



# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY Campus Chronicle

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## Column One News

### Trustees seek Qubein as president

In July, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to recruit Nido Qubein as the next university president.

Qubein is a High Point alumnus who went on to become an internationally known speaker and consultant, a businessman and a community leader and philanthropist.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in business from High Point in 1970, Qubein received a master's degree in business and an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Qubein has written numerous books and is founder and chairman emeritus of the National Speakers Association Foundation. He has previously been named High Point's "Citizen of the Year" and "Philanthropist of the Year."

### Slane goes wireless

This summer, the Information Technology department completed phase two of the campus wireless Internet connectivity project.

Slane University Center is now wireless, allowing students to access the Internet from all parts of the student center as well as the external areas around the building's perimeter. Any student using wireless enabled devices such as a laptop or PDA will be able to access the campus network and the Internet, enjoying the online convenience that a dormitory network connection offers.

### Speakers scheduled for Orientation

The following speakers will be featured during Orientation's General Sessions:

-Sunday, Aug. 22: Les Brown, the author of "Live Your Dreams" and "It's Not Over Until You Win," and the author of the nationally syndicated "Les Brown Show."

-Monday, Aug. 23: Dr. Jacob C. Martinson, chancellor of High Point University

-Tuesday, Aug. 24: Dr. Jane Stephens, English department chair and professor of English and communications

-Wednesday, Aug. 25: Chris Michener, president of the Student Government Association.

All sessions will be held at 7 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium.

compiled by Andrea Griffith

## Enrollment holds steady, housing numbers increase as year begins

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

There are 1650 day students enrolled for the fall semester at High Point University.

Last year, High Point University had the same number, which was the largest enrollment to date. The school expects similar numbers for this term. This number includes about 570 incoming freshmen. One-hundred and ten of these freshmen are presidential scholars, and 30 are transfers with Phi Theta Kappa scholarships, which are given to transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa and

alumni of a two-year college. Mr. Jim Schlimmer, dean of enrollment management, said, "New students are the lifeblood, energy and vitality of an institution." The new class represents a third of the undergraduate population and will be watched carefully to make sure they grow during their time at High Point University.

Schlimmer said that the admissions office received 1800 applications for the new year, which shows a growing interest in the school. "The nature of quality is the range of students and the numbers that select us as well as their academic background and endeavors," said

Schlimmer. Students from High Point University represent 40 states, but are concentrated in the mid-Atlantic region.

Mr. Allen Jones, assistant dean for operations in the admissions office, commented that he is always intrigued by the incoming class because of the range of states they represent. Seven percent of the new class are international students, which is an increase from the normal four to five percent, and 65 percent of the students are from North Carolina. When asked if he was anxious to meet the new

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## Committee unveils new running panther logo

By Amanda Roberts  
Staff Writer

The "running panther" logo, found on athletic jerseys, t-shirts and above doorways at the university is leaving High Point, to be replaced by a new athletics logo, licensed by the NCAA.

Lee Owen, sports information director, stated, "It's a fresh look. It's different, but not in a crazy way. A lot of schools — big and small — struggle to find an identity, and they end up over time with literally hundreds of different logos. Syracuse just changed its logo

this summer and had never — that's right — never had an official logo that all its athletic teams shared."

The athletic community at High Point wears uniforms representing varying stages of High Point's logo development. Owen hopes that this new logo will unify High Point and with the standardization of uniform and logo, will represent the university on a national level.

Junior Rebecca Fleming said, "It's sad. I like the energy of the running panther. There's something streamlined and clean and... inspiring in its stretched form. He's sleek and stylish and oh-so-

alive. I'm going to miss him."

The colors purple and black will remain prominent in the logo, with gray used as an accent color. The committee did exhaustive research and found that "only 7 percent of NCAA Division I schools use purple in their color scheme," according to Owen. High Point is the only school in the Big South Conference to use purple.



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT  
NEW PANTHER LOGO

Formed in fall 2003, the committee, composed of student-athletes and leaders, faculty, staff, alumni, coaches and members of the High Point community, met several times

through March 2004. Owen said, "[High Point-based] Ed Kemp Associates brought us some initial sketches, we told them what we liked and what we didn't, and eventually it evolved into a finished product that everyone associated with High Point should be happy with."

"The committee and the University administration spent a lot of time and resources working on this, and hopefully the students will embrace this as the new face of not just High Point athletics, but the University as a whole."

Dean Smith, former coach of the

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## President welcomes students

Dear Class of 2008:

Welcome to your future. Among the nearly 2,000 applicants, you were selected to attend High Point University. We are proud of you and your accomplishments, and we look forward to working with you across the years.

At High Point, you will find a superb faculty. Under their expert guidance, teaching and counseling, you will be blessed with the discovery of new paths of learning and a sense of direction. I envy you this wonderful opportunity.

We want your stay at High Point to be a special time in your life. Believe me, it will be as you meet new friends and as you grow in knowledge and wisdom and go forth to serve.

As of now, this is your university. Make a contribution to the life of this place, put yourself into it, assume ownership of it and leave High Point even better than you found it.

With best wishes for an enriching and successful High Point University experience,

Sincerely,  
Jacob C. Martinson  
President



PRESIDENT MARTINSON

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## Staff Editorial

# Staff outlines improvements for the new year

Here we are. It's August already. With August comes a sense of renewal, and with renewal comes a fresh set of goals. We at the Chronicle hope to make this year's issues improved and revitalized. Only time can judge our success, but for now we present to you the editorial staff's mission statement for improving the Campus Chronicle in the coming year. We figure that putting it in print will only serve to further help us outline it and "stick to it."

This year, we hope the Chronicle contains:

-Fewer errors. OK, this one seems obvious. But we understand that for writers, a misspelled headline because of carelessness can seemingly ruin hours of hard work. When a minor error goes to print, the writer and many readers lose sight of the solid argument that is presented or the fluently written story. By checking and double-checking each other, and ourselves, we hope to obliterate the errors. They say there's never been an error-free paper published, but we can try, right?

-More liberal opinion. In Op/Ed Editor Drew McIntyre's defense, we have tried in the past to solicit more liberal viewpoints of many of our writers. We even ran a staff editorial last year titled "Where have all the young liberals gone?" hoping to prompt some left-wingers to make their arguments known in the Chronicle, but to little avail. So for this one, we need the help of you, fellow students. Come on. It's an election year. We need some healthy Bush vs. Kerry vs. other people debate. You cannot complain about the "right-winged Chronicle" if you refuse to do something about it.

-More features. Readers love feature stories, because what's more interesting than learning about others' lives, right? So, we pledge to facilitate more interactions within our campus community by writing about students, faculty members, staff members and alumni who have a story to be told. After all, don't we all have a story?

-More campus/student issues. Sometimes, it's easy for any newspaper staff to fall into a routine and forget about the readers. The only way we can adequately report campus news is by listening to those around us. Again, to do this, we need readers' help. If you are affected by a campus or student issue that you feel needs to be addressed, or if you have a story idea in general, please let an editorial staff member know or e-mail us at [news@highpoint.edu](mailto:news@highpoint.edu).

-More focus on international students. We want to run occasional features on students joining us from all over the world. They can provide some insight on what it's like to be living in America as an exchange student and can show us the differences between America's culture and other cultures. We could also explore the unique situations they face as newcomers to the area.

-An improved Greek/Organizational Page. We vow to cut out the "shout outs" on the Greek page. Though they express nice sentiments, we're looking for news. The less fluff these briefs contain, the more briefs we can include on the page. We want all campus organizations, not just Greek ones, to make a habit of reporting their news to us. We have also pondered the idea of having a "Meet Your Greek" column, to add to the substantiality of this page.

-More art. After all, no one likes a mostly gray newspaper. Photographer Krista Adkins will help us brighten it up. We would also love to find cartoonists to lend us some artistic talent.

-More interaction among our staff members. Listen up, writers! Our editors' meetings are about to become staff meetings. We want our staff writers to be involved in the meetings (held only once a month for about an hour) so they can share story ideas, ask advice about an upcoming story and lay claim to stories that are unspoken for. Not to mention, we should

all get to know each other a little better. This doesn't mean that your copy will be deleted from the file if you fail to show and it also doesn't mean that you will see the Chronicle staff gather around a campfire singing songs and roasting marshmallows anytime soon. It's just something we're going to try out. More about that soon.

That's all we can think of at the moment. We are proud of what we've accomplished in the Chronicle so far and look forward to another year, even better than the last.

## Attention all freshmen: tips for you to survive

*An experienced Panther gives time-tested advice*

At the beginning of every year, the school is filled with new students that light up the campus with the "Freshman Glow." The "Freshman Glow" is a term some of us upperclassmen have taken to calling the look of innocence and naivete that enables you to point out a



**Katie Estler**  
Assistant Editor

freshman 100 yards away. It isn't your fault; you are just excited to be here and eager to start your college life. I'm sure you have all studied your orientation information very closely, but face it: the lack of knowledge of basic day-to-day life leads to that Freshman Glow across your face. So here are some friendly tips that will help dull the glow in your eyes.

1) To keep you from wandering up and down the Greensward, there are four different Ha(y)worth buildings: Hayworth Fine Arts Building, David Hayworth Hall, Hayworth Chapel and Haworth Hall of Science. All but Haworth Science was donated by one very generous family. Make sure to look at the building abbreviations on your schedule or you will end up in the wrong place. To limit confusion all the buildings are referred to differently: Fine Arts Building, David Hayworth, the Chapel and Haworth Science.

2) The caf is called the caf; that's right, no one calls it the Panther Commons. You have two different meal plan options. If you have the 19-meal plan and aren't one of those early risers before class (most of you will come to value an extra hour of sleep over pancakes), switch to the 14-meal plan. Chances are you are going to need those 11:30 p.m. snack runs over that 7:30 a.m. breakfast. A few other helpful hints about the caf: The past two years Thursday has been premium night; come to these nights. Other key times to attend are holiday meals and invited-to dinners in the private dining room. Even if the event sounds dull as dirt, the food is usual worthwhile. If the schedule says the Point and the C-store are supposed to be open till midnight doesn't mean

those doors won't be locked at 11:55 your time; give yourself a few minutes.

3) Respect your Resident Assistant (RA). This is not saying you have to follow all the rules to a tee; no one does. All it is saying is if you don't give your RA a hard time, they won't give you one. Don't give them a reason to come busting into your room. There is a way to get around anything as long as you are smart about it. Remember RA's are students just like you and writing you up for doing dumb stuff is just a pain for them and is cutting into their time to be out partying.

4) Dorm rooms are not the place to party. They aren't as much fun as other sites, and they lead to conflicts with said RA. There are much better spots to party on campus. There tends to be at least one party a weekend at the Frat apartments. (Side note: our fraternities do not have houses on campus; they have apartments with basement party rooms.) If the giant throngs of people aren't your thing, find someone on 6th Street that doesn't mind hosting, throw open the door and see who stumbles in. Once the campus police come around to close down the big parties, everyone moves to the apartments or makes their way to O.A. Kirkman or Forest. The Frats tend to keep off campus houses there. During the weekend O.A. is normally so crowded you can't drive down it.

5) Make friends. The first few weeks are crucial, mainly because all the other freshmen are as lost and friendless as you. Talk to/introduce yourself to as many people as possible. Face it: Later on you are going to need someone to fix your computer, drive you to Wal-Mart and proofread a paper. Find people for all these areas and it doesn't hurt to have a few backups. Aside from that, friends are how you survive college. They are the people you party with and go to classes with and they are the ones that are there for you when things get rough. Your friends are your family here, so make some you can count on.

There is still plenty for you to learn, but this might help dull the glow in your eyes and keep the seniors from stealing your beer money.

Just so you know, when the prospective students (prefrosh) start touring the campus and you start sizing them up like cattle, we did the same thing to you.

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## Alumni Spotlight

## Grad uses biology skills at government post

By Ali Akhyari  
Staff Writer

Once Mr. Ray Hotz, HPU alumnus and American foreign service officer, worried about life after college like we all do.

"Everyone's life finds a pace. It's not necessary to get everything in place by 22 or 23," Mr. Hotz stated. He was referring to the very common feeling that many college aged people experience. It's the feeling of being anxious to get one's life on the road and have everything figured out.

Ray Hotz graduated in 1986 with a major in biology, got married at 31 and became a father at 40. Some might think that he started late or was just slow moving; however, this situation was certainly not born out of laziness. After graduation, he went to grad school and taught high school biology and chemistry. Since 1993, Hotz has been employed by the United States Department of State.

His business has allowed him to live all over the world. He served in the U.S. embassy in Manila, Philippines from 1993-1995 and in San Jose, Costa Rica from 1996-1998. Since then, he has been based at the State Department in Washington where he has mingled with members of Congress, foreign leaders and such figures as Bill Clinton, Colin Powell and George W. Bush.

In Washington, he has worked in several offices, including Korean Affairs, Japanese Affairs and Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation. He was involved in negotiations over Korea's nuclear program and worked tracking the

sales of weapons to rogue states. If that weren't enough, Hotz is tri-lingual, adding Spanish and Chinese to English. The most recent addition was the Chinese language. He has been studying since last September because his next assignment will take him to China where he will look after the interests of American travelers. He noted that arrests there can be politically motivated, so part of his responsibility will be to ensure that Americans are treated fairly by the Chinese legal system.

Despite all these accomplishments, he is a modest man who calls Guilford County, North Carolina home. During his time at High Point University, he traveled to Greensboro to hang out at some of the clubs. He waited in line for a Bruce Springsteen concert until his toes were frostbitten and was fortunate enough to attend one of the final concerts by Police. He watched N.C. State Wolfpack football games in Raleigh and even attended a few roller discos before Miami Vice took over.

Hotz is juggling the responsibility of being a foreign service officer and maintaining a family. However, recently he spoke to me about himself and his time here at High Point University, and I had the privilege of learning a little about this successful man.

**Were you involved in any campus organizations?**

I was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Student Union Secretary, SGA Vice President, SGA Treasurer, a member of Alpha Chi, Who's Who, Junior Marshal.

**Do you feel that your experience here helped you get to where you are today?**

lived up to our end of the bargain," said Schlimmer.

Patricia Mitchell, assistant residential director for the complex, said that she looks forward to meeting the new students and helping them grow. "I expect them to make mistakes, try new things and have character-building experiences," said Mitchell. "I'm there to help them, give advice and make sure they learn and grow in a safe environment."

Triplett also looks forward to meeting the new class, but hopes that they will take responsibility for themselves and fight their own battles. "The easiest thing to do is call home to fix everything, but most of what you learn is outside of the classroom," said Triplett. "We don't expect anyone to be perfect, but we want to work with them to help them grow into adults."

Schlimmer also expects a great degree of excellence from the new students because they expect a lot from High Point University with small class sizes, new facilities and interaction with professors. However, there is also more expected from returning upperclassmen. This year, there are more returning students and more that wish to live on campus. "I hope to see an additional year of maturity," said Triplett. "The best role of upperclassmen is to make freshmen feel welcome and to be mentors."

High Point offers students a chance to change and grow in a safe environment with faculty and staff who are eager to meet them and get them involved in campus life. Schlimmer said, "It is no coincidence that High Point is a residential university."

My experience definitely helped. Studying the sciences taught me to be analytical. Working for the State Department, a big part of what I do is to analyze world events, political and economic developments, etc. In addition, my involvement in student government gave me opportunities to develop leadership and public speaking skills that have become very valuable in my work.

**Are there any professors that you particularly remember for good or bad?**

I mostly remember good things about my professors. Bad experiences seem to fade over time or you realize that what seemed to be a bad experience really was trivial. I have fond memories of my biology professors including Dr. Fred Yeats, as well as Dr. Leo Weeks and Dr. John Ward, both of whom sadly have passed on.

**Do you have any strange or funny stories about your time here?**

I have quite a few stories but none that I think I want published in a newspaper. My wife, whom I met years after HPU, refers to these as the "why are you still alive?" stories.

**What is your view of fraternities?**

Fraternities have a place in college life but not to the exclusion of other activities. I was also involved in Student Government, Student Union, and worked to get good grades.

Fraternities are social groups but need to be about more than just drinking beer, particularly in an era when liability is such an important concern. Fraternities are most successful when they include a diverse group of people who bring different strengths to the

group. That having been said, individual fraternity chapter's fortunes wax and wane as members' ability to maintain diverse membership and the balance between social and academic pursuits are sometimes stronger or weaker.

**Personally, I'm a beach lover but I like the mountains as well. Did you take advantage of HPU's location in visiting either area? If so, where was your favorite place to go?**

I enjoy both the beach and the mountains but was partial to the beach. After spring semester, we would go to North Myrtle Beach. I am still a big Jimmy Buffet fan.

**What do students have now that you didn't have during your time here?**

I think the thing that amazes me is that I graduated before PC's became really useful tools. We actually typed term papers using typewriters. If you messed up, you started over typing the same page, no backspacing and erasing, no saving, nothing. I know that's what we did, but it just doesn't seem real.

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UNC men's basketball team, once said, "While sports are far from a university's most important facet, they are the most visible. Athletics are a university's front porch." High Point, whose teams have won several conference championships wearing different emblems, will present a unified face in the future.

The university will have the chance to "embrace" the new logo on Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. in the Millis Center.

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students, Jones said that he already had.

Jones said that the admissions office should not be seen as people sitting behind a desk because a good amount of their time is spent off campus at college fairs. "You can only learn so much from a website, and we provide the chance for face-to-face questions and interaction," said Jones.

With the growing numbers on campus, campus housing is quickly filling. Both Schlimmer and Jones commented that they are looking forward to having the dorms filled.

Mr. Rans Triplett, associate dean of student life, said there are about 1100 students living on campus, which is the largest number of students ever on campus and that "we are packed to the gills." There is still paperwork being completed and with rolling admissions, there is always the chance of students having problems finding housing on campus. Triplett said that it looks like the residential assistants will have roommates and that the next alternative will be triples.

Triplett is also anxious to start the new year and meet the new freshman class. He agrees with Schlimmer and said the new students infuse energy into the campus. "It's fun to get to know them and watch them grow into athletic stars, student government leaders or fraternity and sorority members," said Triplett.

Schlimmer recalled a student whom the admissions office helped financially and then how in later years, the student's name began appearing in the campus newspaper.

"We want students to change when they get here. If they don't, we haven't

## Join the Chronicle staff

By Michael Gaspeny  
Adviser

You can begin to write your own success story and improve the quality of life at High Point University by working for this paper.

The Campus Chronicle, honored both on and off campus, has provided the launching-pad for many grads enjoying media careers. Join the team that has won the organization of year award here and national recognition through a first-place with special merit rating from the American Scholastic Press Association.

**Wanted:**  
\*Liberal Columnists  
\*News Writers  
\*Sports Writers  
\*Music reviewers  
\*Layout Artists  
\*Photographers  
\*Cartoonist

For writers, experience is helpful but not necessary. If you have a clear style and a sense of fair play, we can teach you the rest. While we try to place new writers in their areas of interest, we are always looking for reporters to cover campus events.

This year we have a special need for sports reporters and music reviewers.

In the art department, we are shopping for cartoonists, illustrators and layout artists with PageMaker experience.

To discuss the role you would like to play in the ongoing success of this paper, visit us at the Chronicle table during the Campus Activities Fair on Monday, Aug. 30, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

## Fall Semester Campus Chronicle Schedule:

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# 'Coach' introduces Chronicle staff lineup

By Michael Gaspeny  
Adviser

Advising a newspaper is as unpredictable as coaching a basketball team. Sometimes, in what figures to be a down year, the players overachieve. Other times, a potential powerhouse sulk through the schedule. Raw rookies excel; veterans demand a guarantee of 30 shots a game.

In my 25 years as an adviser at three colleges, I've seen plenty—from an editor hired by the Wall Street Journal to a staff member who told me to expect little from him, because he had dedicated his senior year to the keg.

The best way to judge a college paper is to compare its first issues with its last over the course of the academic year. On that basis, this year's seasoned staff has much to offer. Last year's Chronicle had some problems, but it made a great

leap forward in depth. By second semester, our coverage of campus issues and our features were stronger. We intend to maintain that momentum.

Three rising seniors were primarily responsible for the improvement.

Andrea Griffith, this year's editor in chief, is a professional. Over the summer, she increased her news writing skills as an intern at the High Point Enterprise, writing memorable stories about D-Day vets, lethal fires and Fantasia Barrino. Last year as an employee at McNeill Lehman, the public relations firm for the university, Andrea wrote most of the stories appearing on the HPU webpage, including the press kit for the Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa campaign.

Assistant Editor Katie Estler embarks on her third year as a key staffer. She has served the paper as A&E editor and chief layout artist. Due to her talents, the paper was much better groomed last year.

Photographer Krista Adkins also made a large contribution to the improved appearance.

Opinion Editor Drew McIntyre, Republican par excellence, expanded his international perspective last fall when he studied at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. He also learned to relax with a wee dram.

In addition to Drew, a pack of columnists continues with the Chron, including from the Right, Joel Stubblefield and Jonathan Miller, the center, Josh Farrington, and the Left, Derek Shealey and Lisa Bouchard.

Their gravity will be balanced by the satirical writing of Erin Sullivan. No one is safe from her lampooning, least of all herself.

Our newswriters may be the best the Chronicle has ever had. They consist of the indispensable Gena Smith, who, during her four years has written every kind

of story, including dispatches from Nicaragua; Kathleen McLean, who has admirable powers of research and organization and Amanda Roberts, who brings bright prose and a sharp mind.

We're pleased that the wry wit of Ali Akhyari and Pamela-Montez Holley will return to these pages. We look forward to features of international interest from Ada Hernandez.

Sylvia Harwood, who got a head-start last year, plans to revamp the Greek page, and Bethany Davoll, whose ambition is to pitch for the New York Yankees, inherits the sports page from Kenny Graff.

Harry Leach, former editor in chief, will cap four years of work in the Chron office by providing technical assistance.

This team looks like a contender. Ed Koch, the former mayor of New York City, used to ask his constituents, "So how am I doing?" Be sure to let us know.

## Life in Southeast Asia holds enviable beauty

*Trip abroad teaches student the value of living the simple life*

By Erin Fedas  
Staff Writer

We Westerners are convinced our countries are evolving at a more rapid pace than second and third world nations.

We tend to pity those who don't own a TV with satellite connection or those who don't have daily access to a computer. We can't imagine surviving in a place where a McDonald's doesn't exist or where a local gym isn't nearby.

We ask ourselves, "Why would we want to live in a lesser evolved place like that? What would be the point?" However, could it be that we have been fooled into thinking this way? Could it be that we are actually devolving faster than so-called lesser nations? Has our quick-fix lifestyle led us down a slope on the evolutionary scale?

I set out on a journey after school ended last year through Southeast Asia for four months. What I found fascinating was the overall simplicity of their way of life.

And I began to wonder and investigate how westerners have been duped into thinking that our quick and easy way of living is actually helping us rather than causing devastating results now and in the future.

From trekking through the hill tribe villages in Vietnam to watching street vendors sell fruit on the islands of Thailand, I realized that these folks are far more advanced than we could ever imagine.

If you think about it, we've known it for years. Where do all our products come from? Where are all our clothes made? Who supplies our staple foods? We seem to underestimate how vital these "lesser" nations are to the survival of our consumer society.

The mountainous region in Sapa, Vietnam cannot be compared to the

Rockies or the Appalachians. It's not possible to find rows of perfectly formed rice fields or irrigation systems created from bamboo sticks anywhere in this country.

Yet, the mountains in Sapa are lined with them along with cornfields and one-room wooden huts that were all created by the diligent hands of the Vietnamese.

It's amazing how we depend so heavily on our treadmills and dumbbells to force our bodies to maintain peak condition when these people get daily exercise just from working outside in the fresh air to preserve their land, which allows them to eat, drink, wash and survive.

We reach for the maximum strength pill to relieve our minor aches instead of applying a few basic remedies made from natural herbs and grains.

And yet these Southeast Asians are healthier, fitter and happier, and have a longer lifespan than most westerners.

"If you think about it, we've known it for years...We seem to underestimate how vital these 'lesser' nations are to the survival of our consumer society."

They live in their own villages constructed with their bare hands. They make their own clothing, shoes and jewelry. They grow their own

food, cook their own meals and craft their own musical instruments. They have their own language and yet are so intelligent that they have picked up proper English easily from tourists. And they don't mind a few hours of hiking to the local town.

We call ourselves self-sufficient too easily because we fail to consider what being self-sufficient really entails. Sapa's beauty derives from its mountains, waterfalls, fields and people. The land hasn't been destroyed with the commercialized buildings and roads that we have fooled ourselves into thinking we need to survive.

While the Vietnamese enjoy their

simple lives in the mountains of Sapa, the people on the islands of Thailand do the same. Walking along the white sandy beaches of Ko Phangan Island and swimming in the crystal blue ocean are common adventures for these people. It's not everyday that one can lie on the beach beneath a coconut tree with a gorgeous view of mountains on either side and listen to the gentle waves.

However, the Thais experience the island's beauties each day.

They work with their hands; they build bungalows from scratch, including installing the electricity and plumbing. They pick, cut, eat and sell bananas, jackfruit, pineapples, mangos and coconuts.

Their way of living is not graded on how much one learns in an institution of higher learning. Credentials are unnecessary, networking is unheard of and yet they manage to live a happy, successful life. Terrorism seems like centuries away. While napping in a hammock and breathing in the surreal scenery, you can see why nothing bad ever happens here.

Why is it that our lives have become so much more complicated? We promise ourselves that we'll take a break and have time to ourselves to reflect, but we often fail to follow through.

Where have our values gone? What would a father say if you wanted to live on an island, build a house on your own and sell the fruit that grows behind your house? We claim to have strong family values, but we criticize the child who doesn't live up to their parents' expectations, which entail making more money than the parents have.

We live for the future, always work-

ing harder, longer hours, hoping that one day we'll have just "enough" money.

But when we have the money, we spend it on useless products and we are never satisfied. And the cycle continues.

Living for the moment seems like a Grimm Brothers fairy tale rather than reality. We consume ourselves with cramming more, more and more into

our daily lives rather than taking a moment to rest. Rather than using our arms and legs to complete basic work, we sit behind desks, frequently miserable and complaining while contemplating new ways to make more money to buy more things we simply do not need.

And taking a moment to relax in a hammock to watch the world go by, well, that would be considered almost unpatriotic.

Although life in Sapa and Ko Phangan offers just a few instances of my journey through Southeast Asia, the basic way of life is similar throughout the other cities I visited.

How is it that we are so naïve to think we're advancing at a faster rate than Southeast Asian nations? From the industrial revolution to the new age of information technology, bio technology and nano technology, western society is rapidly moving closer and closer to losing its humanity.

After experiencing life in Asia, I believe we are not evolving at a faster rate; rather we are devolving at a much quicker rate.

Life can be enjoyed. Success is possible. Dreams are followed.

It's up to us to make that happy, simple life happen.

"Why is it that our lives have become so much more complicated? We promise ourselves that we'll take a break and have time to ourselves to reflect, but we often fail to follow through. Where have our values gone?"



# Chron alums now pursuing various careers

By Michael Gaspeny  
Adviser

Many graduates have parlayed their experience with the Chronicle into success in the so-called real world. Here's what some of our former staffers are doing:

**Editors in chief:** Reporting for the Winchester (Va.) Star, **Mike Graff** (1999-2001) was honored by the Virginia State Press Association for excellence in sports feature writing for the second consecutive year. As a result, Mike was promoted to the state political beat and is now covering the Virginia legislature.

**Brent Ayers** (1997-99) is director of education at the Sylvan Learning Center in Greensboro. This summer, he became a June groom when he married HPU

alumna Leigh Magraw in Hayworth Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Dean of the Chapel Hal Warlick. The story of the couple's courtship was featured in the (Greensboro) News & Record.

**Rob Humphreys** (1995-97) is managing editor of the Culpeper Star-Exponent, a daily paper in Virginia. He oversees a newsroom staff of 12. His paper recently won an award for its coverage of a hometown soldier who died in Iraq. Rob and his wife Kerrie have two children.

**Clint Barkdoll** (1993-94), practicing law in Waynesboro, Pa., recently argued a death penalty case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He has served as a city councilman and belongs to the board of the Red Cross. A member of the Sons of the American Legion, he takes World War II veterans to see the monument in

Washington erected in their honor. Alumna Amy Cavallo, Clint's wife, counsels children for the Waynesboro schools.

**Other Staff Members:** Columnist **Justin Martin** (class of '03) is pursuing his doctorate in mass communications and Arabic at the University of Florida. This summer, he wrote the Alumni Office to thank professors for teaching him that "an 'A' at High Point University is an 'A' anywhere."

Assistant Editor **Terence Houston** (class of '02) attended the Democratic National Convention as a staff assistant to third-term Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-Ohio). Ms. Jones, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, is the House leader for the Kerry-Edwards campaign. Terence describes himself as "a Democrat forever!"

Assistant Editor **Heidi Coryell** (class of 1998) is a reporter for the Anderson (S.C.) Independent Mail, following a five-year stint with the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

Coryell says that "I have found myself surprisingly content writing for this small paper about such things as waterfall watching and the occasional loose cow." Her husband Larry, whom she met when both worked for the High Point Enterprise, covers Clemson University sports for The State in Columbia.

Sportswriter **Samuel Demiss**, who finished his coursework this summer, served as a stringer for the High Point Enterprise last year. Samuel compiled an impressive portfolio of stories focusing on the prep scene, Big South and ACC athletics.

## Women should be afforded the right to choose

On April 25, an estimated 800,000 pro-choice activists, led by celebrities such as Whoopi Goldberg, Kathleen Turner and Sen. Hillary Clinton, filled the Washington Mall to fight for the right to their own bodies.



**Kathleen  
McLean**  
Staff Writer

W. Bush and like-minded officials in government and religious organizations for their anti-abortion views.

A year earlier, on Nov. 5, 2003, Bush signed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, which was the first federal law to endow a fetus with legal rights distinct from the pregnant woman. But how can we dictate to a woman what she can and cannot do to her own body?

In *Griswold v. Connecticut* in 1965, the Supreme Court decided that various guarantees in the Bill of Rights, a combination of the first, third, fourth, ninth and fourteenth amendments, established a right to privacy and allowed married couples access to abortion information and the actual procedure.

A woman's right to an abortion was reaffirmed by the *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973, which gave a woman total autonomy over the pregnancy during the first trimester and defined different levels of state interest for the second and third trimesters. The Supreme Court ruled that unborn humans were not "legal persons" and that they were the property of the owner (mother) who was given the basic constitutional right to choose to kill her unborn offspring. Bush's ban in 2003 therefore violates a Supreme Court decision because he gave a fetus legal rights.

Medical research has proven that life begins at fertilization, and many pro-life organizations believe that mothers should not be allowed to kill their unborn children. Also, religious organizations, such as the Catholic Church, condemn abortion because a fetus is one of God's creations and birth is a blessed event.

However, the fight for abortion does

not revolve around the morals of death and life, but around personal choice and responsibility.

Until the 1960s, it was an indoctrinated idea that no "good girl" had premarital sex and that if she did, no man would want or marry her. Then *Playboy* magazine revamped that image and promoted free love for men, based on the view that men no longer considered virginity in women important or desirable.

Although premarital sex is not condoned, it is accepted. Many parents do not tell their children not to have sex until they're married, but instead say things like, "If you decide to have sex, use protection." Many parents accept their children's wishes to experiment and follow the desires of their hearts, even when those actions may lead to contracting a sexually transmitted disease or pregnancy.

Both men and women have the right to choose whether or not to have sex before marriage. But does that mean that women should not have the right to choose whether or not to be pregnant?

At the rally on April 25, Kate Michelman, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said, "The march is about the totality of women's lives and the right to make decisions about our lives."

When women first came to this country as indentured servants in the 1600s, they were bound by English common law and declared to be legally invisible. It was not until the 20<sup>th</sup> century that they were recognized as legal citizens. Women could vote, hold office and own property. Also, the feminist movements that occurred in this century began a sexual revolution and reproductive rights movement that advanced the idea that women were sexual beings and entitled to their own bodies.

