Lip Sync-ers crocodile rock

Above: Kappa Sigma brothers and Zeta Tau Alpha sisters form a conga line at Lip Sync. Below: Three sisters wait for their turn to dance. Photos by Adam Spear

See more Lip Sync photos from Greek Week on page 8
Critters on campus: pets require more than students can handle

By Jenna Beal
Staff Writer

Who wouldn’t want a cute pet to play with? Honestly, one would only find a handful of people saying they would not. This year seems as though having pets on campus is a rising trend.

At first when I thought of writing this article, I was so dead set on arguing that allowing pets on campus is a good idea because I love animals and they act as good companions. But, after further investigation, I realized that college students might not be able to take on the necessary responsibilities that pets require. Some pets, such as fish, snakes and turtles, do not require a lot of responsibility or concern. However, kittens and puppies do. They are similar to infants and require a lot of responsibility or concern. However, after some time it loses its fascination. After that it becomes a chore.

For example, I have a friend who bought a brand new puppy and attempted to keep it on campus. After a couple weeks he was too busy with other responsibilities and did not have time to take care of the puppy properly. That person is now in the process of finding a new home for it.

On the weekends most students would rather not worry about classes or homework, preferring instead to get out. This also leaves the pet all alone in the room with no one to take care of it. Situations like this can lead to more drastic situations where the pet becomes neglected.

“I think it is great! It kind of sucks we won’t be affected by this,” said Matt Hukill, sophomore.

“I think it is good for the school as long as it is focused on education,” said Kelsey Murfarty, sophomore.

“I feel that college kids are too irresponsible to take care of pets on campus because all they are concerned with are their social lives,” said Kristy Stiles, a sophomore at HPU.

Aside from these observations, pets on campus may not be best for students well-being. Pets can be a danger to students on campus because animals are sometimes uncontrollable. Some people are already scared of animals and seeing one on campus might make them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Pets are great for companionship but they do not belong in a college atmosphere. Students should focus on schoolwork and being socially active on campus instead of taking care of a living thing so dependent on their care.
Learn to limit labels on life

By Amanda Mayes
Staff Writer

I always read the opinion articles in the Chronicle first—just a personal preference. After foraging through slanted finds a Sept. 20 issue, I believe my heart stopped when I read the letter to the editor “Why we decided to bring Karl Rove to HPU.” In John Gillespie’s final paragraph he wrote, “The conservative message that Karl Rove will deliver...not only aligns with the missions and goals of the College Republicans, but also of our university.” I have been around academia my entire life—my father is a college professor. I have spent countless dinners discussing university politics and countless hours in his office watching the trials and tribulations of a professor first hand. Therefore, I consider myself qualified to inform you that I should never be the objective of a college or university to push a political ideology. Humans have a unique ability to politicize and place labels on everything imaginable. Think about it. In this election year, what have you heard continuously in the news? Democrat, Republican, Independent. Tea Party. These labels do little in demonstrating a candidate’s ability to do a job or in defining a candidate’s actual beliefs. They create issues that should not be political nor factor into a midterm election. These labels cause excellent ideas to be written off simply because they stem from one political party or the other. Politics is not black and white. Politics is comprised of many shades of grey, and these shades are well-hidden by ignorance of the system and refusal to find common ground. The abuse of stereotypes or labels is not synonymous with politics, but also occurs in most other aspects of life. I suppose labels exist for a reason; we live in a highly confusing world, and labels are necessary to make order out of chaos. Yet, so many people fail to notice the subtle and vital variations in all aspects of life that make it worth living. Labels serve as restraints and perpetuate stereotypes, preventing us from connecting with each other on a basic and true level. I urge you to step back and think about this for a moment. Unfortunately, life is always going to be confusing. Learn to deal with that confusion and use it to thrive. Stop using stereotypes as a barricade or defense mechanism. Stop using different political ideologies and political parties as a vehicle for division and a tool for divisivity. Open up your mind and heart to a world that does not exist in black and white. Allow all the variations of color to shine through. Open the doors to the full life that has the potential to come from an open mind and a willingness to abandon inflexible notions of what is right and what is wrong.

