



Honors Day recognizes top students in areas of academic, campus life, and Greek success

By Amanda Roberts
Editor In Chief

Honors Day, 2007 - Another day for many of our students to relish in the luxury of not having classes. Other students, however, find joy in waking up to present their research projects at 8 a.m. Some of them may have been guilted into presenting by their professors. A few take a class that requires their presence. Whatever the case may be, Honors Day is not an excuse for them to sleep in, but to showcase their talents and hard work.

After nineteen students presented in various rooms through Congdon Hall the morning of Apr. 18, many more students found themselves shepherded to the Hayworth Fine Arts Center for the Academic Awards Ceremony. Outstanding seniors were recognized by their departments for their contributions over the last four years, and undergraduates received scholarships going toward next year's expenses.

The junior marshals were recognized for their academic excellence, and these 24 juniors represent the top students in their class and will help in the graduation

festivities in the coming weeks. The prestigious Order of the Lighted Lamp inducted twelve members this year; this group is the oldest such group on campus, founded in 1935, recognizing not only academic achievements but also extracurricular achievements as well. Those students graduating with honors, having completed 30 hours of honors coursework, received the symbol of their hard work, a medallion to be worn at graduation.

The afternoon brought many more students to the Fine Arts Center for the event known as Campus Life Awards.



Left: Katie McGillicuddy, Rachel Davis and Karen Dingle stand on stage as Dr. Carole A. Head, Modern Foreign Language's Department Chair, presents awards to each of them. Photo by Pam Haynes

Josh Faucette and Megan Pastor, president and executive vice president of the Student Government Association, presided over this event, which Faucette promised would be... See *Honors Day*, page 8

Ropes course to open in Fall

By Pam Haynes
Editor in Chief

While working at the University of New Orleans, Dr. Jenny Lukow, assistant professor of exercise sports and science, had a desire to bring a ropes course to the campus to benefit students. "I was looking at this from a sports exercise perspective," she says. But when Katrina hit, the possibility for the course washed away with much of the university. When she transferred her career to HPU, she brought that possibility with her.

Before Dr. Patrick Haun, assistant professor of human relations, had met Lukow, he too had seen a need for a ropes course here through a human relations perspective. His group dynamics class once ventured to UNCG's mini rope course to perform team building exercises on "application days" - a large part of the human relations program where students perform hands-on activities during class time. "This ropes course will eliminate the need to build things or go places for those application days," explains Haun.

The "Think Big Award," a grant comprised of donation money, which would be awarded to five academic departments which devised the most innovative ways to advance education on campus, was then created by Dr. Nido Qubein. When Haun and Lukow discovered that they were each going to propose a high and low ropes course, they collaborated instead. The idea must have been big enough as the ropes course is now set to be open in the fall.

This project still has elements to be worked out, such as the location on campus which has yet to be determined, but Haun and Lukow have already begun much of the process. They are consulting... Project Adventure, the nation's top designer for this type of course. They've also established an official name for it as they often say in unison, "It isn't called a ropes course. It's called a

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VA Tech Shooting days before Columbine's 8th anniversary

By Zac Cuffe
Staff Writer

An untimely spring snow fluttered in the air last Monday morning on the campus of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va.—a town just on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Amid the subtle beauty of the sprawling 2,600 acre campus, Cho Seung Hui, a disturbed and heavily armed young man, made his way through campus to the West Ambler Johnston Residence Hall. Around 7:15 a.m., shots were fired—shattering the morning calm and once again shaking the nation to its core. April 20th marked the eighth anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings.

After claiming the first two victims as they sat in their dorm room, the gunman then made his way to Norris Hall, an engineering building on the other side of the campus. Police who arrived on the scene at the dorm had initially believed the shooting to be a result of domestic dispute. Around 9:45 a.m., as authorities finally began to get a hold on the situation at the West Ambler Johnston Dormitory, the gunman entered Norris Hall.

After chaining the doors from within, Cho went on a 30 minute shooting rampage, killing 31 more students and wounding 14 others. Minutes later, Cho turned his weapon on himself. Along with the horrific carnage, he left America in shock and revulsion. The entire nation

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was left to once again ponder its false sense of security. Unfortunately, as in the case of most tragedies of this magnitude, the questions far outnumber the answers.

Young people are often characterized by their keen ability to believe they are invincible, that death is always a long way off. Young people are often warned of the dangers of drinking and driving as well as the consequences of drug use. Young people are conditioned from an early age to avoid dangerous situations. Unfortunately, young people are seldom told that by going to school—a place that is supposed to be safe and secure—they are putting their lives at risk. What has our society come to?

You can blame it on violent movies and television for often glorifying murderers. You can chalk it up to inattentive parents who let their children roam free without supervision. You can make the video game industry the scapegoat by explaining how kids reenact the violent games in real life. You can write to your state senator and explain that schools need more federal funding for security guards and metal detectors.

But, where does the blame really fall?

Last Monday morning, the nation was once again humbled when the story of the Virginia Tech shootings broke. It is time that something is done so that those who have already lost their lives will not have died in vain. Change can begin at the local level by teaching our educators how to recognize a student who may have serious mental problems. It can start by urging parents to monitor the television, movies and video games their children are watching and playing. Change can come

On the Run: What's New

Campus receives its largest donation yet from David Hayworth

High Point University already has the Hayworth Fine Arts Center, David Hayworth Chapel, and Hayworth Park on campus named after Philanthropist David Hayworth, and rightfully so. After many years of faithful giving to the university, the Philanthropist gave the university another donation last month. This brings his total amount of donations to \$25 million making him the university's biggest donor.

Botanical Gardens and Arboretum to be brought on campus

In celebration of Arbor Day, First Lady Mariana Qubein made a special announcement to students and faculty at the Louis and Marjorie Hoffman amphitheater. Qubein revealed special plans to bring botanical gardens and an arboretum to the university.

This project will include an iris garden, bog garden, and a rose garden which has already been planted due to a local donor. The arboretum will include Black Tupelo Gum trees. While trees are being removed to begin the garden, the President promises to bring ten times as many trees as those uprooted during this process.

Chronicle receives the highest ASPA rating

The Campus Chronicle has received the highest rating awarded by the American Scholastic Press Association—"first place with special merit"—for its performance during the 2006-7 academic year.

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Editor on the brink of graduation, tells all underclassmen to leave their mark on campus

By Amanda Roberts
Editor in Chief

The best four years of my life will come to an end on May 5. Never again will I be so physically close to my best friends and sisters, nor will it be so easy to find a group to go out with on the spur of the moment. No more late nights at Carolina Diner paying the bill in quarters or birthday dinners at La Hacienda seemingly every week. No more late nights working in the Chronicle office.

Life goes on, yes, but life after High Point will lack a lot. I knew that college would be infinitely better than high school, but I had no idea how much better. This period in my life stops now, and in the end, all I have left behind are the words written in the Campus Chronicle.

"Leave High Point better than you found it." No other words have been more inspirational in my career at High Point. These words, spoken by President Martinson at the very first meeting I went to as a freshman, have had a profound impact not only to me, but other seniors.

What is it about these words? They instill an attitude of accomplishment, something that you as an individual can achieve. You can be involved, and your contributions, both scholastic and extracurricular, can help make High Point

better.

I arrived on campus for my first visit on a rainy February morning during my senior year in high school. I might as well admit it: I got lost. For some reason I could not find my way from Roberts to Cooke (now Norcross). The students whom I asked for directions chuckled a bit before they pointed me in the right direction. Even at that stage, before all the construction started, I was in love with the campus. I was not certain until February where I wanted to go, but after that day, I knew I wanted to attend High Point more than any other school. I knew that I wanted to be involved. I wanted to be able to look around the campus with a sense of proprietorship, feeling this university was a part of me.

The number of students involved on campus gets larger every year and so do the opportunities to get involved. New organizations are added yearly, and student interest stays high. For some organizations, like the campus political groups, interest waxes and wanes, depending on whether it is an election year or not (so expect next year to be interesting). Other groups have perennial interest like the fraternities and sororities, theater, newspaper, yearbook, and religious organizations. Each of these groups contributes back to the campus in some way, be it through philanthropic

opportunities or hard work.

It is not all that hard to leave High Point better than you found it: You have a talent for something that no one else has, and there is a place for you at High Point. The hardest part is making the effort to get out and be involved. Once you are involved, however, it is hard to stop. There is always a meeting to go to, your friend needs your help with some activity or you are just bored and need something to do besides your five page paper due tomorrow.

High Point is even physically better than we first found it – just look around at all the piles of dirt and people working. This physical makeover barely shows what High Point has going for it: friendly students, helpful faculty, caring people. And it is your job, rising seniors, juniors and sophomores, that we continue this trend. These qualities brought you here and you have stayed and contributed to this community. High Point is not just a college; it is a home for every person who has walked on this campus. Do not let that change. When the class of 2007 comes back for homecoming 20 years from now, yes, High Point will have changed – for the better. Make sure that you are responsible stewards of the university, give back to the campus community with your talents, and do all that you can to leave the university better than you found it.

Straight Talk From Dr. Nido Qubein Reflections on campus changes, hope for future improvements

Dear Student:

And so another year begins to fold ...

For seniors, it is the end of an academic journey and the beginning of a new promise for a future filled with both success and significance. For upperclassmen and freshmen alike, it is time for exams and papers and soon a sunny summer framed with purpose and recreation.

For all of us at HPU, it is the end of a demanding year of transformation at every level – all pointing towards a more extraordinary institution.

Clearly we've inconvenienced you with construction projects. Forgive us, please, but also know that in the long term you'll be so proud of your alma mater.

While we try so hard to deliver every student service with excellence, sometimes we just fall short. For your patience and understanding, we are grateful.

I know that our faculty and staff are committed to making your university the best it can be. We've come a long way in two short years. We've done a lot of things together but, most importantly, we've secured the viability of our academy in a solid and fiscally responsible manner. That is no small task. It is demanding and even grueling at times but we are winning. Your prayerful support is most appreciated.