Women have the right to do whatever they want to their own bodies. Women have the right to have sexual relations on their initiative and they should therefore have the right to decide if they want to have a child if they become pregnant.

Outlawing abortion denies women the freedom to their own bodies and places them under the constraints of English common law. Also, outlawing abortion will not stop it. It will continue under conditions hazardous to women's health. The World Health Organization estimates that a full third of all maternal

deaths are caused by poorly done illegal abortions, which amounts to 200 women per day.

Anti-abortion legislation is unconstitutional because it violates a woman's right to her own body and privacy. Although a fetus is a living being and moth-

ers have the option of adoption if they not want to be a parent, it is not our place to tell a woman to carry a child full term against her will. Women earned the right to be acknowledged as equals and should be allowed the same right as men to their own bodies.



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# Internship brings brush with 'American Idol'

By **Andrea Griffith**  
Editor in chief

This summer, I was fortunate enough to experience a daily newspaper first-hand as an intern at the High Point Enterprise. Like my previous internship, this one was very involved. I wrote my first story on the first day, was published on day two and never looked back, writing at least one story a day and usually working on two or more at a time.

Since I was serving in a temporary capacity, I didn't have a "beat" as they call it, but I did write about one topic far more than any other: Fantasia Barrino, now known simply as Fantasia. My time at the Enterprise began around the same time Barrino won "American Idol," but the stories about her continued throughout the summer. I inherited the story when I told my editor that music was an inter-

est of mine. From then on, any and all Barrino stories became my territory, culminating in a phone interview I had with Barrino July 5.

And I think I present an unbiased view when I say that High Point native Barrino was the single biggest local story of recent months. Usually, stories come and go with few follow-ups. This was the story that wouldn't fade, which caused some to swoon and others to sigh. From interviewing her elementary school teacher to tracking sales of her single, I covered all things Fantasia.

One thing was always guaranteed—when I wrote a Fantasia story, I knew it was being read. I couldn't always say that

about some of my other stories, like the one about stream mitigation (first I had to figure out what stream mitigation was) or the one about the history of Flag Day. No, when I wrote about Fantasia, I got reactions from readers and co-workers.



BARRINO ONCE ATTENDED ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL IN HIGH POINT

Some readers wrote me from other parts of the country. Apparently, they began scouring her hometown paper online when they realized that stories about her ran frequently. And it's amazing what I observed.

Local people wanted to share with me poetry to her honor. Others wanted to tell me about their connection to her ("I went to school with her brother") and still others wanted to rant about the tax dollars that were being spent in the name of Fantasia Barrino, as in the signs that were put up declaring High Point her hometown. Some called Barrino a role model for young girls; others denounced her, saying that an unwed mother who never finished high school sets a horrible example. Some praised the Enterprise for putting some front page focus on "good news," while others canceled their newspaper subscriptions for constantly putting

Barrino in the limelight when more important things, like the war in Iraq, were raging. My co-workers seemed tired of the Barrino phenomenon. Maybe they were tired of hearing about her; maybe they hated "American Idol" and pop culture in general. I could never be sure.

And though I sometimes question the legitimacy of "American Idol," I had to admit that the whole thing was pretty exciting. In my three years as a resident of High Point, I couldn't remember a local event that happened on a bigger scale. High Point's mayor was on the Today Show, the Greensboro Coliseum was featured on the "American Idol" finale, full of Triad residents showing support for Barrino, and I was interviewing the key players. Plus, the girl can sing. Few people refute that fact.

Michael Gaspeny, Chronicle adviser, was once a reporter in Arkansas and covered Bill Clinton's first campaign for public office, a losing race for Congress. His stories were later quoted in at least five Clinton biographies. Barrino's no Bill Clinton, but she could become an artist with longevity, prompting biographical writing and television specials.

And who knows, maybe one day, for better or worse, my articles could be used as a reference.

## Brown's best-sellers full of suspense and intrigue

By **Katie Estler**  
Assistant Editor

The pastime of reading for pleasure has been all but lost in a mentality of "if it isn't for class I'm not reading it." From time to time books come along that beg to be read. Dan Brown's bestsellers "Angels and Demons" and "The Da Vinci Code" are two of these books.

These two stories are centered around protagonist Robert Langdon, a renowned symbolist. In each story Robert is unknowingly thrown into the thick of a murder investigation. The reason he is called upon is that these are no normal deaths. Each is very ritualistic and believed to be tied into ancient secret brotherhoods on which Robert is considered one of the foremost experts.

His role of informed onlooker is quickly changed as he is pulled deeper into the investigation itself. All he has to survive these misadventures is his own knowledge and analytical ability.

In "Angels and Demons," Robert is summoned to the Vatican on the eve of the naming of the new Pope. The Illuminati, an ancient satanic brotherhood believed gone, looks to be responsible for the horrific death of one priest and potentially four more. Robert accompanied by scientist Vittoria Vetra race around Rome trying to decipher Illuminate symbols and follow the ancient Illuminate path to find the killer. An extra element of suspense is applied as they also try to locate a ticking time bomb made by Vittoria's own lab and hidden deep within the Vatican walls.

The "Da Vinci Code" begins like "Angels and Demons" with Robert being called to the site of a bizarre murder, but this time it is at the Louvre and this time instead of being the expert, he is the suspect.

Robert, with the help of cryptologist Sophie Neveu, granddaughter of the deceased and the only one that believes Robert's innocence, escapes the French authorities. Robert and Sophie are on the run from the police as they try and follow the trail of

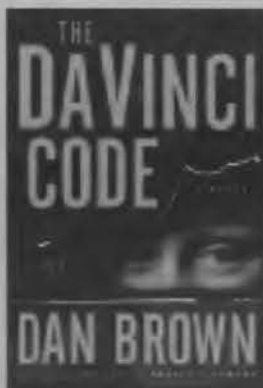
cryptic clues hidden in great works of art as well as some from Sophie's grandfather. They discover the secret that her grandfather was one of the head members of the Priory Sion, a secret society with the responsibility of guarding the Holy Grail. The search to find the true killer and clear Robert's name also turns out to be the hunt for the Holy



Grail.

Dan Brown's writing pulls the reader in, making it impossible to put the books down. Both the Illuminati and the Priory Sion were actual secret societies, and some of their secret symbols are still hidden among current art and structures.

The reader becomes enthralled by the story lines and finds oneself trying to decipher codes and unravel the mystery along with Robert. Throughout the books it is unclear who the villain really is as the story leads you through one plot twist after another. These suspense thrillers will leave the reader wondering what is real and what is just great writing. -For the same price as a movie ticket, one book is well worth the gamble on some extra-curricular reading.



## Cruise adds villain to his resume in 'Collateral'

By **Drew McIntyre**  
Opinion Editor

Tom Cruise as a villain? Jamie Foxx as his co-star in a non-comedic film? What is wrong with this picture?

The short answer: nothing. "Collateral" is a fascinating, character-driven action yarn that has proven to be one of the most worthwhile films of the season. The unlikely on-screen duo makes an interesting plot and picture to view. If you like Matt Damon as Jason Bourne the super-spy, you'll love Tom Cruise as Vincent the assassin.

Cruise's Vincent is a professional killer who has five stops (read: hits) to make in one night, with a taxicab as his form of transportation. Max, played by a surprisingly skilled Jamie Foxx, is the unassuming cab driver picked by Vincent for his grisly errands. When one of Vincent's victims crashes dead through the roof of the cab, Max soon realizes that he has a sociopath in his back seat. The remainder of the film



TOM CRUISE AS VINCENT

co-star of "Matrix: Revolutions") also has a noteworthy performance. She plays Annie, a young attorney who instantly warms up to Max with a friendly bet. Annie appears in the film before Vincent does but is also present towards the latter part of the movie as the plot comes to a head.

This is Cruise's first outing as a full-on villain – and it works. So well, in fact, that near the end one almost wants to pull for Vincent. Fans of such great Cruise movies as "Top Gun," "Risky Business" and "A Few Good Men" will not be disappointed. Vincent is, in an unusual way, as charming as any of his characters from the aforementioned films. And let's not forget Jamie Foxx. Who knew the star of "Boozy Call" could make a worthwhile contribution to cinema? His starring role in the upcoming Ray Charles biopic "Ray" might be worthwhile after all.

Director Michael Mann also deserves credit. Here, Mann's style is unusual. The cinematography is often grainy, up close and unsteady, but it absolutely works. He is the writer/director of several other great films such as "Heat" and "Last of the Mohicans." His most recent film was the dud "Ali," in which Foxx had a supporting role. "Collateral" is no "Ali," though, and deserves all the hype – and what is left of your last summer paycheck.



JAMIE FOXX IN 'COLLATERAL'

across Los Angeles. Jada Pinkett Smith (the bride of "I, Robot's" Will Smith and



# Greek life an important part of HPU community

By Sylvia Harwood  
Greek Editor

Every student here has heard at least once, if not many times, that a big factor of college life is to get involved in something on campus. While some never give it a thought, many college students find that joining a group based around some common interest gives them a greater opportunity to meet new friends and expand their knowledge on many aspects of the world. Around campus, there are many ways for a student to find a place at High Point. Whether your choice is a political group, a community service-based organization, an intramural sports team or theater troupes, this campus is filled with ways to get students out of their dorm rooms and into real life.

An important and very prominent aspect of the High Point community is the presence of Greek life. Both fraternity and sorority members are involved in campus organizations, sing in the choirs and act in the plays, and some are student ath-

letes. They are in honors classes, give tours of the campus and work in student life. They contribute to the social life on the weekends and can be seen in groups, walking around campus during any time of day.

Freshmen, be prepared: School rules state that you have to wait until the spring semester to rush. The fall semester can be rough, since Greek members strictly follow this policy and most of the times avoid freshmen as best they can. In the meantime, this fall you will have many opportunities to see what Greek life will have to offer for the future. All fraternities and sororities participate in Derby Day festivities, competing in various events. The week before Homecoming is reserved for Greek Week, a tradition in which each fraternity is paired with a sorority and the teams participate in games such as tug of war, banner competitions and pizza-eating contests with all events leading to the lip-synching contest on Friday night—an event no one should miss. Along with the competitions, Greeks are involved in intramural sports and most will hold different charity events throughout the first se-



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
GREEK WEEK BANNER FROM '03

son. The Men of Interfraternity Council would like to welcome all the new students to HPU and extend a warm welcome to returning students. We hope you all had a great summer and look forward to having a great year.

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In future issues, you will be able to read about all the upcoming events and big occurrences among the Greek community here on this page. For those returning students, you will notice that the page will look different from years past. In an effort to bring more life into the page, it will now also include a highlighted member of a fraternity or sorority

on campus as well as an article written by me, covering different topics concerning both Greek life and overall involvement on campus. I plan to bring more interest and better exposure to the many things that students do for the campus as well as the High Point community. The year ahead provides many opportunities and I hope you find the time to take in all that High Point has to offer.

## IFC plans next American Red Cross blood drive

By Matt Gillard  
IFC President

The Men of Interfraternity Council would like to welcome all the new students to HPU and extend a warm welcome to returning students. We hope you all had a great summer and look forward to having a great year.

This is our second year playing Bingo at the Wesleyan Arms Retirement Center, along with co-sponsoring a program with Pan-Hellenic where six men and six women will be working with special needs students in parks around High Point.

We will also be working with the volunteer center to help the American Red Cross blood drive.

Last school year, HPU donated 192 pints of blood, but this year, we are looking to donate 500 pints. The next blood drive will be on Sept. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to see you there and we will be working on getting prizes and free pizza to all who donate.

Derby day is coming up on Aug. 28. We're looking forward to a great day of competition on the Greensward. And Greek Week is going to take place from Sept. 26-Oct. 2. Good luck to everyone involved and we hope to see you all out there.



PHOTO BY ROGER CLODFELTER  
IFC OFFICERS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JEFF WOLFE, PHILLIP SHUMAKER, MATT GILLARD, DAN WOLFE, DAMIEN MORRISON

## Panthers' athletic teams gear up for new season

By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

High Point University sports have undergone some serious changes since graduation in May.

One of the most visible changes in the athletic department is a new logo, to be unveiled in a ceremony Aug. 24 before the start of classes and fall sports. The Millis Center gym will have new logos on its floor, to go along with new uniforms for all HPU sports. The change in logos was put in place to "reflect the energy and excitement that surrounds High Point's 16 NCAA Division I varsity sports," according to the athletic department website.

The men's basketball team won't have their rumored date with the Duke Blue Devils, but they will be playing in the Great Alaska Shootout. The Panthers will meet Oklahoma in their first game, and either Utah or Washington in their second game, which may be televised on ESPN2. Head coach Bart Lundy will return for his second season, after winning National Rookie Coach of the Year from collegeinsider.com in his first season, leading one of the most improved teams in the country last year.

The women's basketball team added two new assistant coaches, Trevor Lampman and Karen Curtis, a former HPU basketball star point-guard and the school's all-time leading scorer. They will work alongside returning head coach Tooley Loy, back for his fourth year in the top position.

The women's soccer team also added a new assistant coach, former

standout Stephanie Moenter, who was a four-year starter at High Point. Moenter was the 2003 Big South Tournament Most Valuable Player and graduated last year from HPU.

Katy Lusetti also joins HPU athletics as an assistant coach for the volleyball team, coming over from the University of Charleston in West Virginia where she was an assistant coach for three seasons.

On the baseball side of things, outfielder Josh Doane was named to the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League All-Star Team for the second season in a row. Several other High Point baseball players are participating in summer baseball leagues, including Chris Ramirez, Mark Shorey, Justin Pinyan, Josh Cotten and Jon Pavlack.

Men's basketball player Danny Gathings had a good summer as well, earning the NCAA's 2004 National Co-Sportsman of the Year award. Gathings, who was named the Big South regular-season Player of the Year and honorable-mention All America by the Associated Press, won the honor for his show of sportsmanship when he gave his 2004 Big South Men's Basketball Tournament Most Valuable Player trophy to Larry Blair of Liberty. Gathings felt Blair was more deserving of the award after Liberty won the conference tournament, led by Blair's career-best 29 points in the final game.

High Point's first home game pits the men's soccer team against Wofford, Sept. 1.

The defending champion women's soccer team starts off play on the road Aug. 27 at The Citadel.

## Athletes earn spot on Presidential Honor Roll

Courtesy of Sports  
Information Department

High Point University placed 48.9 percent of its 225 student-athletes on the Big South Conference's prestigious Presidential Honor Roll list for the 2003-04 season.

High Point ranked second in the Big South (behind only Birmingham-Southern) on the list. BSC placed 57.4 of its 197 student athletes on the list, while Liberty was third with 46.5 percent (out of 400 student-athletes).

Overall, 970 of the Big South's 2,547 student-athletes were honored.

To be named to the Presidential Honor Roll, student-athletes must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better for the previous academic year.

"To have nearly 40 percent of our student-athletes achieve the Presidential Honor Roll is an impressive testament to their abilities and dedication," Big South Commissioner Kyle B. Kallander said. "It is also a tribute to the priorities established by Big South institutions. We are all extremely proud of the achievements of these fine young men and women."

"We continue to be very proud of the excellent academic achievements of our student-athletes," said Melissa Perry, HPU's assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator. "They truly

exemplify the term 'student-athlete' with their sustained commitment to excellence in the classroom and on the playing field."

Perry oversees High Point's Student-Athlete Support Services, which seek to enhance student-athlete academic growth and personal development via the department's extensive Academic Support Program.

Student-athletes also have opportunities for personal growth, leadership and community service through the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Student-Athlete Mentors.

The Big South, an NCAA Division I Conference, is celebrating 21 years of excellence in academics and athletics. Comprised of nine member institutions throughout the Southeast, the Big South continues to be a national leader both on the field through its 18 championship sports and in the classrooms of its nationally accredited members. Birmingham-Southern College, Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, High Point University, Liberty University, Radford University, UNC Asheville, Virginia Military Institute and Winthrop University comprise the 21-year-old-League, which is based in Charlotte, N.C.

"We continue to be very proud of the excellent academic achievements of our student-athletes."  
- Melissa Perry



## Alumna joins athletic staff

Courtesy of Sports  
Information Department

Stephanie Moenter has been named an assistant coach for the women's soccer team.

Moenter, the 2003 Big South Tournament Most Valuable Player, was a four-year starter for the Panthers and converted the deciding penalty kick in the finals of the Big South Tournament, which lifted High Point into the NCAA Tournament her senior season. She graduated from HPU in May with a degree in business.

"Stephanie is probably the most decorated player in our short Division I history," High Point head coach Tracie Foels said. "She will be a great addition to our staff, and it'll be great to keep her in the program. She has a great mind for soccer and obviously relates very well to our players."

Moenter, who co-captained the 2003 squad, was named to the inaugural All-State team as selected by the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association and was also an All-Big South selection her senior season, as well as a member of the 2002 Big South All-Tournament Team.

Off the field, she was a member of the Big South Presidential Honor Roll and the Dean's List, and was also a Millis Scholar-Athlete.

Moenter, a native of Centerville, Ohio, is the twin sister of former HPU teammate Stacey Moenter, who also graduated in 2004. Even after their graduations, 2004 will mark the ninth straight year the Panthers have had at least one set of identical twins on their roster, with Anni and Lena Svensson playing this year.

## Yankee fan has fightin' words for Boston

By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

The Fall Classic (better known as the World Series to less-avid baseball fans) is my favorite time of year. During that stretch of time in late October, all other activities come to a halt, and I've been known to shut out family, friends and schoolwork in order to watch hours upon hours of baseball. I even bought a larger television for the purpose of watching playoff sports on a bigger screen. Ten inches simply doesn't do when trying to watch your favorite team win a championship. I think the several hundred dollars spent my freshman year to upgrade my TV has been a sound investment.

In baseball, my favorite team is the New York Yankees. I know what you're probably thinking: bandwagon fan who likes them because the team is more often than not in first place. Not true. I've been a Yankee fan since the start, turned onto the pinstripes because my parents rooted for them. Paul O'Neil is my all-

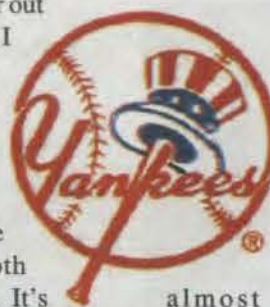
time favorite player, and my license plate says Jeter, as in Derek Jeter, the shortstop and captain of the Bronx Bombers.

This year, it looks again like the Yankees will be vying for a spot to play in the World Series. Barring a collapse of colossal proportions, New York will win the American League East, as their only real competition, the Boston Red Sox, fall farther and farther out of contention. I love the Red Sox, but not as a fan. You can't be a Yankee fan and a Boston fan. It's like cheering for both Duke and UNC. It's almost

against the law. But as a Yankee fanatic, you have to appreciate how the Red Sox predictably fall apart as the season progresses, rolling over for the Bombers, left hoping to win the Wild Card. This off season the Sox acquired ace pitcher Curt Schilling to try and stop the Yankees. But they missed out on Alex Rodriguez when

a potential trade fell through, and the Yankees picked up the former Texas Ranger shortstop, moving him over to third to play alongside Jeter. Now the Red Sox have gotten rid of their star shortstop, Nomar Garciaparra, and Yankee fans everywhere sit back and watch Boston implode, just as they do every year.

There's still September to enjoy the last month of regular-season baseball, and then October arrives, and the gloves come off. Teams will be battling it out to try and get to the World Series, among them potentially, the Yankees and Red Sox in the war to win the American League Championship Series. After several blowouts during the regular season, if these two teams meet during the post season, it's sure to be a close contest, but I'd readily put my faith with the Yankees. It's what any devoted fan prepared to shut out the outside world in order to watch every inning of the Fall Classic would do, and time considered well spent. And if you're a Red Sox fan, I have one reminder for you: 1918.



## Soccer Schedule

8/21	Women's	Home	Pfeiffer	7:00 p.m.
8/27	Women	Away	Citadel	4:00 p.m.
8/27	Men's	Home	Pfeiffer	7:00 p.m.
9/1	Men's	Home	Wofford	7:00 p.m.
9/3	Women's	Away	Georgia State	7:00 p.m.
9/8	Men's	Away	Eastern Carolina	3:30 p.m.
9/8	Women's	Home	Elon	7:00 p.m.
9/11	Men's	Away	Niagara	2:30 p.m.
9/11	Women's	Home	Winthrop	7:00 p.m.
9/12	Men's	Away	Canisius	11:00 a.m.
9/15	Women's	Away	Davidson	7:00 p.m.
9/15	Men's	Home	Appalachian State	7:00 p.m.
9/19	Women's	Home	UNC Wilmington	2:00 p.m.
9/22	Men's	Home	UNC Asheville	7:00 p.m.
9/23	Women's	Home	Longwood	7:00 p.m.

## NCAA honors Danny Gathings for sportsmanship

Courtesy of Sports  
Information Department

High Point men's basketball student-athlete Danny Gathings has been named the NCAA's 2004 National Co-Sportsman of the Year.

Gathings, a senior from Winston-Salem, N.C., was saluted for giving his 2004 Big South Men's Basketball Tournament Most Valuable Player trophy to Liberty's Larry Blair following the tournament's championship game.

"No one asked Danny to give up his MVP award," High Point head men's basketball coach Bart Lundysaid. "He could have kept the trophy and moved on like 99 percent of people in his shoes would have done. But he chose to take a stand and try to right something he thought was wrong, regardless of how people would react."

Gathings shares the NCAA award with the football team from Mesa State College, a Division II school in Grand Junction, Colo.

Gathings (who also earned Associated Press honorable-mention All-America and the Big South's regular-season Player of the Year honors), and Blair (a second-team All-Big South pick and the League's Freshman of the Year), led their squads to the Big South Tournament

championship game. Liberty won the game behind Blair's career-high 29 points, but Gathings was selected as the MVP at the conclusion of the tournament.

Gathings felt that Blair, a rising sophomore from Charlotte, N.C., was more deserving of the MVP trophy and decided to present it to him.

Gathings graduated from Parkland High School in Winston-Salem and is pursuing a degree in sport management at High Point. He is the first High Point student-athlete to receive a national NCAA-sponsored award.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the NCAA," Gathings said. "It's hard to think about being the first person at your school to receive an award like this. I didn't expect this kind of attention at all. It's a great honor, but I still don't really feel like I did anything special. I just did what I thought I should do."

"I'd certainly do it over again if I had the choice, but I've received all this attention that I don't think I really deserve.

It's been pretty crazy."

Gathings' coaches regularly single him out for his unselfishness and for his consistent effort in practice and games, and they note how he takes time to assist his teammates with perfecting their basketball skills.

"I can't imagine a more deserving individual for the NCAA to give this award to," Lundy said. "Danny has exemplified sportsmanship on a daily basis, and has shown the type of character that all universities should try to promote in collegiate athletics."

"Negative things in sports today tend to get all the publicity. But there are student-athletes that represent their school in so many ways that nobody ever writes or talks about. This award speaks to the kind of person Danny is. I consider it a privilege to coach someone of his character and ability."

The NCAA's Sportswoman of the Year is Chandra Gunn, a women's ice hockey player from Northeastern University.

Gathings, Gunn and the Mesa State football team will receive their awards later this fall on their respective school campuses. The recipients will also be rec-

ognized during the NCAA Convention in January in Dallas and at the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA) Awards Reception during the summer of 2005.

Each athletic conference and independent institution is eligible to nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the NCAA Sportsmanship Awards. Forty-four athletic conferences selected student-athletes as their conference sportsmanship award recipients for this year, and then submitted those student-athlete names to the NCAA as candidates for the national female and male 2004 NCAA Sportsmanship Awards.

Award criteria state that student-athletes must have displayed a demonstrable act of sportsmanship; demonstrated proper and ethical behavior in his/her daily participation in intercollegiate athletics; demonstrated good citizenship outside of the sports-competition setting; and be in good academic standing. Although the awards are created for individual student-athletes, teams also may be considered for the award.

The NCAA has been vocal and active in its push for better sportsmanship, having partnered with the Southeastern Conference last year on hosting a national forum to discuss sportsmanship, and partnering with athletic conferences to host the NCAA Sportsmanship Awards.



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GATHINGS ON THE COURT





In Opinion: Important political questions raised by Zell Miller



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## Column One News

### New Faculty Join HPU Community

Twelve new faculty members have been hired this semester. In alphabetical order, they are:

- Dr. Sylvia W. DeMaio, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science
- Dr. Renee M. Douglass, associate professor of criminal justice
- Christopher A. Franks, assistant professor of religion
- Dr. Judy L. Isaksen, associate professor of English
- Dr. John T. Keck, professor of accounting
- Dr. Ron Lamb, associate professor of mathematics
- Dr. Dale L. Lunsford, associate professor of information systems
- Dr. Leah R. Schweitzer, assistant professor of English
- Dr. Mark H. Setzler, assistant professor of political science
- Ami Shupe, associate professor of theater
- Dr. L. Ward Ulmer, assistant professor of information systems
- David F. Walker, associate professor and director of master of public information program in nonprofit management

### Tennis teams earn academic honor

High Point's men's and women's tennis teams have been named All-Academic Teams by the International Tennis Association, and a total of 12 members of the men's and women's squads have been named ITA Scholar-Athletes.

To qualify to be recognized, teams must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. The Panther men garnered a 3.71 GPA during the 2003-04 academic year, while the HPU women averaged a 3.73 GPA.

Recipients for ITA's individual awards must be varsity letterwinners who sport a GPA of 3.5 and above during the academic year.

Six members of the men's team earned the honor: Chris Archer, Johan Dorf, Neil Hammell, Robert Lindhe, Thomas Sjoborg and Mike Tolman.

Dorf won the Big South's Men's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year award in 2004, while Sjoborg, the 2003 winner, became High Point's first-ever CoSIDA Academic All-American in June.

Six members of the women's team were honored: Sheena Bharti, Suzie King, Sarah McDonough, Jennifer Messick, Ann-Charlott Talus and Connie Wicks.

Compiled by Andrea Griffith

## Qubein outlines goals as president

By Amanda Roberts  
Staff Writer

"I am honored and feel it is a blessing to have the opportunity to work and live with students and faculty in order to build a better tomorrow," said Nido Qubein, the incoming president of High Point University. He will take office in January.

Qubein, 56, announced his acceptance of the position of university president the first week of classes. "I did this

after much prayer and thoughtful consideration. It was not a job I applied for or sought. I was persuaded that the opportunity to serve the HPU community, building on an already solid foundation, was a quite wonderful purpose."

After arriving in America from Lebanon with only \$50, Qubein worked his way through school.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MCNEILL LEHMAN  
INCOMING PRESIDENT NIDO QUBEIN

"My first job was working in a cafeteria 10 hours a day for 80 cents an hour. I found that people — schools, civic clubs and churches — wanted to hear foreign, what would now be called international, students speak about their experiences, so I started speaking for \$10 or \$15 for groups."

He graduated from High Point College in 1970 and began his first business, publish-

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## Professor travels to Kenya to meet with top officials

By Andrea Griffith  
Editor in Chief

Jane Stephens' trip to Kenya this summer drastically differed from her first journey there as a student in 1977.

Back then, Stephens described Kenya's relationship with America as being full of love and cooperation. But that was before a corrupt government and HIV/AIDS ravaged the East African land, which resulted in what Stephens called a loss of faith on the part of America.

Stephens decided to mend some of those severed ties when she traveled to Kenya in July. The trip was originally scheduled for next summer, but the urgency of the AIDS crisis caused her to act immediately. The 14 million HIV/AIDS orphans currently in Africa are expected to become 25 million by 2010 unless Africa sees changes.

Stephens went with a group of 20 that she calls a "dream team," which included a doctor, a photographer, a lawyer and a minister. They met with top Kenyan officials, like Minister of State Lina Kilimo—"the Colin Powell of Kenya"—who was elected as part of President Mwai Kibaki's anti-corruption ticket.

Stephens and her group met with Kilimo during a recess of Parliament. They couldn't have any food or drinks while they talked, because Kilimo had been the target of poison attempts as a result of her anti-corruption involvement.

Kilimo's willingness to meet with the American group said a lot about Kenya's

need for allies, Stephens said.

"One of the things we all felt was a tremendous sense of responsibility," she said. "Kenya has invested a lot of hope in America."

The group talked about the importance of a working partnership between the two countries. By helping Kenya, America could be part of the greatest humanitarian effort of all time and America could help Kenya find sustainability and rid itself of catastrophe.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY STEPHENS  
DR. STEPHENS MEETS WITH KILIMO

not from federal officials.

"America is theoretically giving a lot of money to Kenya ... but that will be sustainable and well directed if real people are thinking about it and know about it," she said.

Stephens said AIDS in Africa is as much a concern for American universities as it is for the U.S. government, because universities are designed to help the overall community and encourage thinking that inspires change.

To that end, she met with the vice chancellor of the United States International University in Kenya. Because USIU emphasizes service learning, many

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## Norton Hall debut wins accolades

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

Norton International Home Furnishings Center is a beautiful building that will benefit both students and High Point University.

Construction on the \$3.5 million project began in February 2003. The building houses the Knabusch-Shoemaker International School of Home Furnishings and was named after Patrick Norton, La-Z-Boy chairman, whose company helped fund the state-of-the-art La-Z-Boy Lecture Hall. The lecture hall features leather recliners, surround sound and a hi-definition projector. Once things are organized, the room will also have the capability to host conferences through the internet. Norton Hall also has three floors, nine offices, six classrooms, a library and several labs.

"What's amazing to me is that this building was paid for by those in the furniture industry," said Dr. Richard Bennington, professor of business administration-home furnishings management. Norton Hall was funded by furniture companies, such as Huntington Wholesale Furniture Co. and Bassett Furniture Industries, interested in improving what are already excellent programs—home furnishings and interior design.

Dr. Donald Scarborough, vice president of administration, acted as the University's agent with the construction firm, Mercer Architecture Inc., which has worked for the school before on other buildings. Scarborough said that Norton

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## Staff Editorial

# Students recall being freshmen during 9/11

For those of us who are now seniors, it started out as another day of adjustment to college. We were freshmen. We rose as part of our third week of classes, when things started to really get serious. Papers were due; tests were planned. Some of us might have wondered how we would survive. We paced around the dining hall, before it was called Panther Commons, looking for a friendly face.

But on that September day, our transition faded behind a much larger one that involved the entire nation. September 11, 2001 became a day similar to days on which Pearl Harbor and Kennedy's assassination occurred. We would always remember where we were when we heard the news that our nation was under attack, and that place was High Point University.

Senior Kathleen McLean remembers her instincts kicking in that day. Upon hearing the news, she immediately called her family and friends back in Maryland. Later, her co-habitants on her residence hall bonded by gathering to pray in the lobby.

Senior Joel Stubblefield remembers feeling "a general awareness that the world had changed."

Many of those changes involved a newly felt sense of fear, one that sparked a strong reaction in Opinion Editor Drew McIntyre.

"(Sept. 11) made me want to enjoy college in spite of the threats," he said.

Much of the good that has stemmed from the tragedy of Sept. 11 can be seen on our campus. Clifford Smith, like many others, became politically active as a direct result of Sept. 11. Smith said that when he first arrived at college, politics were the last thing on his mind, but that day made him feel "uneasy," so he decided to become more aware.

Students, faculty and staff consoled each other in a special chapel service and in a memorial service for the victims. Daffodils were planted as a tribute.

It's surprising how quickly perspectives can change. Students who were reveling in newly found freedom from their parents suddenly felt homesick and insecure. The instantaneous joy of classes being canceled was muffled by sounds of dismay when the reason was unveiled. Eighteen-year-olds who, on the day before, saw nothing but life ahead of them realized how unexpected death can be.

"It taught me that you've got to live everyday like it's your last ... You really don't know how much time you have," Stubblefield said.

On that day, three years ago, a generation lost its innocence. Like our parents, we had experienced the big event that shaped our lives and changed history. With that loss of innocence came a grave responsibility.