The curse of ‘fad’ diets: tons of stress and no success

By Liz Welborn
Staff Writer

Why don’t people realize what the word “fad” means in the ever-popular diet sphere? Here’s your sign: it’s not going to work. The weight that you melt off is a fad—only temporary. It will inevitably come right back to your hips and thighs. So put down that pill, stop making that smoothie, and start doing the simplest thing out there: exercise and change your lifestyle! I purposely omit the curse word “diet” because that will put a negative spin on what you want to do. Diets mean that you are only going to change your habits for a temporary amount of time. This doesn’t work! A lifestyle change is what you need to keep the weight off. You have to change your eating behaviors for good, not just for a few weeks or months. Otherwise, you will pack those pounds back on again. Trust me, I know what I’m talking about. I lost over 40 pounds in the past year by keeping it simple and deciding to change for good. It seems crazy that I’ve tried diet pills, shakes, or other ridiculous tricks when all I really needed is healthy eating and exercise. I know that temptation to eat the wrong things, or to eat too much of them, will always haunt me. If you are looking for the easy way out...there are none. I know, I make it sound so terrifying. However, it doesn’t have to be. You can do whatever you set yourself up to do.

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Staff Editorial

We have many amenities here at HPU, ranging from getting our dry-cleaning done through the Concierge to riding around in a gondola trolley. One amenity that is not advertised in our daily email updates is the Department of Information Technology. Located on the first floor of Norcross Graduate School, the IT guys assist students and faculty in their technological needs and oversee the technology for the whole university. The staff members in IT are patient and helpful. If you need a piece of equipment in order to make your computer function, IT will loan it out to you. In fact, one Chronicle editor has been living off of an adapter from IT since school began. IT also handles a lot of dirty work that the average person doesn’t care to handle. For example, one of the IT staff called Dell to check a Chronicle editor’s warranty and walk them through the problems the editor was having on her computer. They then called the editor and told her all of the issues and how to fix them; it took five minutes. However, when the editor called Dell to schedule an appointment, she missed class because the phone conversation took three hours.

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I didn’t know a lot of their music, but I really enjoyed it because they were bringing something onto stage and getting really into it,” said sophomore Beth Wulburg.

Prior to the concert, around 50 students got to go behind the scenes to meet Cobra Starship and take pictures. The students were selected from a random list of names entered by students who wanted to meet the band.

“I’m glad that we have the opportunity to give that to our students,” said Amy Jones, a senior, who composed one of the selected letters. “I wrote about the fact that it was my senior year and I never really won anything so this would make my senior year awesome.”

The letters gave Director of Student Activities Hillary Kokajko goose bumps to read.

“It’s really exciting to see how picking Cobra Starship has altered these people’s lives,” Kokajko said. “I’m glad that we have the opportunity to give that to our students.”

Jones was impressed with the band members. “They were super friendly, chill guys. You could tell they were excited to be here.”

Now, the question on everyone’s mind is after a successful fall concert, who will be performing at the spring concert? Cobra Starship is currently open to every possibility. “It all depends on how things go with songs like ‘Break a Leg’ and ‘I Want You With Me,’” said Slade.

The student body is anticipating a successful spring concert.

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It was like Halloween had come just a little early at The Carolina Theater on Sept. 12. People held up signs proclaiming "Vampire Rights!" with black hair and white fangs as they crowded outside the theater in a spectacle of wigs, outfits and, best of all, fake blood.

There was no faking the excitement when a chance to watch the season finale of HBO's smash-hit True Blood with three cast members was at stake. Local radio stations 107.5 KZL and Rock 92 had promoted the event for two weeks. At the finale, they hosted karaoke, sign, and costume contests all in the name of HBO's hit television series.

Kristen Bauer van Straten, who plays a cold and heartless vampire named Pam, was the first to walk the red carpet and thank all the fans for coming out to see the show.

"Who knew that such a loyal group of fans was here in Greensboro?" Bauer van Straten said. "It's so exciting to see everyone and how much they appreciate the show!"

Bauer van Straten was followed by Todd Lowe and Kevin Alejandro, who just recently joined the cast. After asking the actors how they felt about the turnout, they all gave the same amazed response.

"This is totally new to me," Bauer van Straten said.

Kevin Alejandro agreed, adding, "This has been really exciting... I'm looking forward to next season."

Alejandro's character, Jesus, has been involved in some very steamy scenes with fan favorite Lafayette, played by Nelsan Ellis. Are they awkward for the actors?

"There's real chemistry there," Alejandro said. "It's not simulated. We just kind of try to do our thing, and people like it."

When asked about it later on stage, Alejandro rehearsed what that first kiss was like.

"I was really nervous about it," he recalled. "I watched that episode with my wife for the first time and after that scene she turned to me and said, 'That was kind of hot.'"

Todd Lowe was all smiles as he walked the red carpet.