It has been heartwarming to me personally to see our students so involved and caring about the campus and its facilities. A few exceptions are disappointing but I choose to focus on the overwhelming majority of our students: responsible, open-minded and participative.

This summer, with Summer Experience and Summer School going

on, we have budgeted almost \$3,000,000 to renovate and upgrade Millis dorm, Wilson Hall, University Apartments and Belk Hall. Sixth Street apartments are closed for re-furbishing and upgrading. Many classrooms will be updated and many other projects will be proceeding with gusto. The Schools of Commerce and Communication will break ground any day now and Blessing II (open to all upperclassmen) is slated for completion in August.

So much is going on. We'll soon have a brand new campus! I wish we could've done everything so quickly that our seniors could've enjoyed every bit of it but that is simply not feasible. I defer to your good judgment, your warm heart and your sense of school spirit to continue to cooperate with us as we come close to the finish line.

We love you and thank God for you,
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Get involved! Take responsibility for changing the world

By Samantha Tuthill
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I was jammed into a hard plastic seat on the Green Line of the T in Boston one day, on my way to Newbury Street. I had money in my pocket and no intention of keeping it there. I needed to visit an offbeat bookstore and a clothes shop specializing in apparel covered in pictures of cupcakes. My friends and I were spread out across the train car, each of us desperate to rest our feet for a minute after the long trek from Faneuil Hall to the station. I ended up next to a young boy that couldn't have been more than fourteen, decked out in clothes advertising bland, mainstream "punk" bands with anarchy symbols and atheist promotions sewn all over his typical Hop Topic backpack. It's an all-too-common sight these days, apathetic pre-teens with the same generic form of rebellion, claiming anarchy because the latest Anti-Flag CD says the government can't be trusted. I can't help but wonder if any of these young kids have any idea about politics at all, do any of their own thinking and research, or if they just go along and curse the president because they saw a minute of the news on television the previous night while trying to find the newest episode of *Made*.

The government and the media today are filled with poisons brainwashing American citizens. So many times I have encountered people who state political opinions that mirror news segments, or people that support incumbents just because they don't know what they are really doing with their time in office. Most of the time, what they are doing is nothing. Earlier this summer, congressmen in Massachusetts were scheduled to reconsider allowing gay marriage in their state, but then decided to wait until after the November elections so that none of them would jeopardize their reelections with controversy. Why... See *Media* continued on page 5...

Average college student pays for tuition through private loan companies

Rising tuition forces students to take out high interest rate loans to further education

By John Winn
Staff Writer

May, 2007. The seats on the International Promenade are packed with students, parents, and faculty, all anxious to get a glimpse of the person who would deliver their Commencement address. Though the air is breezy but cool, several sip from water bottles and cool themselves with mini fans, all the while texting each other with messages of excitement and anticipation as their moment to walk across the stage draws near.

But amidst all the joy and celebration, there is a cloud looming over this otherwise peaceful crowd, a growing threat of financial debt that, if left unchecked, may mushroom to become the most important issue in their daily lives. The width of the problem is great, extending from home loans that have been rejected because of bad credit to evictions and foreclosures. Almost everyone on campus knows someone who is borrowing money to pay for school, but the issue goes beyond the hallowed halls of HPU, and if the government doesn't step in soon, it could become a generational crisis.

It wasn't always this way. During the 1950s and 60s, demands for private loans were pretty low. The majority of the funds for higher education came from

government programs like the GI bill and the Higher Education Act of 1965. By the 1980s, the situation reversed itself as the rising cost of tuition forced students to borrow more and more money from private lenders to make up for gaps in federal funding at a time when the average cost of attending school was \$8,000 a year. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the average student—equivalent to 35 percent of the general population—pays around \$10,000 in loans to attend school, the bulk of it from private lenders, yet the government has yet to make up the difference at a time when many graduates are defaulting because they can't afford to pay their loans.

To make matters worse, within this group there is a minority—like yours truly—who can expect to pay over \$40,000 in student loans just for the privilege of going to school. While leaders like Speaker Nancy Pelosi and John "Jack" Murtha have rewritten the HEA to make it easier for low and middle-income students to afford Pell grants and other forms of aid, the new rules are only a band-aid. It's like Congress has decided to declare victory and go home when everybody on the ground knows the battle is far from over. Yet they have no problem inserting \$300 billion in money for the Iraq War in a supplemental war spending bill. Where is the outrage?

Why aren't students out in the streets demonstrating against this?

After all, this is our future we're talking about. But I guess I'm a minority within a minority. While groups like the World Can't Wait protest the Iraq War and the price gouging that is taking place at the pump, in the spirit of generational unity, I hope they take the time to speak out about the price gouging that is taking place in higher education today. Sure, it's not as sexy an issue as WMDs but which poses a greater threat to America, Sunni extremists or functionally illiterate workers? Here's a clue—one crippled Wall Street for two weeks; the other will cripple it for two decades.

I'm not saying we have to storm the barricades. But I am saying that we can't sit on our haunches and expect for us to continue living comfortably, expecting Nancy Pelosi and the rest of the Congress to act in our best interests. The time has come for us to raise our voices, call our congressmen and senators, and let them know how seriously miffed we are that our future is being stolen by Wells Fargo and Citibank. A squeaky wheel gets the grease. I'm not saying it's easy, but at least it's worth a shot, and in any case we can always tell our grandchildren that we tried.

Stereotype of the domestic mother proves to be wrong

By Pam Haynes
Editor In Chief

I knew for years that my mother worked in a furniture factory. I had seen her carry plastic, protective goggles to work and heard her complain of back pain or the carpal tunnel in her hands when she arrived home later that evening. But, for some blind reason, I still pictured her as my domestic mother. If I had been asked to describe her then, I would have said she was a soft-spoken woman, the kind who baked cupcakes for church socials. Perhaps this is a common misconception that children hold of their mother in a patriarchal society, but I didn't see her as the strong or courageous one.

One morning, I locked my keys in the house as I was leaving for school. I called a friend to take me to my mother's workplace as she possessed the only spare key to my car. The factory was large and gray, and though I had seen it on the outside, I was not prepared for its massive structure on the inside. Machinery sat beside mountains of lumber that rose to the ceiling. Large wooden crates were placed beside conveyor belts that never stopped whisking pieces of wood from the opening in one end of the wall to the exit in the other end. I had always pictured my mother at something like the conveyor belt, easily inspecting pieces of furniture or adding some extra paint as they rolled past her.

After I glanced around, I noticed the only person in sight was a man, around the age of 30, sifting through a pile of lumber. "Where's Paula?" I asked. Less than enthusiastically he said, "She's in there," as he pointed to a door at the end of a long hall, painted the same gray as all of the other walls. It was getting late, and I was impatient to get my keys and head for school.

I walked in, expecting to find my mother doing something gentle and typical, but instead she was surrounded by mostly men who were swinging heavy black hammers into large boards. She too held a hammer like the men's and wore safety glasses and black gloves. Her hair was pulled back and, though she looked tired, she mostly looked concentrated on the board she was pounding. She and the men around her went through the same motions, wiping their brows or taking deep breaths now and then.

I stood there, not sure what to think of my mother in this setting. I pictured her smashing her hand with the hammer or injuring herself in some horrific way. But she never did. She hammered the lumber, drove nails into it, and lifted the finished product with her own hands to set it in a pile. The men offered her no sympathetic looks or gestures, and she didn't look for any of them.

When she saw me, her face changed into a motherly smile as she walked toward me. I told her what had happened, and like a mother, she patted my back and gave me the spare key to my car. I couldn't stop myself from asking, "Isn't what you're doing dangerous?" She laughed and said to me, "I've been doing this for years." I felt a deep disturbance as I left the place to go school while my mother went back to the heavy hammer, machinery, nails and boards.

I found out that I had been wrong about my mother for all of those years. Though she was still a gentle and caring person, she was much more than the typical attributes that are projected onto mothers. The only thing weak about my mother before that moment was her daughter's perception of her.

Study abroad recapped, Wales through the eyes of an American

By Cole Atkins
Staff Writer

High Point to London. London to Wales. Swansea, to be exact. Now reverse that route and that is what brings me back to the ever-interesting pages of the Chronicle. I will not bore the readers with stories of the last three months of my life spent in Swansea. What I will offer is a brief look at some of my more interesting discoveries during my stay in Swansea. With brevity in mind, I will offer my observations in list form. Enjoy!

1. Rain, rain, go away.

Most competent people are aware that rain is very common in the United Kingdom, with this man being one of them. But being aware of the rain and being ready for the rain are two drastically different things. Swansea is one of the wettest cities in the United Kingdom. The rain begins as the sun rises and subsides after about 4 hours midmorning and then begins again in the afternoon and on into the night. I did not think that this would affect me that much, but after three weeks I found myself severely waterlogged.

2. A pound a day keeps the doctor away.

The American dollar is currently having a tough time of it. At the moment the Great Britain Pound is worth about twice as much as one dollar. This means that an American spends double on everything! Perhaps a successful businessman from a Fortune 500 company can cope with such abysmal exchange

rates, but for a young college student, the situation sucks. The past months have been a constant struggle because I am always calculating in my head how much money I am really spending. I made many futile attempts to not think about how everything costs double, but in the end I just sucked it up and handed over the cash, knowing the hit my bank account was taking.

3. Hey, I want to go, please let me go, to Barcelona!

Getting around Europe once there is very simple and easy. With cheap flights, trains, buses, and hostels, Europe offers the ability to travel at low costs and hassle. My friends and I took a trip to Barcelona about a month ago, and it was amazing. Barcelona has beautiful beaches, amazing architecture and nice weather. I got to visit the home stadium for Barcelona FC, the Camp Nou, which is one of the best soccer stadiums in the world. The history present there and in other European cities is something that cannot be taken for granted and I cannot wait to go somewhere else.

