who only lose one

senior this season—guard Landon Quick. A more experienced Harris and Burns should

If you went to any games last season, you saw the strides taken by Gerald Minnis, as

"Peanut" had an impressive junior season. The Panthers await the return of a healthy Josh Lamons. The athletic big man will surely add depth to the Panther rotation. Look for freshman Joey Taylor to improve his quickness so he will be able to utilize his various post moves.

Additionally, sharp-shooting sophomore Mike Davidson is always ready to fill it up from downtown, and red-shirt freshman Matt Boswell will only improve his already versatile game. Rising junior wingmen, Melvin Crowder and Troy Bowen, will be ready to work; and if you know "AZ," – then you know it is going to be a task keeping him out of a ring-sizing session this time next season.

"I think we're ready for the challenge," Harris concluded. "As of right now we're getting stronger – working on our weaknesses while also improving our

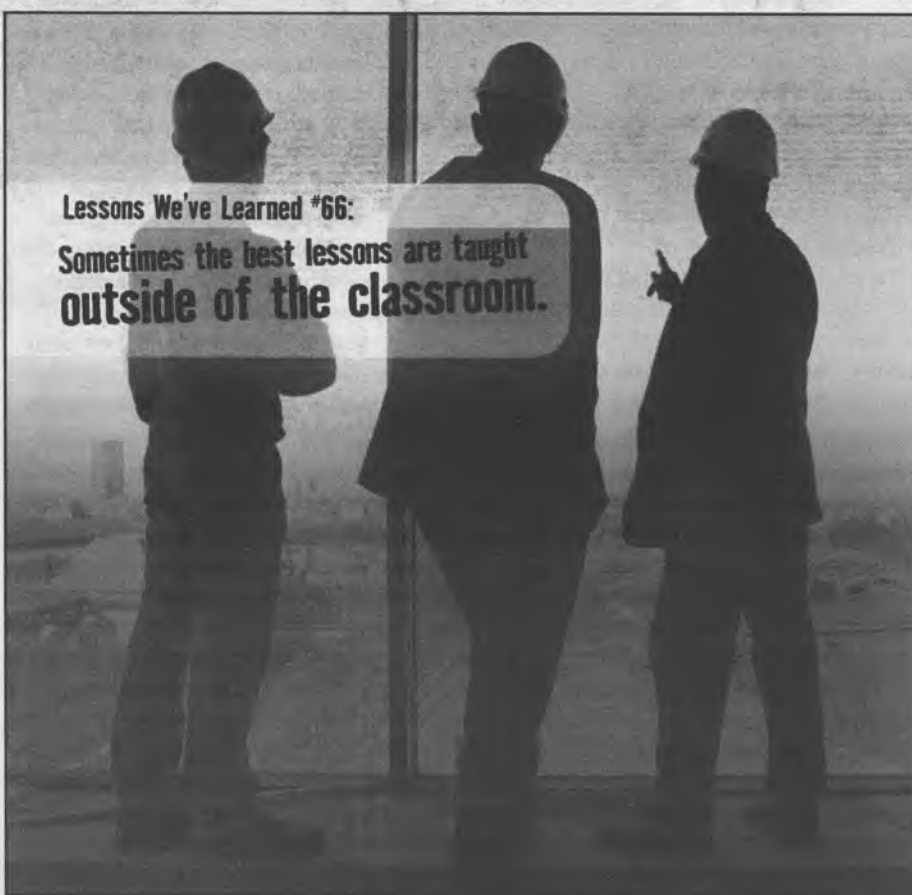
strengths." The Panthers expect big things from the 2007 – 2008 season, where they will likely be projected number one in the Big South. Next year is going to be fun.



COACH BART LUNDY GIVES HIS TEAM ADVICE DURING A TIMEOUT. PHOTO BY HPU ATHLETICS.

explode as sophomores.

Floor general Jefferson, said, "I'm ready already – next year it's ours," in reference to the conference championship.



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## Three-on-three March Madness basketball tourney on Sat., Mar. 24

By Mike Nuckles  
Sports Editor

The first-ever March Madness in Millis 3-on-3 will take place on Saturday, March 24, beginning at noon. The event will serve as a fundraiser for Open Door Ministries, a local faith-based charity.

The tournament is a project for Dr. James Zarick's SRS 233 (Event and Facility Management) course for Sport Management majors. The basis for the project is for underclass students to gain valuable and relevant experience in managing an athletic event.

