Women’s golf team excels

The women’s golf team shot a fi nal-round 305 to capture the biggest win in the program’s short history last month at the Northern Illinois Springlake Invitational at the-par-72, 5,850-yard Springlake Golf Resort in Sebring, Fla. The Panthers (313-305-616) bested Creighton by seven shots and Mercer by nine strokes. Other teams finishing behind HPU included Illinois, Bowling Green, St. John’s, Appalachian State, Gonzaga and Old Dominion.

The following week, the team finished fifth out of 14 teams at the 54-hole Shamrock Invitational at Tega Cay Golf Club in Tega Cay, S.C.

Alum Martin wins Fulbright Scholarship

Alumna Justin Martin, class of 2002, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and will study in Jordan during the 2005-06 academic year. Martin’s political commentary appeared in the Chronicle and her poetry in Apogee.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers opportunities for recent graduates, postgraduate candidates, and developing professionals and artists to conduct career-launching study and research abroad.

Following graduation from HPU, Martin earned her master’s degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she has received an all-inclusive fellowship.

Smith Library to extend hours during exams

In order to make studying convenient for students, Smith Library will offer the following extended hours during exam week.

Friday, April 29 (Reading Day) - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Saturday, April 30 - 8 a.m. to midnight
Sunday, May 1 - 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Monday, May 2nd through Wed., May 4 - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Good luck on your exams!

compiled by Andrea Griffith

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Graduation information revealed

By Andrea Griffith

Editor in Chief

Before the excitement of graduation begins, students should first be aware of all the details surrounding it. Those details include securing tickets to two commencement events. The commencement luncheon, to be held in the Mills Center on May 6 at 11:30 a.m., will feature President Nido Qubein as a speaker. Each graduate is permitted three tickets for this event—one for the student and two for guests. Seating is limited and will be provided on a first-come basis. Tickets can be picked up during normal office hours from April 25-May 3 at the Office of Student Life, the Evening Degree Program Center and the North Building on the Madison Park Campus.

Faculty and staff who wish to attend the luncheon should also secure tickets in advance.

Due to space limitations, faculty and staff will not be granted tickets for guests.

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Bryden assumes Hitchcock’s post as director of Smith Library

By Kathleen McLean

Staff Writer

On March 31, David Bryden, head of reference services, took on the responsibilities of Judith Hitchcock, former director of library services.

Hitchcock’s contract was not going to be renewed for the next school year. Dr. E. Vance Davis, vice president of academic affairs, declined to comment on the situation.

And although she appreciated students’ concern for her, Hitchcock cannot make a statement, either. She no longer works at the library.

Hitchcock first came to High Point University in 1984 from Alabama to be a reference librarian. She served in that position for three and a half years and was promoted to director in 1988 when her predecessor left. “There was no active interlibrary loan program. There were only print indexes to aid in research, and it was a relatively small library,” said Hitchcock.

A lot of people might think that being library director would be an easy job, but it’s not because of the balance you have to keep between departments, people and staff,” said Virdin. “It also required that Hitchcock worked to get professional development funds that allow staff members to receive training and attend conferences.

Many members of the library staff agreed that Hitchcock was a good boss and person. Le-Nita Williams, circulation supervisor, added that although she had little contact with Hitchcock, she always treated her with respect. “She was very sensitive to the needs of the staff,” said Kendall. “And there were a few times when she recognized the night through improvements. In the early 1990s, the system became fully automated and integrated to include online catalogs and databases accessible to students and faculty. “I feel like I turned it around with the help of my staff,” said Hitchcock.

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Superb job, Dr. Wray!

Godfather. That's what we called him at the Chronicle office.

Dr. Morris Wray always sensed what we needed before we did. Renovated office? He had it before the board knew. He had the hidd- eously mismatched orange carpet and walls and the ramshackle furniture were transformed into a cool work space. 

He liked to, at the end of a busy day, wander over to the News- paper rack? They simply materialized. Good will? It was always there in abun- dance. A spirit of resilience? In our clashes with the administration, he treated us with respect.

But the Wray touch radiated far bey- ond Slane Center. The truth is that he played godfather to every student here during his 13 years as student adviser.