"You know this whole fan thing is completely new to us, and we really didn't expect the show to become as big as it has," Lowe said. "It's a great feeling."

Lowe described what it was like to play Terry Bellefleur, a character who is a veteran of the Iraq War.

"I tried to stick with the feel of a very disgruntled and somewhat shell shocked veteran trying to fit back in to things," he said. "In a lot, I don't really have a model. I just make it up as we go."

The night went wonderfully, with many excited fans being admitted in the end to fill the theater for the final countdown to the finale. The cast members sat together for a brief Q&A on stage before the show started.

Cheers, laughs, screams and shouts filled the theater as the show ended leaving fans with much anticipation for the next season.

How did such a successful show premiere its finale in Greensboro? Because there are more people watching True Blood in Greensboro than in any other place in the country. Why? Lowe has an answer: "Intelligent and sexy people congregate in central North Carolina."

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**True Blood cast members dazzle fans in Greensboro**

Pictured: Kevin Alejandro and Kristen Bauer talking to reporters

Photo courtesy of Photo Innovations

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**Raleigh Amphitheater**

500 S. McDowell St., Raleigh

www.raleighconvention.com/amphitheater

- Vampire Weekend will be heading our way on Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m.
- Stone Temple Pilots fly-in on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- 311 headlines on Oct. 30 at 8 p.m.

Check out the website for ticket prices.

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**Greensboro Coliseum**

1921 W. Lee St., Greensboro

www.greensborocoliseum.com

- Daniel Tosh, of Comedy Central's "Tosh.O" will be doing a stand-up show on Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $35 and must be purchased in advance.
- Carrie Underwood is performing on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. with ticket prices ranging from $35.50 to $55.50.
- On Oct. 30, Passion Pit will be performing at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are $21 for students with a valid ID.

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**Time Warner Cable Arena**

333 E. Trade St., Charlotte

www.timewarnercable.com

- Come see Buzz and Woody on Oct. 6 through 10 for Disney on Ice Toy Story 3.
- Chelsea Handler will make an appearance on Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. on her comedy tour "Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang."
- Lupe Fiasco will be hitting the stage on Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. Advanced tickets are $30 with day-of tickets $35.
- Bob Dylan will be performing at 8 p.m. on Oct. 16 for the cheap price of $25 (for students). Non-students can still attend for a price of $45.
- On Oct. 22, Sublime with Rome plus the Dirty Heads are headed to the stage at 8 p.m. Tickets are $31.50 in advance of $36.50 the day of.

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**The Fillmore**

1000 Seaboard St., Charlotte

www.fillmorecharlotte.com

- Oct. 13 brings Thirty Seconds To Mars at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 will feature the Black Label Bezerkus: Black Label Society, Clutch, and Children of Bodom at 7:30 p.m.
- Need To Breathe and The Daylights will be headlining on Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.
- The Drive-By Truckers will help celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m.

Check the website for tickets and prices.
Staff Profile: Richard Jones jams while he drives

By Christine Reinicker
Staff Writer

All of the High Point trolley drivers are unique and recognized by all the students, but when you mention the driver with his collection of classical, rhythm and blues, and rock and roll music constantly playing, everyone knows who it is.

Richard Jones is one of High Point’s veteran trolley drivers. Having worked here since 2007, Jones has become a familiar face to students, freshman or seniors.

Jones grew up in High Point and had his first job as a butcher when he was 15. Although going from a butcher to a trolley driver is a huge change, Jones enjoys what he does and when asked what his favorite part about working here is, he said, “For me it’s the kids. Just talking and listening to them.”

While getting along so well with the students, it’s understandable to hear that Jones loves spending time with his own kids and family. He has two sons and when he’s not with them he is playing golf or fishing.

Besides his love for all music, “except that hip-hop stuff,” he jokes, Jones’ favorite movie is “In Harm’s Way” and his favorite restaurant is Longhorns.

Jones is an all around happy guy. And admit it, even if you’re running late to class and stuck on the trolley, we’ve all caught ourselves tapping our foot at least once to his rhythm and blues music.

Richard Jones works at the helm of an HPU trolley.

Photo by Carolyn Joyce

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Love/Sick makes its world premiere at HPU

By Ben Hensley Staff Writer

A unique opportunity in the collegiate theatre world has arrived on campus. John Cariani, playwright and Tony-nominated actor, has decided to premiere his play "Love/Sick," using HPU facilities, professors and students as designers, actors and crew.

The premiere will be directed by Jay Putnam, who is an Assistant Professor of Theatre. The cast has been recently rehearsing August.