Early registration took place in the cafeteria for two weeks, and late registration will be held in the concourse outside of the arena from 10:30 until 11:30. Between three and five students may join any particular team for a \$5 fee per player.

Teams will be broken into four divisions: men, women, co-ed and staff/fac-

ulty. Each division will have a champion crowned, and the winners will go head-to-head in a "Final Four"-type playoff. The men's champion will take on the staff/faculty and the women will take on the co-ed, potentially setting up a "Battle of the Sexes" men vs. women final match-up.

March Madness in Millis will be the first such tournament at High Point because this is the first semester ever that SRS 233 has been taught. The new course is part of a massive re-structuring of the Sport Management curriculum that has taken place over the past couple years that has added half a dozen new classes and an additional faculty member.

To sign up for the tournament, form a team, come up with a team captain and team name, grab your cash and head over to Millis during the registration period. Don't have a team? Teams will be formed on the spot for partnerless players in all bracket divisions.



# NIT loss end of road for women's basketball

By **Mike Nuckles**  
Sports Editor

For the first time in NCAA Division I history, High Point University reached the post-season in 2007. By virtue of clinching the regular season conference championship, the women's basketball team secured a bid to the Women's NIT Tournament.

Unfortunately, that bid ended in a 72-45 loss to UNC Charlotte. Senior Leslie Cook led High Point scoring with 15 against the team she played a season and a half for before transferring to HPU.

A new rule change in 2007 allows for all conferences to have a representative in the NIT. The team chosen is the top finisher in the regular season that does not gain a berth into the NCAA Tournament. In the case of the Big South, High Point finished first in the regular season, but lost to eighth-seeded Winthrop in the first round of the conference tournament. UNC-Asheville, the four-seed, defeated Radford in the championship game to earn a place in

the NCAA Tournament.

The loss to Charlotte ends the Panthers' record-setting season. Among the firsts that HPU had this season are:

- The Panthers claimed their first-ever regular season championship in the Big South.
- Most in-conference wins in a season (11).
- Tooey Loy became the first ever Big South Coach of the Year for the Panthers.
- Leslie Cook was High Point's first ESPN The Magazine First Team Academic All-American.
- HPU had its first ever Pre-season and Post-season NIT appearances.

"I'm very excited to be a part of this team. We had some great seniors. The difference this season was that Coach 'got mean.' Basically he did a good job letting everyone know their roles because we were a deep team. I expect the offseason to be really hard because we have to keep our expectations high for next season," freshman forward Andrea Tucker said.

The Panthers will return 10 players from this year's team while picking up five high school seniors for next season.



LESLIE COOK TAKES A JUMPER.

PHOTO BY HPU ATHLETICS.

# Hitters, relievers keys to early baseball success

By **Chris Smith**  
Staff Writer



EAMMON PORTICE HURLS ONE OVER THE PLATE.

PHOTO BY HPU ATHLETICS.

On a cold, blustery Saturday, catcher Billy Alvino had a chance to end what had been a long day for the Panthers. The sophomore catcher came up in the bottom of the eighth inning of the second part of a nine inning, seven inning double-header with two outs and nobody on. As the crowd eagerly looked on, Alvino blasted a shot over the left field fence for his second home-run of the season and to end the game in dramatic style. The Panthers were able to salvage a split of the double-header with the 5-4 win and cap off an offensive outbreak scoring 48 runs in their last 5 games.

The Panthers have won eight of their last 13 to improve their overall record to 10-12. Still in out-of-conference play, the team has shown in the last couple weeks that life will move on after last season's conference player of the year Mark Shorey. The offensive attack has been led by junior first baseman Randy Schwartz who is hitting .380 with 3 homeruns and 19 RBI and Alvino, who is hitting .368 with 2 blasts and 22 driven in. The Panthers have gotten production top to bottom this year; Ten different players have started at least 10 games in the field, and all but one has a batting average over .290. Running was one of head coach Sal Bando's goals this year, and it has been a success so far as the Panthers top the Big South with 29 stolen bases in 38 attempts led by freshman outfielder Robby Kuzdale who has 9 on 11 attempts.

A couple of juniors have led the way for the Panthers on the mound. Bubba O'Donnell and Eammon Portice have both picked up 2 wins, O'Donnell with a 3.75 ERA and Portice just behind at 4.20. The bullpen has improved, led by a couple of young lefties: sophomore R.J. Chlebnikow, who in 13 appearances has a 1.42 ERA and freshman Mike Grosso who has yet to surrender a run in 7 appearances. Sophomore right hander Chad Jennings has a 1.42 ERA in 12 2/3 innings out of the pen.