4. Two languages are better than one.

"Rydw i'n siarad Cymraeg!" (I'm speaking Welsh). Did you know that Wales has two national languages? That's right English and Welsh. I think that we are all aware of the first language, but Welsh is another story. It is a very difficult language to understand, much less learn. There is a strong movement in the country by the older generation to keep it alive because it is dying out. There are all-Welsh newspapers and television

stations. The road signs are all bilingual as well. Obviously, English is the dominant language in the country, but to see another language on every sign post and billboard is quite interesting and leaves one feeling smarter because of the exposure.

5. Who needs cars?

The public transportation system in Swansea is amazing. I have a free bus pass and I can go pretty much anywhere I want to within an hour of the Swansea City Center. No need to worry about the price of gas or that nagging flat tire. All I have to do is make sure I get to the designated bus stop in time. Many students at Swansea live in the Student Village, which is off campus, and we all wait patiently every morning for the B.O.B. or the Bright Orange Bus that takes us directly to campus for classes. The excellent service the buses provide sometimes brings a tear to my eye, but then I realize it was probably just the rain hitting my face at the bus stop and I get over it.

Overall, the trip has been a lot of fun and looks to be more of the same after I go back to finish up with my exams. Despite the rain, Swansea is a beautiful waterfront city with many beaches and views that cannot be taken for granted. Even as I write the weather is improving and by the time I return next week, the sun will have finally become the dominant figure it was meant to be and shine the majority of the day.

Until next time, goodbye, or as the Welsh say, "Da boch."

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Judges wrote that the staff has "succeeded in showcasing the best your students have to offer." The Chronicle earned perfect scores in the areas of content coverage, editing and creativity.

Key contributors to the newspaper's success were editor in chief Amanda Roberts, opinion editor Pam Haynes, arts and entertainment editor Rebecca Fleming and sports editor Mike Nuckles.

Adviser Michael Gaspeny said, "The writing in the Chronicle was especially strong this year, and our look was improved as a result of the expertise of Mrs. Marjorie Church, who joined us this year as assistant adviser."

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from the students themselves by allowing them to create more clubs and organizations that promote tolerance... and non-violent means of solving conflict. Whatever the solution may be, we must do something now before we let this most recent incident fall by the wayside and a few years down the road, we are in the very same position, but only having more of ourselves to blame.

The snow has stopped falling in Blacksburg. Mourning permeates the campus. When students and faculty return to the academic buildings and once again get back to the routine business of college, they will do so with heavy hearts.

As the nation continues to mourn along with the VA Tech community, may

we all be aware that we live in a vulnerable society where deranged people sometimes do horrible things to us. The shootings at VA Tech reminded us all of that. We live in a society in which pain and suffering are not foreign concepts. The shootings at VA Tech reminded us all of that. We live in a society where life can be taken away just as quickly as it was granted. The shootings at VA Tech reminded us all of that. We live in a society where even in moments of incredible tragedy, we are able to pick ourselves up and carry on. The shootings at VA Tech reminded us all of that.

Editor bids farewell to "geese and lawn equipment"

By Rebecca Fleming
A&E editor

In a very, very short time I will be walking across the stage to collect my degrees. Plans that were nice and vague back in January are becoming more concrete. Graduation announcements, senior pictures, a dress for Commencement exercises, sleeping arrangements for family and friends from out of town – all of these things are falling into place. This is real, very real. Maybe too real.

I find it extremely hard to believe that I've been here for four years. That I'm finished, and have taken so many classes I'll be getting two bachelor of arts degrees (plus a minor), and still have hours to spare.

I've run out of excuses to stay – I could've graduated last year and declined, but I don't have that luxury anymore. And so, at this point, I have to face the facts and embrace reality.

The four years I've spent at HPU have been some of the best in my life. I know that's a cliché, but it's true. I've met so many people who've affected my life in some form or fashion. I never imagined I'd learn so much about life when I applied for college – I just assumed I'd be doing the English thing. Nobody told me I'd learn less about literature and writing than I would about how to chase after dreams and deal with real-life issues. Oh sure, I've crammed my head full of facts and ideas and dates and images, and I know more about American and medieval literature than most people would ever care to know. But the lectures and discussions I've attended faithfully the last four years, those are only a part of the education I've received.

When I stop and remember the girl I was my first semester, I smile. She was so young and naïve, but so dang sure of her

dreams and plans.

Now, four years later and fixing to leave, she's not quite so young – or naïve for that matter – but she still believes in the power of dreaming. But dreams are now balanced by pragmatism, and the romantic ideals have been tempered somewhat by reality. However, this is a good thing. A very good thing.

I hate goodbyes – I can reminisce all day long, but I hate having to say 'goodbye.' I'm going to ask you to humor an ancient

graduating senior offering a word or two of wisdom.

To those who remain: Take advantage of every moment, and don't let a memory pass you by. Twenty years from now, you're going to remember the time spent in the café or on the

Promenade more than the various notes you take in class. Enjoy the University and what it has to offer – I don't think we fully appreciate the chances we've been given. Make friends and put down roots, because this place will embrace you regardless and you might as well grow from the process. To graduating seniors: Wow. We made it! It's been an amazingly short four years, and yet somehow a very long journey. We're fixing to go our separate ways and follow our own dreams, and that's kind of strange to think about after four years together but also very exciting. Here's to the Class of 2007.

And now, because this is a farewell address but saying 'goodbye' is so hard, I'm going to do something a little different. I hate Hemingway. With a passion. And as of May 5, I will (hopefully) never have to read him again. However, there is one line that keeps bouncing through my thoughts, so I'm going to alter that line a bit: ... farewell to arms and legs, to brains and faces; farewell to geese and lawn equipment, to music and kiosks; farewell to college and hello Tomorrow.

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Modest Mouse's "quirky rhythms"; Mims' swimming downstream

By Lauren Croughan
Staff Writer

Pop-

Joss Stone—*Introducing Joss Stone*

When she stunned the music scene with her mature soulful voice at 16, this British girl was on top of the world. She did so much when she was so young, had a top-selling album, sang with legends like Patti Labelle and even met with Tom Cruise (with her mom, of course). Now she is back three years later with not just an impressive résumé, but an impressive new album. Her voice has hardly changed, and the album offers insightful lyrics mixed with light-hearted but serious tones. This album was highly anticipated, and it was worth the wait. Take a listen.

Final Grade: A-



Hip Hop-

Mims—*Music is my Savior*

Honestly, I wasn't impressed. I didn't see anything different from him or other rappers, and usually I find something. He has a very mainstream sound with nothing distinguishing him. Mims does have potential if he adds something more edgy than being from New York, and calling himself "hot" on his first



Rock

Modest Mouse—*We Were Dead Even Before the Ship Sank*

The indie favorites accused of selling out by signing with a major record label are back just as strong as ever. Their album filled with quirky rhythms and lyrics is refreshing to my ears. They have always sounded like I was at a club and they were playing on a stage with a hot light burning their eyes. Originality is such a boon for them, as well as playing addicting tunes. FYI: On May 4 they are coming to the Greensboro Coliseum.

Final Grade: A-



Other Rock

Kings of Leon—*Because of the Times*

Basement rock is back! I only say that because of the muffled acoustics of this CD. But what's even better than basement rock is good basement rock. I have liked this band for their spunk in the past, and yes, it has been awhile since they put out an album. You don't have to understand the lyrics to get the message. The theme of humanity, in a donut shaped disc.

Final Grade: A-



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



Calling all blues fans: annual festival May 5th

By Samantha Hester
Staff Writer

It's music festival season and the Carolina Blues Festival is returning to Greensboro for its 21st annual celebration on May 5. The festival is a tradition that brings the heart of the blues to Piedmont fans. The festival will be held at Festival Park in downtown Greensboro, next to the Cultural Arts Center on Davie Street. Gates open at 1 p.m. and the blues start at 2.

This year's performers are: Hubert Sumlin with special guests The Michael Burks Blues Band, Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers, Michael Hill's Blues Mob, Big Rick & The Bombers, featuring Adrian Duke, and Bump & Logie.

Tickets are priced at \$20 through May 4. However, tickets will be available at the gate for \$25. The closest places to buy tickets are at the Carolina Theatre Box Office and BB's Compact Discs, both of which are in Greensboro. Or you can purchase tickets online at www.carolinatheatre.com.

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets, and head on out to Festival Park in downtown Greensboro on May 5 for a day that will be nothing but the blues.



Summer reading suggestions that are 'less than scholarly'

By Rebecca Fleming
A&E editor

Summer's freedom is almost here. Freedom from homework, projects, tests and essays ... the freedom to sleep in rather than having to make that 8 o'clock class ... freedom to read something you're actually interested in. That last one is my favorite – although I do have a tendency to read what I want to read anyway, even in the middle of a semester packed with academic reading assignments.

As summer begins, here are a few suggestions to fulfill the need for reading material slightly less than scholarly ...

Queen of Broken Hearts: Cassandra King
The first novel King has written since *The Same Sweet Girls*, *Queen of Broken Hearts* has the same small-town, Southern flavor. Drama, romance and humor mingle in the story of a divorce counselor whose life is devoted to helping broken hearts heal while slowly learning to let go of her own past. (The book itself is also beautiful – the cover art is amazing!)



Peter and the Starcatchers: Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Yes, that is Dave Barry of *Miami Herald* fame. And yes, he did co-author a book about Peter Pan. *Starcatchers* is the prequel to Barrie's *Peter Pan* – exploring the beginnings of Neverland and the host of colorful characters we all know and love (or love to hate). With moments of laugh-out-loud humor and a careful development of personalities, *Starcatchers* is even better than the original.



Shopaholic and Baby: Sophie Kinsella
People love Becky Bloomwood and her antics (detailed in the *Shopaholic* series), and Kinsella's latest addition is classic Becky. Picking up the story towards the end of Becky's pregnancy, the novel features not only the customary hilarity of Becky's compulsive shopping but also elements of drama and intrigue. Perfect for a lazy summer afternoon and a hammock.