We must make sure we never forget. We must do everything within our limits to make sure it never happens again.

# 2004 elections rely too heavily on propaganda

By Derek Shealey  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 2, thousands of Americans will make their way to the voting booths and elect the man whom they deem capable of guiding this turbulent nation. The battle between President George W. Bush and his Democratic challenger, Senator John Kerry, for the White House has been brutal and at times misleading. In a presidential race dominated by campaign ads that feature character attacks and polarizing messages, only one thing seems clear to me. Given his dismal record on Iraq, the economy, and other domestic issues, if Bush wins re-election, it will be largely because of propaganda.

Propaganda is basically the means by which an individual's opinions and perspectives are shaped, or reshaped, to accept a common belief. It's a force that can be found in all areas of our society, not just politics. I studied the concept of propaganda over the summer and being exposed to it has changed how I view the election or at least the surface of it. One example of propaganda is the Right's attacks on Kerry.

They label him as a liberal, a man out of touch with real American values. More recently, Kerry has been belittled for being indecisive in his views, a political "flip-flopper." This type of name-calling can have an impact on voters and

conservatives have been using it to draw Middle America away from Kerry, whom the public didn't know very well to begin with and towards Bush.

The president's campaign team has used propaganda techniques to enhance the image of their candidate. Bush's strongest issue is national security. Therefore, he relies on the use of glittering generalities, phrases designed to invoke strong positive emotions, to appeal to the voters who care about that issue.

That's why you'll most likely hear Bush described in his campaign ads as a "strong leader" or a "firm defender" in the War on Terror. The all-important independent and undecided voters are so skeptical of the Republican ticket that promoting anti-terrorism as the issue that stands above all others is the only way of truly gaining their confidence.

The Democrats have, effectively in my view, highlighted the much weaker aspect of Bush's terror policy, such as not capturing Osama bin Laden, but propaganda has worked in their favor as well.

The use of propaganda isn't restricted to the politics of the Right. I've seen it play a role in the Democratic campaign, but often indirectly. The Left's call for change appears to be structured on sobering realities such as the millions of Americans who are currently unem-

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# 'Senior citizen' caught unaware by rapid aging

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

Over the course of this past summer, I've come to the realization that the age difference between a junior and a senior is not one year, but 30 years minimum. To illustrate my point, I'd like to take you back to the summer before my junior year. I had a steady job, standard nine-to-five, but you wouldn't know it by observing my night-life habits. I was no stranger to dancing on tables, the "never-have-I-ever" game, quarters and the occasional keg stand. There seemed to be a party just about every night. When asked about my plans for a particular night, my normal response was, "It's Tuesday. There's a keg." I remember saying it so matter-of-factly that it kind of scares me at the present time. It doesn't scare me because in the course of a year I've decided that drinking and other party-like activities are wrong (Those of you who know me can laugh at this point in the article). It scares me because this year, I feel as if I'm a 21-year-old trapped in a 50-year-old's body.

I started noticing the change this past summer, when I had the same nine-to-five job, and the same party animal friends.

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At the beginning of the season, I found myself becoming more and more tired earlier on in the night. I'm not talking tired by midnight. I'm talking tired by nine o'clock; sometimes eight even. I remember falling asleep around seven-thirty in the evening. When I woke up, I checked my phone messages and listened to my friends yelling at me for not being out with them. I then found myself scolding them in my head. *Some of us have real jobs and need to work for a living. I can't afford to be out at all hours of the night, gallivanting around like a teenager.* I was about a set of dentures away from calling them "wiseheimers." Sometimes I felt as if I should keep up appearances, so I'd force myself to go out. I always paid for it the next day when I'd just about pass out at my desk at least three times. Then when someone would ask me what my plans were for a particular night, my response was, "It's Tuesday. I'm going to watch Matlock and go to bed at eight." OK, I wouldn't watch Matlock, but I might as well have.

Perhaps there are others my age who are going through the same thing. We

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# Kerry, the obvious choice for chief executive, has a tight race ahead

By Lauren Croughan  
Staff Writer

Just like every election since the dawn of this great nation, *this* election is the most important ever. No really, this is the big one. Opinion polls surface every day on CNN and other news organizations reporting similar data—that neither candidate is out of the margin of error. Never has this country been so polarized when dealing with President Bush and his irresponsible policies.

With all the scrutiny in dealing with our current president, it seemed last fall that anyone could take him on and win. Kucinich even had a chance, albeit a small one. However, now that the ship has sailed, Commander Kerry is the Democratic nominee, in charge of the yacht of the country with Edwards as his first mate. Republicans are waiting bloodthirsty for the crew to end up like the marooned residents of Gilligan's Island by airing for one full season and crashing on a deserted island. Or maybe they secretly want to see Teresa Heinz-Kerry in short shorts, a midriff top and pigtailed like Mary-Ann. The will to see the Democrats crash and burn is just a dream on the part of the conservatives, maybe. Kerry seriously needs to shape up or ship out. With all the focus leaning toward Kerry's Vietnam War record,

mostly prompted by the conservative perspective on the Swift Boat controversy, the real issues have been swimming with the fishes since the Democratic Convention and have not resurfaced. Kerry defended his past during his speech, because of the Swift Boat Veterans' Ads that were negatively targeting his campaign, but he did not emphasize enough all his plans to help education, to ease medical costs, to be responsible in the war on terror and to aid this failing economy. He missed many opportunities to drive the very closely united Democratic Party into a wrath of unprecedented proportions. Instead, he practically lectured about Vietnam while whispers in the crowd softly remarked, "Oh, wait, if only Bill Clinton could run again."

On top of these recent events, there is the buzzing of an annoying pest saying he can do better than Kerry. Does any-

body have a flyswatter for Ralphus Naderus? The 70-year-old is running again, and henceforth is going to be the main reason Kerry loses in November if he does.

Déjà vu? Like most Democrats, I hold Nader partially responsible for tipping the scales in 2000. As a repayment for getting Bush elected, Republican money is partially funding Nader. I am surprised he did not speak at the Republican Convention. How much is Nader a threat to

Kerry? When Michael Moore has to demean himself on a late night program by groveling before the Independent candidate and beseeching the powerful scale-tipper to drop out, Kerry is in trouble. Still, Nader blatantly refused. (The Michael Moore situation did occur, by the way.)

Now Kerry has to up the ante, because if Kerry has a chance in Vegas to win the jackpot, he is going to have to play smarter and riskier. The campaign is getting dirty, and that viciousness stands as a challenge, along with Kerry's competing with Nader for the radical Left vote. Another weakness on Kerry's part is his lack of effort to win moderate and Independent support. President Bush has done a commendable job in recruiting "undecideds" by admitting irresponsibility and a possible failure in Iraq, as well as acknowledging Dick Cheney's pro opinion on gay marriage. Kerry has not done anything like that and it would be wise for him to devise a similar strategy to have a chance to gain that wavering error margin vote. Still, for the future of this country, Kerry has to win, because if not, our country might end up for the worse, and when we are all living under rocks with no place to go, that's when people will regret their choices for president. Kerry can run this country efficiently and well, and we need to give him that chance. Vote in 2004. You might wish you did.

"Kerry seriously needs to shape up or ship out."

# Student recounts convention

By Jonathan Miller  
Staff Writer

From Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, thousands of Republicans met in New York City at Madison Square Garden to nominate President Bush as their party's candidate for president at the 38th Republican National Convention.

This marked the first time the Republican National Convention was held in New York City. Those of you in tune to this historical event probably watched it on your television, read about it in the newspaper or caught word of it on the internet. Jason Walters and I, on the other hand, had the unique opportunity to attend the Republican National Convention, thanks to the generosity of the Student Government Association and The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. Given this rare prospect, I knew I had to take advantage.

To have the best convention experience, you must obtain credentials, which give you access to particular areas of the convention hall. The assistance of Mr. Michael Gaspeny, the adviser to this paper, enabled me to obtain special press credentials which gave

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# Swift Boat ads unfairly criticized by the left; veterans deserve to have their voices heard

The last few weeks have seen a firestorm of debate erupt over a series of controversial TV and radio ads as well as a book entitled "Unfit for Command,"



Drew  
McIntyre  
Opinion Editor

all sponsored by or connected to a group called Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. The ads and the book, bolstered by TV appearances of the Swift Boat Vets, make a variety of charges; among them are that Kerry lied about his own war record, lied about the actions of the men he served with, was a poor combat leader and, ultimately, is not qualified to be the commander in chief of our armed forces. What has become apparent is that Kerry and his party faithful are furious at not only these ads, but at the entire line of questioning.

This is controversial for many reasons. Kerry has a stellar war record, including multiple purple hearts and a bronze star. At the Democratic National Convention, he surrounded himself with veterans with whom he served and who support his nomination, including one whose life he saved. The ads and the book were at first dismissed completely—until they began to have an effect. A

CBS News poll found support for Kerry dwindling among veterans from 46 to 37 percent after an ad by the Swift Boat Vets. Furthermore, a University of Pennsylvania poll found that half of those surveyed had seen or heard of the ads, and over half of the independent voters polled found the ads believable. As unfair as this discussion may be, it seems to be finding audiences among very important demographics.

The Kerry campaign has since denounced the ads as a "smear campaign" funded by a "Bush front group." They have called on the president, repeatedly, to condemn the ads. Bush's response has been to praise Kerry's war record—multiple times and in no uncertain terms—and to call for an end to not only the Swift Boat ads but all so-called 527's, a term referring to legislation designed to prevent unlimited funds being spent by "independent" groups to influence a campaign. Why the careful response from Bush? Because he was lambasted by 527's long before the Swift Boat controversy began. One of the most prominent, and one which has many times the funding of the Swift Boat Vets, is MoveOn.org. This is a group which has sponsored advertisements that compare George W. Bush to Adolph Hitler, the Communist newspaper Pravda to Fox News, accused Bush of lying about the Iraq war and embraced the likes of Al Gore and Michael Moore. And MoveOn.org has largely gotten away with this. Bush has not accused them of a Kerry-backed smear campaign; Republicans aren't whining daily

about unfair ads.

What the Kerry campaign and his fans do not want to face up to is that it is Kerry and Edwards who opened the door for this debate. Edwards challenged his constituents at the DNC a few weeks ago to ask the men who served with Kerry about his qualifications to be the chief executive. Furthermore, Kerry has focused his campaign on his Vietnam record ever since Kerry "reported for duty" at the convention. His decades as a senator have been placed on the back burner. As some of the talking heads pointed out after his speech at the DNC, what Kerry wants you to know is that he was born, served in the military, became a lawyer and now he's running for president.

If Kerry is only going to run on one aspect of his life, then he has the right to be scrutinized for it. Normally, I don't care for questioning the war records of presidents or nominees—if someone

WWII vet, a fighter pilot who was at one time shot down in the Pacific and rescued by an American submarine. Yet none of these men ran on his war record. I can't recall anyone questioning the records of Bush or Dole. McCain faced similar criticism, but not nearly to the same degree that has been directed towards Kerry.

The current President Bush was in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam conflict, and his service time was picked apart long before Kerry's. Criticisms have been leveled at Bush for varying reasons; among these are that he was AWOL for a significant period of time and that he made the records of his service disappear. The problem is that many of the same people who will say Bush was a draft-dodger and didn't serve his country with honor will in the next breath utter that Kerry is the victim of an unfair smear campaign. And that is

almost understandable, except that the exact same people will wholeheartedly embrace Bill Clinton, who did not serve at all. This is blatant hypocrisy. If it's OK to probe President Bush's service,

then it has to be acceptable to probe Kerry's—especially considering that Kerry is largely running on his status as

"What the Kerry campaign and his fans do not want to face up to is that it is Kerry and Edwards who opened the door for this debate."

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# Chronicle writers sound off on Georgia Sen. Zell Miller's speaking and writing abilities

## Miller makes splash at Republican convention

Certainly the last couple of weeks have been hectic ones in the life of High Point University. Most students, myself



**Joel Stubblefield**  
Staff Writer

included, have had their hands full simply dealing with class schedules, books and new routines. However, the Republican National Convention, held in New York's Madison Square Garden this year, has proven a hotbed of powerful speeches by party leaders. Yet in the midst of the GOP rose Zell Miller, a Democratic senator from Georgia, to deliver one of the most powerful speeches of the convention.

Superficially, this address appeared little more than a rant by an ex-marine. However, several key issues were discussed. In a rousing promotion of President George Bush, Sen. Miller said, "I ask which leader is it today that has the vision, the willpower and, yes, the backbone to best protect my family? The clear answer to that question has placed me in this hall with you tonight. For my family is more important than my party."

Certainly Sen. Miller's ties to his Democratic counterparts were cast aside for this speech. The apparently frustrated senator continued, "Where is the bi-partisanship in this country when we need it most? Now, while young Americans are dying in the sands of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan, our nation is being torn apart and made weaker because of the Democrat's manic obsession to bring down our commander-in-chief. What has happened to the party I've spent my life working in?"

I couldn't agree with Senator Miller more. As we approach the anniversary of 9/11, one can't help but remember the unity our nation displayed. Instead of crumbling to the attacks of extremists and succumbing to the threats made upon American ideals, rights and opportunity, our nation collectively rose as one in defiance of any threat that dared tell her how to live. Sadly, gone are those days. Gone are the days when Democrat and Republican alike put party ties aside for the betterment of the nation. Gone are the days when national security was more important than national politics, or so it seems.

Sen. Miller also addressed the situation facing our American soldiers today. "Motivated more by partisan politics than by national security, today's Democratic leaders see America as an

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## Zell's book explains his case against Democrats

By Josh Farrington  
Staff Writer

Regardless of his endorsement of President Bush at the Republican National Convention, Zell Miller's book "A National Party No More: The Conscience of a Conservative Democrat" should be required reading for staunch party loyalists, whether Republican or Democrat. The subtitle of Miller's book comes from a quote in John F. Kennedy's "Profiles of Courage" where he writes, "we must place the first responsibility we owe not to our party...but to our own consciences." In "A National Party No More," Miller accuses both Republicans and Democrats of becoming puppets of special interest groups, failing to be true representatives of the American people.

Miller, a Democratic senator from Georgia, states that, regardless of his criticisms of fellow Democrats, changing political parties would be like "changing his name."

Although some Democrats have called him "Zig-Zag Zell" and a traitor for his harsh criticisms of fellow Democrats, Miller has served the Democratic Party well in his tenure in Southern politics. He was an assistant to two Georgia gover-

nors, head of Georgia's State Democratic Party, Georgia's lieutenant governor, governor and senator. He was a keynote speaker at the 1992 Democratic National Convention, served as the Platform Committee chairman of the DNC in 1996 and co-chaired Al Gore's leadership PAC in 2000. Paul Begala, a former Clinton adviser and the left-leaning co-host of CNN's "Crossfire," claims that Zell Miller "will go down in history as the greatest governor Georgia ever had," which includes Jimmy Carter.

Why then would Miller alienate himself from the same party he has spent his entire political career fighting for? Miller asks the same question in his book, stating, "I suppose in the winter of my life, I could have just smiled, kept my mouth shut, attended the parties, and enjoyed the trips. I could have gone along and gotten along and become just another piece of furniture in that exclusive club. I could have served my time and then quietly gone

back to those Southern hills I came from." But, Miller goes on to explain why he has become so vocal against his own party: "The answer is simple: my conscience made me do it."

Miller's main criticism of his own party is that "ultra-liberal" special interest groups "have come between the Democratic Party and the people." The Democratic Party, in Miller's opinion, ignores the South, and puts all its focus on the more urbanized states of New York, California and Massachusetts.

Another major criticism of Democrats is the "values gap" that exists between them and Republicans, especially on the issue of abortion. Miller states that as a Democrat he himself supported the Roe v. Wade decision "without a shred of soul-searching." After having had grandchildren, Miller claims his beliefs have "evolved" on abortion, and he has become, to use the popular term, "pro-life." Miller accuses Democrats of being held hostage by groups such as the National Organization for Women. He claims that Bill Clinton, Jesse Jackson, Al Gore and Dick Gephardt were all staunchly against abortion, until they came under pressure from groups like NOW, and they changed their positions to pro-choice.

Although Miller has some harsh, bitter words for fellow Democrats, he isn't simply a mouthpiece for Republicans either, supporting many non-conservative issues. As governor he sponsored numerous non-conservative policies, including the creation of a state-sponsored pre-kindergarten program (which in Republican terms means tax dollar-supported preschools). Miller devotes an entire chapter criticizing both Republicans and Democrats for creating a partisan atmosphere in Washington, where compro-

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## Can I get an atheist in the house?

Attempts to find atheist on campus prove difficult, lead to more questions and personal reflection

By Trevor McDonald  
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This began, simply enough, a few days ago, as I made my decision to seek out and interview an atheist. Armed with my status as a writer for the Chronicle, my open-mind and naive optimism, I set out to do just this. The difficulty of my quest would become apparent shortly after that.

As it turns out, atheism is somewhat of a joke here. Being unaware of this, I casually queried some of the faculty and the student body. The answers given ranged from mundane—"No, I'm not an atheist, and no I don't know one," to ambiguous—"I may be agnostic and I may know one," to the always lovely—"I doubt there are atheists here, and I hope there aren't." I had a delightful conversation with a few people who turned my search for an atheist into a discussion about my religious practices and then attempted to convert me. There were a few laughs at my expense, but even more at the expense of the absent atheist. Why is that?

I believe that, statistically, there has to be at least one atheist here, although this is difficult to prove since atheists and agnostics are lumped into the same category for most surveys. That simple fact

tells me that atheism simply isn't respected by the majority of this country.

I find it odd that atheism, which requires a deep faith in humanity and the world itself, questioning everything in the world, sometimes at great personal expense, would be put in the same category as agnosticism, which is basically the decision of the agnostic to just "go with the flow," so to speak.

After careful reflection, I realize that, as difficult as it was for me to find my spirituality and become a Wiccan, I'm generally accepted by most Christians. I say most, because there are a few exceptions, i.e. "You're worshipping the devil and you'll BURN!" That's a fairly rare reaction, as most just believe I'm worshipping their God in a misguided manner. No harm, no foul, I suppose, and Wicca has harmed no one as far as I know.

But an atheist is in for a long, arduous road of truth-seeking, and it isn't made any easier by the constant nagging of the general population. When I am asked a question regarding my religion, it is usually directed at what I believe. However, atheists and Christians have an on-going war in which atheists are constantly asked to prove their beliefs, and I imagine for the atheists that are few and far between, without much support, these questions get tiring. Perhaps it is easier,

then, to allow one's beliefs to stay hidden, rather than invite a barrage of insults.

As it stands, the greater number of the so-called believers in any religion are taught the lessons and doctrines of their religion from birth. But those of us who have experienced great emotional suffering know that the strongest faith is born of it. I won't fool myself into thinking that what I have suffered is even a shadow of the greatest pain, but it doesn't have to be.

I wonder, then, what makes an atheist believe what they believe? What makes them throw off the shackles of what many of us consider the hypocrisy of organized religion and seek out their own truth? I've heard them referred to as cowards, but there is no one stronger than an individual who stands alone against a sea of enemies. Any Christian should know this.

Where are you, my atheist? I have tried to find you, and yet you elude me, whether afraid of being exposed to the public, or simply unaware of my passing. If you are out there, if you somehow get this message and wish to be interviewed, then write a letter to the editor. It can be anonymous if you wish, but the Chronicle, and perhaps HPU itself, can benefit from your perspective.



## D-Day observances help student appreciate sacrifices at Normandy

By Brandon English  
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They've traded their rifles for walking canes, grenades for business cards and combat boots for Velcro-strapped sneakers. The once young men that Tom Brokaw dubbed "The Greatest Generation" gathered in Normandy, France for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings, many for the last time.

On June 6, 1944 at 6:30 in the morning the first wave of Allied

troops landed on the sands of Normandy, France. Troops from the United States, England, Canada and France all landed on the five code-named beaches—Omaha, Utah, Juno, Gold and Sword. Thousands were killed in the first few hours of the invasion, many before they could even make it off their landing craft. By the end of the day, the Allied forces had pushed through heavy resistance and taken the beachhead and begun to move inland to crush Hitler's Fortress Europe.

This past June, the surviving D-Day veterans from all nations gathered to honor their fallen comrades and to seek closure to the events they saw 60 years ago. Many of these veterans belonged to the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, a National Guard unit that was activated in 1941; its first combat action was there on Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944. Most of these veterans are now in their late 70's or 80's. I had the privilege of meeting many of these men, as I stepped into their shoes as a World War II Living Historian of the 29<sup>th</sup> Division. I wore the uniform they did for a week straight and slept in a barn in the French coun-

tryside about two miles from their base camp. Nothing can compare to what these men told me they saw on June 6 and the days following. They are not getting any younger and many are finally telling their stories of the horrors they saw on the beachhead. One veteran approached me while I wore full D-Day

"...the French people did nothing but hug and thank the veterans; they call them 'the liberators.'"

assault gear and told me, "Son, if you want to know what this was like, jump in the water, fill your pockets with sand and run like hell." He then laughed and patted me on the back.

The veterans are full of smiles while telling their stories, but many tears were also shed.

Veterans approached all of the 29<sup>th</sup> re-enactors, shaking our hands and thanking us and just so anxious to tell their stories. I met so many and heard so much that many of their names escape me. While at a ceremony in Isigny Sur Mer, we stood at attention while the French played our national anthem; one by one the veterans worked their way up and saluted and all began to sing. There was not one dry eye through the crowd, French or American. Right after the ceremony, the French people did nothing but hug and thank the veterans; they called them "the liberators." It was shocking to see how much they loved Americans and the veterans. All politics were put aside in Isigny, and it was nothing but celebration.

When the veterans spoke, their stories were so overwhelming that everyone listened. One veteran told us he was one of seven out of 30 that made it off his landing craft at H-Hour. Another vet told us he had to watch his buddy

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## President's acceptance speech at the RNC just little more than rhetoric

By Megan Powers  
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Last week's Republican National Convention brought few surprises, least of which was President Bush's concluding speech Thursday night. Bush focused primarily on the war in Iraq and his ongoing fight for freedom and democracy, once again using the events of 9/11 to tug on the heartstrings of Americans.

As a committed Kerry supporter, I did not anticipate seeing anything positive in Bush's address urging his re-election. However, as he closed his speech by remembering his tough decision to send our troops to battle and reminiscing over tearful moments spent with victimized families, the still sometimes raw emotions of 9/11 and the days and years that have now followed got the best of me. I felt our president's conviction and his strength as I rarely do, although the pride I felt was in our troops, not our commander-in-chief. Nevertheless, reason and rationality came back to me as I thought back on the words of his speech which had preceded those which touched me.

Apart from his comments on the war and his plans for a safer and "more hopeful America," Bush only briefly mentioned plans for better education, better health care and a new, simpler tax system. What he did not mention was the fact that he took money from the No Child Left Behind fund to add to his spending on the war in Iraq, rather than focusing on education as he promised to do four years ago. And for all of his rav-

ing about tax cuts, he ignored the fact that their benefits are only felt by those in the highest tax bracket, and that, partly due to the tax cut, we are more in debt than we have been in decades. He claimed pithily that our economy is growing and creating jobs. However, there is no evidence of this alleged growth, and the job market is growing worse by the day with the exportation of American jobs to other countries. So, for the majority of his speaking time, Bush chose to ignore our struggling economy, hoping to distract attention with the repeated mention of his fight for freedom.

He spoke about his "compassionate conservatism," vowing never to discriminate against religious charities which "provide a safety net of mercy and compassion." However, this vow to not discriminate does not extend to same-sex couples apparently, as he followed that sentence

with "I support the protection of marriage against activist judges," claiming that he will "appoint federal judges who know the difference between personal opinion and the strict interpretation of the law." This is ironic considering most laws dealing with marriage are at the state level, not federal, and half of the so-called personal opinion involved in the matter is his own. But we all know his personal opinion is the only one that matters.

Bush may have some grand plans for the next four years, but he also had grand plans for the past four. For the most part, I have yet to see those plans materialize,

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ing leadership materials. Thirty-four years later, he has given over 5000 presentations and speeches in most states and some foreign countries.

"I understand what the American dream is, the value of education. I want to make every student, faculty and staff member proud of this institution. When we are proud of something, we are more committed and more likely to succeed. This is my opportunity to serve, for stewardship," Qubein said.

"I have been trying to prepare myself mentally and emotionally to do my job well. When I walk into my office here on Jan. 3, I am going to hit the ground running. High Point is my home; I know the community, the school, the leaders well already. It is not like I'm from Iowa and it will take me three years to meet and get to know everybody," he said.

Qubein comes to this job with three basic goals. "I want to listen to what the students have to say. They are why the university exists. I genuinely want their university experience to be positive and meaningful, and the only way to do that is to listen. The faculty and staff are also important. How do they feel? What can we do to make it better? We will find ways to invite feed-

back to all parties.

"As a businessman, I am concerned about the product I am trying to sell, and at High Point, the school is that product. We have a fine university with fine students and faculty. How can we make the school a better place? I will visit the classrooms and see how the students live, and we will work to improve.

"The third goal I have is to connect with all the populations that are in the university family—alumni, community, trustees, students, faculty, staff and community leaders."

Many people who know Qubein well did not believe he would choose to take the position as president. "I have been told that you make a decision with your brain, but a commitment with your heart. Had I listened to my brain, I probably would have said no; instead, I listened to my heart, and I see this new venture as a positive challenge, demanding but with many opportunities. I hope to inspire students on campus so that they will become the best they can. At the end of the day I want to invest myself in helping others chart the course for their life that is useful and significant," Qubein said.

Qubein said one of his favorite memories as a student was making a C in business law.

"I am certain that the C stood for 'compassion.' My professor, his name was Mr. Rogers, must have understood that I did not understand what he was talking about at times. His kindness made an indelible impression on my life.

"One time, I was arguing with the dean—I did not understand why I had to take a foreign language. English is, for me, my second language. The purpose of learning another language is to make people think outside the box—I had already learned this lesson."

Qubein is looking forward to his new job.

"This is going to be fun. My responsibility is to deliver, and I will listen to those most affected by it. I am a hard-worker, and I will be visible on the campus. I want everyone on campus to be happy, because when everyone is happy, we will be able to attract even more people to this school.

"High Point University is in the significance business. The students learn independent thinking, the tools of reason and preparedness, which will aid them in their vital careers and vital lives. Communication is key, and I invite input and am investing in what really matters, the lives of all involved in the university.

Dr. Jacob C. Martinson will be stepping into the position of chancellor.

"He has done a fine job and is a fine person and wonderful friend," Qubein stated. "His hard work and leadership have built a firm foundation which I can build on."

The Board of Trustees created the role of chancellor for a former president.

"I expect to be an advisor/consultant to the University and to serve at the pleasure of the president and the Board of Trustees," Martinson said.

"I am thrilled that a person of Dr. Qubein's abilities is willing to accept this position," Martinson stated. "It speaks well of High Point University that we can attract people like Nido and Mariana Qubein to serve as president and first lady. The University has had a great past and certainly has a great future under the guidance and administration of Dr. Nido Qubein.

"When one thinks of an academic person, one thinks of a literary or artistic person rather than a practical, technical or professional person. In Nido Qubein, I think the University has it all... Under his leadership I expect both the University and our relationship to flourish."



## Alumni Spotlight

## Evening degree alumna owns, operates five businesses

By Ali Akhyari  
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It is a familiar scene in late October. The air has cooled, and the fun-in-the-sun attitude of summer is replaced with a reflective and sketchy aura. The leaves have paraded their chameleon-like powers and lie helplessly on the ground. Pictures and signs featuring ghosts, vampires, witches and pumpkins line the windows of most places. Children anticipate how they will dress for the occasion with tooth-grinding excitement, while others fill their cabinets with sweets for the young specters.

However, prior to the traditional Halloween event is something equally exciting. The haunted trails and houses one can go to test his or her valor are a staple of the Halloween season. Every year, various groups jockey for the title of scariest and most entertaining haunted trail in the area. Patrons are amused by some and disappointed with others. But no matter how well done a trail may be, the owners are only trying to achieve the status of Donna and Tony Wohlgemuth who own and operate the annual Spooky Woods at Kersey Valley. They are the rulers of

fright night.

As I sat down at the table, I found it difficult to keep my hands away from the chips and salsa, but I didn't want to be rude by making a pig of myself. Across from me were the Wohlgemuths. They are extremely friendly and amazingly easy to talk to, despite my timid personality toward people I'm unfamiliar with. Tony wore a simple t-shirt while Donna, a High Point University alum from 1992, sported a flower print shirt of her own. Nothing flashy. She graduated with an industrial psychology major.

There was no huge finger bling to blind me from my being able to eat my chips safely. Likewise, neither of them were looking down their noses at me. Indeed, I was impressed that their businesses made over \$1 million last year and they could still seem so down-to-earth.

That's correct, I said businesses. In addition to the Spooky Woods, Donna and Tony own four other business including Maize (Corn) Adventures, which is a huge corn field maze, NCIT (a computer company), D's Jewelry and a corporate team-building business. However, it was the Spooky Woods that started it all.

Tony started doing the annual event for fun as a 15-year-old with his friends. By the time he graduated from high school, he was ready to give it up for college, but a faithful following of satisfied customers convinced him to keep doing it. Donna met Tony at Guilford Technical Community College, which they both attended. After graduating with an associate's degree, Donna attended High Point University's Evening Degree Program while she worked full time during the day. Meanwhile, Spooky Woods continued to draw larger and larger crowds every year. Donna worked on her own and helped with the business of Spooky Woods as well. But it grew so big that she had to give up her other career and devote herself to Spooky Woods.

Although Halloween comes only once a year, the preparations go on practically year round. Advertising is planned and contracted nearly a year in advance. There are even international conventions for haunted trails to attend for brainstorming and equipment-purchasing purposes. The business of frightening people is apparently quite large, with individuals and companies inventing new items to force us out of our skins. The couple described for me a machine that produced lighting sounds along with visual light that would act as a false window. This inspired Donna to do a whole haunted school house theme along with it.

However, they were quick to note that it takes more than fancy equipment and money to build a successful haunted trail business. According to Tony, you have to build a loyal client base. It took years for the Spooky Woods at Kersey Valley to attract its thousands of customers each year. In fact, the people of Castle McCulloch enlisted the advice of the Wohlgemuths in jumping into their own haunted trail business. After pouring money and equipment into it, the business folded three years later.

Success also takes wise decision-

making. Both Tony and Donna play their parts. Tony is the craftsman behind the bloodcurdling scenarios, while Donna uses her great ability to understand people psychologically to hire a terrific cast of employees. We all know how much the staff of a business can affect its success. Donna cites her education here as a tremendous benefit in making wise decisions in many aspects of growing their five successful businesses.

But there may be a supernatural reason for the trail's success. Back in 1984 there was a rival that may have possibly put Spooky Woods out of business. It was a business known as the Ghost Busters. It began in New York and was quickly becoming very well known for its capture of ghosts and other paranormal entities. Given enough time, it could have captured every ghost in the world and there would be no haunted trails of any kind. However, due to an angry member of the CDC, the specialized containment unit was shut off and destroyed, releasing all the captured ghosts, destroying the Ghost Busters' headquarters, and almost introducing Armageddon. It tried again in 1989 to rebuild, but they faded out '90s and opened the door wide for Spooky Woods at Kersey Valley.

It is much more likely that it was determination and education that made these businesses successful. Donna Wohlgemuth herself fondly remembers the psychology department here and notes that the knowledge she gained as an industrial psychology major certainly helped in growing a team of million dollar businesses. The Wohlgemuths are living examples of what knowledge and determination can do to a dream.

Don't miss the excitement at Kersey Valley Road this Halloween. If you've never been, it promises to be one of the best haunted trails you have ever seen. If you have been in the past, don't worry, they change at least 80 percent of the show every year.

## Faith, love of students sustain food service worker

By Gena Smith  
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Twenty years ago, Somboone Ingram, a native of Thailand, made \$5 for an eight-hour workday in the United States. She now works in the cafeteria here and earns \$7.80 an hour.

