External and internal changes on campus: academic buildings multiply while general education class sizes increase

By Pam Haynes

Editor in Chief

After a year of dodging construction workers, tripping over dirt piles and walking around yellow caution tape, new and returning students will finally get a taste of the “new and improved” High Point University as construction wraps up on some anticipated facilities.

The construction workers and the diet piles are finally a thing of the past, but in fewer quantities and in different places. The Phillips School of Business, which was essentially a shell at this time last year, is finally finished and has the usual HPU features - massive columns at the entrance and a spacious lobby to the top of the building. Inside, the main lobby resembles a comfortably living room with chairs, couches, and a gas fireplace. The classrooms themselves, however, give a much more professional feel, with conference-style tables and chairs in place of traditional desks. The new building stands prepared for the fall semester classes scheduled to be held there.

Perhaps the most noticeable addition to campus, the new Slane Student Center, has more to offer students for purposes outside the classroom. The center has an outdoor swimming pool, an indoor track and gymnasium and a Subway (open soon), where students can work out, dine, and relax by the pool within walking distance of their dorms. It also includes the post office, coffee shop, bookstore and cafeteria. On the side entrance of the new student center, several patio tables and chairs have also been added.

Other physical changes to the university include the return of the sand volleyball courts in front of Finch Hall and a new statue behind Norton Hall. The physics changes, however, don’t stop here. Ground for the Plott’s Wilson Family School of Commerce has already been broken across the street from Norton Hall.

Besides structural changes, other changes within the classroom are occurring. Each general education class will increase by five to eight students this semester to accommodate the university’s growth. Dr. Dennis Carroll, vice president and dean for Academic Affairs, assures students that this is not a dramatic increase, but a necessary one. “We still have much smaller classes than many institutions of our size, and we certainly pride ourselves on small classes in which students and faculty can get to know one another,” he says. “We are, however, growing, and this in itself is exciting!”

On the Run: What’s New

Cultural Enrichment Series

The speakers for the University’s Cultural Enrichment Series, a line of performances by motivational speakers, school entertainers and celebrity guests brought to campus and the High Point area each year to enrich the HPU experience, have been announced for the 2007-2008 academic year.

For the fall, speakers such as Will Cross, a man who has climbed to the highest peaks on all seven continents, will welcome students during orientation on Sunday, Aug. 19. Chris Gardner, the man whose life inspired the motion picture The Pursuit of Happyness” will deliver the Capus Waynick Lecture in the fall.

The Phillips Center for the Performing Arts will host a string of semester promises guests such as Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger, on whom the Notre Dame football movie “Rudy” was based. Steve Forbes, CEO of Forbes Inc. and editor in chief of Forbes Magazine, will visit in March. Other Cultural Enrichment events can be found at highpoint.edu.

Campus Chronicle appears online

The Campus Chronicle’s first issue available online appeared on the HPU website as a downloadable PDF file in March, 2007. Each month, the newest edition of the Chronicle will be uploaded to the school’s website in the same fashion for students who forget to pick up the latest issue or for those who prefer to read their news online.

To become more interactive with students, the Chronicle is working on a blog, using WordPress, that would feature some of the same articles found in the print version of the Chronicle, but would offer an opportunity for students to easily and instantly voice their opinions as well. Students could post comments on articles, cast their vote in polls and suggest issues that they would like to see addressed in the Chronicle.

As this project is underway, the staff would like to hear your suggestions or thoughts on this type of website. Send all comments to news@highpoint.edu.

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Students must do more to combat student loan crisis

John Winn
Opinion Editor

"Knowledge is the most democratic source of power"—Alvin Toffler, "The Democratic Difference.

Shutting down the TV the other morning, I stumbled across something interesting. No, it was not The Simple Life, or a rerun of Laguna Beach. I am talking about CSFPAN-2. Normally, I would not spend precious minutes watching Ted Kennedy or Diane Feinstein speak, but after watching the coverage of the debates about the student loan crisis, I can only think that as urgent to watch as anything on the E! Network. If only my peers agreed.

Not that I don’t understand the lack of interest. For a generation that prides itself on being ‘cool and sexy’, the Senate is the least sexy place in the world—the David Letterman mass numbing. Yet in a real sense the men and women who occupy the upper house of Congress impact our lives in more ways that Paris Hilton and Kristen Cavallier could ever dream of. Think of Pell grants, PLUS or the GI Bill. It is interesting, that twenty-somethings would rather turn in and drop out than engage our leaders directly on a issue that is likely to affect them and their offspring for years to come—the rising cost of college tuition.

According to the American Student Assistance Association, the average cost of tuition for private four-year institutions like High Point University is $29,000 per year. While a majority of the student population—about 85 million—are able to attend school for little or no cost thanks to federal student aid, about fifteen percent of students are either borrowing excessive private loans because they do not qualify for aid or they are skipping college altogether. The result is a definite system of inequality between the havens (those who can afford college) and have-nots (those who can’t) which if left unchecked may well constitute the first caste system of its kind in America. While policymakers and officials such as Senator Kennedy are doing the best they can to manage, such as increasing the size of student loans, they can’t do it alone. The irony is, nobody else seems to care—the attitude seems to be one of entitlement and complacency.

