Panther roars onto the scene

By Maria Rajas 
Staff Writer

It is not every day a panther comes to campus, but when it is 18 feet long from nose to tail, one cannot help but take notice. On Aug. 15, the ton and a half bronze panther statue took center stage when it was erected in front of Millis Center. The new addition has been in the making since September 2005 and took prolonged research and labor by the offical sculptor of the U.S. Olympic team, John Hartman.

"We went to great lengths to make the panther look realistic. It gives me goose bumps," said Chris Dudley, assistant vice president for community relations.

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Extra card improves on old student ID

Chad Hartman, assistant athletic director for sports marketing, was given the charge of identifying local businesses willing to accept the card. "The HPU card allows local businesses to partner with the university in an exclusive off campus merchant network. It allows students access to services off campus which has never been allowed before," Hartman states.

"Of campus use of the card will not be available until the middle of September and should include establishments such as Domino's Pizza, McAlister's Deli, Armadillo Grill, two CVS stores, Jersey Mike's and Ham's Restaurant.

However, new technology never comes without its share of problems. Some students have complained that the vending machines, which are supposed to accept the card as payment for beverages and snacks, have dispensed neither beverages nor snacks. "I'm not happy because it's the whole point of the card. I've tried to use it all over campus and it doesn't work anywhere," said senior David Thompson.

While the machines still accept cash, President Nido Qubein said that because the vending machines are handled by an outside company and not the university, the card problems would have to be fixed by the vending machine company. "The situation is slightly beyond our control; we will have to work with them," Qubein said.

In addition to student vending machine woes, the system has a few other problems. Aside from purchasing meals in the cafeteria, the university meal plan has always had a "flex-cash" option. "Flex cash" gives students the choice of using their ID to purchase fast food in the Panther Point, items from the campus convenience store or coffee from Java City on a declining cash balance.

While fast food remains available to students during late night dining hall hours, the current construction projects continue on page 4.
Excitement and expectation end in grief

Student clings to faith in God when tragedy strikes close to home

By Amanda Roberts
Editor in chief

I was so excited about writing this article. I had been planning on writing it for the past nine months.

I was all ready to be able to write about my new brother or sister. I had no idea that at 10:30 on Aug. 24 my mother would give birth to a stillborn son.

A redheaded little girl with Down’s syndrome and lungs that were undeveloped.

It’s not anything you would expect.

My sister came to me after I got out of my 12:30 class that day to tell me the news. I knew we both appreciated the fact that we went to the same school at that moment because we were together.

One of my best friends was simply amazing that day. I called her and she didn’t think I would want to hear it. But she didn’t think I wouldn’t be able to get there in one piece. And I know that I could’ve called any of my friends and they would’ve told me the same. These are the things you realize at moments like these.

My grandparents were at my house when my mother came out. They were there because they got the call. My mom didn’t stay in the hospital, and you know, I don’t blame her. I wouldn’t want to stay there in the hospital, and you know, I don’t blame her.

I was so excited about writing this through the people around me and my faith in God. I know that birth to live babies. Hearing their first cry. Seeing the glowing family members routines in unison. I laughed as Heidi and Kar completed Mitch Hedberg’s comedy routines in unison. I laughed as Heidi and J.R recapped Hedgie’s blonde moment as she was the guy that’s been in the place of courtesy and at least a modicum of respect. It’s a man hiding behind his badge, hungry for the first time responsibilities. We’d get to send her home after a few days. But things don’t always work the way you plan.

I went back to school that night - just to get back to normalcy. And I cried. On the shoulders of my friends. As I took my shower. As I drove back home the next day. But I laughed too. I laughed at my faith in God. I laughed as we put silly string on the guys. I laughed as Dane and Kurt competed Mitch Hedberg’s comedy routines in unison.

I didn’t get to my internship; I couldn’t dive. Not after toasting and turning. And thinking. My boss and I just been talking, it seemed, a few hours ago about the baby. I told her that I’d call her if I couldn’t come in the next day. I wish that I had been there for a different reason.