He brought better food to the caf -eteria. He worked his magic be- yond Slane Center. The truth is that he

OAC's kayaking expedition leads to sun, waves and wild horses

By Wayne Watterson

Staff Writer

On an Easter weekend hampered with a forecast of heavy rain and thun- derstorms, I asked myself if I should go kayaking. I decided not to. There had been a massive gathering of thousands of small- shell crabs. After hanging out with the crabs for a while and getting some funny video of

End-of-the-semester blues emerge in April

By Rebecca Fleming

Staff Writer

With final exams looming before me, I am reminded that Commencement is just around the corner. Last year, that told me I’d finished my first year of college. This year, it tells me I’ll be saying goodbye to some really great people and even better friends.

I am not looking for- ward to that. The end of the semester also serves to remind me that when I come back to good ol’ HPU in the fall, things will be very different — and I don’t mean finding freshmomen in my friends’ seats.

Fall 2005 will mark the beginning of President Qubein’s first full academic year here. That holds a lot of promise. We’ve all seen the changes taking place on campus since January. Just think what it will look like when August arrives. I can’t wait to see what else he does. So I have reasons to look forward to next sem- ester.

But, I still have a case of end-of-the- semester blues. This year has been great for me. I met a lot of people, made a lot of friends, had a lot of fun and did a lot of work. The flip side is half of my new friends are seniors who graduate May 7. I go lonesome thinking about it. Sure, I’ll have my non-senior friends, but there’s something sad about losing a big goodbye to people who’ve walked, talked and stud- ied with you for a year.

And yet, I keep remembering the moment because you couldn’t help but feel a connection to nature. I believe Hank, real like lights. I am reminded that Commencement is just around the corner. Last year, that told me I’d finished my first year of college. This year, it tells me I’ll be saying goodbye to some really great people and even better friends.

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And yet, I keep remembering the changes awaiting me. Not only is the cam- pus going to be undergoing changes, but I will be too. In the fall, I’m going to be coming back to a campus I belong to. So I’m more involved today than I was this time last year. In the fall, I’ll get to keep ex- panding my circle of activity; I’ll meet more people, make more friends and do more things. I’ll also have a lot more classes — but I’m actually looking forward to that; all I have left are major classes. A lot of my graduating friends I met in my major classes. History and English ma- jors rock!

As I begin to plot my Finals Week study-strategy, I brace myself for the goodbyes that will come. I’m looking for- ward to the end of the semester and the start of the next. That’s the hardest thing I have to do every year. When those last few papers are due and pray that May 7 is sunny so I can at- tend Graduation. I recognize that I cannot keep the semester from ending, even if I promise myself I’ll keep going indefi nitely.

I want to take this chance to offer a huge “Goodbye!” to all the graduating se- niors. You’ve worked hard and hard, and you deserve your degrees. Kudos to you. We’ll miss you, but I promise not to snarl at innocent freshmen that sit in your seat. They can’t help it; they weren’t hired to know. But remember: You’re the ones who are losing the most. We, the “un-se- niors”, are to witness and experience the changes that President Qubein will bring about.

Congratulations, Class of 2005!
Graduation opens up a world of opportunities

This part of my journey is almost at an end. High Point has been good to me; I've learned a great deal both about the world around me and about myself. But college, like everything, is not all smiles and laughter.

Drew McIntrye
Opinion Editor

I've also squared opportunities, missed classes, procrastinated, lost friends and disappointed or angered more than a few people who deserved better from me. The news is that God grants us second chances. We have run this race to the finish only to begin a new one. Forgive me if I sometimes feel like a mistake if we do not learn from it. And that is what college is about: learning to live up to your unique gift. Your coursework merely ensures you have the proper base of knowledge to pursue your goals; college experience itself teaches us to be more fully human.

High Point, I believe, does a better See Drew, page 11

Straight talk from President Qubein—
Exciting changes on the horizon for 2005

My dear students:

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is in sight. It's been an exciting semester...and more to yet come. With the many physical changes happening on campus, the announcement of speakers for the upcoming Commencement events and preparation for major construction, we are entering a time of great transition and great anticipation.

Let's collectively celebrate the fact that we've part of a dynamic family here at HP, and reunite ourselves to excellence as we spend the summer as ambassadors of High Point University.

When you return to campus this fall, several new buildings will be under construction, including:

- Jerry & Kitty Steele Athletic Complex
- Business Building
- Communications/Education Building
- Wellness Center
- Renovations to Cooke Hall
- Fountain
- And more...