For many of us, college is a rite of passage, a virtual given in the Greatest Country on Earth. From the moment we are born to the moment get that degree, we have this expectation that everything will be handed to us, and in many ways that is exactly what has happened for the last twenty-seven years. But as Chief of the fifteen percent has pointed out, isn’t that always the case. That is why as young people we have to demand greater access to higher education, and not just for ourselves. There is more at stake than just our own ego. If universities such as Duke and NC State can’t attract prospective chemists, biologists and engineers to matriculate at their institutions because of the price, then what is the point of building a bridge, or discovering a cure for AIDS?—because, believe me, there won’t be a point in all of it if we don’t have the personnel to sustain such projects.

Maybe if Diane Feinstein pranced around a in a-swim suit on the floor of the Senate, people would care, but I doubt it. The truth is, if we spent more time obsessing over how to make college more accessible to the disadvantaged rather than Paris’s DUL, we would not have to think about this. Human nature being what it is, we can only focus on the here and now, and not the future 50 years from now. But a guy can dream, can’t he?

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Friday, August 17th, 2007

Straight Talk From Dr. Nido Qubein

Dear Student:

Once again, summer has flown and the start of the new academic year has arrived. The staff and faculty have worked hard over the past months to prepare for your return and to make this year one that you will never forget. Academically, socially, spiritually and experientially, we are committed to meeting and exceeding your expectations. With that commitment comes my personal dedication to impart information and wisdom that will help you thrive this year and throughout your life. Following is a small excerpt from an article that I wrote on personal success. I hope you will embrace this message:

One of the greatest mistakes you can make is to underestimate yourself. Why? Quite simply, you are in harmony with the way you see yourself. If you overestimate your ability to accomplish something, you will act as if you can do it. And usually, by stretching your abilities to the limit, you can accomplish whatever you set out to do. But if you underestimate your ability, you will either pass up the challenge or you will tackle the job only half-heartedly.

Americans are taught that all people are created equal. Many of us take that to be just a high-sounding phrase. However, it’s absolutely true. Nobody on earth is more valuable than you. Your life is as precious to you as it is to the greatest people’s lives have been to them. And your estimate of your self-worth is the only estimate that counts. What other people think about you is your reputation. What you think about yourself represents your true worth. All you need to do is to convince yourself that the potential is there.

How do you convince yourself? Tell yourself. The important thing to remember is that the unconscious mind believes what the conscious mind tells it. When a conscious thought fits through your mind, your unconscious mind accepts it as real and records it. Your conscious mind may forget about it immediately, but it’s permanent file in your unconscious.

When your unconscious mind hears you say, “I am unimportant,” it believes it and records it. When you say, “I am a failure,” it believes it and records it. Your conscious mind may forget about it immediately, but it’s permanent file in your unconscious.

Pessimists make the mistake of feeding their unconscious minds with negative thoughts. Their unconscious minds believe these, and the pessimism becomes self-fulfilling prophecy. Therefore, it’s important that you make a conscious decision: I will allow myself to think only positive thoughts about myself.

Your experiences are like coins: each has a heads and a tails. Successful people learn to flip their coins to the other side... and see optimism wherever they go.

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Rising junior welcomes new freshman and offers advice

By Robert Reid Goodson
A&E Editor

Welcome Freshmen! Congratulations; you did it! The long, tiresome and stressful process of applying and waiting forever to hear a reply has finally come to an end. You are among the lucky and the elite call High Point University your home. What awaits you is nothing short of a powerful journey that will transform your existence. No one really knows what to expect as you pull through the grand entrance and see the magnificently huge stone building. I can assure you, however, that you are going to have the time of your lives.

Being a junior, I have had my fair share of crazy, wonderful experiences on this campus. I have made mistakes and experienced triumphs. High Point College Center is not just for my family, friends and professors; I would not be where I am today. That journey, although hard, has prepared me for some other assignments.

In northern Uganda, there are estimated that over 400,000 people had been displaced from their homes. The Sudanese people need relief from a disaster they've been in for over four years. Visit savedarfur.org and see what I believe to be some valuable facts.

Students' will abundantly to help everyone protect human rights

By Samantha Hester
A&E Editor

Attention, students! We live in a problematic world; I repeat, we live in a problematic world. If everyone took a moment to look around, they would see that a large portion of the world is doomed due to crises such as poverty, genocide, war, natural disaster, greed, and much more.

In the United States, there are five million children as young as 5 years old are being forced to be soldiers for rebel armies. They are forced to have killed and wounded in the LRA's (Lord's Resistance Army) and taught to be murderers. In order to avoid being murdered, they are forced to kill every night into the city to take shelter from the LRA. These children need help - they need food. Go to UnicefChildren.org and get involved in the movement through the grand entrance and see the magnificent building. I can assure you, however, that you are going to have the time of your lives.

Although there is no definite way you can help the Katrina victims, they still aren't enough - the storm victims still need help. Get involved with Project: Katrina Volunteers or participate with the alternative spring break trip the school takes every year to help Katrina victims.

In Darfur there is genocide taking place. The definition of genocide is violent crimes committed against groups with the intent to destroy the existence of the group. The U.S. labels the humanitarian crisis there as genocide, but the UN refuses to do so. September of last year UN officials estimated that over 400,000 people had been killed and 2 million more had been forced out of their homes. The Sudanese people need relief from a disaster they've been in for over four years. Visit Warnerian.org and learn about the crisis; get involved, and help stop the pain of civilians, who are being slaughtered and driven from their land.

These are only a few disasters going on in the world today, and if you are just getting involved and do our part in helping suffering people have better lives - live in peace.