Dear John: Nicholas Sparks
This is the best thing Sparks has ever written. A beautiful love story, *Dear John* is more than just another sappy romance, and the ending has a twist you might not expect. Set in the years leading up to and following 9/11, the novel is able to reach readers on a personal level – it feels like something that could have happened, yet also manages to surprise you.



The Inheritance: Louisa May Alcott

This is Alcott's first novel, written in her teens, and it is a beautifully simple story that is obviously an ancestor of the beloved novel *Little Women*. Characters are developed with a perception that is actually impressive for a young author, and the story – while familiar in general plot – is engaging. Maybe not the most exciting read, it is a good one for literature fans or curious bookworms; if the summer turns rainy, this is a perfect cozy story.



'Diviners' production had outstanding performances

By **Erin Quinley**
Staff Writer

After a lengthy wait and an introduction filled with the longest rendition of "You are my Sunshine" ever made, Jim Leonard Jr.'s play, *The Diviners*, began. Two men in raincoats told a story about a young man named Buddy Layman (played by Matthew Haynes) who could find water under the hardest dirt in the grittiest places, and about the day he died. The play is set at the time of the great depression and the stage was decorated to portray that time period. It was sparsely trimmed with fake grass, a barbed wire fence, and a real tree allegedly borrowed from somewhere on the High Point campus. What really made the set come to life was the fantastic backdrop. In the beginning it was the image of a baby blue sky, and as days turned to night and the weather went from a sunny day to a dangerous, stormy night, the backdrop changed accordingly.

The acting in this rendition of *The Diviners* was superior. The chemistry between Matthew Haynes and Gabe Herlinger kept me enthralled for the duration of the show. Matthew plays a young boy named Buddy Layman, who has an extreme phobia of water brought on by a

traumatic incident from his childhood when his mother saved him from drowning but lost her life in the process. Gabe is a wandering ex-priest with no interest in preaching anymore, but ironically he serves as Matthew's godsend. Both actors are extremely natural in their portrayal of their characters. Every mannerism and quirk is performed effortlessly, with professional grace.

Another character who stood out was Dewey Maples (played by John Mattingly) who served as a much-needed comic relief. He made light of the serious and often heart-wrenching situation going on between Buddy and the preacher, and gave the audience something to look forward to other than the tear-jerker conclusion of Buddy Layman's journey in overcoming his phobia. This show wasn't carried by only the main characters; it was a product of eleven talented actors and actresses, all playing their parts perfectly.

Overall, *The Diviners* was a unique, outstandingly performed show that made the audience feel a deep connection to all of its characters, and left them forlorn at the finale because Buddy Layman was dead. The set and lighting were clever and appropriate, the actors were stunning, and I was personally moved.

Summer game releases appear promising

By **Jesse Cherry**
Staff writer

Since the school year is ending and I will no longer be able to give you advice on your gaming purchases, I've decided to tell you what games to look out for this summer.

If you don't own a next gen system, sorry; you are going to feel left out, but if you own a Wii, PS3, or 360, you are in luck.

The Wii has been selling out everywhere and if you were lucky enough to pick one up, you will have a couple of titles to look forward to. *Mario Party 8* is slated for late May and may be the perfect game to have for a good time with your friends. Now if you're a loner and have no one to play with, look forward to a "wiimake" of *Resident Evil 4*. For those of you that never played *RE4* on the Gamecube, you missed out on a great title. When it comes out this summer, expect more content and Wii specific controls. Even if you have played this game before, it will be worth another play through.

If you were able to scrounge up

enough cash for a \$600 Playstation 3, there will be one game you must pick up. *Ninja Gaiden Sigma*, slated for June 26, is a complete remake of the original Xbox title, *Ninja Gaiden*. It was a great 3D action game that made you feel like a Ninja. Now it will have redefined gameplay and graphics that will drop your draw. Much like *RE4*, if you have played the original Xbox version of this game, pick this up because the remake will feel like a brand new game.

For those of you that own an Xbox 360, you are in for a good summer of gaming. BioWare, the creators of *Kotor*, are releasing their new epic action/rpg, *Mass Effect*, sometime in May or June. Also, coming out in July for the true hardcore RPG fans, is *Blue Dragon*, a game from the creator of *Chrono Trigger*. It promises to be the best Japanese RPG on the console. For those of you that got lucky enough to get an invite into the *Halo 3* beta, enjoy that from May 16 to June 6.

Enjoy the summer and play games. For info on games during the summer, check out lastfrontiergaming.com



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...do we have politicians in office if they are not willing to do anything except worry about how to gain another term? I get annoyed every time I watch the news because there are so many blatant biases from conservatives and liberals alike. I never know whom to believe or what the truth is. The important issues always seem to take up a few minutes of time before correspondents go off on tirades of supposedly "witty" banter, or discuss the latest Hollywood divorce scandal. In the store where I work when I am at home I sell more copies of tabloids each day than I do of actual newspapers. The American people are in the dark about most of what goes on, and few seem to even care.

This does not represent every

citizen, nor does it cover all of the problems in our society. We are a country that runs on materialism and pharmaceuticals. I'm not a fan of communism or anarchy because it could never work, but capitalism isn't really doing it for me either. It bothers me to be living in a country that functions on greed. People can't take two steps without being bombarded with advertisements for all kinds of useless things that they don't need but will probably buy anyway. I know that it is something that I am guilty of at times. While I'm out putting money back into the pockets of corrupt CEO's, my fifteen-year-old sister sits in a psychologist's office to get a new prescription for the Prozac that she doesn't really need, and which at her age, may be more dangerous than helpful.

Noble's "elegant dining," great for celebrating Graduation or other events

By **Nikki Neu**
Staff Writer

As May fast approaches, you might want to celebrate with an end-of-the-year or even a graduation dinner. A great pick for a celebratory meal, no matter what the occasion, is J Basul Noble's of High Point. This fine dining restaurant does not disappoint! Triple threat when it comes to quality, atmosphere or service.

At J Basul Noble's, elegant dining meets creative, artfully plated dishes, which all complement each other beautifully. The restaurant has high vaulted ceilings and all around plush décor. Noble's features a different menu according to season, including appetizers such as grilled shrimp and grits with chorizo and a tomato seafood butter sauce, crab cakes with avocado salsa and remoulade sauce, and chilled tequila and lime shrimp with fresh avocado and cocktail sauce. They also feature pizzas and some entrees are featured in two sizes. On my most recent visit, I had the pear-arugula salad with Roquefort cheese, port cherries, candied walnuts and balsamic vinaigrette. The highlight of my dinner was the seared duck breast, confit leg, sweet potato and sautéed spinach in a port balsamic beurre rouge. It was absolutely amazing! The duck was cooked to perfection, and the port balsamic beurre (butter in French) was refreshingly light, yet flavorful. For dessert, Noble's has a great baked Alaska and vanilla bean crème brûlée. There is also a full bar and extensive wine list.

For a great night out, Noble's is my pick. J Basul Noble's is located in downtown High Point on Main Street. This restaurant gets 5 out of 5 whisks.



Scale:

1 whisk: (Poor) Below Average---period.
2 whisks: (mediocre) don't clear your calendar to rush back, but might have specifically pleasing aspect (ex.-one dish, friendly service or good atmosphere)
3 whisks: (good) steady, consistent cooking and service
4 whisks: (excellent) high quality menu with great service and pleasing atmosphere
5 whisks: (extraordinary) one of a kind, world class, truly exceptional all around experience

Nikki Neu is a former culinary arts student of the Johnson and Wales' college satellite program. She is a member of the Junior Chef's Club of America and has won several awards for her pastry and pastillage work. She is also a former chef for the Perfect Pear Café in Simsbury, Conn.

Special:

Recipe for Meringue Nut Cookies -

All year long I've reviewed other people's recipes so I thought it time to share one of my own. Here is a simple and delicious recipe for meringue nut cookies. I found these cookies to be delicious by themselves or with strawberry ice cream for a cool, summer treat. Remember to take a big bite out of life and enjoy!

- Nikki Neu

Meringue Nut Cookies

Yield: 3 dozen

Ingredients:

3 large egg whites @ room temperature
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
3/4 c. sugar
2 cups coarsely chopped nuts (walnuts, pecans, hazelnuts, or a combo)

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Butter and flour a sheet of parchment paper. Place the paper on a cookie sheet and set aside. Beat the egg whites until foamy. Add salt and cream of tartar and continue beating until the egg whites are stiff. Stir in sugar gradually. Finally, fold in nuts.

Drop batter onto lined cookie sheet. The cookies do not rise or spread much so they can be placed close together. Bake for 1-1 1/4 hrs until lightly browned. Allow to cool, and then peel the paper. Repeat until remaining batter is used up.

The solution to everything these days seems to be to write a check or prescription and hope that everyone's problems will just disappear.

It's also a rare thing these days to find people who are willing to take responsibility for their actions. People point fingers in all directions but many refuse to examine themselves and admit the mistakes they made so that they may correct them. Video games make kids violent; your kids get in trouble because the teacher hates them; you didn't get the job you wanted because of affirmative action. Everything is someone else's chore to repair, which unfortunately, is another thought that I have been guilty of on more than one occasion.

I constantly encounter people complaining about problems, but whenever I ask what they are doing about it, I just get blank stares. People won't go out to vote because they need to know if the spoiled brat on *My Super Sweet Sixteen* really gets the BMW or has to settle for a Honda. Then they whine when their taxes go up. When people could be writing to their congressmen or organizing a committee, they sit on their Pottery Barn sofas and watch sitcoms that contain the exact same boring stories that are just replayed a million times with different characters. The destruction of our country is not going to be nuclear war or a loss of fossil fuels. It's going to be at the hands of the American people because of apathy.

KAPSI recognized by student life

By Anthony Ifedi
Special to the Chron

Kirk Rudder, Anthony Ifedi, Malcolm Gethers, Derrick Tanner, James Jackson, Alvin Durant, Ishmael Josiah Chris Mayshack, Jeff Hester, and Clifford Smith:

In the fall of 2004, these ten distinguished men were inspired to bring Kappa Alpha Psi to the campus of High Point University. They traveled to Elon University to take on the task of bringing the fraternity home. This task was accomplished last year when the charter was granted by Gert Evans, former Dean of Students, and the Student Life Committee.

