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

By Amanda Roberts
Editor in Chief

Honors Day—Another day for many of our students to reflect 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 gathered into presenting by their professors. A few take a class that requires their presence. Whatever the case may be, for the Davises, it is an excuse for them to sleep in, but to showcase their talents and hard work.

After nineteen seniors presented in various rooms through Congdon Hall the morning of Apr. 18, many more students found themselves shepherded to the Heyworth Fine Arts Center for the Academic Awards Ceremony. One notable success story recognized by their departments for their contributions over the last four years, and understanding that more students to the Fine Arts Center for the event known as Campus Life Awards.

Ropes course to open in Fall

By Pam Haynes
Staff Writer

While working at the University of New Orleans, Dr. Jerry 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 perspective,” she says. “But when I met with the president and the provost, by the time I went back to UNO, I knew that possibility with her.

Before Dr. Patrick Haan, assistant professor of human relations, had met Lukow, he had been working on a career course through a human relations perspective. His group dynamics class once consisted of “UNC’s mini ropes course to perform team building exercises on ‘application days’—a large part of the human relations program that 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 Haan.

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 awarded to five academic departments.

VA Tech Shooting days before Columbine’s 8th anniversary

By Zac Coffe
Staff Writer

An unusually snow spring flooded the area last Monday morning, or the campus of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va., a town just on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Among 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 19 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 North 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 violence. Unfortunately, that was once again proved false and security—policing 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 capitve parents who let their children roam free with supervision. You can make the video game industry the scapegoat by explaining how kids react to 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 using parents to monitor the television, movies and video games their children are watching and playing. Change can come

On the Run: What’s New

High Point University already has the Heyworth Fine Arts Center, David Hayworth Chapel, and Heyworth 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 Barbara 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 donor-finder. The arboretum will include Black Tulip Oak 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—the “first place with special merit”—for its performance during the 2006-2007 academic year.

See On the Run, continued on page 3...
Editor on the brink of graduation, tells all under-classmen 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 on with the spur of the moment. This is something more than just college. This is a time of profound self reflection and a time to grow. The Campus Chronicle is my way of doing just that.

"I leave High Point better than you found it." No other words have been more inspirational to me 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 on me, but other seniors.

What is it about these words? They tell me that the 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 in January February, during my senior year in high school. I might as well admit it: I got lost. For some reason I couldn't find my way from Roberts to Cooke (now Northcross). The students whom I asked for directions chucked 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 wanes 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 to making the campus in some way, but it is through philanthropic opportunities or hard work.

It is not all that hard to leave High Point better than you found it. You can have a talent for something that no one else has, and there is a place for you at High Point. The hard part is making the effort to get out and be involved. Once you are involved, however, it is hard to stop. There is always someone who 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 gone for; student friendly, 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 everyone who has walked on this campus. Do not let that change.

When the class of 2006 comes back for homecoming 20 years from now, yes, High Point will have changed – for the better. Maybe not as much as you would like, maybe it is not what you would recognize as High Point, but there are no standards in which this university will be changed. What we can guarantee you is that this university will be different, better.

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 possible. It takes a lot of work to set a 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.

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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 new promise for a future filled with both success and significance.

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. We are not exclusive to this year. We are committed to making your university the best it can be. We’ve come a long way in the last five 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.

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

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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 Mills dorms, Williams Hall, University Apartments and Belk Hall. Sixth Street apartments are closed for redecoration 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.

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Straight Talk From Dr. Nido Qubein

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 entire car, each of us desperate to rest our feet for a minute after the long trek from Faneuil Hall to the station.

Next to a young boy that couldn’t have been more than fourteen, decked out in clothes advertising bland, mainstream “pimp” bands with anarchy symbols and atheist promotions sewn all over his typical Hip Hop backpack. It’s too-common sight these days, apathetic kids with no idea what they are doing, just too common. The school’s biggest problem, feeling this university was a part of me.