Listen up restaurant-goers: servers aren't responsible for all meal issues

By Holly Ivory
Staff Writer

This summer, I got my first job as a server at a Chick's in town. For the most part, I've found that being a server can be fun, and there's almost the potential to make quite a bit of money. One thing that has become glaringly obvious to me, however, is that unfortunately, my tip is not solely based on my performance. Instead, it depends heavily on how the restaurant in its entirety meets each customer's needs.

Although there are some ways to determine what causes customers to leave a bad tip even as they tell you, I've come to result in poor tipping. So, to all you restaurant-goers out there, my intentions are not to scold you on a possibly poor-tipping history, but rather to provide you with possible explanations for situations which can lead to poor tipping.

Common customers commonly become upset when their steak is not cooked as they requested. I go out to eat as well, and I understand how frustrating it can be when a steak you ordered to be medium-rare well comes out to you as medium-rare. By all means, the unsatisfied customer should let the server know about the problem, and the server should do what he or she can to fix the problem. I've encountered this situation many times, and you'd be surprised at how many customers act as though it is my fault that their steak did not come out as they had ordered. If you are aware of a customer over a customer's steak is minimal. As a server, it is my responsibility to ask how the customer would like the steak cooked, and to accurately inform the cooks of the request. Trust me; if we were able to cut into each customer's steak, we'd be out to make sure it's just a little less in the center as requested, I would. Unfortunately, I'm not allowed to do that. So the next time you order a steak and it comes out to you cooked incorrectly, please understand that chances are, it's not your server's fault. As long as you server asked how you would like your steak cooked, accurately informed the cooks and offered to thank the server did the job correctly.

Busy nights can also lead to bad tips. On made-to-order items, many restaurants will have a food-runner, an employee whose job it is to take food to tables. One particular evening, I had a customer who ordered a burger, and instead of giving her the burger she ordered, I put the order into the computer accurately and checked back on the table as needed, as well as the customers received their food. The Food Runner. The customer who had ordered mayonnaise instead of mustard; I put it on and he did on the first burger, and instead of putting mayonnaise on second burger was corrected before it was taken to her. So was it my fault or the Food Runner's fault or no mayonnaise? No. I did my job correctly by accurately putting her order in, in stopping by to make sure everything was all right, and offering to fix the problem. Perhaps her decision not to tip resulted from her lack of understanding. I learned this lesson from one experience.

I hope that this inside look has given you a greater understanding of the server's situation.

HPU alum Neu tackles job search

By Nikhi Neel
Staff Writer Emeritus

Ahh, like graduation.

Nobody quite tells you that a job is going to be full of many ups and downs. Well, at least nobody told me. Nonetheless, for the past three months I have been steadily working-and that's a good thing.

The most valuable advice I can give to my Panther brothers and sisters is to have something to do before you graduate. The internship I had my senior year at Davidson Broadcasting Company went from an internship to a part-time to a full-time position! I work as a promotions assistant and I just graduated and to on-air talent with 1446AM WLXN's Morning Show. That's right, you can listen to me from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. weekdays on WLNX! I also write as a freelance reporter for the High Point Enterprise.

These jobs didn't just fall into my lap. I had to go out and get them. There are a few favorite strategies, and the barter for opportunities around campus such as Habitat for Human- ity, Students for Environmental Awareness, Circle K, or stop by and visit the Volunteer Center. This is our world; therefore it is our responsibility to treat each of it.
American rock band Wilco releases sixth album and offers free MP3 download

By Samantha Herter

Wilco - Sky Blue Sky

American rock band, Wilco, released their sixth studio album, Sky Blue Sky, in May, which sold over 87,000 copies during its first week. The band publicized the album by licensing songs to be used in Volkswagen commercials and offered the song “What Light” as a free MP3 download.

Sky Blue Sky has a much softer sound than previous albums, such as A.M. and Being There, which feature livelier tracks with funky beats. Lead singer Jeff Tweedy said in an interview with Rolling Stone, “If there’s a theme running through the album, it’s the theme of hope” (Tweedy stems from alt country band Uncle Tupelo). The album features lyrics like, “Nothing more important than to know someone’s listening,” and “Everything has its plan.” Wilco deserves credit for surprising listeners with a new sound with each album. They emerge from noise and distortion on one album, to modest guitar and peaceful vocals. Sky Blue Sky is definitely worth listening to. I give this album an A.

Final Grade: A-
Mario Strikers best played with friends; Brave Story utilizes trite motif from a Japanese comic

By Jesse Cherry
Staff Writer

Mario Strikers Charged
For the Nintendo Wii

Mario Strikers Charged is a fast, pick-up and play game of soccer with a strong dose of Mario Kart mixed in. Just like the original title for the GameCube, Mario Strikers, you take control of your favorite Nintendo mascots from the Mario universe. While the game has a ball involved, it is far from a regular game of futbol.

In Mario Strikers you will find yourself not only having the ability to kick multiple balls at the goal at once, but you will also have the pleasure of using many items that are very familiar to Mario Kart fans. At your disposal anything from green shells to bombs. Even the stages mix up the action by adding in obstacles that change as the game. Nintendo did not try to force unneeded Wii controls into the game. There are only two instances where you will be waving or pointing your remote. One is for tackling, and the other is for blocking certain shots, and both work very well.

The presentation in the game is only adequate at best. Most stages contain bare backgrounds with repetitive and bland music. The graphics are nice for a Wii title, but much more could have been done.

Mario Strikers Charged is another game on the Wii that is best played with friends; it supports up to four. The game loses steam quickly when played alone. It is online, but because there isn't any voice chat, playing someone over Wi-Fi feels the same as playing the computer. Only purchase this game if you are going to have a constant supply of buddies to enjoy it with, otherwise, give it a weekend rent.