There will be completed improvements, as well, including a library, wireless library, and other facilities such as the athletic complex. When those plans ahead to next year's coursework, I will teach a special seminar on Life Skills that will help students prepare for a wonderful future even before college.

Friends, we are in the midst of great moments which have not gone unnoticed by the world. Last month, the Michigan Daily—the newspaper of the University of Michigan—responded to the announcement that their commencement speaker is John Seely Brown, (alumnus and former Xerox scientist) saying, "Some schools with less prominent reputations boast speakers who are household names, including High Point University. (New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani) The world is watching us, and we must show them what we're made of.

In closing, it has become more and more evident to me that students are the pulse of this university. Over the past few weeks, I have been contacted by several parents of potential new students, expressing the excitement. "I toured your campus recently, and was thoroughly impressed with the amount of fun and camaraderie among your students. We heard you on the video game controller."

To our graduating seniors, we will miss you, and send you into the world with our prayers for a life filled with both success and significance.

Sincerely,
Paul Qubein
Conservatives not tolerated by the radical left on university campuses

By Jonathan Miller  Staff Writer

"Conservatives need not apply" should be standard wording when filling out applications of academia. Study after study shows that few conservatives teach at colleges and universities today. The most recent report performed by Smith College, George Mason University and the University of Toronto states that only 15 percent of college professors label themselves conservative, while 72 percent say they are liberal (1,643 full-time faculty at 183 four-year institutions were surveyed). A similar study performed by three students here at High Point University, myself included, found strikingly comparable results.

How does this affect the classroom and the overall learning environment? At Bowling Green University in Ohio, a Spanish professor dedicates 10 minutes of every class to a "political parenthesis" or a tirade against anything Republican. In addition, a study performed by three students here at High Point University in Ohio, a study performed by three students here at High Point University and the University of Toronto found strikingly comparable results. A similar study performed by Smith College, George Mason University and the University of Toronto states that only 15 percent of college professors label themselves conservative, while 72 percent say they are liberal (1,643 full-time faculty at 183 four-year institutions were surveyed). A similar study performed by three students here at High Point University, myself included, found strikingly comparable results.

News of graduation roadblock stuns senior

By Erin Sullivan  Staff Writer

I was thinking, "I have a little over a month left 'til I graduate. I'm ready to count." As seniors knitted in, I embraced it with open arms. I had worked my butt off for almost four years and I was ready to reap the benefits.

"Erin, your advisor wants to see you," said one of my psychology professors, pulling me out of my trance. An hour later, I was standing in the mahogany chair in my advisor's office, a train hit me. "Bad news," she began. My heart stopped. She told me I had failed hours of short grading. Breath ceased inside my chest. "Um," I began, intelligently. 

"Um," the intelligence continued. I felt like she punched me in the gut. Actually, I would have preferred that. She went on to tell me that a mistake had been made and I needed to take another exam to be able to graduate in May. I felt like I just entered hell. Actually, with the mention of taking yet another class, I felt like I was in hell and then asked to wear a sweater, as if it wasn't hot enough.

"Lobolly," my advisor said with a sympathetic smile and matching eyes. This was the last I ever heard of "the night classes for the last session just begun." Ok, yes, I thought, tough luck. I've taken a night class and I wasn't a huge fan. Cramming a semester's worth of work into half of a semester three nights a week made a new respect for evening degree students.

"Don't worry about the directed study," she said. Anything but actually going to class was appealing. I wouldn't have to go to class, but I would still need to read the book and take the tests. 

"Anything to get me across the stage in May," I said, with a reluctant smile. I thought of my family, who has already purchased plane tickets and made hotel reservations for the ceremony event. Somehow I don't think they'd be too thrilled to send all that money just to watch me fail. I then decided to take the test and graduate on time with the other graduates on May 7.

I thought this would be my biggest hurdle and I felt finished. But it is the lone hour left out, leaving the hurdle. I found my self-walking in my problems when I was interrupted by my roommate.

"All we have in the pantry is maple syrup and trash bags. Which one do you want for dinner?" These are the things I'm going to miss. All of the relationships I've created in the past four years won't be the same after May 7. It's nice to think that they will, but they won't. I won't see these people every day, plans for spring break will end with them or stick class with them just because it's raining outside. Next year I won't be able to discuss weekend plans with them or share stories about what people did, or can't remember doing, the night before.