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Love/Sick promises to be a night where one can openly laugh at the absurdity of what one may hear and see on stage, while secretly finding one of the characters or stories hitting close to home.

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Lip Sync concludes Greek Week ‘10

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Photos by Adam Spear

Toccatatones’ new CD hits shelves

High Point University’s male a cappella group The Toccatatones is set to release their first CD in seven years: Hits from the Pitch Pipe.

The group stayed on campus last spring during spring break and recorded the 12 tracks in the recording studio in the Qubein School of Communication. “We wanted to be professional with this one,” says Clint Cooper, a senior member. “It was hard going in separate from each other to record our parts because we are one sound. This CD has much better balance this time.”

“Hits from the Pitch Pipe is the result of the hard work and dedication of all the members of Toccatatones, past and present,” adds Harris Walker, another senior member or the group. “It represents the transformation the group has gone through over the past few years, while still maintaining the traditional Toccatatones spirit.”

“Personally, I'm very excited about the release of Hits from Pitch Pipe. I made a promise to myself that I wouldn't leave High Point University without first recording a new Toccatatones CD. Though the process has been a learning experience, and a tough one at that, I've enjoyed every minute of it and can't wait for everyone to experience this piece album that we have worked so hard to produce,” continued Walker.

Not all the current members of the Toccatatones are featured on the CD. The six new members, Jacob Talley, Zach Gilland, Ryan Dillon, Dominic Tarantelli, Connor Brackett, Chaz Duffy, were not members last year when the group recorded, but are still excited about being a part of such a great group. “Being in the Toccatatones is a lot of fun! It's quite a wacky and whimsical group of guys but it's a group of guys that all have one love in common; it's the love for that ‘good ol' a cappella,'” said Talley.

The CD will be sold in select stores in the High Point area as well as in the HPU Bookstore and tracks will be available on iTunes. The CD sells for $12 and a portion of the proceeds goes toward the group’s philanthropy, Save the Music.

SGA Update

What’s New:
~SGA forming a committee to compare the organization to six other schools

Bills Passed:
~Toccatatones tuxedos

What’s Next:
~one more meeting before Fall Break

- Meeting Oct 14 at 7 p.m. in Phillips 120

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Women's golf welcomes new head coach with impressive resume

By Henry Molaski

Staff Writer

High Point University has brought in a proven winner, Vic Pate Flesher, to coach the women's golf team this fall. Coming to High Point off of seven straight Division III national championships, Pate Flesher already has big goals set for the Panthers. Pate Flesher hopes to have the women's team improving from its 20th place ranking finish in the 2009-2010 campaign, but as far as setting an actual bar for the team, she would rather keep the air "positive" for now.

Leading the Panthers this fall and spring will be Audra McShane and Jessica Neece who have both already posted impressive scores in this young season. McShane and Neece both posted strong 74s to close out the Great Smokies Intercollegiate and keep things looking up for match play.

Pate Flesher is also excited by what the future holds for the women's golf program because of her "less conflicting" means of recruiting here at a Division I school. This meaning that she no longer has to recruit college players to be in the PGM Program along with the varsity team itself.

With the amenities that High Point already has to offer, the desirable golfing vistas such as Kiawah Island and Barefoot, and, now, a seven time national champion on staff, Pate Flesher definitely plans to have better recruits coming in. Even though time her time with the lady golfers has been short, Pate Flesher sees the girls as very "coachable" and "all very positive and going to class and workouts and absorbing everything they can like sponges."

The women's team has new freshmen coming aboard and trying to get adjusted to the college life and sport. Not yet on the official roster, Pate Flesher says her two freshman girls are a little "overwhelmed," but already sees them starting to catch up.

The girls have all been working hard since August, according to Pate Flesher. They play almost every day and as much as the NCAA does allow. Four 18-hole qualifiers were already played this fall, along with two invitations. The season is not a short one either. In the fall, there are matches into November and then the season picks back up in February for three more months as the women close out the 2010-11 campaign.

Women's soccer slump includes 4-0 'thrashing' from UNC-Charlotte

By Brian Brennan

Staff Writer

The High Point women's soccer team has continued its pre-Big South Conference slump. In one week the team lost two close games to national powerhouse: Wake Forest and Western Carolina, but then with a surprising blowout loss to UNC-Charlotte.