Brave Story: New Traveler
For the Sony PSP

With bad ports of old games and poorly designed new titles, the PSP has yet to have a single RPG that respectfully represents the genre. However, Brave Story: The New Traveler, an adaptation of a comic book popular in Japan, is an enjoyible title that will satisfy your need for an RPG on Sony's portable system. The gameplay is the basic turn-based battles that were common back in the days of the original Final Fantasy. All enemy encounters are random and you will fight many, but because of the quick gameplay each battle will take less than a minute to complete.

The story, while adequate, follows the same clichéd pattern of a young hero conquering evil to save his love. The dialogue will never wear you, but occasionally it does provide a laugh or two. Brave Story: The New Traveler is a very old-styled RPG with decent graphics and little to no loading time. If turn-based battles does not excite you, ignore this title. For those of you out there that are sallivating for an RPG on their PSP, I suggest picking it up right away. It is not perfect by any means, but when you compare it to the rest of the PSP's library, it is near the top.
Campus Socializing issues addressed, solutions include new fraternity court

By Ashley Rich
Greek Editor

On April 20 an article was published in the Chronicle discussing the diminishing social scene on campus, which was a result of fewer fraternity parties. Well, folks, this is about to change. Recently the University purchased the Sixth St. Apartments from prior owner, Coy Willard. Does this mean there is hope for the basements opening again? Yes! But not in the way everyone had hoped. Because of a housing crunch this year, the basements are being converted into apartments for extra living space. Administrators explained that the basements will not be used by the fraternities because of poor rental histories with the fraternities in the past. They were also very upset to discover the huge amounts of damage done to the apartments: living space and warn that any damage done this year will not go unpunished, as with any residence hall on campus. The large increase in student population has caused the administration to seek out many options for housing. This being the largest freshman class in HPU history, not everyone can live in the dorms designated as freshman housing, including Blessing, McEwen and Finch. Freshmen are living anywhere there is space, including Berk, Wilson and Mills, which used to be only upperclassmen housing. Because of this situation the school is urging seniors to move off campus. This could be the reason for the investment in fraternity houses. This year every major fraternity has a house within walking distance of campus. This is exciting news for the social butterflies on campus because socializing now will not involve walking shoes, not vehicles.

This breakthrough in the social scene is a much safer concept of partying from last year’s, which consisted of piling 20 or more people into a car to drive to Finley’s or Triangle just to hang out with the entire HPU student body. Now everyone can remain on campus and not have to worry about drawing straws for a designated driver. However, many students said going off campus to party was easier than dealing with campus and city police at the apartments. Now, all that coast will not be limited to two buildings; instead, it will be dispersed around the campus at different houses. So, unless students are blowing fog horns at 2 a.m. the chance of the police breaking up a party is slim. The university is not stopping with randomly placed fraternity houses around campus; there are big plans for the future of Greek organizations. In the long term the university would like to build a fraternity court. This would mean that all the fraternities would be in the same location, with individual houses, built by HPU.

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Lambda Chi Alpha receives Grand High Alpha award at leadership conference

By Robert Reid Goodson
Staff Writer

The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha recently traveled to Memphis, Tennessee along with seven hundred and fifty other Brothers to participate in the STEAD Leadership Conference. The Brothers of the Iota Phi Zeta Chapter were among the distinguished members who received awards and praise for our contribution to the fraternity and to improving the surrounding community. The fraternity received the Grand High Alpha Challenge Award, which is awarded to a chapter that completes seven designated tasks within a year. Very proudly, we are pleased to say that we were the only chapter to have the distinguished honor of being the international recipient. In addition, we received the Campus Involvement Award. To qualify for this award, a chapter must have one hundred percent of all members participating in other organizations not associated with the fraternity. Most importantly, the Brothers of Iota Phi Zeta had the ultimate honor of receiving the Phoenix Award. This award is given to a chapter that has been in poor standing and has changed the fate of the chapter within three years. We made fraternity history as we made the turnaround within a year and a half. Reasons for our success included our service within the community, philanthropy events such as Rock-A-Thon, successful mentor programs, and academic and campus excellence. With new programs in the works, the Brothers are looking forward to a great year full of unforgettable memories and lasting impressions. We will be hosting a themed party at our house on September 8. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring two cans of non-perishable food for our support of the North American Food Drive. More Details Coming Soon!! Remember; two cans get you in!

Left to right: Adam Knight, Mike Pescatore, Ed Leonard, Jake Villwock, Robert Reid Goodson, and Todd Budenos. These Lambda Chi Alpha members, delegates at the Stead Leadership Conference, hold the Phoenix award presented by the Grand High Alpha.

Greek Organizations
Welcome Freshmen!

Front Row left to right: Elizabeth Carty (Kappa Delta), Ashley Rich (Kappa Delta), Hillary Westbrook (Kappa Delta), Leah Wilson (Phi Mu)

Back Row left to right: Mike Earman (Pi Kappa Alpha), Dan Costello (Delta Sigma Phi), Mike Walsuko (Lambda Chi Alpha), Ivan Lee (Pi Kappa Phi)

The members of Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Phi, and Lambda Chi Alpha welcome incoming freshmen.
Meet the Editors
A glimpse of the people who create the Chronicle

By Michael Gaspeny
Chronicle co-tributarian

Editor in chief Pam Haynes is a junior from Lexington majoring in communications and minoring in human relations. Her ambition is to become a renowned journalist and then to retire to a spot on the beach. She likes to play volleyball and eat, but not at the same time. She has been to Mississippi twice to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"I hope to make the paper a staple in the life of every HPU student as well as something that students want to read and contribute to."