After the first ten men were initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi, more young men of achievement followed in hopes of becoming members of the fraternity. Since coming to the campus of High Point University, the fraternity has earned a great reputation from the students, staff and faculty. We have served in numerous activities on and off of campus. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi have become big brothers at Kirkman Park Elementary School, where we mentor in different classrooms and help the children become better students. We have also joined the public service organization, Adopt-a-Street, by adopting Montlieu Avenue as our street to clean monthly. We have also hosted movie nights, forums, and game nights, and raised money for many different causes. The fraternity also hosted "Kappa Week", which was a week dedicated to fun times and educating students on current issues.

We are honored that High Point University has let us become a part of the student life. It must be true that good things come to those who wait.



From left to right: Kirk Rudder, Anthony Ifedi, Malcolm Gethers, Derrick Tanner, James Jackson, Alvin Durant, Jeff Hester, and Clifford Smith.

Current members



From left to right: first row: Larry Harris, David Hampton; second row: Anthony Ifedi, Kofi Kpabitey, Keith McGirt, Derrick Tanner; third row: Paul Hines, Rick Williams, Melvin Crowder, Jeff Hester
Not pictured: Alvin Durant

Photos contributed by Anthony Ifedi

Kappa Delta

The sisters of Kappa Delta would like to thank all of our seniors on leading us into the right direction and doing everything you can for Gamma Gamma. Our seniors are Stephanie Nokes, Melanie Strok, Lorryn Stillson, Katie Clain-Stefanelli, Emily Middleton, Laura Wyant, Brittany Boller, Susan Lewis, Anne Lawrence Gess, Zana Vance, Karen Grim, Liza Morgan, Erin Smith, Michelle Kampner, Jennifer Sherman, Jennifer King, Courtney Smith, Jinene Enders, Nichole Houghtling, and

Anky Patel. These girls are amazing and we know that they are going to do well when they leave High Point University. They will all be greatly missed.

We would like to thank everyone who came to Chili's to help support one of our sisters. We raised a lot of money and had a great turnout. We hope everyone has a great summer and we can't wait to see you all in the fall!

**Panther Sensations
Annual Exhibition
Saturday, April 21st
Food Drive for Open Door Ministries
Bring 1 Canned Food Item
or \$1
7pm Hayworth Fine Arts**

Pi Kappa Alpha

Delta Omega Chapter

The Brothers would like to congratulate our Spring 2007 Pledge Class. On Saturday, April 14th, these twelve men entered their new life as Brothers of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. They are a great group of gentlemen who stand to bring a lot to our fraternity and we look forward to their future within the chapter.

We would like to thank all the lovely ladies who accompanied us on our annual beach trip to Tybee Island, GA. We had a great time and we look forward to doing it again next year. We want to thank the Alpha Gams for another great North/South mixer. We had a blast and can't wait to do it again. Congratulations to the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity on celebrating your 50th anniversaries here at HPU.

We also want to congratulate the 2007 Chapter Dream Girl—Erin Smith— of

the Kappa Delta Sorority. Erin has been a huge asset to our chapter over the last few years and we can't thank her enough for everything she has done. After graduation, Erin will be moving to Richmond, VA with her boyfriend (Brother Brandon Howell) where she will pursue a career in art education.

The final event we have planned for the semester is our annual senior send-off at High Rock Lake. We have an outstanding group of graduating seniors who have all helped bring our chapter to where it is today. We wish these gentlemen the best of luck and bright futures, remembering always our open motto, "Once a Pike, ALWAYS a Pike!" As the year comes to a close, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. To the class of 2007, congratulations and good luck. To the underclassmen, see you back here in the Fall!

Lambda Chi Alpha

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Rock-A-Thon the Best Ever!

We raised \$2,393.00 for the Aicardi Syndrome Foundation, our largest record to date.

Continue to look for fun-filled events to be sponsored in the fall as Lambda Chi Alpha strives to make a difference in the community.

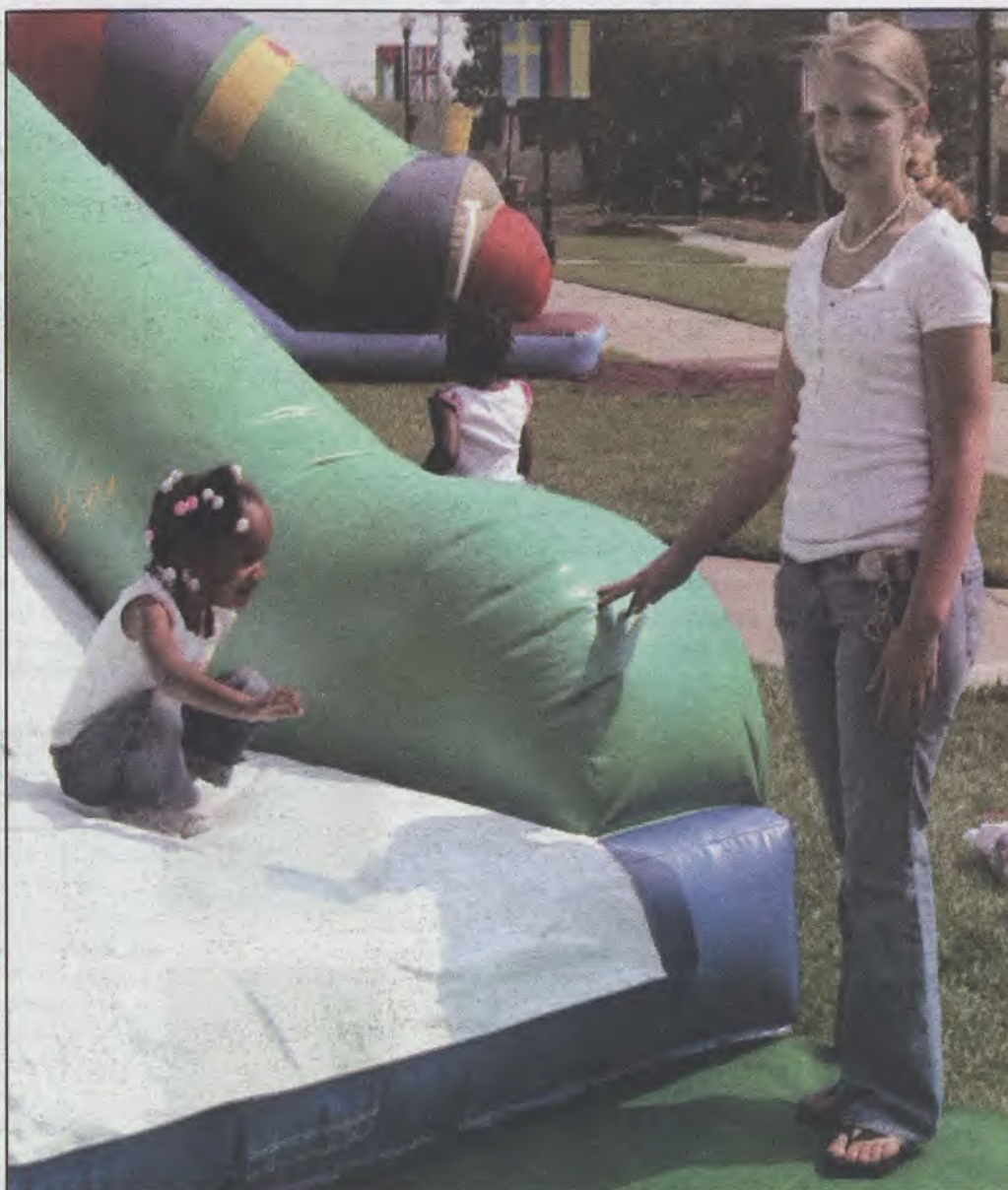


Top Left: Sarah (mother), Kevin (father), Bonnie, and Morgan who has the Aicardi syndrome. Kevin, an alumni of Lambda Chi Alpha, brought his family out to the Rock-A-Thon event as his fraternity raised money in honor of his daughter's illness. All proceeds from the event which included a band, food, and t-shirts for sale went to the Aicardi Syndrome

Student volunteers participate in annual Spring Carnival



At the annual Spring Carnival held by the Volunteer Center, sophomore Kerri Noppenberger interacts with local elementary students.



As children play on the blow up gym, Elyse Berrier, sophomore, gives her time to monitor the large slide on the International Promenade during the Spring Carnival.

Spring is in the air...

As the warm weather moves in, students begin to move their activities to the outdoors, enjoying the warm weather during the last weeks of classes.



Workers place a steeple on top of the Philips School of Business.



Randy Hunt, equipped with snacks and drinks, serves students most every day at the kiosks.



Senior Brian McHenry walks his dogs down the Promenade.



Jordin Mack, sophomore, works on a painting for her art class outside in the spring weather.



Left: Kelly Hedgepeth, Alison Trask, Christina Urwand, and Jenna Williams, all freshmen, take their laptops and class assignments outside to the International Promenade to enjoy the sunshine while they work.

All Photos by Pam Haynes

Word on the Street

By Rebecca Kidd
Staff Writer

They say after you spend a certain number of years with people at a certain place, the people become like family and the place becomes like a second home. As the Class of 2007's big day approaches on Saturday, May 5, several seniors share what they are going to miss the most after graduating from High Point University.

Jake Lawrence, Sports Management Major:

"I will miss the fact that you know everyone on campus. When you walk around, you see about twenty people that you automatically know. Also, the one-on-one attention with your professors; you cannot get that anywhere else."



Wayne Rampone Jr., Class Of 2007 President:

"The Southern hospitality and the beautiful campus on which I have been able to learn and develop lasting friendships."



A.C. Talus, Sports Management Major:

"The atmosphere is what I'll miss. HPU has become a second home. My close friends have become a second family. Everyone here is so nice; at a small school like this you get to know a lot of people. I am also going to miss the new buildings."