She sent her little girl to kindergarten today. I’m never going to get to see my little sister get on the bus. I’m never going to help her pick out her Halloween costumes. She will never have her first boyfriend.

The things helping me get through this are the people around me and my faith in God. I know that God is in control because he has surrounded me with friends and family.

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Officer lacks respect for students’ intelligence

By Patrick Donovan
Opinion Editor

It’s happened to every one of us. We’re standing around at some off-campus house or the Fraternity Apartment, having a beer or 30, just relaxing and being college kids, when along comes the infamous John E. Lawson, High Point’s finest. It’s a normal occurrence and more often than not, not really that big of a deal. Usually, he’d tell you to make sure the beer is in a cup and that things don’t get out of hand; he’d kid kids be kids. If he did write you a citation, he was at least polite about it. He treated you with a margin of respect whether or not you deserved it.

That was last year, and in the words of Bob Dylan, it seems, “The times they are a-changing.”

Since this school year has started, both times I have had to deal with an officer of the law, it has been in a manner that is blantly stereotypical. Gone is the “community policing” mentality for a mentality that says, “You’re picking, on high school; now you have the power.”

And good times have vanished as well. It was because of course, a certain officer has acted in a manner that is blantly stereotypical. Gone is the “community policing” mentality for a mentality that says, “You’re picking, on high school; now you have the power.”

Ego and attitude have taken over the place of courtesy and at least a modicum of respect. It’s a man hiding behind his badge, hungry for the first time responsibilities. We’d get to send her home after a few days. But things don’t always work the way you plan.

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In the debate about Iraq, I hold the following truths to be self-evident. We were brought into the war on false pretenses; there is little connection to terrorism or September 11, we have spent hundreds of billions of dollars that could have gone to education, Katrina victims or other honorable causes, and with a defense budget of $440 billion dollars things have gone considerably awry.

Our troops are in harm's way for a cause that is scorned internationally, and our treasury is way past bankrupt in supporting this endeavor. How can we be the beacon on a hill like our ancestors wished when we cannot pay our gas bill?

Most of all points concerning me is the system these days both hopeless and humilitating. In the world today, you're either with the world today or you are left. We are still in Iraq, many persons ask the question, "Why are we still there?"

There are many good reasons why American and allied forces are there fighting the War on Terrorism in Iraq. Iraq under the Hussein regime was stable; terrorists were punished for their dastardly deeds and as bad as it sounds, the average person in this nation knew not to speak out against the country. The United States and the world at large have made a commitment by overthrowing the Hussein regime not only to the Iraqi people, but also to future generations across the globe.

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I did not approve of this war, but I know that we must see this through, and in the words of Sen. John McCain, "stay to win." The rally-around-the-flag effect has long pasted and patriotism, nationalistic and presidential approval have been on a downward spiral for some time. Little do people know, that the growing instability within Iraq will expand until it spins dangerously out of control, and if we do not stand up to our commitment and finish our job, terrorism will spin in our direction yet again with great severity. Granted that the war effort may take a decade or more, and with the present troop counts and low approval ratings of what is going on, it might never be over, but we must try to finish the job, if only to bring stability even under a non-democratic regime.

Do not feel bad because the average American citizen does not comprehend what is at stake, and neither do some of our leaders. The polarity is weak, and Iraq has become a terrorist breeding ground.

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Questioning political leanings

Moderate searches for a common ground and like-minded individuals

By Samantha Tuthill

Growing up as a child with a conservative father and a liberal mother, I was often surrounded by heated debates about American politics. With my father's military background and current job as an employee of the government, it is easy to see why he is a Republican. Likewise, it is easy to see why my mother's position is Democrat. While they were busy arguing about if war with Iraq was a good decision or if No Child Left Behind is doing more harm than good, I was listening, picking up valid points and flaws on both sides.

This is how I believe I found myself where I am today: right in the middle, with a moderate independent political stance.