I asked my advisor if she had told me, "You're two years short of spending time with your friends. You can't graduate with these years are completed." I think I would have been ok with that. I always thought that the hardest part about college was the classes. In a sense, that's partly true. But really, it's 'everything.' College is about all the ties you make. Two hours short of graduating? No big deal.

I wrote a paper and received a "C," and then wrote a paper from a liberal viewpoint and received an "A." No college is free from liberal bias.

I see no end to Students dominating campus faculty. Thomas Reeves of the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute has said that "conservatives are discriminated against routinely and deliberately in faculty hiring. Again, our campus is no exception. As long as college curricula continue requiring "multicultural studies," which is a politically correct form of indoctrination, conservatives will be brushed aside because many conservatives are "race theorists?"

Maybe the tolerant Left would allow for affirmative action hiring of conservatives, since diversity is their mantra? Sorry, the re-education camp refuses to be an equal opportunity employer. Only those open-minded enough to believe in homosexual marriage, abortion and global warming need apply.

Depriving gays also values morality

By Megan Powers  Staff Writer

In recent years, the dividing line between political parties has grown wider and wider, and the image of both parties has changed dramatically. Many have claimed the Republican Party to be the moral party, with the left targeted as immoral, irreverent liberals. However - I am a Democrat because of my beliefs not due to a lack of belief, but because of my belief in human rights for all people, regardless of sex, marital status, race and sexual orientation.

The Democratic Party seeks to give equal opportunity to everyone. Democrats do not give theunaligned advantage to big business as the Republicans do, and they do not reward the wealthy at the expense of the poor. They want to keep as many jobs here as possible, allowing for more Americans to get work and stay off of welfare. They seek to limit spending and control the deficit, rather than increase it. Overall, they work for the benefit of a majority rather than a minority.

Socially, they uphold the rights of the individual. While views such as supporting a woman's right to choose may seem immoral to some, that view is not saying that all Democrats agree with abortion, but rather that they agree that a woman should be able to make her own choice. I think abortion is wrong, and those who want to make that decision will have to deal with the consequences for the rest of their lives, but it is not my decision to make for anyone but myself. As far as civil unions are concerned, I feel that a committed monogamous couple should be allowed the same Constitutional rights regardless of whether they are heterosexual or homosexual.

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China can be exploited easier for much been imported from China. Workers in come from somewhere. In fact, most of lower prices than in America, where there downfall of our economy? It makes me mad. In addition, 4.5 million people now have clean drinking water for the first time in their lives. In one year, 400,000 workers received up compered to only 35 percent before the war. In the schools, students are being taught sanitation skills to prevent the spread of germs and bacteria. Yet most of the stories covered by CBS, NBC and other news outlets only point out the po- itical arguments, the accusations of both being part of the Abu Ghraib prison torture scandal. I wish to end with a quote that an Ihram friend provided me, a be-half, in the Koran (9:11): “The wrath of the Eagle would be felt throughout the lands of Allah and his people while some of the people trembled in despair still more repressed; for the wrath of the Eagle cleansed the lands of Allah and there was peace.” Many Middle Easterners have associated that eagle with America and our bald eagle as the symbol of our freedom.

Sam Walton's empire: exploiting the masses, both at home and abroad

By Trevor McDonald

As I listen to the latest news stories on some random Clear Channel-sup- ported radio program, I realize that many of us are concerned only with the sins of a few individuals. I suppose it makes it easier to give evil a face if we’re con- fronted with a picture of the latest ber- gathy or murder. We’re so afraid of what one guy might do to us that we’re com- pletely blind to the sins of corporations that exploit us daily. One of the greatest offenders is Wal-Mart.

Plenty of Americans shop and work at Wal-Mart. How many of them are un- aware that they are contributing to the downfall of our economy? Perhaps “downfall” is too strong a word, but if you think low prices must come from somewhere. In fact, most of the goods that one finds in Wal-Mart have been imported from China. Workers in China can be exploited easier for much lower prices than in America, where there are little nagging things like minimum wage and child labor laws. Then Wal-Mart abuses the free trade agreement with China to bring these goods en mass to stores in America. With the refusal to pump money back into local economies, Wal-Mart has given China a great many resources necessary to crush all local com- munities.