Chase Wilson, Finance and Marketing Major, Men's Golf Team:

"Going to the cafe with my friends, taking one look at the food, and then waiting for someone to ask where we are going to eat at tonight. I'll also miss late night trips to the Pantry with my friends."



Jenna Kinnear, Sports Management Major, Women's Golf Team:

"The nice people, the professors who are friendly and do anything to help you. I love the weather here; it's fun to play golf in, and overall there is a good atmosphere. Also, I am going to miss not using the buildings and the new atmosphere here at HPU with all the changes."



Heather Chase, Art Major:

"I will miss the people, and I'll also miss the chance to get to use all of the new buildings as a student."



The States seem relaxed and indulgent compared to Lee's crowded, competitive Korea

By Samantha Hester
Staff Writer

From his High Point apartment surrounded by trees, the city looks more like a small fork in the road compared to Ki Wook Lee's hometown in Seoul, South Korea. For Lee, the peaceful nature of life in America is a sharp contrast to the bustling, twenty-four hour a day pace of life in the city of Seoul. Seoul is the second largest city in the world, and it's evident in the traffic jams on every street corner, more than 10 lines of subways, and masses of people, each one in a hurry. Regarding the differences in South Korea and America, Lee said, "I can tell (you that), it's huge city life, (more so) than New York."

"I like to see the children running on the grass," he says, a visual that Ki Wook Lee cannot shake since coming to the U.S. In Seoul they don't have grass for children to play on because of the limited space and the mass of people. The closest the children come to a tree is a box with legs, formally known as a desk. Education and competition are what the children of Seoul, South Korea are allowed to indulge themselves in.

There is no escaping the air pollution and crowds. Lee left behind friends and family in Seoul in February 2005 for a 10-hour flight to the United States. Lee's first priority when he came to America was to learn English. Although he had been learning since middle school, he said that the English spoken in the U.S. is much different than what he learned from his teachers in South Korea.

"It isn't easy to learn English because between English and Korean, there are totally different sentence structures," he said.

His first stop in America was San Francisco, where he stayed with a host family while studying English at St. Giles International, a private institution. While under the care of his host family, Lee picked up, in addition to English skills, a general understanding of American culture and cuisine. Lee said, "They were nice people." He still keeps in touch with his host family.

Upon enrollment at HPU, Ki Wook Lee's focus shifted from English to business. Lee concluded that a degree in business administration would suit his future interests. Lee's career goals come from his father's influence, as he is the CEO of a major financial company and was once the executive vice president of Citibank in South Korea. Lee struggles with the idea of getting a job in America after graduation this year. He said, "It must be a good experience to work in the U.S. However, it seems difficult to get a job because I only have a (student) visa." If he has trouble getting a job opportunity in America, he plans to go home to Seoul, where he says he would have no problem getting a job. After he has had five years of work experience, he will return to America to get his MBA.

Ki Wook Lee is torn between his homeland and America and likes living in both. "Each country has different merit," he said. He loves South Korea because it's where his family and friends are. He loves America because of people's manners and the preservation of the environment. However, he feels that a downfall of the U.S. is that it is dangerous to go out at night, and the people's individualism causes them to act selfishly. He looks forward to going home this year, where his proud family awaits his arrival.

The Campus Chronicle Staff wishes to say:
HAPPY GRADUATION!

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much shorter than in previous years. Keller Lindler started the program with a special lights and music show she created herself. Then the recognition of outstanding contributions to the clubs and groups of the universities. The intramural champions were recognized for their superior athletic prowess over the course of the year, followed by awards presented by the fine arts department, specifically the professors of music. The special interest groups – such as the cheerleaders, Genesis Gospel Choir, the Outdoors Activities Club, the Toccata-tones – presented awards to members of the organization and faculty members who have supported them over the year. The inductees to honor societies were honored (the Order of the Lighted Lamp – again – and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities). Alpha Phi Omega and the Volunteer Center recognized those who have contributed significantly to the community of service for which High Point is so well known. The University Ambassadors were distinguished for their commitment and dedication to providing the university with their talents and expertise. The much-awaited section of the event thus began, the reason for most of the audience's attendance for this event: Greek Organizations. Each organization presented awards for most outstanding brothers and sisters, staff and faculty recognition, and then a few specialized awards. Student Government then presented awards recognizing the most significant contributors to the organization and the school.

Alpha Phi Omega received Organization of the Year, and Snowball 2007 was identified as the campus event of the year.

The Office of Student Life hands out awards every year to those people who have contributed considerably to the university. Katie Clain-Stefanelli was honored as Greek person of the year, and Kappa Delta won the academic excellent award for the sixth consecutive year. Kappa Alpha Psi was honored as the Greek Organization of the year. Megan Pastor and Paul Hannam were recognized for the Leadership Award and World Cup, respectively. Class honors recognized the top students in each class based on scholarship, participation in campus activities, strength of character and attitude. The winners of this award are: Bryan Rothamel and Whitney Frost (freshmen male and female); Josh Fox and Jenn Hastings (sophomore male and female); Paul Hannam and Ginna Chisinger (junior male and female); and Anthony Ifedi, Zana Vance and Carnai Simpson (senior male and females).

The University Awards are the most prestigious awards given to graduating seniors who have given considerably of their time in service to the university to make High Point an even better community. Stephanie Webster, Stephanie Nokes, Shannon Stevenson and Josh Faucette were recognized for their achievement, citizenship, leadership and service.

Another Honors Day concluded, and students dispersed to enjoy the rest of the day and to finish some papers and assignments.

Foreign language professor reflects on her native country, contrasts with the U.S.

By Heather Miles
Staff Writer

Would you ever walk into an Asian grocery store and try to shop? If so, it's likely that you would look at the shelves knowing that everything is edible, but as for what you're supposed to do with each item, you would have no clue. In addition, there may be no employees who are fluent enough in your language to assist you. This is how Dr. Barbara Mascali, professor of foreign languages here at HPU, describes culture shock. "It's all of the little things," she says, that you would never consider significant that you later find you have been taking for granted. After family and friends, food topped her list.

Dr. Mascali has been living in the U.S. since 1975 and has grown accustomed to the many differences between North Carolina and her small hometown in Southwest Germany, just outside of Stuttgart. As a young woman, not quite 20 years old, her initial plan was to come to the states to study and return home. After more than 30 years of adjusting to it, America is her home.

"When I first came here, oh, it was a big deal," she says, reminiscing on her first college experiences at UNCG. Moving into your freshmen dorm is something that most students remember. Dr. Mascali's memories, however, differ from those of traditional American students, as details about her bed sheets were what stood out. In Germany, people use one fitted sheet and one duvet with a removable, washable cover. When she opened the bedding package and found an extra sheet, which she later discovered had uses similar to that of her old duvet cover, she could not identify its purpose.

Instances like this, along with feelings of homesickness and isolation, allow Dr. Mascali to relate closely to current foreign exchange students. She has been in charge of the International club for nearly 12 years because, "I know what they're going through," she says.

What persuaded her to remain in America was not one significant event, but a chain of smaller ones originating in graduate school. At the time, graduate schools were eager to accommodate foreign students because they needed help in dorms that housed younger exchange students. Consequently, Dr. Mascali received in-state tuition and went on to get a master's in French at UNCG and later a master's in

German and comparative literature at Duke. During this time, she met the man who soon became her husband and father of her three children. At this point, she says, "I was married and had kids, so I stayed."

She spent about five years at home with her children, but explained that someone with her level of education needs more intellectual conversation than that which a seven-year-old can provide. She returned to UNCG to get a Ph.D, where she was persuaded to help in the foreign language department, and has been teaching ever since.

Given her profession and experience as a mother, it was easy for Dr. Mascali to note the differences between the education system of the U.S. and that of Germany. In American high schools there are a particular number of requirements within each subject that must be fulfilled. When and how these requirements are met is not such a big deal. In Germany, though, each subject is studied continually throughout all of high school, even if only for three hours a week. "I just always feel like you forget it if you don't have it all the time," Dr. Mascali says.

Education on the college level is different as well. It is more independent in Germany. In reference to attendance policies, direction, and evaluation, Mascali compares college here to high school there. When asked about the overall quality of education, though, she laughed as if a world of controversy had been opened. "I used to always rant and rave when my kids started," she said, "but you get over it."

Creating a life in a country that is nothing like your own is always going to involve a certain amount of getting over it. The biggest difference in lifestyles that, after 30 years, still gets to Dr. Mascali is that of visiting friends. In Germany, having guests over for dinner means sitting around conversing for the remainder of the evening. "American people; they come, they eat, they leave," she says. However, she has become familiar enough with this that it is no longer insulting, and if it is the greatest of her discomforts, she's doing well.

Now that her children are older she gets to visit Germany more often, but has no plans of staying for any extended period of time. When asked if she would ever move back, she confirmed that America is her home because this is where her family is, adding, "No, never. This is it."

Campus social scene changes; fewer fraternity parties, more organizations

By Shannon Moran
Staff Writer

You're hanging out in one of the Sixth Street apartments on campus and you hear a knock on the door. People start panicking, under-agers run for the nearest bathroom, bedroom or laundry room to hide, and people start pointing fingers at either the resident of the apartment or the oldest person in the room. As you answer the door, you stand face to face with a city police officer, an HPU RA/security guard or a school official. Just a normal weekend on the High Point campus? Sad but true. Since the second semester of the 2005-2006 school year, the social scene at High Point University has been diminishing, and most point the finger at President Qubein's administration.

Alumna Candace Newman states: "There have been huge changes. No more frat houses to have parties, and if there are parties, they get broken up very early. If I were a freshman now, I think I would probably transfer because the social life is a huge factor on college campuses." A senior, requesting anonymity, said: "Campus social life has a completely different sense to it now. Before, it was basement parties and hanging out on the weekends.... now it's a carnival all the time... not necessarily good or bad, but very different."