"I don't consider myself poor. [I'm] rich in God," said Ingram, whose current income averages \$10,000 a year.

She came to the United States after marrying an American soldier she met in Thailand. After six years of marriage that ended in divorce, Ingram gave the house and her possessions to her ex-husband and their three boys. She got the car and headed to High Point, a town that appealed to her because of the furniture market.

She ended up working as a seamstress for \$5 a day. And for 10 years, Ingram was homeless, living in shelters during the winters and in the woods during the summers. She would bathe in the river and gather food from garbage dumpsters outside Food Lion and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"It was better than picking up beer cans," said Ingram, folding her rough hands with leather-like skin—lasting imprints of how much labor those hands have been through.

She has lived in the United States for 30 years, half of which she's spent working at High Point University, where she hopes to stay employed for a very long time. For there is something here that keeps her wrinkly face gleaming.

"I enjoy my work; the students make me happy," said Ingram, beaming with remembrances of the friendships she has with different students.

"Somboone makes me laugh so much," said junior Erin Peters. "I especially loved the time that she made us all laugh and then she said, 'I'm so

funny' and started laughing more."

And it's not just the students who praise her.

"She's different and unique. She's good as gold. You couldn't find a better employee. We love her to death," said Gwen Ewing, production manager for High Point University Food Services.

Somboone said she prays she will never see a day when she gets fired. "Then I would be homeless. I don't want to go through that again." And it's her past that keeps her connected to the community. Ingram volunteers at a local homeless shelter on her days off because she "know[s] what it's like" to live as the people there do.

For a small woman—4 feet 11 inches—she has big faith.



PHOTO BY GENA SMITH  
PANTHER COMMONS' STAFFER  
SOMBOONE INGRAM

"Love from God keeps me smiling," said Ingram in her Thai accent. "Being faithful to God" is important to her.

Ingram said one of her sisters was adopted by a Mormon missionary family when Ingram was about 6-years-old.

The missionary family would come and visit her family constantly, sharing their faith.

In 1977, Ingram was baptized in the church after talking with a group of Mormons who came to her door one summer day. Every Saturday since, she heads to church, walking if necessary, in the one black and orange-flowered dress she owns.

The majority of the people she serves hope to make more than \$7.80 an hour the rest of their lives. But Ingram sets a real-life example that the payment she looks forward to is intangible. And that and her "future in heaven" are the best things about her life.

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students work with the orphans in New Life Homes. She said that everyone she spoke with there was thrilled to hear about HPU's AIDS awareness cause. Stephens said she would love to see HPU students study abroad at USIU.

"If you walked on the campus, it looks just like HPU," she said.

The group met with the assistant deputy of children's affairs in Kenya and witnessed his first look at a June report on AIDS orphans in Kenya. Since the previous month, the number of orphans had increased by 200,000, totaling 1.8 million children.

The group also met with Nyambura Musymi, whose husband is a leader of the anti-corruption movement, and Dr. Paul Wangai, medical director of New Life Homes who visited High Point University last semester. As part of programs anticipating Wangai's visit, the university community raised almost \$20,000 for the home, which rescues AIDS orphans.

Stephens said Wangai has emerged as one of the five top leaders in Kenya and has the potential to be the country's next president. He plans to visit the Triad again in November, which Stephens said is a great gift, especially considering he is now in high demand.

The trip was Stephens' third to

Kenya. During her second trip in 1998, she adopted two children, Joe and Bui, who were once abandoned like so many others but now are thriving 6-year-olds living in Winston-Salem.

In continuation of their efforts to raise awareness about AIDS in Africa, Stephens and her husband Chad founded the Amani Children's Foundation last year with Maya Angelou.

Stephens' story led to numerous events and discussions on the HPU campus. This year, Stephens hopes that the university will take that movement to a new level. In addition to Wangai speaking in November, Stephens wants to invite Kilimo to America to share her experiences.

On campus, she has met with a committee of faculty members from many departments to talk about how AIDS applies to their chosen fields.

An undergraduate research conference is being planned for April that would involve schools from around the area, including Wake Forest University and Elon University. The conference would include the presentation of research on AIDS done by students and faculty.

"The students have taken the action," she said. "We need to follow up with the thinking."



# Freshman notes differences between Egypt and America

By Ada Hernandez  
Staff Writer

Can you imagine being wedged in between two worlds? Living on one continent and moving to another? A change from a diverse and democratic nation such as the United States to an ancient and more monolithic country such as Egypt?

Freshman Mohamed Eltokhy has divided his life between these two nations.

Eltokhy was born in Trinity, N.C. His Egyptian parents taught him about their culture at an early age. The family traveled to Egypt back and forth every summer in order for Eltokhy to be familiar with the

Egyptian life-style. When he was 9, his parents decided to get a divorce, and Eltokhy stayed with his mother and moved to Egypt.

Eltokhy attended school in Alexandria until the tenth grade, which in the

United States is seventh grade. "It was hard," Eltokhy said about the school system. Egyptians are under the British system and, ac-

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**- Freshman Mohamed Eltokhy**

cording to Eltokhy, it is stricter than the American system. Eltokhy managed to learn to speak and write the language per-

fectly. He became accustomed to the culture and conformed to its values.

Religion and family are the top priorities for Egyptians.

"Egyptians view their life as what can they do to help others help themselves, and help their families while using their traditional values and religion," Eltokhy stated.

Eltokhy gained his values, his opinions and his thoughts from the Egyptian culture. Even though he is an American Arab, he feels as though he is representing Egypt here in America.

Eltokhy is a devout Muslim.

"Everybody in Egypt is religious. It's as [ingrained] as Americans going to the mall," he cheerfully said. He prays five

times a day at morning, noon, afternoon, sunset and before he goes to sleep.

In Egypt, Eltokhy said, "There

would be four or five gemas (mosques) in every street." That's for everyone to be able to access them and be able to pray at all five times a day. It's impossible to forget to pray in Egypt.

Eltokhy explains, "At each prayer there are callings, and it's about a five-minute long calling where they call people to prayer [by chanting] 'Come to the church, come pray.'"

This is called the eden where the whole city can hear the calling over a loud

microphone. Even though now that he's here, he can't hear the eden and there are no gemas to remind him to pray, he has become used to his routine that he never forgets. He finds time to pray when he wakes up, in between classes, after dinner and before he goes to bed.

Eltokhy looks forward to making his trip to Mecca, the holy city for Muslims. Every Muslim has to make a trip to Mecca sometime in their life, and he can't wait.

Life in Egypt is traditional.

"Here in America you see guy chasing girl, girl chasing guy," Eltokhy said.

In Egypt there is no such a thing as boyfriend and girlfriend. If a man and a woman are infatuated with each other, they get engaged and stay that way until they decide to break up. You will not be able to see a woman in a tank top, short skirt or sweatpants.

"It's blazing hot, and girls walk around in long-sleeve shirts buttoned up all the way, wear long baggy pants, have their hair covered and wear heavy shoes, and that's normal," Eltokhy explained.

Men, on the other hand, are allowed to wear anything they want.

It's difficult for men who have satellite or cable and see the American programming with women dressed provocatively. Women in Egypt are respected by society, Eltokhy said, in order for them not to turn out like Americans.

According to Eltokhy, the uneducated Egyptians see the American culture as empty.

"They categorize anything and anybody the same way people categorize Muslims when it comes to terrorism," Eltokhy said. Eltokhy and his family don't feel that way about the American culture. They respect the culture and understand that Americans have a different way of living than Egyptians do.

Since returning from Egypt five years ago, Mohamed has focused on his education. His goal was to attend college and so far that is what he is doing. Eltokhy is a solidly grounded person who has learned to work hard to get what he wants. He enjoys learning about other cultures but never forgetting his own.

Eltokhy learned to conform to both the American and the Egyptian cultures, but he keeps his heritage in mind. Eltokhy wraps up his beliefs by saying, "My life philosophy is based on where I'm from, who I am and where I came from, and that's what makes the great Mohamed Eltokhy."



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ELTOKHY IN FRONT OF EGYPT'S SPHINX

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Hall was constructed out of campus need. "The program is growing and we want to make this program a national and international leader in interior design and home furnishings," said Scarborough. Currently, there are 102 students enrolled this fall as interior design and home furnishings majors.

Before Norton Hall was built, classes for these majors were taught in Cooke Hall and the Old Student Center. Sophomores Nicole Walsh and Ivory Adams, who are both interior design majors, said that the Old Student Center was too small for students to work in because both their references for research and their workspaces were in the same area. Junior Kimber Atkinson, interior design major, agreed and added, "You had to get to class early to make sure you weren't standing in the back of the classroom." There was also a problem with the availability of classrooms. Computer Aided Design (CAD) programs were located on Cooke Hall computers, which were also used by students in the English and business departments.

Dr. Elizabeth

Dull, associate professor of business administration-interior design, said that there is enough room for students to have their own workspace in Norton Hall. "It's important for students to have their own workspace because they don't have to worry about cleaning up before the next class walks in," said Dull. "They can leave their work out and take breaks, which is helpful because some projects can take weeks..."

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Interior design students have commented that the building is beautiful and will allow them to get a lot of work done. Junior Erin Farrington, home furnishings major, said, "It's great. We have our own space on campus, we can organize, and we can get a lot of work done."

Home furnishing and interior design

students have the advantage of being located in the middle of the furniture industry, which allows them the opportunity to gain valuable work experience at the International Home Furnishings Market and other industry events. Another advantage, which the program hopes to achieve, would be accreditation from the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER).

FIDER is an external accrediting body that looks at a program and defines it as a national standard. High Point already has accredited programs, such as sports medicine and education. The home furnishings and interior design departments have been attempting to achieve accreditation since 2000. "It's a common denominator that tells the world your program is of a certain quality," said Bennington. "It's a visual thing. They want to see progression of students and that takes time." With accreditation the program should increase in its number of applicants and competitiveness. It should also provide more job opportunities for graduating students.

Dr. Richard Hargrove, associate professor of business administration-home furnishings marketing, said, "The program provides a great opportunity for graduates. Toward the end of the year, we get calls from companies looking for High Point graduates." High Point is also the only school in the United States to offer a home furnishings marketing major, which is another reason why the furniture industry was so eager to aid in the construction of Norton Hall.

"It's a good program because of

where it is. There's a furniture market and many industries headquartered right here in High Point," said Bennington. "There are lots of opportunities for students to get experience by getting jobs at market as well as the chance for us to organize lectures and field trips."

Now, the challenge of the home furnishings and interior design department is finding where everything is in the building. "It's all part of the throes of getting things installed," said

Bennington.

Although Norton Hall is a brand new facility, it is still waiting for the finishing touches. Scarborough said that they moved in just in time for school, but there are

still boxes everywhere. "We're not all together yet," said Dull. "But it's the nicest, biggest office I've ever had and it's in the same building as my classrooms, which I really do appreciate."

Computers for CAD programs and furniture for the library should be received within the month and the building is still undergoing a technical tune-up. The department and school also have to decide the design for the walls of the atrium. One suggestion is to display the history of furniture.

The building, however, is not just for interior design and home furnishing majors. Besides the addition of 70 new parking spaces, Norton Hall provides a clean atmosphere for study. Senior Maegan Parsons, a biology major, was looking for a place to relax before her class and found the lounge in Norton Hall, complete with soda machines.

"It's a pleasant, attractive place to gather together and learn," said Scarborough. "We want students to feel welcome inside and maybe try a course, but also to encourage them to feel like education is important and to challenge them to go where they haven't gone yet."



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NORTON HALL



# Mase cleans up his act, returns to music

*'Welcome Back' illustrates a lighter side of hip-hop*

By Ashley Herndon  
Staff Writer

Hip-hop's happy-go-lucky poster boy is back. Mase, the rapper turned reverend, has returned to the music business.

He retired from the industry five years ago after being called to the ministry. His first single off his new album, both ironically titled "Welcome Back," is climbing the charts. The album was released Aug. 24.

The artist's overall style has not changed despite his five-year position as a reverend.

"His flow was slow and relaxed, and his raps often unabashedly simple, which helped make him especially popular with the younger segment of [the] pop-rap audience," wrote music critic Steve Huey. Mase is still as quirky as ever, which can be seen in the video for "Welcome Back," as he dances through the

streets of New York flashing his trademark dimple and ear-to-ear smile.

There are mixed feelings about Mase's return to the industry. Fans that followed him prior to his joining the ministry see his return as the best thing to happen to hip-hop since he first entered the scene in late 1996.

Christians who followed him after he became a reverend and pastored a church in Atlanta see his return to the music industry as a betrayal. Then some rap listeners are a bit skeptical; they see his return as just a greedy publicity stunt. One thing is for sure: Mase must prove himself to the entire world and gain his credibility back.

I was fortunate enough to witness Mase in both of his fields, music and ministry. I saw the artist in concert prior to his retirement; it was absolutely the best performance I had ever seen. The lyrical content does not make him a great rapper, but his showmanship makes him one

of the most memorable. Following his retirement, I also witnessed him preach at a church in my hometown. That, as well, was the absolute best display of showmanship I have seen from any of the numerous preachers I have heard. Most of his former music audience never had the chance to be his religious audience as well. After seeing him in the pulpit, I truly do believe Mase has turned over a new leaf.

The only change that can be seen is in the content of the artist's lyrics; all that

is missing are curse words and other vulgarities. Although the artist has begun rapping again, he claims to still be religious and vows not to return to his former ways. Mase's new style is refreshing for fellow hip-hop listeners.

The rap industry is flooded with angry, vulgar and violent lyrics. Mase, as he always has, is showing the world the lighter side of hip-hop. He definitely can no longer be shoved into the stereotypical box, filled with guns, drugs, sex and money, alongside

many other rappers. Therefore, opponents of rap music cannot say all forms of the genre are bad and a tool of destruction for America's youth. Mase has returned to take his throne as rap's greatest defense mechanism.



RAPPER MASE

# 'Hero': Revolutionary cinematography, action scenes mark Jet Li's best film yet

By Drew McIntyre  
Opinion Editor

Jet Li's Hollywood career has been much like that of Jackie Chan. As far as the quality of his movies goes, they are on again, off again. Sometimes you get "Rush Hour," sometimes you get "The Tuxedo." But the Chinese star has struck gold with his latest work. "Hero" is the new high-water mark of Li's career, and possibly the martial arts genre as whole.

"Hero" revolves around Li's character, a minor government official who has no name. It is set in the period of China's past centuries ago known as the Warring States period, when the land was torn apart by constant warfare between the various kingdoms. The opening scene shows Nameless (Li) going before the king of Qin (one of the most powerful of the nations) and telling him how he defeated three of the land's most dangerous assassins—all of whom were targeting the king. Each story appears as a flashback as he recounts them to the king, and most involve some of the most exhilarating displays of martial arts that have been filmed in recent memory. But the king of Qin is a paranoid man, and initially only allows Nameless within 100 paces of his throne. As each story is told, Li's character is allowed closer and closer. As he gets closer, however, the plot begins to twist—and the king begins to suspect Nameless is more than he says.

Jet Li leads the cast with a powerful onscreen presence. He says little in words, but a great deal in action. Most of the other cast members are unfamiliar to Western audiences, with the possible exception of the beautiful and highly-skilled

Zhang Ziyi, famous from her roles in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Rush Hour 2." But they are all effective and compelling. Though "Hero" is filmed entirely in Chinese, the subtitles don't detract from the experience. The movie is certainly well written, but its story is told visually, not with the spoken word.

And "Hero" is one of the most visually stunning movies that has been made in recent years. The use of color is astounding, and is both symbolic and stylistic. Entire scenes are bathed in greens, blues, reds and yellows. The costumes, the props, and even the natural scenery manage to all come together

in a way that makes this movie a pleasure to watch even before the plot comes to bear. Think of the aforementioned "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"—as spectacular as its visuals were—but on a far larger scale. The king of Qin's palace is grand; a mountainous staircase, a royal chamber that feels as if it could hold a 727, with retainers and servants by the thousands. There is also a scene with the king's army that has what has to be the largest number of arrows that has ever been on film. Moreover, director Zhang Yimou makes use of his native country's varied landscape with a mastery that borders (probably purposefully) on affection. It is a big movie in many ways—but it is also nuanced—especially in the dynamic that develops between Nameless and the

Qin king.

This is the most expensive Chinese movie to date. And it is very Chinese; a somewhat nationalistic element emerges, but because the driving concepts in "Hero" are universal, it should be enjoyed by anyone. This is not really a new movie either. It was released in China two years ago, but for various reasons was not released in the U.S. until now as a result of the aid of writer/director Quentin Tarantino. As a result, a number of Chinese and/or pirated copies had made their way to the U.S. over the past two years and led to "Hero" becoming a fairly big underground movie. When you see it, you will certainly agree that we are all fortunate that this finally made it to the American screen.



## Theater Corner

# Unique changes coming for theater

By Katie Estler  
Assistant Editor

The theater department is growing out of its comfort zone.

The fall musical will still entertain during Family Weekend, and a straight play in the spring will finish up the season, but this year two more styles of plays have been added.

The Greek tragedy "Medea," written by Euripides, will open the year. Performed and designed in traditional style, this will be a change for not only the actors but the audience as well. Going back to the roots of theater, the story of Medea, a woman forsaken by her husband, is told by the characters on the stage with the help of a Greek Chorus that responds to the events before them.

Seasoned actors Pam Greer as Medea and Mike Tarara as her husband Jason will work hard on their performances because their acting constitutes their senior seminar projects. Virginia Provencher will be designing the set for

her senior seminar.

The actors hope not only to master this different style of performance but also to excel in a regional competition and advance to nationals.

The fall musical is a tradition that will continue. This year, "Seussical the Musical" will be performed. The story is formed out of the classic Dr. Seuss tales such as "The Cat in the Hat" and "Horton Hears a Who." The play features music that is as creative as the books. Look for the set and costumes to be as bright and wild as the colors of Dr. Seuss' world. While this may seem like a little kids' show, it is truly a show that all ages can enjoy.

The third main stage play of the year will be the familiar fable "Hansel and Gretel." This show will have its opening early next year and will be performed throughout the spring semester. Visiting school children will also have the chance to enjoy this play, which will give the actors the opportunity to entertain a different kind of audience. They will also be

presented the challenge of keeping the production energized long after the first curtain goes up.

"The Life and Death of Sneaky Fitch" will be the final show of the year. This comedy directed by Brad Archer, who is normally in charge of the technical aspects of shows, will finish the department's year of taking challenging steps out of the norm.

There will also be several "Black Box" productions going this year. Some will be workshop plays put on entirely by theater students. Others will be the projects of directing students, such as "The Russet Mantel Clad," a sword-fighting extravaganza opening in two months.

While these untraditional shows are a learning and growing process for the department, they are also a chance for audiences to grow in appreciation of theater as well. Hopefully audience members will find enjoyment in styles of plays not often viewed.



# Former Creed members find new rock sound as Alter Bridge without originality, variety

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

On Aug. 10, Alter Bridge released its debut album *One Day Remains*.

Alter Bridge was created from former members of Creed. After eight years and three albums, Creed decided to call it quits and begin different musical careers.

While Scott Stapp, Creed vocalist, is pursuing a solo career, Mark Tremonti, guitarist, and Scott Phillips, drummer, are making new strides with a band they created, which already has a song playing on the radio, "Open Your Eyes."

Tremonti told reporters that he wanted to get back to his rock and roll roots and got together with Phillips and later Brian Marshall, who was the original bass player for Creed. Although Creed



disbanded during the summer of 2004, Tremonti had been searching for a vocalist since late 2003. He found Myles Kennedy who was the former vocalist for Mayfield Four, which opened for Creed in 1998. After being asked to come to a few rehearsals to sing, Kennedy was invited to join the group.

Although the band is composed of members of Creed, they have an entirely different sound.

Tremonti still has the hard guitar solos he did, but Kennedy provides beautiful

melodies and a voice that gives an interesting power to the lyrics. "Down To My Last" is a song that expresses how a person tries to find his or her place in the world and that there is always a constant

figure in that person's life helping them through.

*One Day Remains* contains songs that have underlying Christian themes. In "Metalingus," the lyrics show how you shouldn't regret the past and move on to try new things and look forward to the future, but also how you have someone to help you. As Kennedy sings his heart out, the instrumentation of the band plays into the mood of renewal.

The combination of modern rock, aggressive metal, soul and old fashioned rock and roll gives the songs a spine-chilling effect. The band also has softer tunes such as "Broken Wings" and "In Loving Memory," which was written in memory of Tremonti's mother who recently died.

The band's name came from a bridge near Tremonti's home in Detroit, which was regarded as a boundary for children in the neighborhoods. To him and other children, it epitomized choice and the unknown.

This band, that forged together in an initiation rite of bungee jumping, breaks into the unknown as they start what looks to be a promising career.

## Intricate plot, romance make film based on Sparks' novel a success

By Jennifer Roy  
Staff Writer

If you enjoyed the movie "A Walk to Remember," then you will love the new movie "The Notebook," another romantic drama based on one of Nicholas Sparks' novels.

In "The Notebook," an old man, Duke (James Garner, also seen in "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood") goes to visit an old woman, Allie (Gena Rowlands, also seen in "Wild Iris") and reads to her everyday.

He reads from an old, worn notebook, which contains the story of a past love.

In the story, a young man, Noah (Ryan Gosling, also in "Stay" and "The Slaughter Rule") falls in love with a

young woman, Allie (Rachel McAdams, also in "Hot Chick" and "Mean Girls") at first sight. After much convincing, Allie finally shows love in return.

Once her parents notice that she is in love with someone in a lower class than her own family, she is forced to move away.

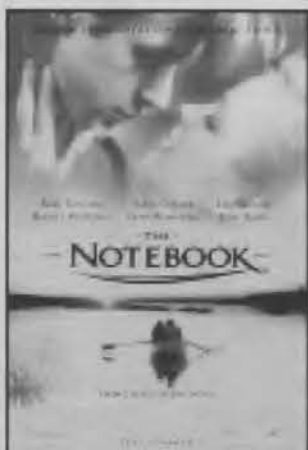
Noah then joins the military and goes off to defend the United States of America in World War II. After seven years pass, they bump into each other, and Noah discovers that Allie is engaged to

Lon (James Marsden, also in "Merchants Ivory Heights").

Noah then goes through with a promise that he made to Allie back when they were together. After much consideration, Allie is forced to choose between her first love and the new love that she has developed for her fiancé.

This was a well directed film by Nick Cassavetes. It is much better than his last movie "Blow" in 2001.

The film is a tear-jerker that is enjoyable for anyone. It has a plot with many twists within the frame story, and that plot keeps the audience yearning for more. This movie is definitely worth seeing.



## Enjoy the music of Hump Day Cafe...

"(Fields is) a warm mix of Ryan Adams meets Radiohead."  
—Nancy Scibilia  
28 days Records

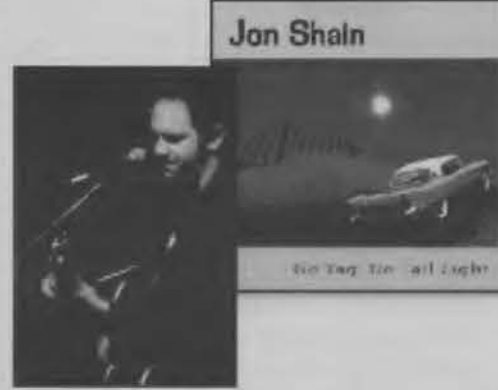


DEAN FIELDS

"4 stars: Fields offers up a style all his own. This is one artist who is sure to gain more and more recognition as a talented artist as time goes on."  
—Jeff Hahne  
(Greensboro) News and Record

### Upcoming Schedule

Sept. 15 Jon Shain  
Sept. 22 The Chronology Trio  
Sept. 29 Open Mike Night  
Oct. 6 Dean Fields



JON SHAIN

"A fine North Carolina singer-songwriter steeped in Dylan and Delta blues..."  
—Richard Gehr  
(New York City) Village Voice

...Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Java City



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mise has become a "dirty word."

Although his anti-Democrat rhetoric sometimes is over the top, for example, his use of generalities such as "ultra-liberal," the core message of Zell Miller's "A National Party No More" is one that deserves serious contemplation by both Republicans and Democrats. The "big tent" of the Democratic Party should be big enough to embrace multiple opinions; unfortunately it appears that there just isn't enough room for "conservatives" like Zell Miller. Democrats should take Miller's advice and buy a bigger tent, preferably one not funded by special interests.

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get run over by an amphibious vehicle while the survivor lay pinned down, unable to do anything. Story after story like this surfaced; an all too common theme came from vets who watched the friend they grew up with die next to them. Next a vet approached us and told us how proud he was to see that patch on our shoulders and how honored he felt that we kept their memories alive. The vets loved to see their old uniforms and equipment. They constantly told us they remember how much a pain most of the gear was, and they were always glad to take it off. They had a gleam in their eyes about everything they were seeing, some for the first time in 60 years. The veterans all looked around the beachhead and pointed at German bunkers they had taken, laughed about their army buddies and cried over the ones who never made it home.

Many of these vets will never make it back to France again, and at a rate of almost 1,200 a day dying, they will not be around for much longer. They have their stories to tell, and there are so many that no article could hold them all. Talk to the veterans, listen to their stories and, most importantly, thank them for all that they have done for this country.

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a "war candidate." Conversely, Bush has never made a dog and pony show of his time in the Air National Guard. He is running on his experience leading American through 9/11 and fighting terror on multiple fronts.

Kerry can't — or at least shouldn't be allowed — to have it both ways. He's either the war candidate or the anti-war candidate. He is either the brave soldier portrayed by his campaign or the activist that testified before Congress against the Vietnam War. Kerry either wants to stop fighting the Vietnam War over again — one of his principal arguments against the entire Swift Boat argument — or he wants to run on it, as we saw at the DNC. Either it is OK to question the service records of both Kerry and G. W. Bush or it is not OK. The urge to use the term 'flip-flop' here is difficult to resist, so perhaps it is better to let someone more adequate make my case. Bob Dole, in a recent interview on CNN, made a case for the impact if not the validity of the entire Vietnam/Swift Boat controversy when he stated, "One day he's saying that we were shooting civilians, cutting off their ears, cutting off their heads, throwing away his medals or his ribbons. The next day he's standing there (saying), 'I want to be president because I'm a Vietnam veteran.'"

## An incredible experience in NYC

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me access to the hall every night. My good friend Jason Walters, a senior at High Point University, set us both up with guest passes, which included a floor pass for Wednesday and Thursday evening. A floor pass gives you unlimited access to the convention hall, allowing you to roam among all of the delegates and media personnel. With the most difficult part out of the way roughly a month before the convention, the goal now was to meet the celebrities and famous politicians.

Since these credentials only get you so far in the convention hall and do not give you access to the hundreds of parties occurring, you must have an effective strategy for meeting the rich and famous. The strategy that Jason and I adopted was to look professional, act professional and be persistent. We found out early on that looking the part and acting the part can get you a long way. We talked our way into pre-convention passes on Friday, Aug. 27. These passes allowed us to observe Madison Square Garden being set up, check out all of the media outposts and take pictures on the stage where the president spoke.

The next day this strategy gave us access to the media party hosted by the Republican National Convention inside the Time Warner Building. To go to this

party, you needed a specific pass, which we did not have. So we simply wore our credentials that we did have and looked professional. The media party featured an open bar, free food tasting from all the premier restaurants in New York City and unlimited access to all of the media giants like Larry King and Sean Hannity. We even bumped into Don King, Tom Glavine, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Rudy Giuliani.

With this effective strategy in mind, we successfully met dozens of famous people. On Monday, the first day of the convention, we actually sat in Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao's seat, but no one bothered us. Jason and I were sitting behind members of the Bush family as well as President Bush's cabinet. Just ahead of us in the presidential box were President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush as well as the two Bush twins Barbara and Jenna. Jason shook hands with

both the former first lady and President G.H.W. Bush, while we both got excellent pictures of all of them.

The week got even better when we finally made it to the floor of the convention hall. Walking around the floor is quite an experience and certainly completes the whole convention adventure. Not only is it simply exciting to be standing among such a great crowd of prominent conservative Republicans like Senator Lindsey Graham (S.C.) or Ambassador Alan Keyes while Zell Miller and Dick Cheney hammer John Kerry and John Edwards for flip-flopping, but you can run into stars like country music singer Sarah Evans or rapper Andre 3000. The floor is where the best action takes place, and nothing will pump you up more than being right in the middle of it all.

I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to attend either the Democratic or Republican National Convention to go. The conventions are the All-Star game of politics. You can simply walk around the outside of the hall and bump into Tony Snow or Newt Gingrich. I promise you will have the experience of a lifetime. I did.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MILLER  
JONATHAN MILLER (LEFT) AND JASON WALTERS AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY

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and I don't wish to spend another four years waiting. I will never take from our president his vigor in the face of a terrifying turning-point in our nation's history. No president would wish to have been in his position three years ago. I commend him for handling the circumstances as best as he was able, and for reminding the world that we are strong and will not be defeated. But four years has been enough. I do not want to be

misled again, nor do I wish to see our country's economy decrease further, or our respect among our allies fall further. I don't want a president who claims to be compassionate and yet only extends that compassion to those whom he chooses. And I don't want a president who uses the pain and anguish of one of our nation's worst moments to deter me from looking beyond the headlines and beneath the surface of critical issues.

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occupier, not a liberator," said Miller. "And nothing makes this Marine madder than someone calling American troops occupiers rather than liberators." I find this utterly disheartening as a citizen of this fine nation; how much more so do our troops? As the senator later emphasized, history has proven American troops to be liberators.

Half of Europe, the lower portion of the Korean peninsula and now nations in the Middle East experience freedom, thanks to the sacrifices of American men and women. As Sen. Miller so aptly stated, "It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the agitator, who has given us the freedom to protest. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, serves beneath the flag, whose coffin is draped by the flag who gives that protester the freedom to abuse and burn that flag."

And yet, many in our nation wish to replace the current administration with the flag of John Kerry. Said Sen. Miller, "Twenty years of votes can tell you much more about a man than twenty weeks of campaign rhetoric." Certainly Kerry's record speaks for itself. Not only has he

changed positions repeatedly within the last two years on our foreign policy regarding Iraq, but his voting record proves his distaste for the American military. Sen. Kerry believes America's problems are the result of a stubborn attitude and foreign policy blunders, failing to realize that there are many in this world that hate America simply for the flag of freedom under which she lives. No, Sen. Kerry, our problems are not caused by our "go-it-alone" attitude or lack of patience with the United Nations. Our problems are simply a function of the world in which we live.

Perhaps Sen. Miller said it best. "This election will change forever the course of history, and that's not any history. It's our family's history. The only question is how." The answer lies with each of us. And, like many generations before us, we've got some hard choosing to do. Right now the world just cannot afford an indecisive America. Faint-hearted self-indulgence will put at risk all we care about in this world. In this hour of danger our president has had the courage to stand up." I, for one, will continue to stand with him.

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can't just give up on the night life and go play bingo. Since this is my last year at this institution, I need to be that same girl I was during freshman year (Well, maybe not completely, since I value my health a little more now). I'm not ready to grow up yet. Until at least the end of my senior year, my routine will include consuming massive amounts of coffee and other over the counter stimulants. Matlock can wait.

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ployed and millions more who have lost health care. There are, however, aspects of Kerry's campaign, such as emphasizing his heroism in the Vietnam war, that imply an attempt to portray himself as a leader. "Fahrenheit 9/11," the controversial anti-Bush documentary by Michael Moore, could serve as an ideal propagandistic tool and sway some undecided voters to Kerry, even though the latter doesn't campaign with Moore. One of Bush's sharpest critics, comedian Al Franken, accused the Conservative Right of corruption in his book, "Lies... And The Lying Liars Who Tell Them." In my opinion, it's a great book, not to mention hilarious, but throughout Franken's argument, propaganda abounds. These examples show that propaganda knows no political boundaries and remains one of the strongest techniques for advancing a perspective. Whether it will help the president win four more years in office depends on whether he can convince voters that his reputation for being a strong opponent of terrorism is reason enough for a second term. Regardless of propaganda, terrorism is a vital issue that should definitely be considered, but with an increasing number of Americans disenchanted by such daily struggles as the poor economy and turbulence in Iraq, is it strong enough to overshadow everything else?