By Justin Spinks

To my surprise I have heard several voices claiming the media have a liberal bias. This opinion, increasing in popu- larity, probably originated from popu- lar TV news anchors such as Dan Rather, Peter Jennings and Tom Brokaw who have dominated broadcast news for over 20 years and are liberal. However, with heated issues such as the war and elec- tions in Iraq, not to mention the CBS- Dan Rather snafu about President Bush’s time in the National Guard, the alleged liberal bias in the media has become a hotter issue.

I all take this by surprise because I have never found the media to be domi- nantly liberal. Rather when I think of bi- ased news, Fox News Channel comes immediately to mind. Most Fox anchors would proudly admit that the majority of their stories do include their own opin- ions, and they are usually conservative ones. This has simply become an ac- cepted fact. So the rest of the American media is liberal? I find this not to be accurate at all.

Consider the initial coverage of the war in Iraq. Who could give me an exam- ple of liberal media during that pe- riod in history? If by liberal, I mean people who either did not support the war or the way the Bush administration was handling the war, then I seriously doubt you could find any. The major networks, ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, all acted like cheerleaders for Bush’s war. Well- known newscaster Connie Chung on Oct. 7, 2002 scolded Democratic Rep- resentative Mike Thompson for criticiz- ing President Bush’s claim that the Iraq was an immediate threat to the United States. So our newscasters were intimating that to disagree with the president would make a person a Saddam Hussein sup- porter or a terrorist. Where is the liberal bias in this?

Voices in the media have since become more critical during the war’s controver- sional outcome; however, as a rule the lib- eral voices is largely underplayed as the media. Take Seymour Hersh’s article in the New Yorker on the possible Ameri- can invasion of Iran. How many of you had even heard of that story prior to my March piece in the Chronicle? Now, many, I’ll bet, because the major net- works are represented dissecting voices concerning how this administra- tion handled the situation in Iraq. Take Deborah Amos and Rick Davis, the Woodrow Wilson Fellows who recently visited the university. They were correspondents in the Middle East for many years, and they believe that the elections held in Iraq were a great step forward. As Amos said, “I was truly moved.” But both, especially Davis, have criticized how the president has handled post-war Iraq, and what he plans to do in the future.

So the question comes down to this: Is any attempt to criticize the com- petence of the commander in chief activity as a journal- ist viewed simply as liberal bias? I’ll let you answer that question for yourself, but before you do, bear this thought in mind: Perhaps Americans, and not just news people, should learn to think more critically and not be ruled by personal biases.

Kayaking, continued

By Justin Spinks

As the trip neared its end, a bald eagle soared over us, carrying a branch for its nest - a perfect conclusion.

With a little help from nature, this turned out to be an amazing weekend.

The Outdoor Activity Club will most likely hold this trip again in the fall and for $20, you can experience great outdoors. I would recommend this trip to anyone.

Advocate, continued

By Justin Spinks

on campus every year. Perhaps, more im- portantly, it was Wray who, year after year, compulsingly campaigned for the new com- munications major. In addition, he was deeply dedicated to the welfare of inter- national students.

Few people know, however, that he sometimes made holes (read: gave money) to students who could not have returned to see this generation.

This summer, Wray, 63, will enter semi-retirement. In typically selfless fash- ion, he is teaching a class in the Old Dominion. We will deeply miss this kind, caring, unfailingly optimistic man. No one else has ever done so much good for so many students.
Business professor seeks thrills by riding motorcycles, skydiving

By Brandon Wright
Staff Writer

The financial management professor

James Dunham has not allowed success to slow him down or keep him from doing what he loves. He is a man of great character, integrity and dedication. But first he had to find his way.

At first glance, Dunham may look like an older man teaching at HPU. But when you talk to him, you find out that this assumption is incorrect. Mr. Dunham is an oddity among older men. He is a thrill-seeker.

At age 17, Dunham was a high school dropout living in his hometown of Galeton, Pa. He lacked direction, but he found it in the United States Army. "The Army made a man out of me," Dunham said. If it hadn't been for the Army, he doesn't know what would have become of him.