Junior Julie Johnston stated: "I miss OA Kirkman. I feel like I don't know as many people as I used to because the weekend has so few social options now. However, Student Life has done a great job with hosting and providing other activities on the weekend." A sophomore, requesting anonymity stated: "There is less social life on campus because of all of the restrictions and the police being on surveillance all the time; there is a less chance to hang out with people on campus." Former student TJ Maddox contrasted social life before and after the new administration: "Sweet before, worse then high school after." Even freshman are seeing a problem, as Elise Kelley said: "We

need more places to party, fraternity houses are a must, and back off on busting parties."

Some see the change in social life as a good thing, though. Former Panther Pat Hardman says: "Greek life has calmed down; parties are less frequent and much smaller. Ninety percent of activities are on campus which makes them a lot safer but also gives the students less freedom. As far as non-Greek life, there are a lot more organized activities for the student body. My freshman year there was only a movie night every once in a while, now they are doing things more often, i.e. Super Bowl party, bingo and Pantherpalooza." One senior said the new administration is "changing campus from a business perspective."

Where does the administration stand on the changes in the social life? President Nido Qubein stated: "We want to make HPU a place where every student is having a positive experience and being engaged socially. Each person has their own area of interest, and our Student Life offices want to work closely with individuals and groups to facilitate healthy and enjoyable environments for all."

When asked about the high security presence on campus, plans for a 'Frat Row,' and if the basements on Sixth Street would be opening back up, he commented: "Above all we want HPU campus to be a safe place for all. Security staff has the duty of managing that process for all members of our HPU family. I certainly hope that they treat every person with due respect. HPU is a residential campus, and each student signs an application form that makes that clear; seniors, of course, can live off campus. Housing for Greek organizations may receive exceptions in the general neighborhood of the university. The basements on Sixth Street are part of Sixth Street Apartments which are not owned by the university. HPU will have its own 'Blessing' type apartments starting in the fall for upperclassmen. Having said that, I wish the owners would make the basements available again for student use."

President's seminar lacks organization and transportation for service projects

By Mike Nuckles
Opinion

After one year of taking the President's Seminar on Life Skills, it is apparent to me that this program is a potentially enriching and positive experience for High Point students; however, several changes and improvements must be made to revamp the Seminar.

As an incoming freshman last Spring, one of the aspects of HPU that attracted me was the ability to take a course with a world-renowned communicator and businessman. Upon taking the two-semester course, I now realize that the University should have put the course on hold because of organizational problems.

That being said, many freshmen have enjoyed many parts of their experiences. Once the "volunteer" sites were coordinated, many students got to really make differences in the lives of those they served. Some students chose to work for Habitat for Humanity, or to become After-School Tutors for underprivileged children.

Also, the time with Dr. Qubein is very beneficial because students gain insights into the things that are happening on campus (such as his disclosure of David Hayworth's \$15 million gift in class prior to any publications making that announcement).

Along with these perks, there are drawbacks. For the Fall semester, the community service portion of the class was disorganized, and many students ended up passing the course without logging a single hour. Later, in the Spring semester,

some students were frustrated when transportation failed to begin until around a third of the way through the course.

Another part of the course that has drawn criticism is the Reflection Sessions, where students discuss the lecture and service learning with a faculty member for 75 minutes.

While the sessions are great in theory, many have just become complaint sessions in which students discuss problems with transportation and other concerns.

Most students would agree that the President's Seminar is a great concept, and would like to see it continue, but the administration needs to improve the course so that it will be a fully effective educational experience for incoming freshmen.

Some things officials should consider:
-Allowing students to have flexible – but organized – scheduling for their community service hours, since an active college lifestyle doesn't always allow students to be available at the same time every week
-Coordinating transportation efforts in advance so students can start their hours on time
-Adding two to three additional sessions with Dr. Qubein, because four lectures aren't enough to learn his life skills
-Increasing the number of credit hours earned to make the reward worth the effort.

If these and some other needed changes take place, the President's Seminar could be a highly successful program, and would be envied by other schools. If substantive change doesn't occur, next year's freshmen will experience the difficulties that students coped with this year.

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Leadership Challenge Course."

The course is not limited to the human relations and sports exercise departments. "It is meant to be inclusive to all university students who want to use it," says Haun. The course will be open to all fraternities, sororities, classes, and campus organizations who wish to use it for team building. The course will also be used for leadership summer camps that the HRE 390 class holds each year for local middle and high school students.

For a team to use the course, a certified instructor must be present. Students from the university will be trained by students from UNCG to manage the course. Any team that wishes to use the course will have to schedule a time when an instructor is on duty.

The community will also have the chance to partake in the ropes course. Local businesses wishing to build cohesion and leadership skills in their

employees can make an appointment to use the course.

"The course will have at least one ten foot wall that one person can't climb by themselves. Each team consisting of about fifteen people will have to provide support and figure out a way to get over it together," explains Haun. "Both the high ropes and the low ropes course will each take about four hours to complete."

Haun thinks that this new facility will only provide positive outcomes. "If you ask me how a chemistry professor could use this course for his class, I don't know. But, I bet we could talk and come up with something," he says. "It can also bring possible revenue to the university from off campus groups who wish to use the course, as well as provide jobs for students. It will basically fund itself."

After four years, Streng steps down as women's golf coach

By Jenna Kinnear
Staff Writer

After four years of being the High Point women's golf coach, Julie Streng is stepping down to have her second child. Starting from scratch in 2003, Streng has built this team into something quite special.

In 2002 due to Title IX requirements the athletic department decided to add a women's golf team. Julie Streng, a native of Washington State, was hired as the first ever High Point University women's golf coach. Streng played her collegiate career at Stanford; the same years as a certain

golfer named Tiger! After starting as a walk on, by her senior year she had earned a full scholarship. Later she attended Duke Graduate School and then moved to Greensboro, her husband Colin's home town.

Putting together a college athletic program is some feat. Streng started by looking outside of the United States to bring in recruits. Within the first year she had recruited some key international players - Kate O'Sullivan from Scotland, Jenna Kinnear from Northern Ireland, and Julie Either from Canada, all of whom have been named Big South Golfer of the Week at one time or another.

Over the next three years Streng continued to add players such as Anne Marie Dalton, Kim Daniels, Christa Miller, McKenzie Diehm, Lisa Chandler and Chelsea Betts who strengthened the team. Over the past four seasons the team has had 17 top five finishes, two tournament wins, 3 All Conference team players in O'Sullivan, Dalton, and Anni Svenson and in 2006 was named winner of the Big South Women's Golf Sportsmanship award. All this success would not have been possible without the strong leadership of Coach Streng.

Julie Streng will be truly missed by her players and around the athletic depart-

ment. Kate O'Sullivan a senior from Glasgow, Scotland said, "Coming so far from home was always going to be hard, but Coach has looked out for us like a second mum or a big sister. She has always been there for us and made things a lot easier." Anne-Marie Dalton added, "We will miss her greatly and also her frequent trips for ice-cream! She has taught us a lot about golf as well as life."

Paige Haverty, a graduate of Catawba College has been hired to take Streng's position. We wish Paige, the team and future players every success in the coming seasons and the best of luck in carrying on the great legacy of HPU women's golf.

18-18 baseball team inconsistent, but has upsides

By Chris Smith
Staff Writer

The conference baseball season has begun, and three series into it the Panthers find themselves locked in a two-way tie for third place with VMI. The Panthers started off the conference season winning two of three at home to Radford and on the road at Liberty, while dropping two of three on the road to VMI. During that stretch the team picked up non-conference wins at local rivals Elon and UNCG and lost a contest to NC A&T. The play has been good, but could be better, says head coach Sal Bando Jr.: "Prior to the VMI series, I thought we were playing good baseball but not our best. We came up short against a good team in Lexington, Va. and really stubbed our toe vs. NC A&T. Elite teams beat the teams they are supposed to beat, and we are not there yet. But I still think our best baseball is ahead of us."

The Panthers have been led offensively by emerging player of the year candidate Randy Schwartz. The Junior is leading the team with a .388 batting average, while belting out a team high 7 home runs and driving in a high 43 runs. Schwartz isn't doing it alone; eight different Panthers who have started at least 10 games are hitting above .298, including the top two guys in the order freshman Robby Kuzdale and sophomore Jeff Cowan.

"Kuz and Cowan are really critical to our success offensively, and they've done a nice job. There's a saying in baseball, 'you go we go.' Well, that is exactly what those two guys are doing; when they go, we go. Schwartz doesn't lead our league in RBI's if those guys aren't getting on base," said Bando.

The biggest problem so far on the season for the Panthers has been inconsistency on the hill; "talented but erratic" could be a good way to explain the struggles on the mound so far.

"One day we get a quality start and the pen is shaky, and the next day we struggle out of the gate but the pen finishes. Pitching controls the game and really dictates how the day is going to go," said Bando.

The weekend rotation appears to be set with conference season in full stride as junior hurlers Bubba O'Donnell and Eamon Portice have secured the Friday and Saturday positions, and senior Brandon Moore has locked into the Sunday spot. Moore leads the rotation with a 3.21 ERA, Portice with 71 K's and O'Donnell with 53 1/3 innings pitched. Mid-week starter Tony Flores leads the team with a 4-1 record. Through the struggles, Bando feels confident in his staff: "Despite the inconsistencies, it's nice to see that as a staff we are doing some things that have not been done in a long time."



CHRIS NORWOOD AT THE PLATE
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World Series ring redeems Dad's struggle

By Maria Rojas
Staff Writer

Despite two heart attacks and a stroke, he clearly recalled every game. "Baseball chose me," he said, chuckling as he turned down the volume of the TV. The stroke had left him almost deaf in his right ear. As he sat back in his big easy chair, his ring made a prism of colors on the living room ceiling. I had to look at his lips while he talked, because his Cuban accent was so strong.

Hilario "Senior" Rojas, 63, who grew up in Cuba, had to depend on his instincts and God to survive 27 years as a U.S. citizen. He is now an advisor and Latin liaison for the Philadelphia Phillies. These two positions were created by the organization, since his handicaps don't allow him to scout very much anymore. He is going on his 36th year with the Phillies, and says, "I'm not even thinking about retirement," as he begins to describe his experiences in baseball, and how his life was shaped by the game.