The Panthers finished their weekend series against Lafayette College on March 18 with a 4-0 victory, and traveled to East Carolina for a mid-week game against the Pirates on the Mar. 21, losing 12-4. They will host the conference opening series against Liberty March 23-25 and will not return home again until April 13 when they face Coastal Carolina.

## UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

Friday, March 23

**Men's tennis vs. Radford, 2:30 p.m.**

**Baseball vs. Liberty, 2:30 p.m.**

**Track @ Wake Forest, all day**

Saturday, March 24

**March Madness in Millis, 12:00 p.m.**

**Baseball vs. Liberty, 1:00 p.m.**

Sunday, March 25

**Baseball vs. Liberty, 1:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, March 27

**Men's and Women's tennis vs. Winthrop, 2:00 p.m.**

**Baseball @ UNC Greensboro, 6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 28

**Baseball @ Elon, 7:00 p.m.**





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## All student-athletes deserve the respect and prestige of 'high profile' sports

By Kelly-Jayne Tolman  
Staff Writer

High Point athletes can often be easily recognized on campus, but it is fair to say that some teams are far more high profile than others.

The crowds at the men's and women's basketball games are more than impressive, particularly during their conference schedules. It is encouragement such as this from fellow students that helps the athletes perform to the best of their ability.

"I love having people watch me play. It really pumps me up," said AC Talus, a member of the women's tennis team. This is ironic though as the tennis team has a poor attendance. Often there are fewer than 15 people that turn up to watch the Panther tennis team in action. "Often most of the people are the members of the women's golf team, who actually receive less support than we do," said Sarah McDonough, also from the tennis team.

Understandably, the men and women's golf teams are hard to watch because of the nature of the sport, and with all

their matches being away from campus. This is also true for the track and cross-country teams. But this does not mean there should be less coverage or support for these teams.

"We should spread the love around. Every athlete excels in his or her sport," said Kali Burt, a member of the track and cross country teams.

"I really try to go to as many of the HPU sporting events as possible because I realize how difficult it can be being a student-athlete," said Jenna Kinnear, a member of the women's golf team.

HPU has seven men's sports and seven women's sports teams participating in the Big South Conference. There are 215 athletes and 47 coaches involved in the athletic program. The intercollegiate athletics are of great value, encouraging community on campus, promoting health and a sense of Panther pride.

Athletes have hectic lifestyles. They must balance training, practices, games and matches, and classes. Study hall poses an additional complication. "Study hall can be such an effort sometimes when I don't have the work to finish, but I have

the study hall hours to complete. I have to force myself to go some nights," said golfer Fiona Carroll.

Student-athletes' lifestyles are non-stop, with many teams having early morning training sessions and weight training. "Six a.m. fitness sessions tire me out for the whole day. I get so tired by the end of the week sometimes. Especially with everything else going on in my usual day," said soccer player Gaby McLaughlin. This is why support at athletic events is so important for the players, due to all the energy they exert to bring victories to HPU.

The tennis team especially needs support at its matches because it is the height of the season. "We welcome anyone and everyone at our tennis matches," said coach Jerry Tertzagian. The disappointing fact is many people are not even aware of the location of the tennis courts on campus.

Basketball at HPU attracts many students and members of the community. Other teams here could only hope to get half the attendance at their games and matches. "It's not just basketball that gives the school its name. All the athletes are

good," said Kali Burt. Burt stated she really enjoys going to watch the basketball games with her fellow teammates. It is occasions such as this that students unite to support the Panthers.

Having been the women's basketball coach and as an avid sports fan, Dr. Joe Ellenburg is enthusiastic in encouraging support for all sports here at HPU. But he stresses improving support from the athletes themselves, by cheering and encouraging other teams as they battle it out for the Panthers.

"All athletes are on more or less the same footing. They practice daily, they have to condition and they have to struggle a lot missing classes for trips. A lot of these things equal out for the athletes themselves. So, within that population it would be great if more athletes could support each other, even if it's just showing up for thirty minutes. You don't have to play a sport or know a sport to offer support," said Ellenburg.

Hopefully with the latest vast improvements to the athletic facilities on campus, students and the HPU community will be more involved with the teams and their matches.