Advertising manager Bryan Rothamel is a sophomore highpointpanthers.com. His favorite pastime is watching the New York Mets, and doing his sports blog. He hopes to become a sports writer and it is exciting to be part of an award-winning newspaper."

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Opinions editor John Winn is a senior English Lit. major from Greensboro. His aspiration is to write for a top-tier magazine. His hobbies include anime, manga (MangaEmpy or anything by CLAMP) and creating the web. He is well attuned to political spins and chicanery.

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Returning sports editor Mike Nuckles is a sophomore returning from his junior year at the University of North Carolina. His favorite pastime is watching the Panthers' basketball teams, rooting for the Carolina Panthers, and cheering on the Panthers' basketball teams, rooting for the Carolina Panthers. His aspiration is to write for a top-tier magazine. His hobbies include anime, manga (MangaEmpy or anything by CLAMP) and creating the web. He is well attuned to political spins and chicanery.

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A&I editor Samantha Hester, a senior from Lexington, is majoring in communications. Her dream job is to write for Rolling Stone Magazine. Her favorite pastimes are seeing Coldplay and Tom Petty in concert. Her great name is saving the invisible Children of Uganda, who have been abducted by a rebel army and forced to become soldiers and kill their own country people.

"My biggest hope for the paper this year is to incorporate more political issues."

Greek editor Ashley Rich is a junior majoring in marketing and communications and minoring in biology. A High Point native, she plans to enter the field of medical marketing. Ashley volunteers for Special Olympics and believes in fulfilling every Carolinian's diversity. Also, I have a lot of stress to do well in school because my parents have paid a lot of money for me to go here, says Pham. However, I think Vietnam will finally catch up within ten or twenty years."

But Pham's interest in America is still profound because of its technology field. "I hope that students will learn to gain respect for the people."

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The movie told of Jack's childhood in Little Canada. It documented the death of his older brother, his football scholarship to Columbia, his road trips...and failed marriages, his struggle to get recognition for his work, told of the idealism that ruined friendships and ultimately ended his life at 47 years old. It contained interviews with friends and scholars, ex-wives and partners in crime. There were pictures of Jack, sound bytes from radio shows, and scenes from his reading on the Steve Allen Show. When asked to describe the Beat Generation in one word, Jack said "sympathy."

Kerouac spoke for his generation, the 1950s subculture that always looked like the world was beating them down as they walked down the streets. He spoke of the restlessness and dissatisfaction of the youth in America, and 50 years later, we can still relate to his messages today. For those of us who long to spontaneously pack up our cars and travel the country, for those who long for adding excitement to our lives, for those who want to do more besides what is expected of us to do, "On the Road" defines our spirits and our dreams. As Kerouac said, "All human beings are also dream beings. Dreaming turns all mankind together."
Help wanted!
Write for the Chronicle for journalism experience

By Michael Gaspeny
Chronicle co-adviser

Help us drive while you propel yourself toward a career in the media.

The Campus Chronicle, which has been honored both on and off campus, has openings in every department. Work for the paper that has earned national recognition by gaining a first place with special merit rating from the American Scholastic Press Association last year and by being selected as the best collegiate newspaper in its category for 2004-5 by ASAP. The Chronicle has also been tapped as the top organization on campus.

For staff writers, curiosity and initiative are critical; experience is desirable but not necessary. If you have a clear style and a sense of fair play, we can teach you the rest. Although we try to match new writers with their areas of interest, we have a special need for newsmen and newswomen. The quickest way to advance as a journalist here and after for newswriters. The only problem, he says, “is the end result is an accent mixture of British and Swedish.”

Swedish student keeps his native heritage alive while living in the US

By Katie Tana
Staff Writer

Lush greenery abounds in the northern part of Sweden, the forest speckled with berries, mushrooms and shrubs. Door and moose wander through the woods, and a rocky walkway leads to a house near a rocky hill that overlooks Gothenburg. The weather, a crisp winter breeze combined with a spring sun, creates the atmosphere of a scene straight out of a Grimm fairytale story. For Lars Michael Astrom, a senior and CIS/BUA double major, this was his home.

He and his family currently live in High Point and try to keep their culture alive at the home, speaking Swedish among themselves and continuing a few traditional customs. His father, also named Lars, worked in the technology department for Volvo, and when an opportunity arose for Lars even attempted using his middle name in order to seem more like the rest of the students. “It was especially difficult for my parents, because they wanted [my brother and me] to be successful and make friends, but they also wanted to remain true to their heri-

tage.” The Astrom family is not alone in their plight; many immigrants struggle to find a middle ground between the culture they grew up with and the culture in which they are now immersed.

For Swedes, though, remarks Astrom, the language barrier isn’t that difficult an obstacle to overcome. Most Swedish students take English (British-in-

flected) classes. The only problem, he says, “is that the end result is an accent mixture of British and Swedish.”

The one major differ-
ence, he points out, between Sweden and America is the way in which this country treats others. “In Sweden, equality is one of our most important beliefs. It seems that, especially in this war to Iraq, equality does not play a big enough role.” Lars points out that, in Sweden, the major political party is the Socialist Democratic Party. Lars brings up a significant idea that America, seemingly a place of true equality, does not seem entirely equal.