Growing up in Cuba made it easy to be exposed to baseball, but being the youngest boy in his family, Hilario didn't pick up a ball or bat until he was 13 years old. "My brothers wouldn't let me play. So I stayed in the house with my mother," he said.

"It is easy to learn a sport, but those with natural talent make the best players," he said with a chuckle. His speed and accurate arm led Hilario to be a stand-out player on the playground with his friends. Hilario played shortstop and second base,

which has become a tradition for Cubans succeeding in the American game. At 15, he was the youngest player on the National Amateur Club in Cuba, which was an honor because at the time Cuba did not allow black players on the team. "You had to be 17 to play, so my dad had to sign a permission slip, so I could play ball." This is where Mike Guerra, a scout for the Detroit Tigers, saw Hilario and offered to sign him at 16, which was too young according to the rules of Major League Baseball.

His talent now validated, he waited for the day he would turn 18. On Feb. 2, 1961, the wait was over; Hilario signed with the Detroit Tigers. With a \$100 sewn in the lining of his pants and the ability to speak very little English, he left his father, mother and siblings behind to journey to the United States. "I wasn't scared. I wanted to see if I could play pro ball," he said.

Hilario's departure from his homeland came with much adversity, with Cuban President Fidel Castro in office. "No one could leave Cuba legally; the only way of escape was to flee illegally," he said. However, Hilario's visa had already been approved and with a request from the Tigers to the Cuban government, he was able to obtain his visa in Mexico and then travel to the U.S. "The Tigers paid \$1500 dollars for my ticket, so I could leave Cuba and pursue my dream," stated Hilario.

Hilario faced more than a language barrier in his new home. In 1961, discrimination was prevalent, especially in

the South. Hilario, a young, dark-skinned man, was sent to Lakeland, Fla. to play class A ball for the Tigers. Even though Hilario was Latin, society saw him as black and treated him as such. Those in the Tigers organization were no different. The players traveled in separate vans; the white players stayed downtown in clean, nicely furnished hotels, while the black and Latin players "stayed in hotels that were infested with roaches and so run-down that we had to put a dresser against the door in order to keep it shut," he said with a disgusted tone.

Just after the Ku Klux Klan bombed a church in Birmingham, Ala., the Detroit Tigers were scheduled to play at a nearby field. Police were placed at the stadium to ensure the safety of the black and Latin players, but they were only there because they had to be. "I had a good night. I was the only player to have four hits," Hilario recalled. The fans grew irate, and when Hilario and six other black players took the field, a fan yelled from the stands, "We're going to hang a ***** tonight!" "I didn't listen to what was being said. I had a job to do," said Hilario.

During a game in 1964, Hilario tore his ACL as he was sliding into third base. "My knee was the size of bowling ball, and they didn't care," he stated with anger in his voice. His manager and his trainer allowed his knee to swell up every night to the point that his knee never fully healed. Hilario continued to play with the Tigers as a AAA player, until 1969 where he played in the major leagues with the

California Angels.

The following year Hilario was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies. "I only played one year with the Phillies due to [my] knee injury," he said with sadness in his eyes.

Although the Phillies were the last baseball organization to integrate, in 1971 they created a position for a dark-Latin player from Havana, who once could not speak English. Hilario became the first Latin coordinator for the Philadelphia Phillies, "I ran the whole organization from the field," he said with a proud laugh. His intelligence and knowledge of the game allowed him to obtain the third highest spot in the whole organization. "I was outspoken and had the respect of the coaches and players," he said.

For the next nine years, Hilario worked as coordinator for the Phillies. In 1980, it was his job to coordinate spring training and help choose the players who would play with the major league team. On Oct. 21, 1980, all the racism, ridicule and mistreatment that Hilario had gone through received compensation when the Phillies won the World Series for the first and last time. "All those in the organization who doubted my ability saw for themselves what a hard work ethic will do."

As he handed me his World Series ring, the diamonds sparkled. I had never seen him take that ring off his right hand, and as he handed it to me, I could feel the significance. I placed it on my finger, looked at it in awe, and said, "Daddy, I'm proud of you."

Sport management majors learn by experience

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

Every day, High Point University students browse job posting websites or flip through pages of the High Point Enterprise searching for listings for their potential careers. What vexes many is when an entry-level position requires two or more years of experience. How is a recent college grad supposed to even enter the workforce?

Well, High Point University's Sport Management program has answered that question. That major requires at least 360 hours of workplace experience through the internship and two practicums it demands. Most SM majors feel this requirement is absolutely necessary in order to get an entry-level position in the cutthroat sports industry.

"The most important part of the experience is getting out and getting a test of the real world. It is important to make a good impression on who you intern for because it could lead to a job once you graduate," Melissa Lynes, senior, said.

The practicum requirement is 60 hours of sport-related service to be completed twice in order to graduate. SM majors typically serve this time at HPU, as a part of Sports Information, Athletic Marketing, coaches' assistants, or some other role; however, these students can elect to perform their practicums outside the University if they wish.

"The most crucial part of the experience is applying it to the real world. You take your knowledge and apply it to what the classroom cannot teach you. You expand your knowledge in a very useful way without having to make a lot of the same mistakes once you get into the real world," Rachel Schamberger, junior, said.

The internships are at least 240 hours of experience, in which SM majors typically work a full-time job over the duration of a semester.

"My best advice is get out there and take advantage of the time you have in college to participate in internships and conferences. Also with regard to internships be willing to move somewhere for an internship and do not be afraid of missing a semester at school to do that internship else where. Pick the time of year it would be best to do an internship in that field and do it then. Do not jip yourself of an amazing experience just because you wanted to take the easy out. In the long run the experience gained doing that internship will far out way anything you had to give up for it," Lynes said.

Internships are great ways to expand your knowledge of your future career, but getting a great one may be hard to come by. SM majors will tell you,

however, that these great internships are out there, you just need to know where to look and how to get them.

"Don't let people tell you no, and choose what you want to do, and where you want to work. The sport management program gives us almost absolute control over what we choose to do. Also, do as much as possible. (I've held many jobs), and while they are all very different, you will always learn something from them, and being well-rounded sometimes is a lost art, and that's unfortunate. Too many people play it safe," Jake Lawrence, senior, said.

Due in part to their active experiential learning backgrounds, Lawrence and Lynes were recently named two of the ten National Majors of the Year for Sport Management, by the National Association for

Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

"Only 10 students were recognized nationally as majors of the year in sport management and the fact that two of them are here at HPU is just outstanding," Dr. James Zarick, associate professor of sport management and co-adviser of the Sports Majors club, said.

Another facet of scholastic experience is the Sports Majors Club's operation of concessions at soccer, volleyball and baseball games. The club often makes very little profit per game, but the participants learn how to manage parts of sporting events as well as develop interpersonal skills. This aspect also is a service to the school community because if the Sports Majors Club did not provide concessions there would likely be no one else to do so at the games.

One area in which the SM and other sports-related majors at HPU are somewhat unique is that they typically send between five and ten of the most qualified majors to national professional conferences once or twice a year. In 2007 seven SM majors and a PE major went to the AAHPERD national conference in Baltimore to gain valuable social networking and lecture experience. In late May three SM majors (Andrew Boyd, Hans Hodvil and Mike Nuckles) will attend the NAASM conference in Ft. Lauderdale, where they will compete against sports-related majors from across the continent to gain representative positions. These conferences are another resume-builder that will be crucial to getting one's foot in the door after graduation.

"We have attended conferences that have resulted in job interviews, and graduate school acceptances," Lawrence said.

So the next time you go to a HPU sporting event and you go and buy your bag of peanuts and a Coke, remember that your servers are quietly gaining the experience to excel in the workplace, one soda at a time.



SENIORS MIKE HART AND MELISSA LYNES ON THE SPORTS MAJORS CLUB'S RECENT TRIP TO THE AAHPERD CONFERENCE.

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Tennis teams above .500 heading into conference tournament

By Kelly-Jayne Tolman
Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's tennis teams are approaching the ends of their seasons and are heading for their conference tournament to be held at Radford this year. The women's team has battled to a 4-2 win/loss record within conference, and the men have an impressive 5-1 record. The men's team beat Winthrop this season for the first time in four years, which provided a boost to their outlook on this year's Big South tournament.

Winthrop started off strong against the Panthers, winning the doubles point, along with the number one and four singles matches. However, HPU hung tough with Julien Antraygues, Ben Deloume and Henri Mangin winning their singles. The match ultimately came down to Jim Trussler playing at six, who won an epic three set match to seal the victory.

The women's team have also had some notable wins this season. They played against UNC Asheville, winning 6-1, and against Birmingham Southern, win-

ning 5-2. They also travelled to Liberty and gained a 5-2 victory over the Flames,

two of the three available matches. Suzanne Celensu played a hard-hitting match

picked up singles points for HPU to close out the Flames.



REBECCA CARR CONTRIBUTES TO A WINNING TEAM

PHOTO BY MIKE NUCKLES

who had knocked the Panthers out of last year's conference tournament. HPU gained the doubles point early on, winning

at 2 winning 6-4, 7-6 (6). This gave the Panthers a great start. Caroline Mount, Iris Schabetsberger and Sarah McDonough all

HPU's tennis teams emphasised they want to thank everybody who came to support them this year.

An outstanding player for the men's tennis team this year has been Julien Antraygues, freshman from Paris, France. Antraygues has lost only three singles matches this season playing at two in the line up, with two of these defeats being against Elon and N.C State who are ranked top 40 in the country. Antraygues has made an impressive start to his HPU career, and will hopefully continue this impressive form at the conference tournament. Both HPU tennis teams have played some intense matches throughout this spring season; with some close defeats and some great victories, the Panthers are looking in great shape to do well at this year's tournament. Both the men's and women's teams compete April 19 at Radford University.

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