Over the years I have realized that the one main thing that extremists on both sides have in common is that each one thinks their side is absolutely right, whereas the other is completely wrong. In their attempts to prove their points and prove to the rest of their group that they are nothing like their "enemies," people would ignore anything of value that their opponent had to say. If a Democrat said it, an extremist Republican would completely ignore it or dismiss it, and visa versa. Then I was trying to explain to them that if they just listen to each other, they'd see that the answer lies somewhere between what they both were saying.

The liberals called me a conservative, and the conservatives called me a liberal, as if the words were a horrible insult or a curse. However, I have come to realize that to be a conservative in New Hampshire differs greatly from being a conservative in the south. For example, in New Hampshire, never in a discussion of homosexuality or gay marriage have I ever crossed a conservative who vehemently feels that someone he/she knows will "become gay" by being exposed to a liberal environment. After awhile I realized that these were not people who could be reasoned with, so I did what I thought was the only logical thing to do, I just laughed at all of them.

I could not help but notice that here at High Point there are student groups for Republicans and Democrats. But what about the rest of us? What about the independents, the socialists or the anarchists? Don't we all have ideas too? Where do we fit into the world of political discussion? Or, as the case may be with some people, the world of political chaos.

What about those of us who are tired of having to buy a copy of The New York Times and The Washington Times to compare articles on the same topic, trying to find where the truth is hidden beneath all the bias? What about those of us who try to fit into a particular party, but were too ashamed to be associated with the Jerry Falwells and the Rob Reiners? Those of us who watch "The Daily Show" every Monday through Thursday, not just because it's funny, but also because we need to be reminded that there are still people out there who think a particular bizarre piece run on Fox News is, in fact, bizarre.

The way new politics has come to a head has called a lot of things by a lot of different people. I couldn't help but notice that the words "typical" and "liberal" become a catch-all which everyone seems to use. I suppose this is because I find the state of our bipartisian system these days both hopeless and humiliating. Nor are we alone, I can't help but wonder if there are a lot of people out there like me and if we could possibly fit in with the world today.

A positive attitude leads to the realization of your dreams

By Jared Babin

It has been over three years now. Life, money and losses across the board, and we are still in Iraq. Many persons ask the question, "Why are we still there?"

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Word on the Street

HPU is flourishing with new features and architecture. Despite all of the new construction, there are a few past features that students wish to be brought back.

What past feature from HPU do you miss the most?

I miss the sand volleyball court (outside of Finch) because it gave us a great time to socialize and be outside.” - Holly Smoot, sophomore

“I miss Java City the most because I used to meet people there, and there is not a good meeting place anymore.” - Steven White, senior

“I miss the computer access in Java City. It was a quick way to check my email before I left campus.” - John Mullen, sophomore

“I miss a convenient parking spot, so I bought a scooter because I used to meet people there, and there is not a good meeting place anymore.” - Erica Reed, sophomore

“I definitely miss coming to school and being able to have an instant parking spot.” - Tony Starner said.

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Parking increase hurts wallets of returning students

However, the number of students parking on campus has also increased, thus aggravating the problem of the lack of availability.

By Rosalyn Medina
Staff Writer

It happened sometime this summer. You probably didn’t notice it until your parents let out some sort of scream from the next room. You sit there and think, “What did I do now?” For once, you’re good; your parents’ bank accounts, not so lucky. This year’s school bill went up, and it isn’t pretty.

Many people coming to this school might not think this is as big of a deal as those before them are making it seem. Well, new students, let me tell you that this was definitely not the case about a year ago. We were all pretty sure that changes would be upon us at the campus. However, it was never explained to us that there is a price to these changes. As if parking wasn’t enough, now we have to deal with extra costs. It was a change for which our bank accounts and wallets were not ready.

As you might already know, parking has always been an issue. Because there were too many cars, there were no parking spots available. This caused commuters as well as some on campus to receive multiple parking violations. It was rumored that this was a way to prevent future parking violations as well as the number of cars on campus.