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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 Wign

May, 2007. The seats in the International Promenade are packed with students, parents, and faculty, all anxious to give a glimpse of the person who would deliver their Commencement address. Though the air is breezy but cool, several scribbles from the pens of photographers mingle with mint fans, all the while texting each other with messages of excitement and anticipation. The first movement to walk across the stage draws near.

But amidst all of the joy and celebration, there is a cloud looming over this otherwise peaceful crowd, a growing threat of financial debt that, if unchecked, may smother 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 problem is not prepared for, the result could become a generational crisis.

It wasn't always this way. During the 1950s and 1960s, the majority of the loan rates were 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 money. By 1990, the average cost of attending school was $8,000 a year. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, this figure is 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 years truly—who can expect to pay over $40,000 in student loans just for the privilege of going to school. While leaders like Speaker Nancy Pelosi and John "Jack" Martha have rewritten the HEA to make it easier for those who are drowning students to afford Pell Grants and other forms of aid, the new rules are only a band-aid. It's like Congregating in my mind to declare victory and go home when everybody on the ground knows the battle is far from over. Yet they have no problem of money, but the time to see another$s billion in money for the Iraq War in a supplemental war spending bill. Where is the outrage?

But that isn't the whole story. For many, the issue of debt is not foreign concepts. The shootings at VA Tech are an example of incredible tragedy, we are able to pick up from the academic buildings and once again in Blacksburg. Mourning permeates the road, we are in the very same position, to speak out about the price gouging that is taking place at our schools, to show the students, parents, and faculty, all anxious to give a glimpse of the person who would deliver their Commencement address. The staff of the Chronicle has decided to act on our best interests. The time has come for us to raise our voices, call on our congressmen and senators, and let them know how seriously we are taken at the time when we have been stolen by Wells Fargo and Citibank. A squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Women are the biggest customers of the public transportation system in the United States. The road signs are all bilingual as well. Obviously, English is the dominant language in the country, but to see another Welsh is another story. It is a very interesting language on every sign post and billboard is quite interesting and leaves one feeling smarter because of the exposure.

Who needs cars?
The public transportation system in Swansea is amazing. I have a free bus pass and can go pretty much anywhere I want to within an hour of the Swansea Student Centre. No need to worry about paying the price of gas or that nagging flat tire. I all have to do is make sure I got to my designated bus stop in time. Many students at Swansea have no choice but to use their cars. I took a trip to Swansea about a month ago, and it was amazing. There is no traffic in the back roads, beautiful architecture and nice weather. Let me get this straight. I am not against the car, but I can imagine what it is like to see another nation that takes us directly to campus for classes. The excellent service the buses provide, sometimes brings a tear to my eye, but then I realized it was probably just the rain hitting any face at the bus stop.

Overall, the trip has been a lot of fun and looks to be more of the same after I go back 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 meant to be and shine the majority of the day. We will see, to be continued...
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 once vague but are now 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've 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, of arts degrees (plus four years. That exercises, sleeping arrangements for family and friends from out of town 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.

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To graduating seniors: Wow. We made it! You take in class. Enjoy the University and the things you learned in class ... freedom to read something you're actually interested in. That last one is ray class ... freedom to sleep in afternoon and a hammock.

I'm happy to say that because of the beautiful sensibilities of this CD. But what's even better than basement rock is good basement rock. I have liked this band for their sound in the past, and yet, it's still white noise outside. I've put out an album. You don't have to understand the lyrics to get the message. The theme of much of the album is very elemental.

You're so young and naive, but so dang sure of her dreams and plans. Now, four years later and fixing to leave, she's not quite so young—or naive 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 accepted by reality. However, this is a good thing. A very good thing.

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At a glance, 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 a natural history 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 barrel 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 better than any acting by Matthew Haynes and Gabe Hirtlinger kept me enthralled for the duration of the show. My friend and I were a young boy named Buddy Layman, who has an extreme phobia of water. This is the story of how he died.