### Pi Kappa Alpha DW

Thanks to everyone who came out to our first party. There are pictures on our website ([www.hpupikes.com](http://www.hpupikes.com)) with more being added every week. Come out to Chumley's on Saturday Sept. 18th and get your cars washed.

We once again had a great time at Derby Day and even though we didn't win, we gave it our all. In intramural soccer, we notched our first win over Theta Chi A team, then suffered a disappointing loss to Theta Chi B. We're also participating in the McDonald's Halftime Classic again and won our first game against Lambda Chi. Our last function with the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha was a blast as always. Some other events we are looking forward to are the 80's mixer with the Gams and Greek Week with Phi Mu.

Finally we want to recognize our Chapter Advisor, Brother Pat Haun, for his continued loyalty and dedication to our chapter. Pat was offered a position on the Supreme Council of Pi Kappa Alpha (the governing body of the international fraternity) but chose to decline the offer in order to remain an active part of our chapter. Thanks again Pat.

### College Democrats

We have a lot of great events planned for this semester. To start things off we are having a Political Awareness Week Sept. 13-18, 2004. We encourage everyone to come out to these events: Monday, September 13, Voter Registration: Panther Commons 11am-1pm and 4:30pm-6:30pm; Tuesday, September 14, Robert Bonasia (Former Member of the Secret Service): Leeds Room 11am-12pm; Debate: College Democrats and College Republicans: Leeds Room 7pm-8:30pm; Wednesday, September 15, Round Table Discussion w/ Professors: D. Hayworth 6pm-7:30pm; Thursday, September 16, Congressman Mel Watt: Leeds Room 7pm-8:30pm; Friday, September 17, Cards for the Troops: Panther Commons 11am-1pm and 4:30pm-6:30pm; Saturday, September 18, Car Wash for the Troops: Details TBA

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### Lambda Chi Alpha IFZ

Though the year is young, many Brothers have already volunteered services to the IFC. Any potential young non-Greek males out there who don't have shaggy hair and tattered attire are more than welcome to come hang out and contact our Rush Chairman Adam "Clean Walker" Uttley. Socially, Lambda Chi is ready to throw down like the big boys this semester. Many mixers and theme parties are in our near future thanks to our Social Man Ed "Jersey" Boogard. We look forward to hanging out with the many pretty Greek goddesses. In other related news, the Brothers have ordered t-shirts to give to our "fratastic females" as a way to make our name and presence on campus known.

In athletics, the Crescent Boys are off to a somewhat below stellar start in intramural soccer. Brent "Snack Tray" Godnick and Roger "Tawwk" Zallinger both scored goals against their own team, causing us to lose. We look forward to the upcoming Greek Week when we will have the opportunity to be told what to do and when to do it by the officious, yet beautiful as ever, Kappa Deltas.

### Phi Mu GZ

The sisters of Phi Mu would like to welcome two of our new girls, Rachel Harrison and Alex Stanley to our sisterhood. There are several events we are hosting that should be quite entertaining. Saturday, September 25, is our annual Car Wash at Bojangles on Main Street across from Wal Mart. Later in October we will have a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to raise money for our philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network at Duke Children's Hospital. Come out and help support young kids with some friendly competition. Sign ups will be in the cafeteria October 6th-8th during lunch and dinner.

### Alpha Phi Omega MX

Alpha Phi Omega will be holding our Rush Week on September 20<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. We are a co-ed service organization looking for committed students to join us. Rush is open to all students, regardless of class. More details will be coming soon!

### Kappa Delta

The beginning of classes always means a whole new year of excitement for the KDs and this year proves to be no different. Saturday, Sept. 11th, we are holding a car wash outside of Chumley's and if your car is dirty, make sure you stop by. We are also looking forward to an awesome Greek Week with the men of Lambda Chi. Finally, all women on campus mark your calendars for Natl. Women's Friendship Day, Sept. 19th. We will be celebrating with a small dessert party, open to all females on campus. Keep an eye out for details

## Kappas join Greeks on campus

By Sylvia Harwod  
Greek/Organization Editor

What most believe started out as a small joke last year has now turned into an ongoing birth of another Greek organization on campus.

Kappa Chi Omega, an idea started by nine friends last year has evolved into a growing fraternity that is slowly making its presence known around campus. The group, consisting of 16 present members and one alumni member began calling themselves Kappa last year. They participated in intramural

activities and hung out together on weekends. No one in the group chose to join a specific fraternity on campus because they felt like they did not have to go look for a better friendship than the one that they had already formed.

The members of Kappa Chi Omega find that their group differs from other organizations on campus because of both their size and the benefit of starting out fresh. "Because we're a small group, we can stay more focused and we're not pressured to get numbers or meet a quota" said President Jeff Spahr. The fact that the members were all friends to begin with is considered as an advantage. "We're all based on a common dream," said member Gabe Allison, "a belief that will help us stand out and grow both together and as individuals"

The group's current objective is to

finish the final stages of forming their fraternity. The group has formed an Executive Council consisting of President Jeff Spahr, Vice President Herik Webb, Treasurer George Henry Whitesides III, Secretary Dave Hiatt and Senator Cody Coffman and faculty member Guy Arcuri has agreed to be their adviser. They have completed the basic organizational structures and have also set official dues for each member. "Roger Clodfelter has been very helpful and very supportive," stated Spahr, "and overall, the school really has seemed to like the idea." The chapter's

next goal is to try and become recognized by the Student Government Association and from there, improve upon community service work and find a philanthropy that suits them best. They are currently talking

with the High Point Police Department to help with victims of domestic violence here in the city of High Point.

Currently, Kappa Chi Omega will be considered a local fraternity (meaning that they cannot be a part of IFC but can still do all of the things that other fraternities do), however the members are still keeping their options open on whether or not they will become a part of a national fraternity in the future.

"We've discussed the possibility, but for right now, it is not our immediate goal" stated Spahr. "For now, we are just a social fraternity with a strong emphasis on service to both the community and within the university."



KAPPA CHI OMEGAS

## SGA plans, funds campus activities

By Sam Shepherd  
Staff Writer

During Orientation, I heard two recurring questions: "What is the SGA?" and "What does the SGA do for us?"

SGA stands for Student Government Association and is made up of students elected or appointed to positions of leadership to govern the student body; that's all students, day and evening, residents and commuters.

First, we must differentiate between this SGA and the typical high school SGA and its glamour. Most people I have talked to have said their high school SGA was basically a popularity contest. Here at the university level, SGA is NOT a popularity contest, but more like a mini-government with many tasks, budgets and events.

What is the structure of SGA and how does it represent the student body? The SGA consists of an executive council and four boards.

The executive council is made up of eight people: the president, four vice presidents (executive, legislative, judicial and social) a secretary, treasurer and attorney general.

Each of the vice presidents are the leaders of the four boards stated earlier. The judicial board is chaired by the judicial vice president. This board is respon-

sible for hosting traffic court and University Honor Court. Traffic court is for students who wish to appeal a ticket issued by the University. Honor Court is for students accused of violating the University Honor Code.

The social vice president chairs the Student Activities Board and helps the dean of student life in planning and implementing campus activities for the entertainment and improvement of campus life. The members of this board plan and support activities such as the Homecoming and Snowball dances. They also plan entertainment such as concerts, hypnotists, guest speakers and many more.

The legislative vice president leads the student senate, which represents the student body. The senate consists of delegates from each of the clubs and organizations recognized by the Student Life office and seven from the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. They are the members that vote to pass "bills" before the SGA, grant or deny funds that are requested by a club, and serve on the committees of the SGA.

The executive vice president resides over the Community Affairs Board, which is a composite of all the standing presidents from all the different clubs on campus. They help the administration plan Orientation for incoming students. They

support the Panther Club, conduct community services and help with guest speakers.

Within the legislators of SGA there are committees, such as the budget, publications, food services, constitution and safety committees. Each one of these committees is responsible for tasks throughout the semester.

What does the SGA do for you? First, it helps the administration and student life with planning, organizing and operating Orientation. That includes the concerts, casino night, hypnotists and the refreshments. It also includes helping to coordinate the Ice Cream social with the unveiling of the new Panther logos and Derby Day. Most importantly, the SGA organizes the 40-plus clubs on campus, providing them with funds to operate. The SGA maintains a budget for the functions of SGA, activities, clubs and entertainment.

A few major events that the SGA has helped or is planning to do are three major fundraisers. One was the funds to create the Chapel Garden that is currently being built. The second was the funds raised for the AIDS in Africa event held last year. The third is coming later this year in raising funds for "Victory Junction."

This is the structure and functions of your SGA. You are encouraged to come to the SGA meetings every other Thursday night at 7:00 pm. You can volunteer to join the SAB or speak to a SGA representative from any of your clubs. The SGA is always looking for a leader that is willing and committed.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, LEFT TO RIGHT: WILL TARRANT, CHRIS MICHENER, DREW MCINTYRE, NICOLE ARMER, JEN MORGAN, KATE LITWIN



## Sports Recap

# Pickens, Kaufman lead volleyball team

By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

High Point athletics got off to a start as students began attending their first classes, and so far things look promising for HPU fall sports.

The volleyball team opened their season on the road against UNC Chapel Hill. The team came away with a 3-0 loss against the Tar Heels. Freshman Jamie Kaufman had 10 kills for the Panthers,

and Michelle Feiser had 21 assists.

The volleyball team then traveled to Greenville, NC to play in a tournament, and picked up their first win of the season in overtime against Mercer.

Ashley Johnson had a career high in kills with 18, and Lindsey Pickens picked up a double-double with 13 kills and 13 digs.

Kim Anderson added a game high 26 digs to help lead HPU in the come from behind victory. The Panthers played three other games in the tournament but were unable to pick up another win.

They lost to East Carolina University 3-1, Furman 3-0, and Lamar 3-0. Lindsey Pickens and Jamie Kaufman

reached double digits in kills in all three games.



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PICKENS WAS NAMED BIG SOUTH FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR LAST SEASON

In cross country action the men's and women's teams traveled to Winston-Salem to participate in the Wake Forest Relays. Both teams came in third, with the men's team earning an overall time of 2:18:29 and the women's team a time of 1:56:54. HPU competed against nationally ranked Wake Forest and Duke in the meet, and put on a good show against the two powerhouses. The men's team has been picked to finish first in the Big South Conference, which would earn them their third straight Conference championship.

# Twelve runners join cross country teams

By Melissa Caudill  
Staff Writer

The men and women's cross country teams started their seasons in style sporting brand new black uniforms. Along with the fresh new look, the women's team has six fresh new faces: Belinda Wilsher, Kala Robertson, Sumiyya Hunter, Cheryl Guiney, Jolene Ennis and Kate Atkinson each began their collegiate careers.

Head coach Al Barnes said, "Young and talented are the two words that come to mind when asked about the women's cross country team this year. Returning the entire squad that pulled off a surprise third-place conference finish last year and adding six young women who all possess abilities at or above the levels of the returning crew makes this an exciting campaign ahead."

The men's team also added six runners: Justin Adams, Matthias Ewender, David Freier, Joel Primus, Daniel Slaydon and Jason Williams.

Wednesday, Sept. 1 the Panthers opened their season at Wake Forest University. It wasn't a typically cross country meet, though; it was run as a relay with two member teams running two legs each of the 2.5 and 3.5 distance. On the women's side, the team of Melissa Caudill and Jemissa Hess placed 7th against nationally ranked teams from Duke and Wake Forest. Hess placed 12th overall individually.

For the men, Derek Nakluski and Mattias Ewender were 3rd overall out of 25 teams. Joel Primus was 4th individually and Nakluski was 6th out of 49 runners.

Barnes said, "We're excited as always about the upcoming season and the promise and potential this year's team has. I believe, without a doubt, that this team, however, has more capability than any other HPU XC team before."

# Defending champions defeat the Citadel

By Lori DiSalvo-Walsh  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team is off to a great start with three wins under its belt for the 2004 season. Its first two exhibition games were played during preseason and brought great hope to the defending champs as they beat Wingate 4-1 and Pfeiffer University 2-0. High Point's squad with eight new additions this year is fighting to defend its championship.

"This year our goal remains the same. We have 15 quality returners and have added eight capable newcomers who we feel will make big contributions to our program," said Coach Tracey Foels in anticipation of the season.

As the Panthers opened their season at the Citadel, they quickly took charge to defeat the opponents 4-1. Goals by Wendy Williams, Jinene Enders and two by freshman Amy Anzovino put High Point in the lead to their victory. The Panthers are very committed in their route to defend their championship. The women travel to Georgia to face Georgia State Friday night at 7 p.m. for their second match this season. High Point debuts at home for the first time on Wednesday, Sept. 8 against Elon at 7 p.m. and again at home on Saturday, Sept. 11 against Winthrop also at 7 p.m. Look for many good things this season from this team and come out and support your defending champions.

# Students look elsewhere for college football picks

By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

And so it begins. With the temperatures starting to cool, college football is in full swing. Tailgate parties are breaking out on campuses throughout America and debates run rampant on what teams will finish near the top.

In one of my sport management classes, each student is assigned a college team and negotiates an eight game schedule with other classmates. Contracts are complete with compensation fees for away teams to visit the home venue, and my team is Florida State. For this season I'll be supporting FSU in the hopes that my team can keep a higher ranking to earn the coveted "TV game" in class, and make more money than the students I am competing against.

Cheering for Florida State will be a first for me, and it seems a bit odd. For despite my strong affiliations in other sports, I have no die-hard college football team I cheer for. I'm from Vermont,

which doesn't have a Division I football team, and neither does High Point University so I can't cheer for my own school. Many people from Vermont cheer for Boston College, but I hate Boston so it doesn't seem right to cheer for its college football team. But for the sake of winning in my class, I will cheer heartily for Florida State, following their games closely to make sure their national ranking doesn't drop.

As HPU students, we get to pick another football school to support, and feel no remorse about not fully supporting our own team. Many students travel to N.C. State or Chapel Hill in order to tailgate and get the full college student experience. There's a long list of things you should do before you graduate in order to fully experience college life, and tailgating at a packed football stadium is one of them.

Driving to Florida State to watch their football games may be a bit extreme, so I think I'll settle for watching them on the big screen, hoping they win to secure an "A" in class.

# Men's soccer team is off to a fast, exciting start

By Chris Michener  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team is looking forward to a season filled with success on and off the field. If their exhibition match against Pfeiffer College and their first regular season game against Wofford College is any indication of things to come, the Panthers will be a team that's incredibly exciting to watch.

But when you come out to see the Panthers play, don't be late.

In High Point's opening matches, the Panthers have scored within the first 5 minutes in both contests.

Against Pfeiffer, the Panthers won by a score of 5-0, with 4 goals coming in the first half. High Point was lead by 2 goals

from sophomore Chris Archer, as well as goals from Patrick Althoff, Ricky Hanson, and Cole Atkins. In the regular season opener, the Panthers once again came out quickly, scoring early and eventually winning by a total of 3 to 2 over Wofford. High Point was lead by goals from John Windley, Brindon Hall, and the eventual game winner coming from Alex Thomson.



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JUNIOR ALEX THOMPSON

The Panthers promise a season filled with exciting offensive soccer along with an experienced and talented defense. High Point is lead

by senior captains Richard Hanson, Gavin Moss, Kyle De Klerk, and Junior Matt Long. Along with Seniors Chris

Michener, Kurtis Eckerd, and juniors Mark Gilbert, Alex Thompson, the team has several upperclassmen players that provide vital leadership along with a high level of play that will help High Point succeed.

"Our team this year is filled with experienced and quality players that have played in some big time games. Their talent as well as leadership on and off the field will only help us to become a very successful team," said Head Coach Peter Bradley.

However, one of the most intriguing aspects of the Panthers is the quality of their younger players. HPU's talented 2003 freshman class included Big South All-Freshman Team members Luke Lemanski and Kevin Balkanloo. Fellow rising-sophomores Chris Archer and Brindon Hall also started for the Panthers last season, and the group entering its sec-

ond year at HPU also includes important defenders Victor Harrison and Blake Roth, along with midfielder Giovanni Bernal.

The High Point men's soccer team also is incredibly active off the field. The Panthers were winners of the 2003-2004 competition cup, which is a competition between all of High Point's athletic teams, where points are given for community service, support of fellow teams on campus and team grade point average.

"We are very proud of what the members of our team have been able to accomplish throughout the school and in local communities," states Assistant Coach Kevin Althoff. "Our players are dedicated to making High Point a better place, and have been able to get out in the community and help show people what High Point University and the men's soccer team is all about."





In A&E: The Roots stray from signature sound on new album



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## Column One News

### Spotlight Players present 'Medea'

The Spotlight Players of the theater program will present "Medea" this weekend.

The tragedy will be performed in the Pauline Theatre of the Hayworth Fine Arts Center Oct. 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for senior citizens, faculty and staff and \$10 for all others. Tickets may be purchased by calling 841-4673 or by visiting the Hayworth Fine Arts Center Box Office, which is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and one hour prior to the show.

"Medea" is the work of one of antiquity's great poets, Euripides, who wrote almost 90 plays. The tragedy explores the intricacies of injured love as it tells the story of the jealousy and revenge of a woman betrayed by her husband.

The production stars Pamela Grier as Medea, Mike Tarara as her husband Jason and Joel Hodge as Creon, ruler of Corinth.

### Job opportunities available to students

Sam Beck, director of Career Development, encourages students to stop by Slane 200 to inquire about possible employment.

Job postings are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays until 8 p.m.

Part-time positions include marketing assistants, tutors, sales associates and youth ministers. Full-time postings include jobs in marketing, management and health-related fields.

### Cross country feats

Sophomore Jemissa Hess, twice named the Big South Runner of the Week, swept her second consecutive individual title at the Winthrop Invitational. In addition, Hess and senior Melissa Caudill led the women's team to victory at the UNC Wilmington Invitational in September.

The men also won at UNC "by the sea," giving Panther runners complete domination.

For the third consecutive year, the men's team has taken the Winthrop Invitational, defeating such opponents as Clemson University. Freshmen David Freier and Joel Primus, who finished third and fifth, spearheaded the victory. The men are ranked ninth regionally.

compiled by Andrea Griffith

## New equipment, committee needed to restore campus radio station

By Justin Spinks  
Staff Writer

How many students out there remember 90.3 WHPU? Unless you're a junior or senior, it is doubtful that you are even aware that campus radio ever existed.

As of right now HPU does not have a functioning radio station and it has been that way since last October when Hurricane Isabel damaged a vital cable in the antenna on top of the Slane Center. However, there now seems to be hope in the future for campus radio.

Dr. Jane Stephens, chair of the English department, is establishing a committee to determine what to do about the radio station dilemma. "Right now it is nowhere," Stephens says. "We have to figure out if it can go somewhere and where it can go."

The committee will also determine

where the station can function best both electronically and for student access. The empty space for the station is in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center, but Stephens feels that this may cause a problem.

"It should be in the hands of the students, but if it's in a building that's locked up at night, that is just not going to work," she said.

In addition to these problems the radio station is facing, it also lacks the equipment to function. The old equipment, stored on the third floor of the campus library, has not been updated since the '80s and is obsolete. Radio adviser and English instructor Greg Brown has put forth a proposal for the equipment needed to get the station up and running again that estimates a cost of \$80,000. Included in this estimate are editing bays, a reception area, a control room, tape recorders for outside projects, CD players and new computers for automated broadcasting. However, the nonexistent radio

station does not have that kind of a budget.

Also, the antenna still has to be repaired. This is easier said than done, though. Since it was damaged last year, Brown had difficulty getting in touch with the radio station engineer, Charles Layno, and finding someone brave enough to climb the nearly 50-foot tower to retrieve the damaged cable. When that finally happened last semester, it was discovered the damage was greater than first anticipated. Brown did not give a specific cost, but he estimated that the cable would cost several thousand dollars to replace.

Brown is unsure if it is even worth spending that much money on an antenna that was extraordinarily weak in the first place. Most radio stations broadcast at at least 10,000 watts, but WHPU was broadcasting at a mere 10 watts. Brown says that the band the station was using was located between two of these powerful

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## Professor reaches goal, runs for 1,000 straight days

By Andrea Griffith  
Editor in Chief

Through rain, snow and illness, Dr. Martie Bell kept a promise she made to herself nearly three years ago.

Recently, she marked her 1,000<sup>th</sup> consecutive day of running at least three miles every day.

That's more than 3,000 miles run in the name of physical fitness and personal health.

Bell, an associate professor of physical education, said she hadn't always been conscientious when it came to fitness.

On Sept. 21, Bell ran on the Greensward as the last leg of her 1,000<sup>th</sup> run and encouraged 35 elementary school children who are participating in the Go

Out for a Run program, which is sponsored by the university to combat child obesity, to maintain their habits of exercise.

"When I was young... I didn't know about fitness," she said. "We didn't know how good it was for us."

As a teenager, Bell said she became "plump" because of her lack of exercise.

Now, as an educator and mother of two, Bell wants to set an example for her children, her students and anyone else who was paying attention.

In the past couple of weeks, more people have paid See Bell, page 7



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS  
HARRY WARREN AND DR. BELL

## Religion scholar delivers Capus Waynick lecture

By Rebecca Fleming  
Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Marty believes religion is a powerful, sometimes apocalyptic force and not an herbal tea to soothe difficulties.

He brought this message to the Capus M. Waynick Public Affairs lecture Sept. 21. Marty is a renowned author, and the annual Waynick lecture is a key event on the HPU calendar. He called the address "Religion: Inducer of Boredom, Horror, Glory and Reconciliation." Wearing a bow-tie and frequently smiling, Marty stressed the glorious power of faith to reconcile the opposites in people's lives, and he rejected the notion that belief is a tedious routine of repeated rituals.

"That's a damn interesting substance" was his opening line. He was referring to an encounter in his college days when a student complimented a salt solution that a friend had concocted but merely responded with an indifferent

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## Staff Editorial

## University should act quickly to remedy problems with WHPU

In today's age of instant and constant communication, the university must take all necessary steps to make the rebirth of the radio station, 90.3 WHPU, a top priority.

High Point's DJ's have been silenced since last October, when damage from Hurricane Isabel took WHPU off the air.

Still, prospective students see the radio station when they tour campus and are promised that it will be up and running very soon. That promise must be kept.

Juniors and seniors remember the old WHPU, but now we have an opportunity to establish a more impressive radio station, a new WHPU.

Why shouldn't we buy the best equipment to accommodate a broader frequency, so that WHPU can be heard beyond the three miles that surround campus? This is an opportunity for us to become competitive with other colleges. The radio station could one day win awards and respect like the station at Guilford College, which has received national attention.

WHPU could be broadcast over the Internet. Imagine if prospective students could tune in and really get a first-hand look at student life at High Point.

The betterment of the radio station could bring an increased awareness on

campus. WHPU's talk radio segments could host educational debates of various kinds, from campus issues and politics to entertainment and sports. Representatives from campus groups could use WHPU to advertise upcoming events. And of course, DJ's could share some of their favorite music from the past and present.

Eventually, a new WHPU could provide work-study jobs and resume boosters and might spawn more broadcasting and communications classes.

This undertaking cannot be the sole responsibility of one department on campus. Before increased funds will be allocated to the radio station, students must make known a desire for WHPU through discussions with peers and faculty and by networking. An appeal to the Student Government Association would be a great place to start.

The radio station served as an outlet for the entire university community. Students and professors of many different fields and backgrounds were DJ's.

A university is only as good as its exchange of ideas. A school's forms of media help the institution find its identity. A great extracurricular activity has been lost. It must be restored.

Most other aspects of the university are growing and improving. The radio station should be among them.

## Stop the helpless act and try something new

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

What's with all the whiners in the world today? Is being a helpless person a new trend that I was unaware of? Because if it is, I'm aware of it now.

I'm taking this opportunity to tell certain people to shut up, and I mean that in the nicest way possible. These "certain people" are the ones who can't handle the majority of the problems in their lives. They constantly seek counseling from their friends on conflicts with significant others, work, school and themselves. It seems that every other person can't handle anything in their life. I'm sure you know some of these "certain people" or maybe you're one of them. If you are, good lord! Just shut up!

To these whiners, college is a hotbed of people who could potentially listen to their problems. Well, guess what? No one wants to help you. You need to learn to take care of yourself, which is what college is supposed to help you prepare to do. Nobody likes a whiner.

If I hear anymore whiney girls, I'm going to spontaneously combust. I don't care that your daddy took your credit cards away. I don't care that you have a test and two papers due on the same day. I especially don't care that you no longer fit into those expensive pants you bought. In fact, that's just funny. You want to know why that guy dumped you? It's because you won't stop whining! And apparently you got fat...

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## Letter Box

## Blood drive a success

To the Editor:

The blood drive, organized by the student-run Volunteer Center, had its largest turnout in campus history. The American Red Cross said that they normally expect about 40 pints to be donated over the five-hour blood drive; instead, the students and staff of HPU donated 101 pints.

Part of the success is due to the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council making donating blood a part of Greek Week. Clifford Smith and Nicole Barnes (Director and Assistant Director of the Volunteer Center) do a great job in organizing these blood drives and the Greek community is happy to team up with them to facilitate such impressive results.

"It's never been this busy in here," said Sarah Seitz, a junior who has been a volunteer at this event almost every time High Point has hosted it in her three years. "Normally we have three or four people waiting, never thirty."

Each person had the opportunity to sign up under a Greek team to help support their own group or to support a group of friends. A total of 118 signed up under

a Greek team, with a total of 123 people trying to donate blood. Some people were not able to donate due to the more than two-hour wait.

For those of you who did donate blood and expected a pint of Edy's ice cream, the first 50 people who signed up will be getting a coupon sometime soon from the Office of Student Life.

The members of IFC have set a goal of 500 pints for the entire year. Now that we've got 101 down, we need 399 in the next three blood drives over the rest of the school year. The next day to donate is Nov. 16 from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. We will be looking for some door prizes and perhaps getting coupons from local sponsors.

Thanks again to everyone who donated. Every pint of blood can save the life of up to three people. I was amazed with the number of students that came in. Let's keep up the great work and break 500 pints for the school year.

See you all on Nov. 16.

Matthew Gillard  
IFC President

## Students hit hardest by 9/11 absent in previous editorial

To the Editor:

On Sept. 10, it was with great dismay that I read, in duplicate, interviews with some of our very own seniors in both the Campus Chronicle and the High Point Enterprise concerning the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. It was not dismay that these articles have been written. By no means would I be one to not allow the discussion of how our lives changed in a few short days, hours, even minutes. I cannot, however, condone the choice of interviewees.

September 11 hit the hearts of everyone across the nation and further over the seas. It hit the Class of 2005 in our first weeks of coming to High Point University, our new home. But those it hit the hardest, those it had the most direct impact upon, were left out of the interview. We are those from areas where the strikes occurred -- D.C., New York, New Jersey. We were the ones who went home in October and saw a skyline torn to pieces, a

building torn to shreds. We were the ones who had family we could not contact because cell phone service was down. The World Trade towers used to have several antennas for the many cell carriers, and with their falling, so did our communication.

See, it's not the thought of the article that hurts. It is the seemingly apparent disregard for those of us who were hit more directly. How many of us can say we have ashes from Ground Zero as a constant reminder of what occurred? How many of us can say that every year a family member lies awake for days because Sept. 11 causes nightmares every time she closes her eyes? Some of those people should have been interviewed as well.

Balance your sources. Get a more global view. It makes for a better story.

Sincerely,

Chris Konecke

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## CBS should have further investigated validity of Bush service documents

On Sept. 8, the CBS show 60 Minutes aired a piece questioning President Bush's



**Joel Stubblefield**  
Staff Writer

Vietnam-era service record in the Texas Air National Guard. The story accused the president of ignoring a direct order to take a physical

and claimed that his superiors were pressured to sugarcoat his record. Those conclusions were based on four memos purportedly written by Bush's late squadron leader, Lt. Col. Jerry B. Killian.

Almost immediately experts began questioning the validity of the story, claiming the memos were forged. The documents appeared to be manufactured from a word processing program, a great departure from those produced by a '70s-era typewriter. Yet the network staunchly stood by its work and that of its lead anchor, Dan Rather. It was not until a week later that the organization finally admitted the documents were questionable after a party close to Killian said she believed them to be fake.

Finally, on Sept. 20, almost two

weeks after the piece aired, CBS issued a statement of apology. Said Dan Rather, "We made a mistake in judgment, and for that I am sorry. It was an error that was made, however, in good faith and in the spirit of trying to carry on a CBS News tradition of investigative reporting without fear or favoritism." Rather added, "It was a mistake CBS News deeply regrets. Also, personally and directly, I am sorry." The network also issued a statement saying an independent investigative panel was being assembled to delve further into the story to determine where things went wrong.

Statements from the Bush campaign echoed CBS' sentiments of disappointment. Said White House Spokesman Scott McClellan, "We appreciate that they deeply regret this, but there are still questions to be answered."

Obviously this is quite a mess. CBS should have been more thorough in this process before airing a story that so pointedly questioned the integrity and past record of a president, especially when it is aired within the last 90 days of a campaign.

In the aftermath of this fiasco, many are calling for someone to "pay a price."

"...CBS will undoubtedly endure some loss of viewers, and certainly some will boycott the network altogether."

Joe Allbaugh, who served as chief of staff for then-Governor George Bush, said, "Where I come from, if you make a mistake or spread lies or allegations, you damn well better apologize to the guy you're offending. In my opinion, they owe the president of the United States an apology directly." Allbaugh later added, "They [CBS] were trying to directly, with false information, affect the outcome of this presidential election. Someone needs to pay the price."

Some feel that price should be a boycott of CBS altogether. BoycottCBS.com presents a petition to the Commission on Presidential Debates, demanding CBS be prohibited from covering any story about the election until the polls close. Additionally, it calls for Dan Rather to be taken off the air. The web site also questions whether or not the American people want their election "hijacked by a media conglomerate."

In all honesty, this is overkill. However, CBS will undoubtedly endure some loss of viewers, and certainly some will boycott the network altogether. There is absolutely no way Dan Rather will lose his job, however. Yet through this mess remains a clear principle: There is a very fine and dangerous line between propaganda and truth. CBS' actions were simply unacceptable.

## Is Mary Cheney a pawn?

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There is definitely something about this Mary. I mean Mary Cheney, not the character played by Cameron Diaz. Ms. Cheney is the lesbian daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney and a significant pawn in the current Republican campaign. I am not composing this to persuade you to take a particular position, but merely to inspire a bit of speculation.

Mary is not only a member of the gay community, but she has worked to facilitate a couple of positive relationships between the community and the rest of America. At the counter end of the spectrum, she has been (and is currently) a key promoter of the Bush-Cheney platform. Without deliberation, one can see that there is a definite conflict of interest, given the extremist, conservative ideologies about gays, which have been born from the Bush Administration in recent years. To name a couple, Bush has pressed for a Federal Marriage Amendment with great fervor and adamantly rejects legislation against hate crimes.

Wait: Do not pass judgment quite yet, for we all possess a number of

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## 'Brave New World' for agnostic turned atheist

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"Make sure to call me 'Huxley' in your article," he said as we parted. This was a reference to Thomas Huxley, the father of religious atheism—"agnosticism." But my story concerns a junior on campus, not Mr. Huxley; a student who, through either fear of intimidation or perhaps simple exhaustion from the constant confrontations, chooses not to make his name public. He is an atheist—a group that, according to some, doesn't exist.

An agnostic from age 12, this 'Huxley' became a full-fledged atheist on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, after a good friend of his was murdered. High Point University is, after all, a Methodist school, so why did he come here? "I screwed up in high school," he says. "I want to raise my GPA so that I can transfer out."