It’s understandable that the school wants to keep the number of cars to a minimum and the working expert the school wants the college student to keep his or her money safely tucked in their pockets instead of paying a ridiculous amount for a parking violation that shouldn’t have happened in the first place.

Paying $75 for a small, white and purple “HPU” sticker is taking the situation to the extremes, especially considering the fact that the parking situation has gotten worse. The $10 sticker was just fine the way it was, the situation was the same. Perhaps a $10 increase would have been ok, but the unexpected $65 for a plain sticker to park on a campus where it is often difficult to find a parking spot.

Going out to eat? Tips to make process a bit less complicated

By Pam Hayes
Assistant Editor

When I began waiting tables, I decided that I didn’t want to be the cliché idea of a rude, incompetent, slightly depressed waitress who wore hose and orthopedic shoes. I made the attempt to smile at all of my customers and make small talk when the opportunity arose. That didn’t last long.

There are always nice, respectable customers, and I commend those people. The same, I discovered another type of customer who was either cranky upon arrival or had already lumped me into the cranky waitress category before I had the chance to prove otherwise. As a result, there were many times when I was one cranky waitress.

While it is the restaurant staff’s job to make a customer’s dining experience as comfortable and enjoyable as possible, many people fail to recognize that this process is a two way street. Luckily for customers, most of the work is on the other side of the road.

In hopes of improving your dining experience and the working expert the for waitresses and waiters alike, I give you 10, simple rules to remember when eating out. Though some of these might sound harsh, they’re mainly just true.

1. - If there is a seating hostess, please follow the seating hostess and do not direct her to the “corner table.” It makes her day. The choice may come as a shock to some, but odds are that the hostess has a specific reason for seating you there. Why don’t you try sticking with a seating hostess because we don’t feel like looking at you, though this may have something to do with it.

2. - Never, under any circumstance, hit on or sexually harass a server in any way. We get enough of that from the kitchen staff already.

3. - Do not ask the waitress/waiter for a detailed description and price of every item. Menus serve a purpose other than cluttering the table. Just because we work there doesn’t mean we’ve memorized, tested or purchased every item the restaurant offers. We have a life, too.

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have not been allowed for a convenience store or a place for coffee addicts to get their fix. A new convenience store, scheduled to open in early October, will be located in the basement of Yadkin Hall, while the new Starbucks coffee house will not be available until January 2007.

The lack of availability affects the students concerned about how they will spend their flex-cash. Others are worried about losing their money if they do not spend their balance before the end of this semester. "I think it will cause a major problem because we have no place to use our card except for The Point, " sophomore Tony Starner said.

Qubein has made assurances that no student will be forced to purchase 27 Dr. Peppers and five pounds of guiern bear the day before final exams in order to spend their remaining balance. "We have to be fair and just," Qubein said, and he has promised that every student will be allowed to roll over their balance to the spring 2007 semester. When asked about concessions for students graduating in December, he stated that in order to be fair, "we have to refund your money."

"We are moving so fast," Qubein said. "We are trying to get the kinks out of this process. We are making improvements that are progress-
Rain, rain, go away ...

Ernesto may have come with wind and rain, but he wasn’t able to keep students from daily activities

How do you define culture?

By Rebecca Fleming
A&E Editor

This semester, I am making a gargantuan effort to finish up the requirements for my history major. Of course, even with the three courses I am taking this semester, I will have one more to take in the spring—I just couldn’t bring myself to take four more. I had to have a literature thrown in the mix! Details you probably don’t care about: I do have a point in all of this.

One of my history classes is a special topics course in the History of American Culture. Chances are good your reaction might be similar to that of my mom: "Why can’t you take a normal class—like underwater basket-weaving?" In truth, I’m not sure why I take the classes I do, aside from the fact that I like it. It’s easier to tell you why I don’t take certain classes—but that’s really another story.

Today we’re talking about American Culture, or the history of such.

The class itself is dealing predominately with print culture—or what a society’s printed works can tell about its culture and its values. I won’t bore you with details. What I’m getting at is this: what on earth do we even mean when we say "culture"? Sure, I know there are academic definitions, and Webster has the definition and all of that. But what is culture, to you?