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Furniture capital of High Point sounds off on competition as Vegas holds inaugural market

By Melissa Caudill

Staff Writer

"Furniture capital of the world" is synonymous with High Point. Every student, who enters HPU, is bombarded with that phrase. Those who have never heard of High Point before coming here know it within their first few weeks of that fact. This year, High Point has around 80,000 visitors—buyers, exhibitors, manufacturers, retailers and members of the press. Students compete each October and April for jobs at Market. The hours are long, but the pay is good—and sometimes it is not even taxed.

Scene carry heavy boxes of furniture, lighting, rugs and accessories up flights of stairs and upstack boxes for showrooms to be set up. Others stand on a street corner for 10 hours passing out literature to be set up. Others stand on the street corner for 10 hours passing out literature. "It's not even worth it," said Denise Becker of the News & Record.

With all the attention and anticipa-
tion, the inaugural market in Vegas will probably have more attendance than what you would see at the Triad. "People are going to be curious," said Becker. "Our original projections were approximately 35,000 attendees versus 45,000 buying channels," said Dena Pretten, director of marketing and public relations for the World Market Center. "This at-
tention is not as expected to increase significantly now that we have expanded the scope of our show."

The newly expanded plans have eight phases over a 57 acre sight in the heart of Las Vegas. "Our growth plans are a re-
sult of buyers' and exhibitors' avalanche of support for the Las Vegas Market. The industry strongly believes in our long term vision of a world-class market in the world-class city of Las Vegas bringing together all facets of the home furnishing industry," said Pretten. "We have been accustomed to being the number one market in the world. Now, there's a new market in town."

On July 25-29, Las Vegas will host its first market at the World Market Center. Five million square feet of show room space is available this July in permanent and temporary locations. On April 1, expansion plans were announced with total showroom space to reach 12 million square feet by 2015. The new stops for Las Vegas Market will rival High Point's already established market.

The students definitely being watched by people in High Point. It has gotten some people concerned," said Denise Becker of the News & Record. "The effect the Las Vegas will have is impossible to predict. The ripple could be felt 10, 20, even 20 years to be felt by High Point."

"The furniture world's ties to High Point are not as strong as they once were because many companies moved their production from the Triad area to overseas locations."

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Students to teach in China

By Miki Ikeda

Staff Writer

An organization called Camp China came to school and called for stu-
dents interested in teaching in China. The candidates had to be Chris-
tian and have at least one year in college. They were asked to apply to California to get training, then learn America for China. Khou Xiong, a sophomore, is looking forward to teaching in China. Khou has been accepted by the pro-
gram and is going to China to teach English.

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Two students disprove stereotypes about home state

By Erin Sullivan
Staff Writer

While they recognize that their home state isn’t extremely progressive, two Panther women feel the need to dispel the myth that people from West Virginia are stupid. Griffith finds this fact com- plaint. "It’s always well with high school," she said. "But, I just thought, ‘Well, it’s just a small school.’"

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Inside the life of a homeless woman

By Gina Smith
Staff Writer

Four pairs of gloves and two tobog- 
gans. Those were her Christmas presents last year from well-wishers along Main Street. Not far from the old Gulf gas sta- tion, about 100 feet behind a furniture store on a quiet street is a facility for a mi-
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think, ‘God, it would be so much easier not to tell people I’m from West Vir- ginia,” she said. However, she has never lived in the state before.

According to High Point University’s web site, West Virginia resi- dents have the highest of graduation rates at High Point University. In May, Griffith and Kelps will add to that num-
ber, helping to prove the West Virginia stereotype wrong.

"I don’t think it’s where you’re from that determines how successful you’re going to be," said Kelps. "It’s the op-
portunities you decide to take."
No mistake, that is a real High Point College football player. (left) Who would have guessed there was once a women’s field hockey team (below)?

The fashions may have changed but at least the atmosphere at school dances hasn’t changed with the times (top). Our school Panther before his much deserved makeover (right). Back when the ’90s grunge ruled (far right).

Gart Evans during the mustache years (above). The Hayworth Chapel much different than how we know it now (left). An actual High Point University track (below).

compiled by Katie Estler
By Amanda Roberts 
A&E Editor

Four years ago, the Toccatatones burst onto the High Point University scene. The time: the talent show. The prize: first place, $150. Of the original five members, two remain, Mike Maykish and Josh McAfee; this year, they’re graduating.