Huxley spoke of the increase in tolerance that occurred in the '60s and '70s, and how in recent times a resurgence "of hate and [nonacceptance]" has begun. He went on to give an example: "I wrote an article in the High Point Enterprise over the summer [about lack of tolerance]. I received phone calls about it. Some said, 'You should accept Jesus,' but some were much darker." He suggests that the majority of people treat atheists this way because "when someone doesn't understand something, they assume it isn't true." I asked him why he would choose to be an atheist, knowing he would have to put up with preju-

dice. He answered: "It's not to be different or to stand out. It's [a personal preference], to see things in a different view. When you boil religion down, it's personal opinion. My personal opinion is different from the majority's."

I asked Huxley if he thought of atheism as a faith. He replied, "Every atheist is different... I would call it more an ideal than a religion or faith. [Atheism relies heavily on science to exist.] You always need to question things, no matter what you are. Even the Bible says, 'Test everything, and keep what is good.' That's probably why I'm an atheist. I tested Christianity, and it failed."

What about the validity of other religions? He said: "Personal faith is not a bad thing. I think it's one of the greatest placebo effects created by man. But I just don't have it... Christianity is a good thing. Some people use it as a crutch. I've often thought about how it could be reformed, though."

Why did Huxley respond to my last article? I've often thought that most people feel that their responsibilities do not include activism when it comes to combating stereotypes, that they cannot make a difference or change anyone's mind, so why did he contact me? "I didn't want you to interview someone who was [misinformed] or a jerk. I don't want anyone to get a bad impression of atheism. I want people to know that I'm tolerant of others. There have been times at this school where I almost gave in and just said that I believed in Christianity, but I'd be lying to myself and to others. I still refuse to tell anyone that I'm an

## Putin strikes a blow to democracy in Russia

Think of Democracy as a pie. It could be as American as apple pie; it could be chocolate crème, or even lemon meringue. It does not matter what kind it is, as long as it is pie, and all pies are good.



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However, democracy, like pie, comes in different forms. There are the democracies in Europe that are socialist and there are some like the U.S., which is a republic. However, in Russia someone put Putin in the pie.

Can we tell what flavor Russia's pie is after Premier Vladimir Putin is through with it? Can we distinguish Russia as a democracy after all the changes? Vladimir Putin has centralized power in Russia to the extreme in response to the terrorist attacks from Chechnyan rebels, all in the name of the all-powerful Homeland Security. Sound familiar?

According to the Associated Press, Putin himself has said, "We need a single organization capable of not only dealing with terror attacks but also working to avert them, destroy criminals in their hideouts, and if necessary abroad." Also according to the Associated Press, what he has done is strip away local elections of governors in the provinces in favor of Putin-approved candidates confirmed by the local legislatures. Moreover, he has

arrested low-ranking police officers for making small mistakes that could have prevented both the recent terrorist sabotage of planes and the rebels' seizure of an elementary school that led to the deaths of nearly 400 people, mostly children. Since his first term in office, Putin has been slowly centralizing power for his own advantage.

However, is there anything wrong with this? With all of America's centralization, especially with Bush now reconstructing the intelligence agency, it can be said that all that the Russians are doing is instigating a Homeland Security agenda, which Bush has put in place since Sept. 11, 2001. These terrorist attacks from Chechnyan rebels were Russia's 9/11. America has already been down this road, enacting legislation such as the Patriot Act, which has created more government watchdog programs to scrutinize people for terrorist activity. As long as civil liberties are not infringed upon, Putin can have his pie and eat it too.

Emotions always run high after tragedy strikes, and more people are willing to give up things they previously would not for the sake of safety. This argument has been in place for decades, but now more than ever it has been reiterated through actions. Putin has said he is willing to go to war to uproot terrorists. Has America created an evil twin of its Cold War enemy? It is too early to tell, but this is a subject everyone needs to watch closely.

The similarities between Putin's actions and President Bush's are haunting.

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# Life of a 'girlie girl' in the age of Feminism

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If you open my closet door and riffle through the hangers, you'll see a lot of skirts. Long, floaty skirts that swish and swirl around my ankles; skirts that bell out in airy arcs when I spin or pirouette (not that I ever actually do that, unless I happen to be the only person upstairs in the library) or stand over air vents (that might have been me you saw at the Zoo this summer); skirts that make me feel like a queen even on a really bad hair day. Of course, you can't wear skirts alone, not even very beautiful skirts. So hanging behind the skirts are soft, cozy

sweater-sets and lacy-collared shirts, cheery colored button-downs and trim-fitting sweaters. I love wearing these things, especially paired with whimsical necklaces and jingly bracelets.

I have loved dressing up ever since I was little girl putting on refurbished prom dresses and gaudy costume jewelry. As I grew up—I'm an ancient 19 now—I fine-tuned my fancies and now my preferred look is more along the lines of classy and undeniably girly. I traded the floor-length Goodwill finds for tiered skirts, the Mardi Gras-esque beads for silver chains that sport creatively twisted silverware. I traded the very interesting clothing-combinations of childhood for an individual

style that stands out—sometimes uncomfortably—in this modern world.

Our society seems obsessed with enforcing the principles of Feminism. The ideals of once-upon-a-time have passed away, and today's ideal woman is sure of herself and strong, and she refuses to let any man outrank her. In reaching for this, the modern woman has adopted ways that resign femininity to the attic: She dresses and talks like a man, and she is driven to do anything and everything a man does.

I'm sorry, but what is so wonderful about a man that a girl should change herself to model him? I love my guy friends, but I don't

want to be like them (unless you count wanting their scholarships and GPA.) And personally, a woman who is trying so hard to be strong that she comes across as loud and brash is just scary.

Though society's vacuum attempts to suck me in, I will not comply. I have no desire to be CEO of a Fortune 500 company. I will work when I get out of college, but my long-term plans include hanging out around the house/horse barns while my husband works. I will dance down the sidewalk and wear tiaras in my hair if I feel like it. I refuse to bow before Feminism and become just another slave

to the modern world. Even with all its drive towards equality and limitless opportunity, the modern outlook is far too restrictive for my tastes. I want to choose who I am and what I will be.

I think I should clarify one thing: when I claim to be a girlie girl and defy the chains of Feminism, I am not denying the rights that are mine as a citizen and human being. I exercise my right to vote and am grateful that I have the opportunity to come to school and earn a college degree. I know that I am just as good as any man and that I am important as a person. However, I do not feel it necessary for

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me to reject the legacy of femininity passed down to me through the ages. I am a girl, so why shouldn't I embrace that? Why should I change the way I feel and believe just to satisfy a fickle society that is so afraid of making a politically incorrect statement that it can't have an original thought? If I feel like wearing pink ruffled shirts with my blue jeans or a sweeping-skirted vintage dress, why label me eccentric? I'm comfortable with my girlie-ness, with being quiet and sweet, ladylike and well-mannered. I am a girlie girl, and I am proud of it.

## Bush's leadership skill threatens Dems

While at the Republican National Convention, I began pondering why Democrats, liberals and leftists hate



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President Bush. Witnessing the hatred displayed by protesters really startled me. Curse words were spewed at delegates, and most held signs with offensive language. So, why do we see such hatred toward President Bush?

Hatred of Mr. Bush has three reasons. First, Dems, liberals and leftists believe President Bush was "selected" and not "elected." The bitterness from the 2000 election still remains. For them, the president should be Al Gore because the "conservative" U.S. Supreme Court stole the election. Second, they see President Bush's deep Christian faith as a threat. Their philosophy leads them to believe that religion has no place in politics and our leaders should never publicly profess their faith. Last, the Democrats are losing power and losing power badly. In 1994, Republicans took control of the House. In 2002, Republicans gained the majority in the Senate. Republicans now hold a majority in the House and Senate as well as having control of the presidency for the first time in over a half a century. Democrats are losing and losing badly, and they have no idea how to stop it.

The Dems fear that if they lose this presidential election and fail to gain significant ground in the House or Senate that a new conservative era has begun; but why are the Dems losing when they have won for so long? They are out of touch with reality. The world has changed drastically since Sept. 11. President Bush and the Republican Party have a plan for leading America, while the Democrats wish they had Bill Clinton back. President Bush along with his fellow Republicans understand how to connect with the average American. The President's common sense attitude,

straightforward nature, honest character, deep religious faith and the sincerity and conviction he displays when discussing issues all resonate well with the American people. Not only does the president have a very likable personality, but ever since Sept. 11, he has an emotional attachment with the American people that few presidents have ever experienced. His leadership after that fateful day rallied most Americans behind him. They admired his strength of character in such turbulent times. His swift prosecution of the War on Terror made people feel safe with a leader who knows how to "cowboy up." They knew that President Bush would stand with firm convictions to protect their security. That fact alone is probably the largest contrast you can draw between President Bush and his opponent John Kerry.

Kerry has now become infamous for his flip-flopping, while President Bush is known for his steadfast leadership and decisiveness. Most rational Democrats probably wish Howard Dean was the nominee now. Anyone is better than Kerry. I can understand the buyer's remorse that the Democratic Party is having over John Kerry. Who can get excited about a candidate who, with 30 days until the election, still has no idea what position to take on the most crucial issue in the whole campaign—Iraq. Yet, apparently the followers of John

Kerry seem to have no issue with his lack of conviction on the issues. Dems, liberals and leftists are suffering from "ABB Syndrome" or the Anybody But Bush Syndrome. For them, supporting one of the worst presidential candidates of all time is really not all that irrational. The motto for them is "Anybody But Bush." So, John Kerry fits the mold perfectly.

The ABB Syndrome goes back to the hatred toward President Bush. I have yet to hear a Kerry supporter clearly articulate why he should be our next president. I tend to hear negative things directed at Mr. Bush, but rarely will I hear how Kerry has a better plan than George W. The reality of the matter remains that President Bush has the right vision for America, not John Kerry. Somewhere in the distance I can hear the chant, "Four more years!"

"Dems, liberals and leftists are suffering from 'ABB Syndrome' (Anybody But Bush)."

## Cheney's daughter has difficulty with identity

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masks, one in every venue of our lives.

As a lesbian leader, Mary was an instrumental force in squelching a 20-year boycott against Coors Brewing Company by the gay community. Cheney fought to convince gays and lesbians that Coors was going to alter its "unfriendly" ways by implementing non-discrimination policies as well as domestic partnership benefits. This proved to be the most fruitful of her endeavors to aid the gay community in contrast to her vague attempt at forming a positive relationship between gays and the Republican Party. In 2002, Cheney was a major figure in the Republican Unity Coalition, which was created to increase tolerance within the party for gays and lesbians. Ironically, in 2003, after gaining support from the gay community, Mary Cheney left her rainbow flag behind and quit the coalition, quickly accepting the position as director of Vice Presidential operations for her father. Gays and lesbians have verbally bashed her for switching sides, but her role as director remains elusive. The public is still asking if she is behind the scenes, deviously working to gain gay voters or is she telling her father how to appeal to moderate Republicans who do not agree with the FMA?

This pivotal decision to leap to the other side of the fence seems to have brought her to the point of no return within the gay community. Despite Dick Cheney's stance that the decision of gay marriage should be left up to state discretion, Mary is ultimately supporting a party striving to elect a president who is bent on codifying discrimination into the U.S. Constitution.

Instead of fighting against policies which will ignore the safety and happiness of gays and lesbians, she is condoning such actions. How can Mary help a campaign which is blatantly against 10 percent of the population, including herself? A conspicuous dilemma remains: Is her only obligation to the gay community or does she still have familial duties?

Perhaps Mary Cheney is a weak individual, who is dodging the limelight for the sake of her father. However, do not forget that after the last speech at the Republican National Convention, the Cheney clan beamed brilliantly on stage, except for Mary and her partner. I wonder how painful it must be to watch your mother and father on stage, embracing your sister, her husband and two children, while you remain hidden in an ocean of people, out of the voters' sight.

Mary could be reaping monetary benefits from her support and work in the Bush-Cheney campaign or she could be just another child, trying to find a middle-ground between individual happiness and family acceptance. These two elements are difficult to separate, but waffling between being yourself and parading around as what your family wishes you to be is inherently unhealthy.

As a member of the gay community, I refuse to live in the shadows of myself to appease anyone. A word of advice to the "family" as a whole: We have come too far to surrender ourselves to any political party, religious sect or family member—who deems us worthy of life, but not liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



# Reality television mania has gone too far

With the new fall lineup containing more reality shows than even last season, including such genius plans as



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"Wife Swap," it begs the question: Why are we obsessed with so-called reality television? And not only that, but where is this newfound obsession leading?

Ever since the "Survivor" phenomenon

brought reality to networks rather than being exclusive to cable, networks have been racing to find the next reality hit, often simply lowering themselves to contrived reproductions of other networks' hits. And America can't seem to get

enough. We are glued to our TV's waiting to see who the Bachelor will choose as his bride or which American Idol deserves to get the boot, or simply which "Real World" cast member will get arrested this week. Rather than actually living reality, we prefer to watch the artificial TV version of someone else's life. So what is so wrong with our lives that someone else's seems so much more entertaining?

Supporters of reality TV argue that it is insightful, leading us to realizations about the human condition and basic human nature. A valid point I suppose...but just walk around and watch real life for 30 minutes and you can learn the same things...commercial free. Some argue that in a nation that prides itself on entertainment, promoting the average Dick or Jane to TV stardom is the ultimate reality. Maybe there is a vast contingent of people whose life goal is to embarrass themselves on national television and I

just haven't met them yet. If you happen to find them, don't feel the need to tell me.

This is not to say that reality TV isn't entertaining or even that it is wrong in some way. It is not the inherent nature of the programming that I have a problem with, merely the mania surrounding it. If you are sitting at your child's baseball game wondering if it will end in time for you to get home and catch this week's "Apprentice," I'm a little concerned. America has begun substituting what's real for what is marketed as real. Networks are making millions off our need to either fill a void in our own boring lives or our need to feel that our lives aren't so pathetic after all. So what if you decide you are better than Average Joe? If you can't get up off your couch and do

something about it, that sudden realization isn't going to get you anywhere.

Each generation is becoming less active and less family-oriented than the last. And it isn't because family values are on the decline; it's merely because

sometimes it is a lot easier to turn the TV on than to turn it off and actually do something. The less we let ourselves

fall into the alternate reality of television, the more we have to face the actual reality of life. Television is just another vice which draws us away from that which is real into something that is a bit easier to swallow. No matter how unsatisfying or unappealing reality may seem to be at times, if you spend all of your time within an alternate reality, you risk missing the best moments of this one...and most of the time, that's not really a chance I'm willing to take.

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## Frank explains how Republicans deceive voters in heartlands

Thomas Frank's "What's the Matter with Kansas?" is a clear break from the recent onslaught of politically charged, but intellectually weak books from authors such as Ann Coulter and Al Franken. Frank, a self-described liberal, examines Kansas politics as a microcosm of Republican politics across the nation and presents his



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case in a fairly refreshing way (refreshing in that it is actually intellectually stimulating, as opposed to simply a book-length rant).

Frank, a native Kansan, looks specifically at Kansas because "the Kansas" is "the most average of all Americans." Kansas was also chosen because it is one of the greatest Republican strongholds in America, having elected no Democrats to the U.S. Senate since 1932. Furthermore, the type of conservatism that exists in Kansas consists mainly of the "far-right" evangelical branch of the Republican Party. Although written using examples from Kansas, this book is applicable to the South as well, which also has a fairly visible and vocal evangelical conservative voting bloc.

Frank's basic argument is that high level Republicans "talk Christ, but walk corporate." They devote most of their rhetoric to the hot-button issues of abortion and gay marriage, yet devote most of their legislative actions to helping big business. The "average Americans" that vote based on the hot-button issues are actually voting against their own economic interests. Under Republican-led government, debate over abortion and gay marriage has thrived, while at the same

time the wealth gap between CEO's and "average Americans" continues to widen. Frank quotes one rank-and-file Republican as saying that he "just doesn't care about economic issues" and only cares about "bringing America back to God." While "average Americans" elect candidates that promise to restore moral values in American society, those same candidates, once elected, do nothing to help "average Americans." They do, however, give tax breaks to the rich and further the gap between the lower and middle classes and CEO's. Rank-and-file Republicans, in essence, "raise their voices in praise of Jesus but cast their votes to exalt Caesar."

Republican leadership, Frank argues, has been masterful in blaming all that is wrong with America on a vaguely defined, but powerful group called "liberals." "Liberal" means "everything from racy TV" to those who have a "taste for Corgi dogs and extra-virgin olive oil." Liberals are "elites," college professors, intellectuals, journalists, lawyers, Volvo drivers, and



NASCAR-haters. However, the same Republican leadership that derides liberals as millionaires, lawyers and Harvard-grads are themselves millionaires, lawyers and Harvard-grads. President Bush portrays himself as an average American yet comes from a wealthy New

England family and is a graduate of Yale.

Overall, Frank's "What's the Matter with Kansas?" is well written and raises important political questions. Conservative Republicans often claim they want to "bring America back to God." Somehow I fail to see how utter silence on issues such as poverty and exploitation of immigrant labor and a focus on giving tax breaks to CEO's, achieves that purpose. Perhaps in their quest to bring God back to America, they are actually driving Him further away.

## Biased news a problem

*Election season highlights slanted media*

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While the media are focusing on the flaws of the presidential candidates, many people are tired of hearing the continuous complaint war. The media recently focused on the military service of the major presidential candidates, their conflicting economic plans and flip-flopping on controversial topics. I don't believe that this is an effective way to inform the public. In order to be accurately informed, the voters need to hear unbiased information. Since it is difficult to get accurate information on all the issues of both candidates, voters tend to choose a candidate based on the ideology of a political party instead of the individual candidate.

One of the main goals of the media is to get more people to watch the news or read their paper. This is done by presenting stories that are interesting to the audience. Negative stories tend to be popular and therefore are used often with controversial stories. However, what is popular is rarely informative. What we need as voters are informative stories. It does little good to voters to know negative information about candidates without positive information that says what the candidates actually plan to do.

I'm not even sure we can believe either of the presidential candidates all of the time. They may want to do things,

but we all know that it isn't realistic to expect everything promised to happen in the next presidential term. Both candidates say they want to improve social services like healthcare, education and retirement services. However, both candidates also want to lower taxes and continue funding the war in Iraq. We only have so much money to fund all of these expenses and something has to be left out. Frequently budgets will have to be cut just to go through with only a handful of these election promises.

Consider elections of high school and in college, do you vote for someone based on the individual's key views or because of whom they are friends with? Therefore, is it the individual candidate or the party affiliation?

When voters choose which political party they will vote for, most conservatives tend to believe that Republicans share their conservative viewpoints and liberals to generally support views of Democrats. While the statement that Democrats are liberal and Republicans are conservative is a generalization, it is commonly shared.

If all that is on television is negative ads and responses to negative ads, whom do we believe? Which newspaper, television news program or political analyst is correct? This crucial problem in our democratic electoral system leads me to believe that we are really choosing a political party to lead our nation rather than an individual candidate.

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The major concern is that the inherent turbulence in Russian history could spell disaster if Putin does not proceed with caution. Too much centralization makes the country lean toward authoritarian rule. Too quickly we forget that the Soviet Union broke up only 13 years ago.

Russia's baker has found a new recipe that might work as filling for his piecrust. However, it is up to him when to put the pie in the oven and when to pull it out before it is burnt and sets off the smoke detectors. Be aware that an old saying may apply here: Good cooks never use recipes.

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While the girls are bad, there's nothing worse than a whiney guy. I don't come across this type of guy often, because many guys are known to keep their problems inside, which I can appreciate. However, there are a select few that make up for them. I can't help but relate to these guys as if they were girls, because God knows that's who they sound like.

Look, seeking advice is one thing. However, if you're going to whine about every little thing, go to your mommy. Everyone has their problems. I'm not your therapist.



# Japanese exchange student hopes to teach English as a second language after grad work

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Barbie and Disney posters decorate the dorm room of junior Miki Ikeda, whose home is Fukuoka, Japan. In fact, her passion for American popular culture sparked a desire to learn English and study in America. Her love of the color pink rivals the pleasure she derives from Disney. Pink curtains, rug and bedspread lend warmth to her room.

The first Disney videos that Ikeda watched were translated into Japanese. When she began to learn English in junior high school, she changed her videos to the English version with Japanese subtitles. Her interest in English grew during this time.

"We had ALT's (Assistant Lan-

guage Teachers) in school, and they were native speakers," Ikeda said. That opportunity made her realize how interesting it was to speak to someone from a foreign country. When she reached high school, she already had it in mind to study abroad.

"The best way for me to study English was to go where it was spoken," she explained.

Her family has consistently supported her coming to America. However, her teachers thought that there was no reason to leave Japan to study English.

"Japan is a small island and I wanted a change of environment," Ikeda said. She disregarded what her teachers said and after her high school graduation, she found an agent who connected her with HPU. Her journey then began.

Ikeda arrived here without ever vis-

iting the campus. When she left the airplane, she says, "I was so scared. It was my first time seeing so many people from different cultures." Members of the Student Life Office picked her up and she found them to be nice and welcoming.

Ikeda's first year here was difficult because she had never had a roommate and she was used to a different style of education.

"In Japanese schools, the professor walks to each student and offers to help, unlike here where the students walk to the professor and ask for help," she explained.

The biggest challenge for Ikeda so far is living without her family. "Especially when I'm sick, it's hard," Ikeda said. She calls her mom everyday and goes to Japan twice a year.

Ikeda is an English writing major. She plans to attend graduate school to become an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher.

"I think I can understand what the children experience with the cultural and language barrier, I can give them advice," she enthusiastically said. She feels that by becoming an ESL teacher she can help children who feel confused or disoriented because she has been in that situation before. "When I took ESL classes here I really loved the professor, Dr. Doryl G. Jensen," Ikeda said. He inspired her even more to become an ESL teacher.

Ikeda is satisfied with the decision she made to study abroad. She likes High Point and she is grateful to have professors that are willing to help her.

"It's hard to speak English, but it's a big challenge for my life," she stated. Ikeda is a person who works hard to succeed. "I'm studying hard to make my dream come true," she said.

Her ambition is so strong that on most nights she allows herself only four hours of sleep.

# World relief provides home for immigrants through United Nations

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It's not a vacation. It's not for sight-seeing. It's real, because "home sweet home" doesn't exist.

Immigrants from over 25 countries have come to the United States through World Relief to find a place they can call home. World Relief is a Christian organization whose mission is "to assist and equip local churches to alleviate the needs of the poor in the name of Jesus," said Wayne Wingfield, affiliate director of World Relief in High Point, one of 25 in the U.S. since it opened 18 years ago.

Those who went through World Relief can be found all over the city. In a little house not far from Oak Hollow Mall, with bare walls and a laundry basket as a dish-drainer, live Betty Gaye and seven family members who came with her from the Ivory Coast of Africa.

said Wingfield, who remembers one family coming on a cold February night with no shoes, no jackets and one tote-sized bag carrying their legal documents.

World Relief works only with legal immigrants who come through the United Nations. But the UN doesn't dish out for the immigrants. "There's no free ride for the refugees; they even have to pay back their airline ticket here," said Wingfield.

On the night of arrival, volunteers go through a safety check with the immigrants, showing them how to lock their doors and their windows and leaving them with an emergency phone number to call.

The next morning, they are off to

apply for their social security cards, Medicaid and food stamps. "The goal is to keep them off welfare," said Wingfield. The refugees learn to provide for themselves.

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Nyantoe, Gaye's son, said, "When we got in America here, [World Relief] paid her with a job and put me in school. I can read by myself [and] I want for my little sister to learn, too." Nyantoe, 17, attends High Point Central High School. He dreams of going to college, getting a job and staying in the U.S. the rest of his life.

With her hands dramatizing events, Gaye spoke of what goes on in her hometown in Africa: "[The rebels] catch you, shoot you, tie you and cut [your] hands and arms off."

After five months of being in America, the Gayes are trying to arrange for the rest of their family to come because "we are free here."

Like every other family that has come through World Relief, the Gayes have experienced a lengthy process of integration into the American society.

After the newcomers are picked up at the airport, the next stop is the new home, often furnished by the local church assigned to that particular family.

"They arrive here, and we are it,"

Then they sign up for English as a second language classes and agree to work with the volunteers who go grocery shopping with them and provide transportation, helping them as best as possible to assimilate.

After 45 days, the social security card comes, and World Relief sets the immigrants up with job interviews. "Really, I think it's too much time; the quicker they go to work, the better off they are," said Wingfield. "If they receive the card on Friday, we have an interview set up for Monday."

And finally, the immigrants work on getting driver's permits. The volunteers often teach them how to drive. "I've done that many times," said Wingfield. "I remember the first one. I thought I might have lost my transmission, and even if I did, I said, 'So what, Lord, I'm doing this for you.'"

Wingfield still remembers how it first started, 21 years ago. He was a volunteer who helped resettle his first family from Laos. He began teaching English as a Second Language, "not knowing what I was doing, but the Lord was in

it."

Sunday mornings he held classes from 10 to 11 in ESL, and then from 11 to 12 there was cultural orientation. People from all over the community came to teach the immigrants about life in America, including policemen, firemen and nurses. At the end of two years, Wingfield had helped resettle 125 immigrants.

In addition, Wingfield has helped plant churches across North Carolina: three Ukrainian ones, a Haitian and a Vietnamese, and he is working on a Sudanese church.

Wingfield, who plans to retire in "a year or so," said that even though he has been in ministry for 43 years, "These [past] 18 years have been the most fruitful and fulfilling without a doubt."

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high wattage stations, N.C. A and T's 90.1 and Winston Salem State's 90.5. These stations overpowered 90.3's broadcast so completely that it had a radius of about three miles on a good day. Once the equipment is up and running, Brown suggests broadcasting exclusively over the internet.

"I don't see why we couldn't have some kind of radio station in operation by mid-January," Brown comments.

While the future of WHPU is still up in the air, at least there appears to be some action being taken in the direction of a restoration. Perhaps HPU will have campus radio once again.

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"Oh" upon learning that Marty was studying religion. Chemistry seemed exciting, the Scriptures dull.

Marty embodied his themes because his presentation was humorous and engaging. He feels some people perceive religion as boring because of the emphasis placed on the safe side and the fact that "the average person doesn't see the hidden drama" going on behind the scenes. Yet, if you look at the horrifying results of religion, how can anyone claim that it is boring? Marty cited the Islamic Jihad, the Crusades and the Lord's Resistance Army of Uganda (comprised of abandoned children forced into military units using acts of brutality to return Uganda to the Ten Commandments). These examples demonstrate how intense a conflict becomes once God is called upon; brutality, bloodshed

and terror often arise from a disagreement in religious thought.

However, not all of religion's impacts are negative or frightening. The glory of religion resides in God's power and people's encounters with His maj-

esty. Another beautiful aspect of faith is that it heals wounds and differences. Believers can improve the world by dropping barriers and being honest, respectful and accepting of members of other religions. It's far from easy; there's no magic solution, but "conversation and hospitality help in the process" and "conversation begins with listening."

Marty stressed the privilege of a liberal arts education, which exposes students to all of the knowledge in creation. "It (starts) the conversation that will continue all our life," he said, aiding us in becoming more conscious of the people around us.



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS

DR. MARTIN MARTY



# Millis, remembered as genuine and caring, leaves behind campus and community legacy

By Gena Smith  
Staff Writer

Faithful.

According to his wife, that is the one word that describes him, if one word could ever describe a person. James Henry Millis died Aug. 16, 2004, after battling cancer for almost 16 months. Millis was a prominent figure in the city of High Point and had a very big impact on the university as well.

Millis and his wife Jesse were married for 58 years. According to Mrs. Millis, that was "not long enough; we were going for 60," she said with a smile in her voice.

And according to Dr. Hal Warlick, university chaplain, "They complemented each other very much in life."

The couple often attended athletic events at the very building named after them. They funded half of the \$3 million dollar project for the HPU athletic center.

"[Jim and Jesse] have been the key to many programs, making possible many community activities through finances and leadership attributes," said

Bishop Thomas Stockton, long-time friend and former pastor of the Millises. "[Jim] had a sense he ought to share what he had with the community."

John Lefler, vice president for institutional advancement, said that he will miss the "out-of-the-blue" phone calls he received from Millis asking for his opinion and wondering if Lefler would join him to go visit a donor. Lefler often traveled with Millis to look at other Division I facilities while the HPU athletic department was going through the transition to a Division I school. His intimate involvement in the programs he funded made him unique. "And that's something we'll never get again. No one can replace Jim Millis," Lefler said.

"Very seldom would you find a major benefactor of a university who would be willing to lend his presence," said

Warlick. But both he and Jesse would come to both athletic and non-athletic events.

If Warlick could pick one word to describe Millis, it would be genuine: "a genuine giver and believer." There was something more to him than the mere fact that he donated money. "He thought himself to be a steward of his resources for the benefit of others. I think Jim would have been interested in HPU and the community whether he had the resources or not," said

situations [himself], and also when he would encourage others to take leadership," said Stockton.

But the financial status is only half the story. There is always more to a man than his wallet. Mrs. Millis said that her spouse was very honest and a great listener, but one had to be careful asking his opinion. "If you asked him something, [you] just knew that you wanted the answer," said Jesse. "He didn't have a lot of small talk." He loved to laugh and had a big smile, she said.

Although his list of achievements along with his community service make him seem like a giant, he was a man who "struggled with issues just like any human being," said Warlick.

"He was very human: get him [out] on the tennis court. He loved to win. He liked everybody to do their best," said Jesse. "And," she said laughing, "He didn't think I could walk fast enough to keep up with him."

In addition, there was his faith. He was a lifetime member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, serving in different roles throughout the years. Jesse said that he was a prayerful man who trusted the Lord, and when it came time to die, he was ready. "He knew he wasn't in control," said Jesse, "even though he often [acted] like he was."

"A lot of people talk about faith but give nothing. He practiced his faith. He didn't wear his faith on his sleeve because he didn't have to. It was obvious," said Warlick.

Jim Millis is survived by his wife, their four children and 11 grandchildren.

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-Dr. Hal Warlick

Warlick.

But he did have the resources. And because of that HPU has a better athletic center, not to mention the large donation by the Millises for the upcoming Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center.

The Millis family has long been involved at High Point University and was helping to fund the college back when it first opened in 1924. The family owned a successful textile business, the Adams-Millis Corporation, that operated in High Point from 1904 to 1988, after which it was sold to the Sara Lee.

And not only did Mr. Millis have the resources, but the leadership skills as well. Stockton said that he knew how to handle difficult situations and he also knew how to push others to reach their potential. "I've seen him when he would control

## Hump Day Cafe offers two hours of free live music, coffee and camaraderie every Wednesday night

By Alexis Winning  
Staff Writer

Did you know free coffee and live music are available on campus every week? From nine until eleven every Wednesday, students can take a break from studying and head over to Java City to hear talented musicians. Unfortunately, it seems not enough students are going to Hump Day Café or maybe they just don't know about it.

Hump Day Café started because students wanted to know where live music was on campus, but the turnout has not been as good as the administration or the regulars who attend would like to see. Dean of Student Activities Roger Clodfelter says, "If we could get people to check it out, they would more than likely become regulars." This semester's first Hump Day was an open mic night and drew a rather nice-sized crowd, including new students checking out for the social aspect the café offers. Open Mic nights are usually scheduled every last Wednesday of the month, and many students come out to share their talent with campus or to watch their friends perform.

Hump Day Café takes place on the Slane patio until it is too cold, but even then students can warm up with a variety of free coffees or purchase the premium drinks Java City sells daily. The students who do make it out are regulars and are making an effort to not get trapped into radio play by seeing what

else is out there. Clodfelter says of the laid-back scene, "It's a nice social outlet," while agreeing there is still plenty of room for more people.

Sarah Huntt who works as a barista in Java City and performs every open mic night says, "There are a lot of people on this campus interested in good music, but people don't show up." Every week Huntt advertises mostly by word of mouth, while Clodfelter sends out mass e-mails, some of which include



DAVID HARRIS WILL PERFORM NOV. 17

a link to the artist's web page. Many of the artists have MP3's available on their sites so students are able to preview the music to see if they would be interested. Performers sell CD's for around ten dollars each, and if the artist has given their music to Student Activities before-hand, there is a good chance you will hear them playing on Java City's boom-box sometime throughout the day.