A couple years ago, I was arguing with a friend about something, and his response was a (slightly obscure) line from "My Fair Lady." I immediately recognized it, because I absolutely love the movie, but I was surprised that he knew it. When I mentioned that to him, his automatic (and insulted) response was, "Well, thanks for thinking I’m un-cultured."

I bring this up because so often culture tends to be set upon a pedestal of sorts, exclusively for the very rich or those located in the nicer parts of New York, Paris and other glamorous cities. If pressed to give an example of culture, I think most people would say art, music (symphonies and operas), the theatre... and these are all beautiful things and wonderful examples. But culture is so much more. And in some ways, it differs depending on who you are.

If you’re a regular theatergoer, you may think that my vast reading has earned me the right to define culture. Maybe we’re all wrong, but I think we’re probably all right.

Think about it. It’s a world that is so diverse and constantly changing, how can culture mean just one thing? Within any given culture, there will be multiple cultures, and even those can be divided again and again... So, my friendly reader, I invite you to come to your own conclusions about what culture means to you. Who knows, maybe one day your thoughts or findings will be discussed in a History of American Culture class a hundred years from now.

September’s culture: theatre and music

By Rebecca Fleming
A&E Editor

Every year, High Point University presents a series of cultural events to enrich the educational experience of its students. This year the Cultural Enrichment Series features many interesting opportunities for students to broaden their horizons—and earn academic credit if they are enrolled in IDS 151. Here's a look at what's going on during September:

Returning students may remember that HPU has traditionally made tickets available for one night of the NC Shakespeare Festival, held at the High Point Theatre. This year, students have the chance to go to both plays being performed—"Romeo and Juliet" and "Taming of the Shrew." Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m., the tragic romance of Romeo and Juliet will come to life once more. Then, the next Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Kate and Petruchio will show that even the worst enemies can become good friends and lovers in "Taming of the Shrew." Tickets are available in the Office of Student Life.

If the Shakespeare Festival does not fulfill the need for theatre, HPU's very own Tower Players will be presenting "Agnes of God" Sept. 28-Oct. 1.

Theatrical performances are not the only option for cultural enrichment this month; there are a couple musical offerings as well. Randall Ackerman—the only student to ever receive simultaneous degrees in piano and organ performance from the Juilliard School—will be showcasing his piano prowess on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. Admission is free, and open to the public.

Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m., the Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will be performing in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. Tickets for this prestigious concert are available in the Office of Student Life. While quantities are limited, so reserve yours now.

High Point University takes pride in being able to offer students opportunities to broaden their horizons in and out of the classroom. The Cultural Enrichment Series allows students to experience cultural events they may not be able to experience otherwise.

‘Agnes of God’ more than play, cause for thought

By Erin Quinley
Staff Writer

High Point University’s theatre department is kicking off the 2006-2007 school year with John Pielmeier’s highly controversial play "Agnes of God." This is a show that the kiddies should be left at home for but an open mind should be brought along with every viewer and utilized.

It is a story about a naïve and innocent nun named Agnes (played by freshman Nikki Lawson) who is raped by an alcoholic priest from her convent. She becomes pregnant as a result of this encounter and ends up killing her child once it is born. The rest of the play involves a riveting moral and legal battle between psychiatrist Dr. Martha Livingston (senior Christina Hollerman) and the Mother Superior of Agnes’ convent (senior Jennifer King) over Agnes’ sanity and spirituality. What should be most anticipated about this show is the spin that director and senior Matt Haynes has put on the concept of the play—adding a focus on the humanity of the characters rather than basing the show simply on the obvious religious controversy it contains.

"Agnes of God" runs from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1; each show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Emphy Space Theatre. Ticket prices are $5 for students, $7 for faculty and senior citizens and $10 for others.