Enjoy the summer and play games.
KAΨ recognized by student life

By Anthony Jedli
Special to the Chron

Kirk Rudder, Anthony Jedli, Malcolm Gethers, Derrick Tanner, James Jackson, Alvin Durant, Islander and 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 Gart 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 Montiel 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.

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 like to thank all of our seniors on leading us into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everything into the right direction and doing everyth
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.

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.

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

Left: Kelly Hedgepeth, Allison Trask, Christina Orland, 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
The States seem relaxed and indulgent compared to Lee’s crowded, competitive Korea

By Samantha Hester
Staff Writer

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. “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 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 modes, he said. He loves 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.

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 Christoforidis was honored as the Greek person of the year. Kapppa Alpha Psi was honored as the Greek Organization of the year. Megan Pastor and Paul Hinnant 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: Brynn Rothwell and Whitney Frost (fresmen male and female); Josh Fox and Jenn Hastings (sophomore male and female); Paul Hinnant and Gina Christen- ter (junior male and female); and Anthony Hsiu, Zana Vancer and Carmel Simpson (senior male and female). 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 Webes, Stephanie Nokes, Shannon Ste- venson and Josh Fausette were recognized for their achievement, citizenship, leadership and service.

Another Honors Day concluded, and stu- dents desired to enjoy the rest of the day and to finish some papers and assignments.

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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; its 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.”

Honors Day, continued from page 1 much shorter than in previous years. Keller Linder 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-singers – presented awards to members of the organization and faculty members who have supported them over the year. The inducement 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 Ambas- sadors were distinguished for their com- mitment 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 attention. The inductees to honor societies were distinguished for their com-
Campus social scene changes; fewer fraternity parties, more organizations

By Shannon Moran

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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 2003 Staff Writer

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 baseball but not our best. We came up short against a good team.

The biggest problem so far on the season for the Panthers has been inconsistency on the mound; “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.

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Sports Editor

Every day, High Point University students browse job posting websites or flip through pages of the High Point Enterprise seeking opportunities that meet their potential career needs. What voices many is when an entry-level position requires two or more years of work experience. How do students suppose 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 work experience through the internship and two years of credit, which 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 there and gaining a feel for the real world. It is important to make a good impression on who you interview for because it could lead to a job once you graduate,” Melissa Lynes, senior, said.

The credit requirement is 60 hours of work-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, 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 clients cannot do. You expand your knowledge in a very useful way without having to make a lot of the same mistakes one gathers from the real world," Rachel Schamburger, junior, said.

Sport management majors typically spend 240 hours of experience, in which SM majors typically work a full-time job over the duration of a semester, 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, where he 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," he said.

This is where Mike Guerra, a scout for the Detroit Tigers, saw Hilario and offered him a contract 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 Tigers. With a $1000 sever in the hiring of his part 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 be free. 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 added. 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 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, he treated 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 houses that were infested with roaches and so rundown that we had to put a dresser against the door in order to keep it shut,” he said with a disingested 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 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 make money when I play.‚” Hilario said, "When [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 co-ordinator for the Philadelphia Phillies, "I ran the entire 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, 1981, all the racism, ridicule and mistreatment that Hilario had gone through regarding his colors and skin finally paid off, as he won the World Series for the first time and last time. "All those in the organization who doubted me and thought that I was not equal to a white man showed what a hard work ethic will do," he said.

As he handed me his World Series ring, the size 18 ring, he said, "I 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."
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 Antragues, 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, winning 5-2. They also travelled to Liberty and gained a 5-2 victory over the Flames. Suzanne Celensu played a hard-hitting match two of the three available matches. Suzanne Celensu played a hard-hitting match picked up singles points for HPU to close out the Flames.

An outstanding player for the men’s tennis team this year has been Julien Antragues, freshman from Paris, France. Antragues 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. Antragues 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.

The staff and advisers of the Campus Chronicle send out our condolences to all those who were affected by the tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on April 16, 2007. May God’s grace be with you.