Singer/songwriter David Harris, who is from California and has had lots of radio play, will be sharing his talent at Hump Day Café on Nov. 17. The music is dynamic, ranging from folk to jazz and even blues. All you have to do is show up, and you might like it enough to make Hump Day Café a regular outing.

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attention as Bell has been the topic of coverage for the High Point Enterprise, WFMY News 2 and Fox 8.

"Most people are surprised," she said. "They offer their congratulations." Bell stayed quiet about the goal she had set. She didn't want to brag about her achievement, she said, especially not before her task was completed.

She said that her running partner, Harry Warren, significantly helped her achieve her goal. They didn't always run together since Warren lives in Whiteville, but they helped each other stay motivated.

It hasn't been easy, Bell said. She typically runs at 5:30 a.m. and admits there have been days that she didn't want to get out of bed. But she found that her 30-minute run benefits her more than an extra half-hour of sleep. She is more focused throughout the day and has more energy.

There were times when she was sick, but she compensated by running for 20 minutes instead of 30. In the long run, her routine helped prevent a lot of sickness, she said.

America's obesity problem can be attributed to a number of causes, Bell said. Americans are less active in the age of cars and television, eat more junk food on the go and claim to be too busy to exercise due to 60-hour per week jobs.

Bell notes that she is not immune to these tendencies. A year and a half ago, she joined Weight Watchers and lost more than 25 lbs. She would like to lose 10 more. Recently, she started a weight-lifting program for herself. She

said it is not something she likes to do, but she knows she must.

She worries about an increasingly sick America as obesity spirals out of control across all ages. Obesity has become the No. 1 preventable killer in America. Today's generation of college students should be particularly worried, she said, as they will have to pay the price in insurance costs.

Bell said that Americans constantly seek instant gratification, but fitness is a process.

"Set a goal for yourself... to be active," she said. "It takes one day at a time. Give it time; you're going to see a change."

Every little bit helps, Bell says. Not everyone can run three miles a day, but they can spend 30 minutes walking or swimming. The key is in finding a type of exercise they like.

Bell is a strong supporter of House Bill 303, which mandates 150 minutes of physical education per week in elementary schools and 225 minutes per week for middle schoolers.

Physical education in schools has become increasingly important, Bell said, as fewer and fewer children are going home to play in the backyard, opting to watch television or play video games instead.

Though she has reached her 1,000<sup>th</sup> day, Bell said she does not plan to take a break. She now plans to run everyday for the rest of the year, at which point she'll likely set another goal.

She'll keep running.



# New album *The Tipping Point* gets mixed reaction

By Ashley Herndon  
Staff Writer

Fans and critics hold divided views about *The Tipping Point*, the long-awaited sixth album by the Roots, a 20-man live hip hop band.

Some feel this album falls short of their creative ability and deviates from the signature style. Others see the change as a good way to flaunt their ability to reach all audiences. I feel the album has the potential to bring in the piece of the puzzle that the group was missing, urban hip hop followers.

The oversized band is spearheaded by ?uestlove, pronounced "quest love," on drums and percussion and Black Thought the rapping lyricist. The band hails from Philadelphia, known for its musicians and neo-soul singers. Although they have had six in studio albums, one of which received a Grammy, The Roots are better known for their monster live concerts. They are the only live hip hop band that also has a recording career.

The name of the album is borrowed from a popular Malcolm Gladwell novel. This best seller in 2000 centers on how some ways of thinking must gain a small amount of notoriety before winning mass acceptance. This was chosen as the title to express the band's feelings of their own current situation.

"There's a disconnect between how The Roots see themselves - as hip hop purists, immersed in Black culture- and the segment of society they most often attract," says one rap critic.

A screaming majority of the group's fans are white. Not white in terms of the many millions of Caucasian hip hop fans with at least a small taste of ghetto life. But these fans are a newer version of the '70s hippies, and their only interest in rap music is The Roots.

Neither the group's sound nor its lyrics make the urban audience shy away; it's their look. Hip hop fans are not drawn to The Roots simply because their appearance is not like that of other hip hop artists. There is no flaunting of expensive urban band name clothes, oversized t-shirts, gawky jewelry, exclusive footwear and over-priced vehicles that serve as artificial cue cards of supposed rap authenticity. Such trappings are used by other artists to lure most black listeners to the hip hop genre.

The Roots are outside the stereotypical hip hop box. Listeners must be willing to step out of the box as well. Consequently, rap fans are missing a big portion of true hip hop simply because they are not open-minded.

One reason cause of The Roots' lack of hip hop following is the high cost of their concerts. Unlike other rap concerts where expenses only include the artist or group, the DJ and stage props, a Roots concert requires at least 40 people, 20 of whom are band members. These expenses increase the cost of tickets for concert goers, which most black enthusiasts cannot afford.

Another explanation for the small

number of urban supporters is that the group lacks a presence among hardcore hip hoppers. The joy of music is spread mostly through word of mouth to peers of the same demographics. The majority of the current listeners include middle and upper class white suburbanites who then relay their interest in the group to others like them. The buzz doesn't reach blacks.

I understand the reason for the slight

change in The Roots' sound in their new album. They cannot be faulted for trying to reach their own people, for whom the music was created for in the first place. When the band set out to make their first albums, they had no idea white

America was going to enjoy the music so much.

This album focuses more on Black Thought's rhymes than ?uestlove's musical arrangements. There is less of an instrumental feel and more of a hip hop edge. It is the shortest of their albums to date, with only 10 solid, rap-enthusiastic tracks. The choruses are more recitable, the beats more digital. The band is only trying to catch the ear of hip hop fans. Until, the band members start stumbling around in basketball jerseys, riding in hundred thousands dollar cars, cursing at

cameramen, having half naked women dancing in their videos and using term 'bling bling,' fans and critics should not be worried.

The CD's first single, "Don't Say Nuthin'" is getting descent airplay on hip hop radio and TV stations. What most people, including myself until recently, do not know is that the mumbo jumbo hook was an accident.

Black Thought had not finished the chorus prior to the deadline, so he just inserted some nonsense to fill the space until he had time to write a quality hook. The manager felt the slurred words made the track a hit. Black Thought named the track "Don't Say Nuthin'" because he was literally saying nothing. A double meaning can also be seen as a shot in the head to the hip hop genre. An artist can come on the scene with garbage-disposal worthy lyrics, make a hit song and get a million dollar check.

I see this album as a way for The Roots to challenge themselves. They released *The Tipping Point* to find out if they can compete with the big boys - true rap artists. More importantly, after releasing six albums over a nine year period, The Roots long for mainstream success and acceptance from their culture. They want to see faces like theirs in the audience, screaming their names and reciting their lyrics. Hopefully, this album will be the tipping point for The Roots and all hip hop listeners.



## What to know about fall's music releases

By Lauren Croughan  
Staff Writer

### Rock

Muse- *Absolution*

This British trio struck The States with the hit "Time is Running out," their famous song off of this CD and got plenty of airtime on Fuse, the other music channel that actually plays music (Channel 74). I was intrigued about the band by this hit, which is one of my favorite songs of all time. The album was definitely worth the \$16 I paid for it, as there were no bad songs on the CD. All the lyrics are band-written, which is a definite plus in my book. There are some slower songs here, but they do not remind me of any pop that I have heard. Muse is truly inspirational. [www.muse.mu](http://www.muse.mu) Final Grade- A

### Pop

Ryan Cabrera- *Take It All Away*

Sorry, ladies, this blonde gorgeous guy is taken by Ashlee Simpson. This album was released for a few weeks, and "On the way down" has been climbing the charts on Fuse, MTV and Billboard. Cabrera actually plays the acoustic guitar, which by my standards for typical pop music is worth taking note. The album is partially produced by Johnny Resznick from the Goo Goo Dolls. Have not heard of Cabrera? There is the hit track but not much else at [www.ryancaabrera.com](http://www.ryancaabrera.com) B-

### Heavy Metal

Papa Roach- *Getting Away With Murder*

Released no more than three weeks ago, this piece of awesome work debuted at number 17 on Billboard 200 Charts. It sold over 50,000 copies after one week.

Amazing is the only word for the album. Most of Papa Roach's work is high energy, and this one is no exception. The title track, which is on heavy rotation on Fuse, could get anybody off their chair and head-banging in their room. Take a peek on [www.paparoach.com](http://www.paparoach.com) However, one would need the flash plug in for version 7 to view the website at all. It takes a second to load. Final Grade- A++

### Hip Hop/Rap

Nelly- *Sweat/Suit*

Nelly's new two-album feature release released mid-September was quite an interesting one to review. He truly went all out here. There are guest stars on both albums. Christina Aguilera, Pharrell Williams, Snoop Dogg, Missy Elliot and Tim McGraw are all featured. The music itself was very enticing, and I found myself liking a few songs despite my bias towards rock music. I did notice something, however; more of the love and calmer songs take place on *Suit*, while some of the heavier songs are played on *Sweat*. Whitney Houston divided her songs like that on her greatest hits album. I thought it was worth sampling and giving it a shot. To hear before you buy, go here <http://www.nelly.net/main.html>. My final grade: B+

### Key:

- A- Worth every penny to buy it in stores
- B- You can download this one online
- C- Download only your favorite tracks
- D- Listen for the hit on the radio (Wait: They still have radio?)
- F- Stay far away because this one is going on a VH1 countdown

## Comedy trumps tragedy

By Amanda Roberts  
A&E Editor

Murder, lust, betrayal, confusion and frolic: The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival productions this season exemplify some of what the Bard would define as superb acting.

"Twelfth Night" is playful and fun. While the performance was not flawless, many bright spots prevail, particularly those scenes with the secondary cast. The main storyline, that of Viola/Cesario (Gretchen McGinty), Duke Orsino (Kevin Varner) and Olivia (Heather Benton) plays second fiddle to the secondary plot. Disguised as the male Cesario, Viola lets not a hint of the fact that she has fallen in love with Orsino slip as she plays messenger bearing Orsino's love for Olivia. On the other hand, Olivia's infatuation with Cesario is blatant, as is her dislike for Orsino.

Although fine actors fill the main roles, the chemistry is not immediately palpable. These characters are neither fully developed nor are they believable. The love story lacks the necessary passion. As Sir Toby Belch, Pedro Silva portrays a mischievous old man, intent on causing chaos among Olivia's household, the chief target being Malvolio (Allan Edwards). With the help of Maria (Celia Madeoy), Sir Andrew Aguecheek (Josh Gaffga), Feste (Jan Notzon) and Fabian (Michael Zlabinger), Malvolio is driven mad in an hilarious way. Edwards performs the role of Malvolio with much zest and vigor, but the focus on him hinders the development of the other main characters. Viola's twin brother, Sebastian (Jason Loughlin) and his trustworthy savior Antonio (David Adamson) command the stage during their brief turns.

Notzon sings several times, catching the audience in mid-breath, and grounds the show at the very end.

Though the conclusion is happy, we are left with the message that life is a roller coaster and may not always be rosy.

"Othello," on the other hand, seems more contrived than "Twelfth Night." Guiseppe Jones, as Othello, seemed to overact and over-extend his presence. Benton again takes the stage as the innocent Desdemona. It's not a hard role; she nonetheless delivers a satisfying performance.

Iago, played by Michael Zlabinger, delivers a brilliant performance. Envious of Othello's promotion of Michael Cassio to lieutenant, Iago plots to gain Cassio's position. By engendering distrust of both Desdemona and Cassio in Othello, Iago exacts revenge on Othello, who is rumored to have slept with his wife, Emilia.

The transition from his comedic role in "Twelfth Night" to this darker, more complex role impressed me. In both roles, his character is one of the most believable and well-developed. The plotting of the villain Iago supersedes all other action in the play; it is the very hinge on which Othello swings.

Gaffga, as Roderigo, plays a character similar to Sir Andrew Aguecheek without the effeminate qualities. Also of note, Gaffga composed the music for "Twelfth Night" and "Othello." The NCSF has a man with many talents in Gaffga.

As Emilia, Iago's wife, Madeoy shines again with a strong presence onstage. Varner receives another chance as Cassio, with whom Othello believes Desdemona has had an affair. Varner is more convincing than in his portrayal of Orsino in "Twelfth Night," and he seems to enjoy this character more.

"Othello" is probably one of the most difficult Shakespearean tragedies to perform. The play is not excellent, but it is by no means disappointing.





In A&E: Gere, Lopez bring romance and comedy to big screen



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## Column One News

### Phoenix Festival set for Nov. 18-19

You've probably seen the signs around campus encouraging students from any field of study to submit poetry and prose to the Phoenix Festival. What you may not know is that prizes are involved, from books to t-shirts to money (the largest prize, in fact, is a \$40 check).

HPU students are also invited to participate in writing workshops with leading-edge poets and fiction writers from all over North Carolina. However, this note is to remind all HPU students that their attendance at Phoenix Festival – at both the morning workshops and the awards ceremony later in the afternoon – is not required, but only encouraged for those who are interested and able to attend.

Submitting your work, therefore, in no way binds you to any certain schedule on the day of the Festival, though you are more than welcome to participate if you choose. So send us your stuff.

Phoenix Festival is an annual event sponsored by the English Department in which HPU students and area high school students submit works of poetry and prose for the purpose of advancing creative writing on all levels.

### Academic Services seeks ESL tutors

The Academic Services Center (ASC) is looking for students to help the English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors in a program for Japanese students.

Karen Dingle and Emily Miles, ESL tutors, hope to revive an old ASC program that involves taking Japanese students to restaurants, malls and ball games to help immerse them in American culture and the English language. They need American students to help because it will be easier for the Japanese students to learn and use English.

Although there will be no financial reward for participating in this program, students will be able to learn about another culture and meet new friends among the Japanese students involved in the program.

Students interested in helping should contact Mr. Craig Curty at x9014 for more information.

### GO FAR 5K Road Race set for Nov. 6

The Go Out for a Run 5K Road Race will take place Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. in front of Millis Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Entry fees the day of the race are \$20. Money raised will benefit the GO FAR program, which teaches elementary children about the importance of exercise. For more information, call Robin Hale-Lindsay at x9208.

## Professors, students emphasize need for political involvement as election draws near

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

The political science department, College Republicans and College Democrats are working to end the cycle of disengagement or alienation from politics among High Point University students.

The cycle of disengagement is the absence of a relationship between young voters and politicians. "The politicians don't talk to young people and therefore the young people don't vote. So, the politicians assume that young people will not vote and will not talk to them about issues that concern them," said Dr.

Mark Setzler, assistant professor of political science. Students do not become involved with politics because their

views are not represented, but Setzler said that the only way to break the cycle, which is part of his

job, is to encourage the development of one's own sense of partisanship.

All the professors and members of



STUDENTS WATCH THE THIRD PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ON OCT. 13 IN NORTON HALL

PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

## Student's mission work takes him to Italy and Spain

By Amanda Roberts  
A&E Editor

For the fourth consecutive summer, senior Karl Hengeveld spent his break in a foreign country.

Hengeveld was a missionary for two months this summer in Italy and Spain. His previous trips to Nicaragua and Ghana were planned and sponsored by his church. This time, his journey was inspired by a different source. Hengeveld, with a small group of High Point students and thousands of others from all over the country, attended Urbana, a missions conference in Illinois, last Christmas break.

"There were several gyms, full of booths with mission agencies, and some of them were handing out free stuff. I got a t-shirt from one booth, turned around and found this booth for TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission). I signed up, applied for a missions trip and was accepted in January or February," Hengeveld said.

As a CIS major, Hengeveld knows a lot about computers, and the trip he went on was unlike the other trips. As he spent time in Italy and Spain, he

would not be working with residents as he had in the past; instead, he would be working on computers and helping missionaries learn how to use them more efficiently.

"I went to Italy for about three weeks," Hengeveld stated. "While I was there, I worked at an internet café in downtown Bologna. I had to set up the network, do a lot of installation, reformat and other stuff. It was hard to do because I had to do it all in Italian, and I know about three words in Italian."



HENGVELD VISITED THE POET DANTE'S GRAVE IN RAVENNA, ITALY

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The café offered free English classes. Hengeveld talked with a local who was taking one of the classes. "His name was Francesco. We talked and I found out what he believed, which was not biblically-based. He's Roman Catholic; everyone in Italy is Roman Catholic, but I shared with him what I believe," Hengeveld said.

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the partisan groups on campus believe it is important for college students to be informed about the issues and to vote. Dr. Anthony Gabrielli, assistant professor of political science, said that there are two important reasons for college students to vote. "One, they have a stake in the government, so voting provides a sense of belonging to the country. And two, they need to get into the habit of voting or else they won't build up civic engagement and ownership of the system."

Dr. James Corey, assistant professor of history/political science, added, "It's the squeaky wheel that gets the oil." Students need to speak out in order to have the politicians pay attention to their issues because it is the voter who tells the president what direction to take the country. To involve his students in par-

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## Skinner warns about dangers of drunk driving

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

Motivational speaker Chris Skinner, a survivor of a drunk-driving accident, is a living example of what can happen when one is careless with alcohol and drugs.

"I'm not going to talk to you about statistics," Skinner said, as he spoke to students in Hayworth Fine Arts Center on Oct. 14. "I'm not into those."

He said his sole purpose was to make people leave the auditorium with a different perspective. He cautioned all not to get wrapped up in "temporary fun," which he used to describe alcohol and drugs.

"The party always ends," he said. "The keg always runs out."

On June 10, 2000, Skinner was involved in a drunk-driving accident, leaving him paralyzed and bound to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. He was leaving a wedding, intoxicated, and sat in the passenger seat of a truck driven by a friend, who was also under the influence of alcohol. On the last turn before reaching their destination, his friend lost control, causing the truck to flip two-and-a-half times. Skinner, who was not wearing his seatbelt, was thrown from the truck,

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## Staff Editorial

# The next generation prepares entrance into tough election season

With only a handful of days left until the election, many students who intend to vote may have already done so by absentee ballot. Surveys done by the political science department show that students, like the rest of America, are closely divided between Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush.

More than 200 students gathered to watch the presidential and vice presidential debates on campus. At the conclusion of each debate, students completed a survey. After the third debate, 51 percent

**"After the third debate, 51 percent of the student audience indicated plans to vote for Kerry-Edwards, while 44 percent supported Bush-Cheney..."**

of the student audience indicated plans to vote for Kerry-Edwards, while 44 percent supported Bush-Cheney and five percent were undecided.

But in this polarized election year, how can anyone be undecided as the campaigns winds down? Students' age plays a key role. College students have a limited voting history and therefore may have a minimal sense of loyalty to one party or the other. To young voters, the decision lies within the issues, not the party lines. The debates were an organized way of seeing the candidates' similarities and differences when it came

to the issues.

Students listened carefully and proved their open-mindedness. In fact, at the conclusion of the third presidential debate, twenty-three percent of the students said that watching one or more of the debates had either influenced or changed their likely voting decision.

To those surveyed, foreign policy issues were more important than domestic issues, with Iraq and homeland security topping the list. When it came to domestic policy issues, students identified health care, jobs, the economy, education and abortion as the top concerns.

Over two-thirds of students said that the debates affected how they were following and discussing the election. And it's good that students are paying attention. Young voters are becoming increasingly involved in politics and are expected to swing the 2004 election.

Most of the students here are experiencing our first presidential election as eligible voters. With polls indicating a dead heat between the Democrats and Republicans, it will be quite the start to our voting careers.

*Editor's note: The following article was not run in its entirety in the Oct. 8 issue. We apologize for the error.*

## Agnostic turned atheist expounds on his views

By Trevor McDonald  
Staff Writer

"Make sure to call me 'Huxley' in your article," he said as we parted. This was a reference to Thomas Huxley, the father of religious atheism—"agnosticism." But my story concerns a junior on campus, not Mr. Huxley; a student who, through either fear of intimidation or perhaps simple exhaustion from the constant confrontations, chooses not to make his name public. He is an atheist—a group that, according to some, doesn't exist.

An agnostic from age 12, this 'Huxley' became a full-fledged atheist on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, after a good friend of his was murdered. High Point University is, after all, a Methodist school, so why did he come here? "I screwed up in high school," he says. "I want to raise my GPA so that I can transfer out."

Huxley spoke of the increase in tolerance that occurred in the '60s and '70s, and how in recent times a resurgence "of hate and [nonacceptance]" has begun. He went on to give an example: "I wrote an article in the High Point Enterprise over the summer [about lack of tolerance]. I received phone calls about it. Some said, 'You should accept Jesus,' but some were much darker." He suggests that the majority of people treat atheists this way because "when someone doesn't understand something, they assume it isn't true." I asked him why he would choose to be an atheist, knowing he would have to put up with prejudice. He answered: "It's not to be different or to stand out. It's [a personal preference], to see things in a different view. When you boil religion down, it's personal opin-

ion. My personal opinion is different from the majority's."

I asked Huxley if he thought of atheism as a faith. He replied, "Every atheist is different... I would call it more an ideal than a religion or faith. [Atheism relies heavily on science to exist.] You always need to question things, no matter what you are. Even the Bible says, 'Test everything, and keep what is good.' That's probably why I'm an atheist. I tested Christianity, and it failed."

What about the validity of other religions? He said: "Personal faith is not a bad thing. I think it's one of the greatest placebo effects created by man. But I just don't have it... Christianity is a good thing.

Some people use it as a crutch. I've often thought about how it could be reformed, though."

Why did Huxley respond to my last article? I've often thought that most people feel that their responsibilities do not include activism when it comes to

combating stereotypes, that they cannot make a difference or change anyone's mind, so why did he contact me? "I didn't want you to interview someone who was [misinformed] or a jerk. I don't want anyone to get a bad impression of atheism. I want people to know that I'm tolerant of others. There have been times at this school where I almost gave in and just said that I believed in Christianity, but I'd be lying to myself and to others. I still refuse to tell anyone that I'm an atheist because of the stereotypical confrontations that come from it."

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## Supreme Court not to be overlooked in race

One of the least known and talked about aspects of this presidential elec-



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with thyroid cancer.

Rehnquist is expected to return to the bench in early November despite the diagnosis, and at age 80 will remain Chief Justice. Appointed to the Court in 1972 by President Richard Nixon, Rehnquist has been a member of the Court for over 30 years, serving as chief justice since replacing Chief Justice Warren Burger in 1986.

Yet the recent health concerns of Rehnquist clearly bring to question the current situation in the Supreme Court. Within the next four years, between one and three justices are likely to be replaced. The aforementioned Justice Rehnquist is expected to step down in the next presidential term. In addition, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at age 74 is expected to retire soon, as is 84-year-old Justice John Paul Stevens. O'Connor has been a key swing vote in the past on issues dividing the court such as abortion, and Stevens has also tended to vote with the liberal cause.

Given the fact that an appointment as a Supreme Court justice is for life, and that the last four justices to retire have served an average of 28 years, either Presidential hopeful John Kerry or President Bush stand to slant the direction of the Supreme Court for decades to come. The media, however, is largely ignoring this issue.

If Bush is re-elected, he will likely

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# Crossfire: President Bush & the war in Iraq

Columnists from the left and right sound off on one of the most divisive issues of '04

## Iraq, a war of Bush's choice, not necessity

By Brandon Wright  
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Change is usually a good thing.

A lot of people in our country believe that now is the time for a big change. After standing by and watching as President Bush has slapped "United States" on every cause he desired, we can finally stand up and speak with a voice that belongs to our people.

One main argument for reelecting Bush is that he is the great leader that John Kerry is not. Bush proponents are right that he is a leader: He led us into the largest deficit in history; to cut costs for big businesses, he led us into the weakest environmental policy since the advancement of pollution controls and forest preservation; he led us through a campaign of terror which caused many to worry about whether they should live life as they have or in fear; and he's led us into a war in which there is no end in sight and whose cause is now seen as poor intelligence by our country. He also led us into the morning of September 11, 2001 with no worries, while possessing intelligence that Osama Bin Laden and al Qaeda intended to commit terrorist acts in the U.S. with the use of hijacked airplanes.

The Bush administration has taken our country for a ride. On the way, he has managed to allow our domestic issues, such as healthcare, education and welfare reform, to take the backburner; alienated us from the global community because of our internationally viewed imperialistic tendencies; and done a lot of hunting, fishing and flipping horse-shoes.

On the day he received intelligence of Bin Laden's hijacking intentions,

Bush went fishing. President Bush has had the last four years to play because of an election where the winner could well have been Al Gore. It's time to end the most vacationed presidency in our history.

The War in Iraq, the top subject for the candidates at this time, is a conflict in which we didn't have a well-defined enemy. There is no evidence of a connection to al Qaeda or 9/11. There is no evidence of weapons of mass destruction. However, there was evidence of the world's second largest oil reserve. And now we occupy Iraq in a daily street fight between our country and whoever our enemy is.

Iraq is a sovereign nation which means it can deal with its own affairs and, if necessary, liberate itself. It's not sovereign anymore. We have chosen to be the "liberators" of Iraq because our president selected that path. However, liberation and freedom can't be won in war or achieved by flexing military muscles at those who have none. Bush decided that the best method of showing off American ideals was to invade a country, bomb it and kill thousands of civilians.

There is no justification for so much death. How can we win the hearts of one family while standing on their front yard with an M-16? Instead of breeding freedom, Bush has bred hate, fear and more terrorists.

Above all this, Bush has put soldiers who trust and believe that our cause is right and just into the line of fire. Our friends, brothers, sisters, fa-

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## 'W' stood up to Saddam, made the world safer

Amid all the issues and events of this campaign season, one important concern



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remains at the forefront of the political spectrum -- Iraq. With the presidential race at its peak, the Democrats want the voters to believe that President Bush and the Republicans are war-mongers who manipulated intelligence in order to invade Iraq for its oil reserves. Rhetoric of this magnitude would be laughable if we were not discussing such an important issue. In order for us to make an informed decision on Nov. 2, we must look at the facts and put aside the rhetoric.

First, we must answer a popular myth about Iraq. Democrats will have you believe that the president hastily rushed to war and abused his power. This, of course, is wrong. Saddam Hussein violated 13 United Nations Security Council resolutions and had over a decade to comply with diplomatic efforts to disarm his regime. Also, the decision to invade Iraq took over one year. Congress debated the matter for months and reached the conclusion that action must be taken. The Iraq War Resolution was passed with overwhelming support from both parties in October of 2002. Even with substantial approval from Congress, President Bush waited nearly six months before actually invading Iraq. So, we have over 10 years of diplomacy, 13 international

resolutions violated, a full year of debate on the floor of Congress, a resolution passed by Congress and six months of warning to Saddam Hussein to surrender. You can think of many adjectives to describe the president's decision in Iraq, but "rushed" is not one of them.

To find support for President Bush on this issue, look no further than Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. In 2002, Kerry stated, "I agree completely with this Administration's goal of a regime change in Iraq..." He also argued, "Saddam Hussein is a renegade and outlaw who turned his back on the tough conditions of his surrender put in place by the United Nations in 1991." Kerry concluded in this speech to the DLC National Conversation, "If Saddam Hussein is unwilling to bend to the international community's already existing order, then he will have invited enforcement even if that enforcement is mostly at the hands of the United States, a right we retain even if the Security Council fails to act." The notion that President Bush misled the U.S. into war is just absurd. Democrats in Congress were agreeing with the president, and John Kerry was one of his biggest advocates. Now, Kerry is trying to convince voters that the invasion he supported is now something he is against.

President Bush took the right action when he decided to remove Saddam Hussein. Undeniably, Saddam was an evil person. His regime committed thousands of atrocities, and it is no stretch to assume that Saddam associated with terrorists. Criminals associate with criminals. Even if John Kerry did take a principled stand against the Iraq War, he would be wrong. Kerry assumed the

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## Kerry campaign indulges in fear-mongering

Don't be influenced by Dems' misleading claims

A great deal of fear-mongering is taking place during this presidential



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race, and most of it is on the Left. John Kerry and Democratic front groups have spent the run-up to election day telling virtually every group imaginable that George Bush and the Republican party are either incompetent with their concerns or actively seeking to disenfranchise them. These groups include, but are not limited to, the old, the young, African-Americans and the middle class.

To the old, Kerry goes on and on about how Bush is going to privatize Social Security (remember, Dems love government control!) and take their checks. The reality: Bush has spoken of his plans to privatize a tiny sliver of

Social Security by allowing young people to save part of our Social Security into a tax-free savings account. There is no "January surprise," so don't believe the hype.

Kerry has some fear tactics for our generation as well. He and his flunkies have continuously hinted that Bush and his neoconservative hawks are just itching to reinstate the draft. The reality: Bush has said flat out that he will not reinstate the draft, largely because it isn't necessary. The Iraqi army is being trained regularly and our own forces are being redeployed from the old Cold War fronts to better serve our current needs. You won't be drafted under Bush.

Kerry and the liberal Dems have had a monopoly on the black vote for decades. This is no surprise and is not likely to change soon. Part of the strategy to do this is to convince African-Americans that Republicans are plotting to disenfranchise them. The worst of this fear-mongering is seen among despicable groups like ACT, who distribute flyers linking the oppression of blacks in the pre-civil rights movement days to Republicans of the present.

The reality is that there is no "vast right wing conspiracy" (a la Hillary) to disenfranchise blacks. There never has been. What Republicans are saying is that they want every eligible voter to be able to vote. Voter fraud is already rampant, and with liberal 527 groups running all kinds of sleazy registration drives (one group was even found to have been soliciting registrations for crack), this is a completely legitimate concern.

And lastly, John Kerry, invoking an old liberal tactic of class warfare (where is Marx when you need him?) has been attacking Bush on his love of the rich and hatred of the middle class. John Edwards referred to it as "two Americas."

Kerry is continuously using stump speeches to lambast Bush's "tax cuts for the rich" and blames everything from the price of oil to rising medical costs on the Commander in Chief.

The reality: Bush's tax cuts benefited the middle class most of all. Especially those who own small businesses, who produce 70% of new jobs in this country. This is because small businesses are mostly taxed at the individual income

tax level. This means that the top two brackets that Kerry wants to tax to death to pay for his universal (read: Socialized) medicine, reduction of the budget, and improvement of education will include and harm many job creating small business owners.

Kerry is trying to make himself out to be the friend of the little guy. Let's be real. Bush and Kerry are both sons of privilege. Bush just doesn't wear it on his sleeve like the Massachusetts Senator.

It is the job of the challenger in an election to attack. I suppose that when a legitimate attack is not available, someone like Kerry has to make them up. This is nothing new on politics on either side.

I believe it is safe to say that the Democrats have a monopoly on fear-mongering this election season. Oddly, Dems are accusing Republicans of the same thing, mainly because Dick Cheney expressed doubts about Kerry's ability to make the country a safer place given his record on secu-

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# A comedic glance at the upcoming election

*In the midst of a heated political season, one columnist sees the humor in it all*



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I am not a fan of neither President Bush or Senator Kerry. Neither candidate has impressed me in any way, shape or form, and the last presidential debate displayed this point for me. While listening to what both men had to say, I found myself reading between the lines and thinking about what the men truly wanted to say.

Girls, remember when you were young, and you'd call your friends before school and coordinate your outfits? Eventually you grew out of that phase. However, Bush and Kerry did not. Both men wore basically the same suit, tie and flag pin. It looked as if they were about to engage in an unusually formal team sport. Bush must have taken a large dose of

lithium before getting on stage, because a smile never left his face, much like a hair never fell out of place on Kerry's head. Jeez, what do you use on that thing, John?

These men often got into heated debates on various issues, ranging from gun-control to affirmative action. I just wanted one of them to break the tension by raising the roof or something.

Kerry began an argument by saying, "Let me pay a compliment to the president." He wanted to tell Bush that he's a very handsome man and that he's sick of John Edwards' cold touch. He was thinking of saying something like, "Homosexuality, shomosexuality - You want me," while "I Want You to Want Me" played in the background. This, of course, would cause the president to pull out a gun to defend himself, since he's anti-homosexuality, but favors the ability to bear arms. Kerry, as-

suming this would be the outcome, decided to keep his mouth shut.