Another difference he mentions is how close Sweden’s air is compared to that in the United States. In Europe, public transportation is preferred over owning cars, so much of the car pollution in America is absent in Europe. Lars is working as a web developer/graphic artist at a firm in Greens-

boro and loves his job. He has a passion for computers and is currently working on his own professional website. But his job doesn’t stop him from having fun. He loves spending time with his family and with his girlfriend, going out to eat, hanging out with friends. “That’s what’s most important to me,” he says. “Living for the moment. You can always make more money, but mo-
ments are fewer and far between.”

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chasing the daughter’s dream of becoming a Golden Gloves boxing champion was chosen as the top sports feature of last year among the biggest papers in the state by the North Carolina Press Association. Mike, who grew up in Indian Head, Md., recently covered the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for his hero, Baltimore Orioles great Cal Ripken Jr. Mike is a former editor in chief of the Chronicle. After eight years as a reporter, Heidi Coryell is the editor of two semi-annual custom magazines, Resort Living and Club Living... As managing editor of The Calypper (Va.) Star Express, the fast-emerging daily in America, Rob Humphreys has been elected to the board of directors for the Associated Press Managing Editors. A story about the last lynching in Calypper buttressed Humphreys to the board. "We literally revisited history a few weeks and corrected several errors in our original stories from 1918," writes Rob, a former editor in chief of the Chronicle. Education. Last year’s editor is chief Amanda Robert is proving a master of his history at George Mason University. Last year’s outside editor and resident bibliophile Rebecca Fleming is working toward her master’s of library science from East Carolina University via distance education. She will also be serving as part-time administrative assistant in the HPU History department this fall... Brian Warner had a sparkling first year in the master of science in journalism program at West Virginia University. Working as a graduate assistant to the dean of the journalism school, she gained grant money for a radio news show in an area that previously lacked a media outlet, this summer she has been living on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC as an intern with an international public relations firm. Goldhardt... Kathleen McLean, who received a master's in public history from Duquesne University, has become the boardwoman's mate on the U.S. Constitution. Her job involves "being dressed up in character, working with visitors and doing historical interpretation." Kelly Giffinas, who lives in Luray, is the sole English teacher for the Scotland High School of Business, Finance, and Marketing in Scotland County. The school is underwritten by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Business and Politics: Former editor in chief Brent Ayers is a curriculum developer in the Carolina’s near Capital, Judge Veeder-Root, the largest supplier of feeling and task monitoring equipment in the world. An employee trainer, Brent is "striving to bring real-life simulation to online and animated content." He adds, "I look forward to the day when I overheard people saying, ‘You should really take that module. It was so cool.’  ... After receiving the Pulitzer in the radio personality category for his radio show for the station's decision on the competitive edition of The Wall Street Journal. Clint Bubel, the Chronicle’s first editor in chief, practices law in Waynesboro, Pa. He has argued a case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Clint is a member of the HPU Board of Visitors...Terrence Houston serves as legislative assistant to Rep. Steve Cohen whose home district is in Memphis, Tenn. Second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina remembered Victims still struggle to rebuild their homes and live two years later. By Pam Haynes Editor in Chief When I picked up the phone to dial the Piscataway, N.J., area code, I picked up another phone ringing in a newly rebuilt house near the Gulf Coast. I thought that Peggy Knight, the owner of a house that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina two years ago, would be sitting in her repaired living room or fixing dinner in her kitchen. She was still in her FEMA trailer. After hanging drywall in Peggy’s house with a group of HPU students on alternative spring break last March, I called Peggy to see what state her house was in now. At the time of our trip to Mississippi, Peggy had already been living in the tiny FEMA trailer for almost a year. Unfortunately, she’s still waiting. When I told Peggy that our group might be returning to do more work, she quickly asked, “Do you know as an electrician? I need the electricity in my living room or fixing dinner in her kitchen.” This is the kind of eagerness that comes with living in a FEMA trailer for nearly a year and half and waiting for the government to issue a grant to you so that you may rebuild. Before the storm hit, Peggy was in the process of quitting her homeowner’s insurance. Because she had not completed that process when the water rose to the roof of her house, she said, “I called every week or so to see if I have gotten my grant yet. She said, “I’m sure there are a lot of people that don’t know about who need help.” As the progress to rebuild continues in the Gulf Coast, more people need the skills of a certain trade will be needed. Volunteers with experience in plumbing and electrical work are important at this time, especially to those who have not yet received insurance money or grants to rebuild like Peggy. During the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 29, Peggy would like for America to remember one thing: It can happen again. "A lot of people didn’t think a storm like this would happen the first time, and now they don’t believe a storm like this will happen again," Peggy says. "What people should do is be more prepared for things like this. I’ve been worried about another storm ever since." Peggy wishes that in the last storm, more people would have been forewarned and forced to evacuate. She wishes America would have expected the disaster instead of thinking it couldn’t happen. Though she is waiting for more.
The Staff of the Campus Chronicle
would like to say:

Welcome, Freshmen!

We hope you take the time
to read the latest issue of the
Campus Chronicle,
and please submit
your writings,
photos and suggestions.
Behind the scenes HPU student gets world class work experience

By Kelly-Jane Tolman
Staff Writer

This year’s Wimbledon Championships have gone down as “the worst ever.” Primarily, this is due to the horrendous summer weather that damped London and flooded some parts of England. Nevertheless, Wimbledon still remains the oldest of all the championships being run by The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Wimbledon has always been played on grass, which can add to the disorder when it rains. Uncovered courts were kept particularly busy at this year’s event as a result of attempting to maintain the high standard of the surface.