Their record may be 2-8 now but the loss to Wake Forest was a positive performance. The Demon Deacons were ranked #22 in the country and the previous year had beaten the Panthers 5-0. This time the Panthers nearly pulled off an upset on their home turf. Junior Katie Taber, the hero of the team's victory at Clemson, scored yet another goal in the 47th minute to give the home team a surprising 1-0 lead. It was the continuation of a successful week for Taber who was named the Big South Offensive Player of the Week.

"Katie Taber is really stepping up," said Reall. "But I thought we played great. We possessed the ball well, we defended well, and they beat us with two of the best freshmen in the country. Those two players [Stengel and Nuzzolose] are phenomenal."

Two days later the team fell again, this time to the Western Carolina Catamounts on the road. A strong performance by freshman Jessie May in goal kept the Panthers in the game, but unfortunately Kayla Sefcik's 18th minute goal proved to be enough as the Catamounts came away with the win. High Point lost 2-0 to Carolina 9-6, and was the unlucky loser.

"As good as the team looked against Wake Forest and Western Carolina, this past week with a game at Coastal Carolina, meaning there is plenty of time left for the Panthers to right the ship."

The Panthers were outshot 36-14 on their way to being routed 4-0 at Vert Stadium.

"UNC-Charlotte is a highly talented team that is extremely hard working," said Reall. "We practiced really hard ourselves for this game and unfortunately we were not able to apply what we did in training to the actual game. The results showed with a 40-0 throttling.

The lone bright spot for the Panthers in the Charlotte game was Taber, who had two shots on goal, and a disallowed goal that was called offside.

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Cross country has impressive showing at Big South

By Steven Haller

Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country team placed first and second, respectively, at the Big South Preview in Blacksburg, Va. on Sept. 25. On the men's side, of the 12 HPU athletes who competed, eight of them placed in the top 25 in a field of 63 total athletes. Most notably, senior Jevin Monds, freshman Patrick Crawford, and junior Neal Darmody all finished the five-kilometer race in the top 10.

In an interview with the HPU sports information department, head coach Mike Esposito said, "We were able to execute our plan of a controlled race with a strong finish and it was great to get the team win. Jevin ran really well, it's like he's a different runner this fall. Patrick ran very well. Neal Darmody has been running really high mileage so we expect him to get a lot faster as he gets more rest in the few next weeks.

Monds, who finished second at the Big South Preview, came in 14th at the same meet last season and 35th at last season's Big South Championship. Crawford, who finished in third at the Big South Preview, won the North Carolina state high school championship as a senior last year.

Considering his three regional championships and four-time all-conference honors, Crawford was a decorated athlete in high school and is proving his talent at the collegiate level early in his career.

Darmody, who finished seventh at the Big South Preview, placed fifth at the same meet last season and earned All-Conference honors with his seventh-place finish at last season's Big South Championship. On the women's side, of the 11 HPU athletes who competed, seven of them placed in the top 25 in a field of 51 total athletes. Most notably, senior Emily Webb, sophomore Kayla Peck, and sophomore Kelsey Hunt all finished the five-kilometer race in less than 20 minutes.

Senior runner Emily Webb races past her competitors. Photo courtesy of HPU Sports Information.
Volleyball finishes the second half of September strong

By Steven Haller
Sports Editor

After head coach Jason Oliver made a starting lineup change at middle blocker, the Panthers were able to finish their last seven games in September with a 5-2 record and were 2-1 in their first games against other Big South teams.

When asked about how his team will fare in conference play, Coach Oliver said, "Right now, it is nothing but positive. To go into Winthrop and CSU and get two wins is a great weekend for us. I really like the determination and the character that the team is playing with. That coupled with great individual performances by everyone at any time makes me optimistic."

On Sept. 14 when HPU faced Campbell, senior Stephanie Wallin was moved to middle blocker in favor of fellow senior Anna Lott, and sophomore Courtney Johnk was moved from the bench to Wallin's old starting right side spot. Wallin finished off the team's last seven games of September with a total of 64 kills and Johnk was right behind at 47. "Both Stephanie and Courtney are physical players that I think really help our attack out," said Coach Oliver. "I like the fact that they are interchangeable with Anna Lott as well. It gives us some balance on the floor and it makes the team that much harder for opponents to stop."

Another player that stands out is statistician Maddie Simpson, who accumulated 334 assists in the team's last seven games of September, which gave her a total of 579 assists as of Sept. 30. Simpson has been the starting setter in every game since Sept. 3, so it would appear that she is winning the battle for the starting setter position.

Senior outside hitter Megan Smith is continuing to be the team's kills leader with 259 and fellow senior outside hitter Andie Gonzalez the next closest on the team at 184 as of Sept. 30.