Maykish, McAfee, Chris Holmes, Adam Canavazzi and Baron Heinemann brought the Toccatatones to life, a dream uniting the five guys. The style of music and a desire to perform led these guys to form an a cappella group. “It’s hard to say how it began, but it did begin,” Maykish said.

The Toccatatones found their inspiration in Todd Owen Carter, former director of the music department. It had been his dream to start an a cappella group on campus. He contracted cancer and died in 2001, before Maykish and McAfee entered as freshmen. “We used his initials and found a music term to fit,” McAfee said.

“At the beginning, we only knew one song,” Maykish said. “The talent show was the first place we sang before an audience. We won, and we thought it was pretty cool.”

That victory led to appearances at Orientation and Presidential Scholarship weekend and in the chapel. Last spring, they held their first concert. The fall semester, they performed with an Appalachian State a cappella group, “What’s Yer Adoring Crowd.”

This year’s Toccatatones lineup includes Nick Adams, Adam Duncan, Bob Haviland, Gabe Herlinger, Daniel Honey, Dane Jackson, Maykish, McAfee, Adam Troy and Joe Zito.

The boys practice about two times a week, no more than three hours a week. Recruitment occurs most often in the last two years, with about four guys showing up at each. Some of them are now members, which speaks highly of the quality of the performers we have,” Maykish said.

Last fall, the Toccatatones toured New Jersey, concluding their trip with recordings of their album. “Our first stop was supposed to be Bob Haviland’s house,” Maykish said. “However, Bob didn’t know how to get to his house. We spent three to four hours trying to find it.”

“I tell the guys, ‘Don’t think about it, just sing,’ when we perform,” Maykish stated.

The Toccatatones have bonded as friends as well as singers. Over spring break, they performed with Chapel Choir at Carnegie Hall, having fun by dancing during their routine, most notably, “The Robot.”

“The Toccatatones is a good outlet for being able to get away and have Toccatatones time. I’ve been here since spring 2003, and the practices have gotten more organized, and we have received more notice,” Duncan said.

“There will release its CD on April 30. Many styles of music, from traditional doo-wop to classic rock, choral music to hip hop, and Thrice makes great music, and Beck scores another alternative rock hit

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**A Static Lullaby- Favo Latido**

Rock, in its ever-changing form, has found another great band to discover. A Static Lullaby, a new band who rose from underground of St. Louis, Missouri, has many a good quality in its music. It is energetic without being disorienting, but the singer’s vocal chords have to be strained. The powerful lyrics and guitar definitely could raise your spirit.

Final Grade- B+

**Thrice- The Artist in the Ambulance**

Now this is rock that sings from the heart. This popular band’s new album is full of well-written, from-the-inner-sanctum lyrics and guitar from the soul. The album reminds me of most rock bands in the mainstream section, but there is something about Thrice that stands out to me, and I am not sure what that thing is. This makes great music, and The Artist in the Ambulance is further evidence.

Final Grade- B+
College Republicans

Thanks again to everyone who came out to Support the Trypier Day and the Conservative Cutting Out Day! We certainly appreciate all the support and we hope you enjoyed both events!

The College Republicans enjoyed a very fine semester and year. We helped deliver President Bush for the black state of North Carolina, siding in his overall re-election; we assisted with Richard Burr’s successful U.S. Senate campaign and we hosted two fine speakers, Daniel Flynn, conservative author, and Reginald Jones, a black conservative who addressed the campus during Black History Month. We also held a wonderful Women’s History Bowl competition to celebrate Women’s History Month.

We look to continue our successes during the next academic year being led by newly elected Chairman Wayne Rumpone. Jonathan Miller, the current chairman, stepped down after two years at the helm. We wish him the best of luck as he travels to Scotland to study abroad at the University of St. Andrews.

The College Republicans would also like to extend a sincere thanks and best wishes to six fine seniors out of our solid advisor. Janie Walters, Drew McIntyre, Denise Sealy, Chris Michener, Joel Stubblefield and Mylin Cecil were dedicated CRs who definitely impacted the organization for the better.

Good luck to you all.

Finally, we would like to thank our advisor, Dr. Larry Simpson, for being such a terrific advisor. He graciously accepted our offer, and we are eternally grateful for his kind deed. We certainly needed a professor as solid as Dr. Simpson to take us on.