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‘World Trade Center’ is a reminder America needs

By Jessalin Graham  
Staff Writer

"Intensive, disturbing, and inappropriate" were the first thoughts that came to mind when I heard that Hollywood actually turned the 9/11 tragedy into a make-money scheme. However, after viewing the film, my opinion shifted. The portrayal of events in “World Trade Center,” directed by Oliver Stone, actually paid tribute to the heroism of so many Americans.

The film also uses selective drama. This shows the audience that the director respectfully omitted the attacks on our country and listed the names of the Port Authority police officers who are in charge of policing many areas and landmarks of New York and New Jersey, namely Sergeant John McLoughlin (Nicholas Cage) and Will Jimeno (Michael Pena) who were trapped in an elevator shaft under the debris of the falling towers. At the same time, the motion picture links all Americans with the catastrophe.

The film opens, it depicts all types of Americans going about their normal morning routines as the camera captures different angles of the Twin Towers before switching scenes. The lyrics to “Only in America” by Brooks and Dunn begin playing on a radio as a car drives towards the scene. As the towers collapsed, a sense of insecurity and anger as America is attacked. At the same time, the audience envelops the theatre from the inside. To me, the feeling starts to shift. The portrayal of events in “World Trade Center” is not an insensitive Hollywood drama to line the pockets of movie-makers. It is instead a much-needed reminder for everyone’s collection.

Muse brings politics to British music scene; Hinder offering deep and soulful

By Lauren Coughan  
Staff Writer

Pap: Paris Hilton—Paris

I got brave, folks. Really brave. I might need therapy after listening to her rendition of Rod Stewart’s “Do Ya Think I’m Sexy?” She gives it her best shot in “Lips of an Angel.” She sounds like a drunken Gwen Stefani. She might need therapy after listening to her. Unfortunately, the vocals start with “Corrupt you, corrupt & bring corruption to all that you touch...” Tony Blair would not like this album, but I think it is marvelously cheeky. Anger in music over politics is a new rising element especially in the British music realm.

The Trees are watching you

Over the summer, Andrea Whless and her Ceramics I class delved into Celtic mythology for inspiration. What they discovered was the idea of “tree spirits,” and the artistic spark ignited. Each student in the class made their own tree spirit face and wrote myths about their tree spirits. The pieces have been fired, and several are hidden among the branches of trees on campus. Can you find the spirits?
Greek organizations build lifelong bonds

By Brittany Bailer
Greek editor

You may or may not have seen this quote before: “From the outside looking in you can never understand it. What exactly is the significance? Who is on the inside?” From the outside looking in you can never explain it. What makes it so terribly difficult for the person on the inside to explain? However, when considering the numbers of members that currently occupy High Point University’s Greek community, this quote may reveal more importance than expected: the members must be referring to their Greek organizations.

The start of a brand new semester, it seems as though very little has changed (with the exception of the massive amounts of construction). Everyone is running around anticipating visits from old friends, frantically trying to find classrooms, braving the rain to ask who spent more time studying. As you can never understand it, From the outside looking in you can never understand it. From the outside looking in you can never understand it. From the outside looking in you can never understand it. From the outside looking in you can never understand it.

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Just do not play soccer. It was something that is just not done. In the eyes of the French people, it is an odd occurrence to find a female soccer player. During her entire semester, Lesh added, she never once saw a girl playing soccer in a park. Another thing that caught Lesh and the deal is” with the Greeks. First and foremost, I joined a Greek organization because I wanted to get involved. Because High Point is such a small campus, being involved is very important.

"I joined a Greek organization to get involved on campus due to a difference in the four years that I was here," Sister Nichole Houtghuling, Kappa Delta member, said.

Being involved is a fabulous way to meet an array of people. Being involved with a Greek organization often opens door to numerous opportunities within the community as well. People are often unaware of the conferences the club attends and sororities make to their philanthropies. Greeks are constantly creating and developing new ways to participate with or raise money for their philanthropies locally and nationally. Philanthropy is definitely one of the most rewarding aspects of Greek involvement. I also chose to join because, like many of us, I am several hours away from my hometown, Baltimore. Being involved with a Greek organization truly does give you a second family, which I am very dependent on. Not only do you have a place to belong, but they also lean to depend on you – which is an incredible feeling! Brotherhood and sisterhood is more than just attending the four years of college; they are a bond that you will share with thousands for the rest of your life.