Defensively, senior libero Julie Hershkowitz has 331 digs on the season and earned her 2,000th career dig on Sept. 24 against Winthrop.

Another notable defensive player is freshman Michelle Chakirelis who leads the team in blocks this season with 46.

Sophomore Molly Barlow has been a player that stands out coming off the bench this season as what could best be defined as a defensive specialist. Barlow is fifth on the team this season in digs with 95 and is tied with Gonzalez for the most service aces this season at 21.

The Panthers play the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs Friday, Oct. 8 in the Millis Center at 7 p.m.

Men's soccer living up to conference expectations

By Pat Budd
Staff Writer

The High Point University men's soccer team continued its winning ways with an impressive 4-0 win over Gardner-Webb in the opening Big South Conference game. After a week off from play, the Panthers returned to the field after a tough 2-1 loss to William and Mary on September 18. William and Mary, the No. 23 ranked team in the country, led 2-0 late in the game when junior Karo Okiomah scored the only goal for the Panthers. They would fall short of scoring another goal to tie the game as William and Mary dominated time of possession. The Panthers had several great opportunities to score in the first half, including a Shane Sloan breakaway that resulted in a wide left shot. Head coach Dustin Fonder described the loss as disappointing, but had an optimistic view on the defeat. "William and Mary was a tough team; we took some positives from the match and moved on," said Fonder. The team would use the following week to prepare for its first Big South Conference game at Vert Stadium.

The Panthers would waste no time at all in proving they were a dominant factor in the conference. Senior forward Scott Rojo put the Panthers on the board just 2:37 into the game, which began the dominance over the Bulldogs. Another goal from Sloan in the 26th minute on an indirect free kick would give HPU a 2-0 lead, and quickly Rojo-Sloan tandem would hook up again for a third goal before halftime. The Panthers would erupt for a 13-5 shot lead at halftime.

In the second half of play, Rojo yet again assisted Karo Okiomah for another goal in the 67th minute, making him a part of all four goals scored. "We were both playing really unselfish and we were taking advantage of opportunities," said Rojo. "When we keep the game simple we play so much better."

With one of the preseason goals playing well within the conference and possibly bringing home the conference title, Fonder was pleased with the efforts of the Panthers. "I think we won this game in training; we had a great week of training and that leads to a great team performance like we had tonight," Fonder said.

More importantly, the shutout would give junior goalkeeper Michael Chester his 11th career shutout, fourth of the season. He has tied the HPU Division 1 record for career shutouts. Chester made five saves in the win against Gardner-Webb.

The Panthers improve their record to 4-2-1 and will continue their conference games on October 6 against Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.
By Elizabeth Ellis

Staff Writer

Beginning Oct. 4, the Office of Student Life will be sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Week. The five-day program is geared toward informing students about the dangers of alcohol consumption, its impact on a college campus and to encourage students to help one another make responsible decisions about the use of alcohol in order to protect their health and safety, says Student Life staff member Anette Jones.

This year's theme is "Be an Advocate," and students can learn more about alcohol and how to be an advocate by attending one or more of the Alcohol Awareness programs that will be occurring nightly on campus during the week of Oct. 4-7, and also on Oct. 10. Staff members from the Office of Student Life together with members of the High Point University Counseling Staff will be facilitating these programs. Vice President Gail Tuttle says that holding an Alcohol Awareness Week on campus is beneficial because it "is an opportunity for our university community to be educated and ask questions regarding alcohol consumption and use."

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For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at studentlife@highpoint.edu or visit the office located on the third floor of Slane.

Unite International shows students the dangers of texting while driving

By Natalie Barrett

Staff Writer

Unite International demonstrated the dangers of texting while driving by bringing a driving simulator to campus on Sept. 24.

Storm Olson, an employee with Unite International, explained that bringing a driving simulator to campus is geared toward informing students about alcohol consumption and use. "Most people don’t think that it is such a big deal, like they don’t think it is anything compared to driving while drunk, and apparently it is; it is even worse actually," she said.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, "Using a cell phone while driving delays a driver’s reactions significantly more than drinking a similar amount of alcohol. At blood alcohol concentrations of .08 percent, reaction time is slowed by 20 percent. The reaction time of a plaintiff driver who is using a cell phone is often comparable to a driver who is twice legally drunk." Students are an easy demographic to reach because they are able to reach out to students is through a discussion panel, an event that proved successful at last year’s Alcohol Awareness Week and will be held on Oct. 6.

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