Of all outdoor surface courts, grass is the fastest, favoring power servers, serve-and-volleyers and players with flatter and slice groundstroke styles which both handle low-skid-d service balls well and make the ball skid effectively past the opponent.

Having worked in the press office at the Wimbledon Championships, I have experienced the organized chaos that goes on behind the scenes, ultimately making the Grand Slam a success year in and year out. My job involves handling all the statistics behind every match. Surrounding my workplace, the press work on a tight schedule to produce up-to-date stories for their readers. Obviously, the reporters are of all nationalities, as Wimbledon is the most prominent tennis tournament in the world. I spend two weeks catering to the needs of the journalists in the office. I need to keep all the statistics current, printing the data off for each completed match and distributing throughout the press building. Many journalists have a focus, for example, they will follow a player from their country or cover an epic battle that takes place on court. Often I will be asked for unusual statistics for a desired story, such as the correlation between champions and serve-volleyers or the history of rain days at the Grand Slam. As the rain delays were frequent throughout the event, our team was kept on its toes with anxious journalists attempting to write stories on limited play at the tournament.

The press office is also responsible for the draws of the tournament, making sure each of the nine events is constantly up-to-date. Obviously, this means the first week of the Grand Slam is far more frantic than the second week, as more and more players get knocked out as the rounds proceed. This year, the draws was moving painfully slowly, and from the very first day there was concern for the completion of the Grand Slam within the two-week duration. Employees had their eyes on the dismal weather forecast that seemed to get progressively worse.

Each journalist in the press office is positioned at a desk according to his or her publication. At each desk they have a television whereby they can keep updated with a live match or an event draw. As expected, there can be technical problems with their personal laptops; therefore, we have technicians who work through the demands of the journalists.

Part of my team’s agenda consists of maintaining the Players Lounge. For the draw, players and players’ families can relax, watch TV, surf the Internet and eat in the café. Therefore, it has to be kept as a place of peace and comfort because competition and tension are high, and this is a place where players prepare mentally and physically. This year, the lounge was often very busy as play was constantly being postponed.

This left many competitors frustrated as they were having many fragmented matches and were not having a smooth run to get into a rhythm within their match. This particularly affected Rafael Nadal. He was said to be doing short spurts in the locker rooms to release his pent-up anger at the rain, which ultimately made his match take place over five days.

Working in the press office gives you a pass to the Aorangi practice courts. This area has a restricted entrance as it is yet another place in which players are able to get into the zone and prepare for competition. Here you can watch the players practice up close and can appreciate the varieties of training. Many players take a relaxed approach such as Andy Roddick who uses it as an opportunity to entertain any spectators by hitting exhibition style shots behind his legs.

The abnormal weather conditions left many spectators’ excitement ruined this year, with the record numbers of umbrellas, sinister clouds and interrupted matches. The most miraculously the championship was completed on the final Sunday as hoped. Luckily, a few rays of sunshine visited England, and Roger Federer took the men’s title in style for the fifth time in a row, exceeding the prestigious record set by Bjorn Borg. The day before, Venus Williams defeated Marion Bartoli for the women’s title, marking her fourth Wimbledon championship in eight years.

The Wimbledon experience is like no other tournament, rain or shine. From working in the press office, I am lucky enough to witness all that goes into the magnificent tournament, along with its highs and lows. Let’s hope that next year the rain will not ruin the visit and instead the spectators will be using their umbrellas to shade from the sun.

Members of athletic department promoted

By Brian Morgan

Several High Point University Athletic Department staff members were recently rewarded with promotions within the department. In addition, HPU Director of Athletics Dr. Woody Gibson was reappointed to the NCAA Division I Championship/Competition Cabinet. Those earning title changes included Mike Tuttle, Ryan Tressel, Kim Grissett and Brian Morgan.

A long-time HPU employee, Tuttle was promoted to Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance after previously serving as Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance since 2005. Tuttle began his affiliation with Panther Athletics as the Director of the Mills Athletic Center in 1992 and then taking over NCAA Compliance Director duties in 1993. He was named Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance and Facilities in 1999. Grissett, who started working in various aspects of the Panther Athletic Department during her career having most recently served as the business manager and ticket manager.

Tressel was promoted to Assistant Director of Athletics for Facilities and Operations after spending the last three years in the Director of Athletic Facilities and Operations for the Panthers. This season, Tressel will also supervise the department’s video-streaming production of all home athletic events for the web.

Entering his third year with the Panthers, Morgan was elevated to Associate Director of Athletics for Sports Information after serving as the Assistant Director of Athletics since his arrival at HPU in 2005. Morgan oversees all aspects of the High Point sports information and publicity office including working as the primary media contact for the HPU men’s basketball, women’s soccer, volleyball, baseball and men’s and women’s golf programs.

Gibson, who represents the Big South Conference on the NCAA committee, recently completed an interim appointment that began in June of 2006. His new three-year appointment, which is effective Sept. 1, includes his serving in the cabinet liaison for the Division I men’s soccer committee.

Before and After: Above, the Slane Center is pictured under construction one year ago. Below, the Center is finished with features such as social gathering places, recreational areas, and a soon-to-be Subway.

Photos by Tara Haynes
HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY will take one more step toward national prominence this year. Several more games have been scheduled against "power conference" teams such as North Carolina State and North Carolina. The men's soccer team will also travel to Chapel Hill this year to battle the North Carolina Tar Heels on Oct. 23. The two teams played last year to a 3-3 tie. At the time, the Tar Heels had a No. 1 national ranking.