Other reasons to join may include “to further develop social and leadership skills,” according to Brother Adam Riscone of Delta Sigma Phi. Sister Jenn Oram of Alpha Gamma Delta states that joining a Greek organization has opened the world to many opportunities that weren’t available before, got her into the community and helped her make long-lasting friendships. As you can see, being a member of the Greek community is much more than simply wearing matching t-shirts or parties. As you can see, being a member of the Greek community is much more than simply wearing matching t-shirts or parties. As you can see, being a member of the Greek community is much more than simply wearing matching t-shirts or parties.

Sport Management students gain hands-on experience

By Mike Noctudes
Sports Editor

For the first time in the program’s history, the students in SRS 212 (Intro. to Sport Management) are required to volunteer 10 hours of class time to fulfill the requirements of their class. The method in which these students will attain their hours will be to work concessions at men’s and women’s soccer games, raising money for the Sports Majors club.

"Do Zeke is the one who really put it (the project) into motion, but it’s been an idea that we floated for a few years. It is a great opportunity for freshmen to get involved immediately and gain valuable experience," Jake Lawrence, the program’s personal manager, said.

Lawrence is excited about the opportunities given to the students to learn more about the day-to-day running of intercollegiate athletics and to himself to more or less run a sport-related business.

"It has opened avenues to work with our director of sport facilities and to work in our sport marketing department, which then, of course, lends to other opportunities," Lawrence said.

The money raised through the project will help to fund the Sports Majors club’s trips to professional conferences which help the students to create a network of possible business contacts that the students may need once they enter the workforce.

The Sports Majors club is made up of students of all classes (including graduate students) from all of the majors in the Department of Exercise Science, including Physical Education, Sports Medicine, Exercise Science and Sport Management.

Most Sport Management majors eventually enter their careers in high school, intercollegiate or professional athletics, while some choose to go on to graduate school.

Lawrence says that no matter what field the students are going into the project will benefit them by being able to put real, relevant volunteer service on a resume. Also, the conferences the club attends add to the whole learning experience.

"In the past we have presented at various conferences, interviewed for jobs, and been presented awards. This year there are conferences in Denver and Baltimore we are looking at," Lawrence said.

The Sports Majors club has been running the concessions stands at High Point athletic sporting events for the past few years, but volunteers and preclinical students from the club have always filled the slots reserved to sell the goods. The number of students who would volunteer at the start of the season was fewer than no-show. This problem, along with the notion that the project would instill valuable and relevant working experience to all sport management students, led to the project’s implementation.

The project also expands upon Dr. Nido Qubein’s vision of experiential learning at High Point University. The additional to an existing class comes on the heels of the University’s new requirement for all freshmen to enroll in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, while the other three are at English-speaking institutions.

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**Slow start for freshmen-filled women's soccer squad**

By Gaby McLaughlin
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team had an 0-4 record after last weekend, following tight losses to the Miami Hurricanes, 2-1, and the Virginia Tech Hokies, 3-2. They're looking to regain the drive that characterized their play during the pre-season.

On Aug. 11, weeks before most students returned to High Point, the Panthers began their preseason. The team has 14 returners who helped lead the Panthers to a second-place regular-season finish in the Big South Conference last year. The team has added 11 freshmen to the lineup, helping to form a very strong group with great depth. Persevering through three-a-day practices, they worked to build a team that is expected to exceed the program's previous accomplishments.

With a week of training behind them, the team was finally able to test their skills in an exhibition match against Catawba College. Senior Trai Andersen netted the first goal for the Panthers by beating the final two defenders and slotting a shot past the Catawba keeper. Andersen kept the momentum going in the second half as she passed the ball to Karolina Straby who tallied the second goal. High Point secured their victory over Catawba with a last-second goal. Catching the goalie off guard, Renee Hitchcock ripped a shot from 30 yards out and found the top corner of the goal, claiming victory for the Panthers, 3-0.