Farewell to all the graduating seniors, no matter if you are Democrat, Republican and any other political persuasion. The best of luck with whatever path you may choose. To everyone else, enjoy your summer and we’ll see you the next academic year.

The College Republicans wish you all the best.

Kappa Delta

The Alpha Phi Omega chapter here at High Point University, the sisterhood and brotherhood events, speeches and presentations have all given all of their hard work to make their chapters the best of the best. The dedication and commitment go beyond the events that they are the duties of being a brother or sister; the feeling is a deep connection that derives from knowing that they were part of something special and exclusive. These sisters hold the knowledge and experience of Greek life, and even though they will soon move on into the real world, their influence on each other will forever remain.

For all of the underclassmen Greeks, we wish you the best, and assure you that you will all be missed.

As the year draws to an end, the sisters and brothers would like to thank everyone who has helped us out and supported us throughout our fundraisers and philanthropy events. Our Shamrock 5k fun run was successful once again, once the rain cleared and the blue sky arrived. We are especially grateful to all of you for your selfless checks to both Prevent Child Abuse America and the Halleigh House. The sisters and brothers are grateful for all of you who walked for all of her time and energy.

The 50th anniversary of Gamma Gamma Gamma was an amazing event filled with many years of sisterhood and memories. It was exciting to meet both the foundresses and our national president. The last few weeks of this semester will be spent mingling with a few of the foundresses and trying to spend as much time as possible with our KD sisters. Girls, you will all be missed greatly, but we know you all will be successful in every aspect of life! Good luck on finals, everyone, and have a great summer!
Baseball team contends for Big South playoff spot

By Wayne Watterson

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Fan makes early Fall Classic predictions

By Justin Cobb

The last time on an unrelated note, Doug Mientkiewicz was leaping into the air and the Boston Red Sox were world champions. A lot has happened since that time, but a lot has happened in the world, but again it's confidence and situation; you never know what the game can do, and your abilities.

Barry Bonds, the biggest and most tarnished name in the game, is seriously contemplating not even taking a swing this year; due to surgery and media scrutiny. If Bonds is dropped, the division will surely be in a state of flux. Bonds figures to be on the wrong end of many 11-8 scores as his pitching remains an abysmal trial by fire minivandel. There is something like out of a Stephen King horror novel.

Jose Canseco thinks so. So do many high-powered moveshand shakers of the American Political Machine.

But, in the East this foul exploration of the devious nature of professional athletes. The Boston Red Sox are the defending champions for the first time since "Big Canada, " when he put 5 home runs.

Other positions are the "Big Canada."

The Red Sox, after losing their last seven games and 3-0 loss, are the new hurdle for the Red Sox is figuring out who can pitch. Pedro Martinez and Lowe to the Dodgers. The latter may not be all he's advertised to be this year. Martinez tried to resurrect his career; brings his Yankee uniform out of mothballs to still have forests and clean water, but again it's confidence and situation; you never know what the game can do, and your abilities.

It's a risky pick, but there's no way in going conservative now, right?

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Rafael Palmeiro. Unfortunately, Baltimoraez was dragged out of retirement, leaving the country and hiding out, it seems, not just in the standings but be involved."

Carl Pavano joins the staff from Florida and first baseman Tino Martinez brings his Yankee uniform out of mothballs as he tries to resurrect his career; and what better time for it than Easter season? The big question mark, however, is Jason Giambi, whose 2004 season in the deflection of just what steroids can do. In Giambi's case, the nightmare will be setting foot on the road as his tumultuous stint in the Bronx enters its next and possibly final chapter.

When the smoke clears, the gig is done and playoff insanity returns with autumn, who will be left standing?

Look for the Yankees, Red Sox, Twins (with Cy Young winner Johan Santana baffling opponents all year), and Rangers in the American League. The senior circuit the Braves. High Point will have to be the (No-MAH) than the Dodgers and Reds. The Reds are simply an impulsive selection; in the World Series what about the Yankee-style money in a last-ditch effort to compete with the team from the Bronx. The rotation is vintage 2000 with Pedro and Tom Glavine anchoring a competent and veteran staff. As long as Kris Benson's wife doesn't sleep with the team, as she has threatened in the past, it's hard to see any serious clubhouse problems, but it's hard to bet against the Atlanta Braves who have won 15 straight; Record breaking 3-0 loss.

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