"The players we're trying to recruit are used to playing at the club level against top teams in every varsity sport. To have the opportunity to play against top teams in every varsity sport. To have the opportunity to play against these players from these teams. The good players are used to playing in good games," Dustin Fonder, men's soccer coach, said. The volleyball team will play a number of away games against quality opponents, such as Duquesne and Connecticut. The women's volleyball team will be playing high-profile teams this season. "We play these games for a number of reasons - RPI, recruiting, experience, and competition. We also use these games to show recruits that they are going to get a chance to compete against the best in the country," Loy said.

Lundy has scheduled his men for two major events this season. "We have been fortunate that we are recognized as having a very good recruiting team. That has helped us get selected to the Preseason NIT and the ESPN Bracketbusters but it has also made the rest of our schedule very difficult," Lundy said. With the current fall schedule available, and the upcoming winter schedule right around the corner, HPU will not disappoint with their schedule this year.

New athletic buildings dedicated for fall term

By Mike Nuckles

With construction dominating the campus of High Point University for the better part of three years, the athletics department has been no different. Three new facilities will have been opened for athletics in 2007 by the end of August. The Coy O. Williard Baseball Stadium is a state-of-the-art, NCAA facility, complete with 501 backed seats, high-powered lighting, high-tech press box and concession and merchandise areas. Williard Stadium opened officially in April, and later that month HPU hosted its first-ever home night game against nationally-ranked Coastal Carolina. The facility is named in honor of the father of Coy O. Williard, Jr., a High Point businessman who contributed heavily to the construction effort.

Due to the fact that the athletics department has been growing steadily for the past 10 years, space quickly ran out at Millis Athletic-Convetion Center. A temporary office building was opened across the street in late June, High Point gained a new athletic department office building. The building, located on the north east corner of campus, is named for Jerry Steele - High Point University's legendary men's basketball coach who led the team from the era of the NAIA to NCAA Division I status - and his wife Kitty, who coached women's tennis and field hockey for HPU for many years. The Dick and Peg Vert Track and Soccer Stadium was used for the first time during the men's and women's soccer 2006 seasons; however, the formal dedication will take place on Friday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m., prior to the men's soccer game against Gardner-Webb University.

No plans currently exist to improve upon the Millis Center, one of the Big South's smallest basketball arenas, despite the fact that the men's basketball team sold out the gym several times during the 2006-07 season. Notable among these sell-outs was the Jan. 25 game vs. Winthrop University, in which student tickets were sold out less than half an hour after they became available. During that game, the team lost by one to the team that would become #21 in the nation later that season.

Bowen transfers out, Pa. recruit commits

By Mike Nuckles

The men's basketball team has already begun to make news in 2007. Exciting immediately, guard Troy Bowen has transferred to Southern New Hampshire University. Also, next season's freshman class has already acquired a verbal commitment during the July recruiting period. Bowen, a 6'6", 255-lb. shooter listed at a G/F, but who played much of his time at the shooting guard position in 2006-07, transferred over the summer. His new school - the SNHU Penmen - is a small Division II university less than 20 miles away from Bowen's hometown of Nashua, N. H.

"He (Bowen) left on very good terms and just wanted to be closer to home. We wish him well with them, but I don't think it will impact our success on the court," Bart Lundy, head men's basketball coach, said.

In late June, High Point gained a verbal commitment from Jacob Iati, a 5'11" point guard from York, Pa. According to Rivals.com, Iati is a solid verbal commitment. "I think one of the things that attracted me the most was that they don't have a true point guard on their roster and that was a big attraction for me," Iati said in an interview with Scouting.com. Iati was offered scholarships by fellow Division I Schools Western Carolina, Abilene Christian and James Madison. Other schools recruiting him included Auburn, Virginia Tech, and Winthrop.

strength of schedule intensifies for fall sports

By Mike Nuckles

High Point University will take one more step toward national prominence this year. Several more games have been scheduled against "power conference" teams such as North Carolina State and North Carolina. In contrast to past years, when one or two teams might play a high-profile team, in the first five months of the athletic schedule HPU will play top teams in every varsity sport. In the recently released fall athletic schedule, the NCAA's Division I-A teams (widely considered the top teams in the country) litter the pages. Between August and January the Panthers will play top teams in every varsity sport.

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The volleyball team will play a number of away games against quality opponents, such as Duquesne and Connecticut. Both of those games will be held on neutral sites in North Carolina. "Playing a tougher schedule only helps prepare us to be better," Chad Esposito, head volleyball coach, confirmed that they will be once again competing against high-level teams. Loy gave several reasons why his women's team will be playing high-profile teams this season.

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Notable Fall Season Games

- Aug. 25 Cross Country @ UNC
- Aug. 31 Men's Soccer @ Va. Tech
- Sept. 1 Volleyball v. Connecticut
- Sept. 8 Women's Soccer @ NC St.
- Sept. 28-30 Men's Tennis @ UNC

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Troy Bowen

Jacob Iati

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- 2006 First-Team All-State selection
- Brother Jon plays basketball for University at Albany
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- Junior at Southern New Hampshire University
- 2006 Big South Academic All-Conference
- Started 22 of HPU's 32 games in 2006-07
- Led team in three-point percentage with .406*
- Accumulated 3.2 GPA while at High Point
- Top-6 on team in points, FG, 3-pointers and rebounds in conference

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