The team took the field again two days later against Lenoir-Rhyne College in a second exhibition game. The Bears proved to be no match for the Panthers.

**Sophomores win ACC-heavy Wake Forest Relays event**

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

Starting the year out with a combined relay win at the Wake Forest Relays on Friday, Sept. 1, sophomores Tamas Kovacs and Jesse Cherry have left Panther fans with high expectations for the season. Kovacs and Cherry were picked by coaches and administrators to be the men's and women's ACC relays.

"I believe all of them (the freshmen) can contribute to the team," Kovacs said.

The teams each have large contingents of underclassmen. Five men and four women on the nine-runner rosters are either freshmen or sophomores, including three of the four top finishers at the ACC race.

Kovacs noted that the freshmen on the men's team show promise.

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The teams will finish first met Big South foes on Sept. 23 at the North Carolina Collegiate Championships. The women's team was picked by coaches and administrators to finish third in the Big South and the men's team was predicted to finish fourth.

This is Espresso's second year at the helm of High Point men's and women's cross-country.

**Long road trip looms for struggling volleyball team**

By Chris Smith
Staff Writer

This season has been a rough one so far for the women's volleyball team, but not one without hope. The Panthers lose their season opener at home to a feisty Buffalo team, which had already recorded a win earlier in the day over North Carolina A&T. The Panthers came out the next day and put up a valiant effort against in-state foe Davidson but lost a tight battle, 3 games to 1, and finished off their home-and-road in a loss to East Tennessee State University.

Although his team is off to a 1-3 start this season, head coach Chad Esposito has been pleased with the play of some of his younger players. Freshman Anne Gonzalez has led the way for the Panthers in digs, with 37 and is tied with junior Jamie Kaufman for the team lead with 27 kills. Gonzalez opened her collegiate career with back-to-back double-doubles. Keaton is just behind Gonzalez with 44 digs and junior libero, Whitney Klettenberg is only 2 back with 43.

The Panthers are one of the youngest teams in the nation with only one senior, Sabrina Walsh, on the roster and 10 underclassmen, five of whom are in Esposito's rotation. Klettenberg believes that the team is coming together and has the new women fitting into the team.

"I love my teammates. They are not just my teammates, they are my closest friends here. We hang out off the court all the time. We get along, the new freshmen fit in great here. It feels like I have known them forever. They have been adjusting well to all the rules that they have been learning from the high school level up to the collegiate. We have more girls now that can play any position. So our bench has a lot more depth this year," Klettenberg said.

Klettenberg has to adapt to a new position as well. With the loss of last season's libero, Jenna Swafford, Esposito turned to the 5-foot-8 junior to fill her shoes. She views the position as a challenge but one she enjoys in her sleep. Being a libero this year, I have to do a lot. I am always on the court. I love being libero but it is tough at times because this is my first year ever playing the position so there is so much to learn. But I love the challenge so I like being in the energy on the court," Klettenberg said.

The Panthers play 12 of their next 15 away from the Millis, and the pieces are in place for a turnaround before conference play begins Sept. 21, as they host Winthrop.

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**Men's basketball announces schedule**

The High Point men's basketball team has announced its 2006-07 schedule. Besides the normal rotation of Big South schools, the team has scheduled notable road games such as Maryland on Nov. 24, North Carolina on Dec. 9 and Florida State on Dec. 18. The team kicks off the season with a home exhibition against College of the Ozarks on Nov. 4 at the Millis Center at 7 p.m.

**Golf to begin season at Mason Rudolph**

The women's golf team will begin their season on Friday, Sept. 15 at the Mason Rudolph Women's Golf Invitational at the Legends Club in Franklin, TN. The event, hosted by Vanderbilt University, lasts three days and typically draws some of the best teams in the country. Coach Julie Strong will continue to lead her team that finished 4th in the Big South in 2005.