On the topic of terrorists, Kerry promised that he will "hunt them down and kill them." Who are you? John Wayne? Where's the tumbleweed that normally flies by after the main character says something to that effect?

At one point Kerry talked about his wife and daughters, claiming that they love to kick him around. That's kind of kinky, John. "Sometimes we role play, and Teresa covers me with ketchup..."

Kerry laughed aloud at Bush at one point. Little did everyone know John was just playing the movie "Old School" in his head to keep from falling asleep. He was just getting to the "bring your green hat" part when the moderator interrupted him.

On the topic of religion, Kerry says

that he was an altar boy. Well, that's great John, but this is a debate, not therapy.

Kerry says that Bush is the first president to lose jobs since Herbert Hoover. No, the president, not the vacuum guy.

Bush claimed that the borders are guarded more today than when he was the governor of Texas. That's because the borders didn't need to be guarded, since every threatening person had already been executed. During Bush's reign, people often wondered why the entire state smelled like barbecue.

Bush could've stopped his lengthy, sometimes confusing responses, by just yelling out, "Get 'er done!"

At one point, Kerry was frustrated with Bush's responses, and said, "Again, the president didn't answer the question." Well, George was never really good at Trivial Pursuit.

Bush said that he was "all for the sanctity of marriage." He said later that he loved being surrounded by strong women. So really, Mr. President, you believe that marriage should be only be-

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## Voting is a privilege; use yours for Kerry

With less than a week left until the long-talked-about Election Day, the dissent between Republicans and Democrats, Bush fans and Kerry supporters has risen to dramatic heights.



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There has not been an election in recent history where individuals felt such conviction in support of one candidate and such disdain for the other. So, who is right?

While no one can answer that for you, they should be able to defend their view and fully explain why they support the candidate they do - and not only that, but why they don't support the opponent. As an involved supporter of John Kerry, one

who is part of the local grassroots campaign, I can ramble to you all day about Bush's poor decisions, bad policies and shady politics because I truly believe that "four more years" would place our nation in an unenviable position that would take more than one presidential term to reverse. I will also be happy to tell you of the qualities that I think make John Kerry an excellent candidate, the man who can successfully take us out of the war in Iraq victorious, rebuild both our economy and our foreign allegiances, and make our people safe and truly equal for once.

I do not see him as a "flip-flopper," which is the first, and many times only, criticism I can get from Bush supporters. I see him as a man whose values have remained steady throughout his

political career and as a man who is humble enough to change strategies when a situation changes. Other Republicans, and some Democrats as well, do not see Kerry as a "real" candidate, but rather a sort of fill-in in order to buy another four years to find a so-called real candidate. John Kerry has the experience, the intelligence, and the answers that make him a very real candidate, and a very real threat to the Republicans' treasured power in the White House.

I could continue to impart to you the reasons why four more years with George W. Bush create as much fear in my mind as the threat of a terrorist attack does in yours, but the bottom line is: You either already know who you are going to vote for, or even if you don't, one article in the Campus Chronicle isn't going to sway your opinion if you haven't already formed one based on the thousands of other sources of information available to you.

And if you think that turning on the nightly news is giving you a clear picture, or even reading the News & Record every now and then, think again. Dig

a little deeper and look at the source, rather than a reporter's interpretation of the facts. Don't let my opinion or anyone else's sway your own. And certainly don't start telling yourself that your opinion doesn't matter or your vote doesn't count. It does. And even if you insist on voting in support of the president's re-election (but especially if you don't) take a little time on Nov. 2 to be there, at the very least so you can allow yourself the right to complain when the election doesn't go your way. Regardless, take advantage of the freedoms that everyone loves talking about, but rarely ever exercises.

"Don't let my opinion or anyone else's sway your own...And don't start telling yourself that your opinion doesn't matter or your vote doesn't count. It does."

## Clothing and identity: what really matters?

A t-shirt and jeans. That's my favorite outfit. Unfortunately, because I work everyday after school, I can't wear a t-shirt and jeans as often as I'd like.



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The corporate world insists that I follow a casual dress code of nice pants or skirts and dress shirts.

Do our clothes seriously define who we are? Am I any less or more of myself this year because I dress up more? What we wear, although it is a component of who we are, is not the only element. I don't wear skirts everyday. I wouldn't consider myself a girlie-girl, but I am still a girl. Do I receive respect from my peers because of my style? Maybe to an extent, but I like to believe it goes deeper than that.

Feminism deals with the social, economic and political equality of the sexes. Certainly there are areas of life where the sexes cannot be equal and where we were never intended to be so. However, the current freedoms and opportunities women have should not be taken for granted. For those women who desire to climb the corporate ladder, is it not their right to do so? Likewise, those who desire to be stay-at-home mothers should also have that right.

However, each person has been given specific talents that go beyond our natural roles. There are skills we must work at and fight for the opportunity to use.

I, too, want to be a wife and a mother,

but also a writer and a teacher. Regardless of what I wear, I sincerely hope my talents will push me onward.

I like to think of myself as a nonconformist, not necessarily because of what I wear, but rather because of how I act and live my life.

The Feminist movement wasn't necessarily about outranking men. It was about proving that women have talents they can use to better society, that women are more than baby-makers and sex objects. We have a brain that is able to do more than iron clothes and clean dishes. In a country that has a higher level of gender equality than most in the world, it's not always easy to see just how well we have it. Yet there are still countries where women have few rights and their purposes are confined to the basic, natural roles.

I wouldn't consider myself a Feminist. God made men and women different for a reason, and I believe that men should be the leaders in relationships, in families, in business and of nations. Yet, women are a major factor in such leadership. In the movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the mother says,

"The man is the head [of the family] but the woman is the neck, which can make the head turn anyway it likes." I understand that there are many brash women who unconsciously take over the role men should play, ruining the balance that should exist. However, each person, female or male, has talents that the education we often take for granted can refine for the betterment of society.

Whether I wear a skirt or jeans, I hope to show the world the integrity beneath the appearance because the modern outlook prefers cotton to character and the polyester to personality.

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# Trees planted as part of Arbor Day celebration

By **Bethany Davoll**  
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Thirteen different trees were planted across campus this year in recognition of Arbor Day, which has seen over 40 trees planted here in the past 11 years.

Students gathered to hear several speakers express their appreciation for the trees, among them Biology Club president Jennifer Morgan, Student Government

Association president Christopher Michener and Vice President for Administration Dr. Don Scarborough.

The Biology Club, Outdoor Club and Student Government Association co-sponsored Arbor Day, and this year the plantings

were concentrated around the new Norton Hall building. Mrs. Libby Martinson, the first lady of High Point University, is also instrumental in putting Arbor Day together every year.

Scarborough, the main speaker of the event, shared his love for trees, stating, "It's a great day to dedicate a tree,

but it's a glorious day to dedicate 13 different trees throughout campus." Among the different types of trees were Green Mountain Sugar Maples, Black Gum, Green Ash and October Glory.

Scarborough noted that often in society we focus on fast, economical trees, which grow quickly but don't last as long, and "we ignore the slow growing trees that support us."

By planting oak and maple trees, the

Arbor Day celebrants hope to leave a mark that will last on campus and enhance the beauty of Norton Hall. According to Scarborough, trees take on an important role in our lives, "All that we revere in life can be found in our trees... High Point's trees will become even more valued over time."

There are numerous trees throughout campus as the result of past Arbor Day plantings, from as far back as 1993 when a row of Japanese cherries was planted.

Says Scarborough, "This campus, our gardens and trees, is more about the people... it is a legacy we leave for others."



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DR. DON SCARBOROUGH SPEAKS ON ARBOR DAY

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which was traveling at 55 mph. He was lying 10 feet from the truck and could still hear the radio playing. His friend, who suffered no physical injuries, found him and called for help. Skinner, who had a hard time breathing, fell into a coma and didn't wake up for 13 days.

Skinner now realizes the dangers of alcohol and drugs. "When you're born, you have one bullet in your chamber," he said. "Every time you get into alcohol and drugs, you add another bullet to the chamber."

Before his accident, he flunked out of Radford University due to excessive partying. When his parents cut their financial ties with him, he joined the Army National Guard as a means to pay for his return to school. He attended a com-

munity college, improved his grades and was re-accepted into Radford University. He expected to start classes at the end of June, but the accident two weeks before changed his plans.

Skinner has maintained a positive outlook despite the consequences of his accident. "The beauty about life is that you can always wipe your slate clean," he said.

Although Skinner needs a nurse to help him perform everyday tasks, he has enrolled in a Radford University master's program and has written a book, "The Ultimate Learning Experience," which describes the lessons he learned from the choices he made. Today, he says he plans on having children with his wife, his former physical therapist.

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tipicatory government, Corey gives news quizzes based on the New York Times and Washington Post so that students become aware of current issues. Gabrielli had his students watch the presidential debates and do Blackboard assignments that rate the candidates' performances and then discuss the debates with their classmates.

Setzler said that getting involved isn't hard, but people don't because they think it is. "You can't just come into the middle of a season of 'ER' and expect to understand things," said Setzler. Setzler said that the easiest way to get involved is to read news magazines because they frame the issues of the day or to use the internet.

Senior Jason Walters, chief of staff of the College Republicans, said that they have had voter registration drives and debates and have provided information to the students about how and where to vote and what the issues are. Before Election Day, Walters said that the College Republicans are planning to knock on doors and make phone calls to make sure everyone is aware of Election Day. The president of the College Democrats, Alicia Wassell, could not be reached, but Gabrielli, who is the faculty adviser, said that the group is very active.

However, Setzler commented that he finds the situation on campus funny because the students seem to be voting for brands. "People vote for the Demo-

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thers, mothers, sons, uncles and cousins are out there dying for our safety everyday. They are dying for the American way: freedom, justice, equality and natural rights. One of the most important rights which soldiers have and are fighting and dying for our safety everyday. They are dying for the American way: freedom, justice, equality and natural rights. One of the most important rights which soldiers have and are fighting and dying for is our right to vote. At the Democratic National Convention, Al Sharpton reminded us that our vote is sacred because it is soaked in the blood of those who fought and died before us. We should not disappoint them; we must not elect anyone who would so recklessly put our soldiers into harm's way.

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right position in 2002 when he voted to authorize force even if the UN did not comply. President Bush knew that the decision to invade Iraq could cost him re-election. When we invaded Iraq, the president was enjoying outrageous popularity numbers. Only something as drastic as war with Iraq could drive them down. Yet, President Bush is a man of principle. Saddam Hussein posed a threat to our nation and Bush decided action must be taken, even if re-election was at stake. He refused to see another Sept. 11. American soldiers still occupy Iraq, but elections are set to take place in January. The ride has not been perfect, but the president and his administration are leading our country in the right direction. The alternative, John Kerry, is not even an option. The choice is either principled leadership or politics of personal gain. Vote George W. Bush on Nov. 2.

## Hengeveld, continued from front page

The last five days Hengeveld spent in Bologna, he was a tour guide. "A missions team from Colorado came in to put on a children's festival. I took it upon myself to help them out; the missionaries were busy. By this time, I knew the area well - the bus and train routes, the best gelaterias (ice cream shops), where to park - so I gave them advice," he said.

After three weeks in Italy, Hengeveld went to Spain.

"I almost didn't make it," Hengeveld stated. "I had to fly from Italy to Barcelona. At the airport in Italy, they wouldn't give me my ticket for my connecting flight from Barcelona to Seville. They told me that I would get it in Barcelona. We only had a 30 minute lay-over, and at Barcelona, they wouldn't let me go through because I didn't have a ticket."

"Finally, I said, 'Dude, I need to get on the plane,' and went through; the lady at the gate let me on even though I only had my boarding pass. As soon as I sat down, we were taxiing out."

In Spain, Hengeveld lived with four missionary families for the first two weeks, in Osune, about 40 minutes east of Seville. After spending three to four nights with one family as he worked on their computer, he would move to the next house.

During the second two weeks, Hengeveld went to a town 15 minutes outside Madrid called Camarma. "I

worked at a missionary kids' school for about a week, and I kept on helping the individual missionaries with their computers," he said.

"I had to go to Guadalajara to work with another family, and one family dropped me off for a couple of days," Hengeveld stated. Guadalajara, like many other Spanish towns, has bullfights, and before the bullfights, the people run with the bulls.

"It was the most interesting thing I've seen in my life," Hengeveld said. "While I was there, I ran with the bulls, and it was probably my favorite part of

being in Spain. I hit a bull with my hand as I was running, and he tried to kill me."

According to Hengeveld, the food in Spain was fabulous, and the change in diet was not the only thing he had to get accustomed to: "Southern Spain goes six months without rain; by August, everything's brown and dusty. It's

too hot to even think during the day in Spain. Everyone has a siesta from about 3-7 p.m., and then they go back to work. Restaurants didn't open until nine in the evening, and that was early; most people eat dinner around midnight. I went to McDonald's at midnight, and the place was packed with people."

"It was great, the best trip of my life," Hengeveld said. "It's hard to put the trips on the same plane. The first three trips were evangelistic, but helping out the missionaries is a different type of ministry."



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HENGVELD AT THE RUNNING OF THE BULLS IN SPAIN

crats or Republicans like I root for the Atlanta Braves," said Setzler. "But you gotta look under the label." On campus there are Bush and Kerry fanatics sporting buttons and campaign slogans and shouting negative things against the other candidate such as "Kerry is a liar" or "Bush is the Anti-Christ." Students should not focus on brand names, but the person behind that brand. Students should also be aware that more is at stake in this election than the selection of a president.

One major issue of the 2004 election is the United States Supreme Court. "This is a critical election because it will determine the fate of our country for the next 30 years," said

Gabrielli. Not many students understand that new Supreme Court justices will affect their everyday lives. The next president will choose two, three or four new Supreme Court justices, which will alter the interpretation of laws and policies including environmental protection, worker's rights, religious liberty and privacy. "It's a shame that people know Bart Simpson, but not William Rehnquist (Supreme Court judge)," said Setzler.

The campus seems to be split in terms of support for the presidential candidates, but the political science department and the partisan groups hope that students will consider the issues instead of voting for a label.



# 'Dance' will leave you pleasantly surprised

Gere flick has more to it than dancing lessons

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

Taking its title from the musical "The King and I," "Shall We Dance?" is a wonderful romantic comedy that has more than just people dancing around in circles on a ballroom floor.

Richard Gere plays John Clark, an overworked estate lawyer who is not happy with his life. Although Clark has a wonderful children and a loving wife, the audience watches him go through the same routine day in and day out. Then one day he sees a woman, Paulina, played by Jennifer Lopez, looking outside of a dance studio window. He is intrigued by her sad gaze out into the street and goes into Miss Mitzi's Dance School and signs up for beginning ballroom lessons with two other young men.

At first Clark just wants to see if he

can dance with the beautiful Paulina, but then finds that he loves to dance and goes out of passion for the art. However, the only problem is that he hasn't told his wife about his new hobby. Beverly

Clark, played by Susan Sarandon, is suspicious of her husband's activities and hires a private investigator who follows Clark around to discover that he is only taking ballroom dance lessons. Although she is relieved that her husband isn't having an affair, Beverly is upset because Clark hasn't told her about his new interest.

The movie has several themes including, "The rest is up to you," which is a phrase Clark uses with his clients who fill out paperwork. Clark is forced

to find out what he truly loves doing and after a few minor spills, he finds that he cannot live without dance. This also applies to Paulina, whom the audience discovers is a wonderful dancer who fell

with her partner at Blackpool, the expert dance competition in England. Paulina had lost her passion for dancing, but after working with

Clark and Bobbie, played by Lisa Ann Walter, to get ready for the novice dance competition, she finds her passion to dance again.

All the characters in the movie have some type of goal. Of course, like any

romantic comedy, there is humor. Most of the humor occurs when Clark is just learning to dance, but more is added when he discovers that one of his fellow co-workers also takes dance, Link Peterson, played by Stanley Tucci. Link is the oddball at work who doesn't want anyone to know about his hobbies and even disguises himself so that no one will recognize him at the dance school; unfortunately, Clark spots him, and Link is forced to come to the realization that there is nothing to be ashamed of being a straight white male who can dance.

Although the movie isn't at the top of the box office, it's a great movie to see with that special someone. It has romance for the girls, but not so much that it makes the guys want to leave the movie theatre and it has the wonderful message of driving yourself to achieve a goal.

"...Link is forced to come to the realization that there is nothing to be ashamed of being a straight white male who can dance."

## Zach Braff excels as triple threat in 'Garden State'

By Sarah Gray  
Staff Writer

"Garden State" is Zach Braff's writing, directing and acting debut in film.

The story unfolds with the main character Andrew Largeman (Braff), a struggling actor living in L.A. He receives a phone call from his father telling him of his mother's death and he leaves L.A. for his hometown in New Jersey for her funeral. Before departing, he decides to take a break from the prescription drugs controlling his life. He leaves his multiple antidepressants and lithium at home to see how life is without feeling like a zombie. When he gets home, he attends his mother's funeral, meets an old acquaintance (Peter Sarsgaard) and a girl Sam (Natalie Portman), who brings a new light into his life, and he avoids the long-awaited confrontation with his father. Andrew and Sam's relationship blooms, and for the first time in his life he feels clearly and falls in love. He daringly lets himself fall into the abyss of thought and feeling and finally to experience life.

This film has a great cast, and is extremely well done, especially for a debut. The lighthearted comedy in this picture is placed perfectly with the general seriousness of the plot. The music soundtrack was well selected, flowing with each scene seamlessly. It includes music from Coldplay, The Shins, Simon and Garfunkel and Nick Drake. Each song is poignant and deep, perfectly coinciding with each event that unfolds.

The acting in this film is excellent. Zach Braff proves his acting ability beyond the television series "Scrubs." Peter Sarsgaard finds another hit in the independent genre of film as he did earlier with "Shattered Glass." Natalie Portman keeps getting better and better, picking roles that keep her career moving forward.

"Garden State" has its dramatic and comedic moments, but its greatest asset is heart. It is an excellent find and has all the elements of the perfect independent film.

This film was a winner at the Sundance festival and should not be passed by.

## Seuss comes to the stage

By Katie Estler  
Assistant Editor

Meet General Genghis Khan Schmitz. He scares children out of their wits. And you'll find the Cat in the Hat is more fun than a Zat with a bat. Horton will be there with all of Who. The show will never be slow with Mayzie and the Sour Kangaroo.

Next weekend, the Hayworth Fine Arts building is going to be all the rage as Dr. Seuss's characters jump out of the page to land on our stage.

"Suessical the Musical" is coming here to this very campus brought to you by the very good Who boys and Who girls of the HPU theater department. Yes, this is what we have been brewing in our tiny compartment.

With your favorite Dr. Seuss characters wound up in one show, it's certainly worth the five bucks you're going to blow.

From a wise-cracking cat, to a big-hearted elephant breaking the mold, this show, created to be a favorite of chil-

dren, turns out to be a show for young and old.

Come get lost in a world where dust specks can speak and where elephants take a rest on a nest. A colorful world where imaginations runs rampant. You'll find yourself on the edge of your seat. Will Horton save the Whos? Can he pull off this feat?

It's in town for only one week, so bring the whole family and come have a peek. Some faces are new and some familiar old actors. They make the show golden, just one of the factors.

Be a part of the Seuss world like never before. There are plenty of surprises still in store.

For the children at heart and our staff here at school, it will cost you just seven, not eleven. For the adults we ask ten, because you are full-sized women and men. For children and students were merely ask half, five dollars for your ticket to laugh.

"Oh, the things you will think when you think about Seuss!"

## New Duran Duran album not the least bit spacy

DEFinition has contagious beats and Chevelle's new album is excellent; however, latest Sum 41 release not impressive

By Lauren Croughan  
Staff Writer

### Pop

Duran Duran- *Astronaut*

I was "hungry like the wolf" for the next Duran Duran album when I heard about it, and I cruised down the "Rio" at "sunrise" to the CD store to check them out. It was cooler than I thought because I thought all those "girls on film" would never be another "electric barbarella." I personally thought they had "come undone." It turned out they had "a view to kill" and figured "all she wants" is a great album that reminded me of the olden days of gold and great songs. DD still have not lost their touch and have succeeded in combining pop and techno. "Sunrise," their new song, reminds me of their '80s hits and makes

me want to dance or drive fast. They are classically good even now. And if one did not understand, the quotations marks indicate their most famous hits.

Final grade- a hard-earned A+; over 20 years in the making.



**Rock**  
Sum 41- *Chuck*

This politically-charged band has released a new album, the first single being "We Are All to Blame." This song, as well as

this album, is packed full of social commentary. A typical teenage punk band, Sum 41 impressed me with their past two albums, but this one did not. I liked most of their melodies, and the message they

were sending was very good. Their lyrics were written fairly well, but they did not change my life. There was nothing that stood out from the album and merits an "A." If one likes this sort of thing, it's all for ya.

Final Grade- a merciful B-

**Hard Rock**  
Chevelle- *This Type of Thinking Could Do Us In*

The second studio album from this rock powerhouse is full of new lyrical anger and beautiful rock, which makes the guitar the primary instrument. There is nothing bad about this album. The first single, "Vitamin R (Leading Us Along)," as well as the rest of the album has lyrics that remind me of freeform poetry during a reading. There is some sort of magical rhythm

and power to these words that makes them irresistible. "Powerful" is the best way to describe this album.

Final Grade- a head-banging A



**Hip Hop/Rap**  
LL Cool J- *The Definition*

So I guess Duran Duran is not the only one with a comeback. "Headsprung" is the first single from this album, which is full of club-like beats and urban lyrics. It was very good to jam to, and as it was inspired in Miami, the atmosphere truly shows here. One cannot help but dance to the contagiousness of the songs, but one would not catch any viruses. LL proves to the hip-hop culture that he has the staying power necessary to be a star.

Final Grade- a hopping B++



## Kappa Chi

A few years ago Kappa Chi was an active part of student life here. Kappa Chi is an organization dedicated to uplifting the Christian spirit. Brothers of Kappa Chi are committed to the improvement of their lives, the university and the community. Kappa Chi's purpose is to have a Christian fellowship fraternity which promotes a Christian lifestyle and service activities. Kappa Chi has previously worked with service organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, local children's hospitals and the High Point public library. Kappa Chi is actively involved in campus intramurals. Kappa Chi will also work closely with the sisters of Alpha Delta Theta in fellowship, service and campus activities. Kappa Chi is open to all male students of HPU. If you are interested in joining Kappa Chi, the next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 3 in the Rosario Room at 6 p.m. If you cannot attend or if you have any questions, contact Shane Holman at holmas04@highpoint.edu or Dane Jackson at jacksd04@highpoint.edu.

## Kappa Delta

First off, though this is a little bit late, we would like to congratulate our newest members: Anky Patel, Liza Morgan, Katie Clain-Steffanelli, Michelle Kampner and Stephanie Nokes. We have had such a great time getting to know you girls and we look forward to all of the fun times to come. Secondly a huge thank-you goes out to the Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha. Without you, our Greek Week victory would not have been possible and we are so grateful for everything you guys did for us that week (especially putting up with our long nights of practice). We have made some great friends and have many crazy memories that will only grow in the months to come.

Congratulations to Kaci Martin for making Homecoming Court this year and also to Nicole and Jackson on winning. Another thank-you goes out to the guys of Kappa Chi Omega for our great mixer. We'll have to do that again. The next couple of months will be filled with new council members, a formal and lots more fun. Also be on the lookout for a fundraiser that we will be doing within the next few weeks.

## Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha would like to welcome everyone back to campus after fall break; we hope everybody enjoyed the time off from classes. Congratulations to sister Caroline Rinehart and Pi Kappa Alpha's Jeremy LeMaster who got engaged over break. We wish the best of luck to both of you in your future.

We are looking forward to our upcoming annual Halloween Date Party with the Gams; last year was a blast and we're sure this year will be as well.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our coin drop before break. We raised over \$800 for breast cancer research. We are currently selling breast cancer ribbons to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. If you would like to help support this very worthwhile cause, contact a sister.

## Pi Kappa Alpha

We hope everyone had a good fall break. It's been a busy semester so far, and we still have a lot of events to look forward to.

In intramurals, we were still riding high off our soccer championship, but we were knocked down a few notches after our first couple of flag football games; we went into fall break with a promising record of 1-2. We're taking it easy on the other teams so we don't wear ourselves out before playoffs. A huge thanks to the brains behind starting intramural dodge ball...Game on.

We want to thank the ladies of Phi Mu for a great time during Greek Week; we're looking forward to our next mixer with you all. Thanks to the Alpha Gamma Deltas for another awesome '80s mixer. Pictures from both are on our website ([www.hpupikes.com](http://www.hpupikes.com)).

A few of the events we have coming up: on Oct. 30 we are heading to Wake Forest to tailgate and go to the football game with the Gamma Phi Pikes which should be a good time. During Family Weekend, we will be hosting an informal get-together for our families at the Pike house on Friday, as well as our annual luncheon on Saturday.

Congratulations to Brother Jackson Newbauer and Nicole Armer (of AGD) on their selection as the HPU Homecoming King and Queen.

## Court, continued from page 2

seek a highly conservative, young Court of Appeals judge. The newly appointed judge, or potentially judges, could shape the course of this nation for years. Key votes on issues of presidential war powers, church-state relations, freedom of speech, the death penalty, the powers of the police and prosecutors, racial, ethnic and gender discrimination, and private property would display a markedly more conservative hue. Under Kerry, the court would bear a marked difference.

Undoubtedly the media has failed to bring this to the attention of many voters. As in almost every election at every level of government, 'hot button' issues become the focus and crucial matters fall by the wayside. Additionally, voters are often swayed by one's ability, or lack thereof, to debate, seldom considering the Presidency requires much more than an aptitude for argument. While there is certainly cause for concern over the economy, Bin Laden, the future of Social Security, and education, perhaps no greater reason to vote exists than the profound effect the winner of the 2004 election will have on the Supreme Court. The future of the United States of America will be determined on November 2nd, for the next four years and beyond.

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tween a man and a woman. And another woman. And another woman.

When you vote on Nov. 2, remember what's important. If Bush wins, you'll have the pleasure of watching a slightly dumber version of Porky Pig for the next four years. If Kerry loses, he may get his wife to close down the ketchup companies, and then what will you put on your hotdogs and hamburgers? Mustard? Please! It's up to you to decide which is more important. Let me know how everything works out. In the mean time, I'll be living in Canada.

# 'Real World' alumni plan campus visit

Events also planned for Family Weekend

By Sam Shepherd  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association wants to welcome back students, faculty and staff, from your short vacation from classes. There are several events planned for your fall enjoyment; keep your eyes open for times and dates. Below there is a short list of a few opportunities and announcements to add to your college experience.

Freshman Class has elected a new President, Ryan Nanch, and Vice President, Matthew Pierce. They will represent the freshman class at the Student Government Association meetings every other Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Norton building. Freshmen are encouraged to contact them if they have questions or recommendations to present.

The Multicultural Programming Committee, a part of the Student Activities Board, is proud to present to the student body Mr. Theo from Real World, Chicago and Ms. Jamie from Real World San Diego. They will be speaking on their

experiences in diversity on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. in Hayworth Fine Arts building.

Family Weekend 2004 will be held November 5-7, for family and friends to visit students and have a look at campus life. Events planned for this weekend will include athletics with both the basketball team performing in an exhibition against Chowan and the volleyball team demonstrating how they have already won games against Mercer, Davidson, Delaware State and Campbell University. Additional events are a play by the Spotlight Players, the President's Breakfast and a worship service conducted by Dr. Hal Warlick, Dean of the Chapel.

The International Club would like to invite you to their "International Food Tasting" on the Slane Center Concourse from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. No student should walk away hungry with students from 52 different countries presenting a traditional dish and additional food supplied from a local Italian restaurant. There will be music and games as well. Additional information about Family Weekend can be found at the High Point website.

## Homecoming events prove to be successful

By Sylvia Harwood  
Greek/Organization Editor

Even with a different location, this year's Homecoming dance proved to be just as beautiful and fun as those that came before. The bottom floor of the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem was decorated in purple and gold and the bigger space was able to hold the many students, faculty and alumni that attended the event.

As the culmination of a week full of Greek Week and alumni events, the Saturday of Homecoming began with the annual parade through the streets of High Point. Organizations walked and showed their Panther pride. That afternoon, the men's soccer team hosted VMI for the Homecoming day soccer game.

After a few hours spent dressing up in their best outfits, students loaded onto buses provided by the school and rode the 30 minute trip to Winston-Salem.

This year's dance was planned by SGA Vice President Nicole Armer and Ashley Cox. With help from other volunteers, they transformed a simple idea into a large event with over 500 people

in attendance. Students who attended the event were also given a commemorative mug which could be picked up in Student Life office in the days following the event.

Halfway through the evening, after many pictures had been taken and food had been eaten, and with much anticipation, the results of this year's Homecoming Court election were announced and Nicole Armer was crowned Homecoming Queen 2004. Jackson Newbauer was given the honor of Big Man on Campus. The rest of this year's Homecoming Court consisted of Amanda Frisbee, Kaci Martin, Virginia Provencher, Ashley Goodrich, Drew McIntyre, Chris Michener, Jay Bozman and Ryan Judy.

For the rest of the night, Homecoming attendants danced and enjoyed the company of friends. After the last song had played and the lights had come on, the buses filled up to take the students back to High Point. With such a successful event, students can only look forward to next semester's Snow Ball and prepare for the fun times to be had.

### Atheism, continued from page 2

Atheism and Christianity have always been at odds. Which is right? According to Huxley, "Everybody in their group thinks that they have a secret pipeline to the truth. But what they don't realize is that everyone else thinks the same thing. There's no reason to fight over it, it's such a superficial aspect. It's like killing someone because of his or her political affiliation... I don't go around trying to change anyone's mind. I'm OK with what they believe; I just want them to accept what I believe."

### Political Fear, continued from page 3

rity matters.

Four months in Vietnam should not blind you to 20 years of voting to cut weapons systems and intelligence funding. The fear tactic is not going to go away. And there are some people out there (Al Gore, Howard Dean, Ralph Nader) that have some scary ideas.

But you have nothing to fear from President Bush. Four years of President Kerry?

That is frightening.



## Sports Recap

# Volleyball team owns a winning overall record

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Sports Editor

High Point athletics continued while students headed home for fall break. After winning six matches in a row for the first time since moving up to the Division I ranks, the volleyball team has dropped their last three matches. The Panthers' record stands at 14-12, 4-4 in Big South Conference play. The team has shown remarkable improvement this year. Against Coastal Carolina on Oct. 23,

HPU lost 3-0 by a linescore of 30-20, 30-18, 30-17. Ashley Johnson led the purple and white with 11 kills, while Michelle Feiser added 20 assists and eight digs. Kim Anderson had 18 digs in the game, for her 30<sup>th</sup> straight match with double figure digs, the sixth longest streak in the nation.

The Panthers played Charleston Southern the day before they took on Coastal, and also lost 3-0. Freshman Jamie Kaufman, who has won the Big South Conference Freshman of the Week

award three times this season, had a team high 14 kills. Lindsey Pickens added 10 digs and five kills, Kim Anderson had 17 digs and Michelle Feiser contributed 36 assists, 10 digs and five kills.

In golf action, the men's team finished ninth out of 17 teams at the Pirate Fall Intercollegiate on Oct. 19. Matt Hammond finished in a career-high 10<sup>th</sup> place, with a final round of 69. Marc Issler tied for 36<sup>th</sup>, while Daniel Windoff tied for 42<sup>nd</sup>, Patrick Rutter tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> and Chase Wilson tied for 73<sup>rd</sup>.

The women's golf team played in a rain-shortened Wachovia/Great Smokies Intercollegiate match where the final 18 holes

were cancelled after the weather failed to cooperate. The Panthers finished 21<sup>st</sup> out of 24 teams, led by Kate O'Sullivan who tied for 21<sup>st</sup> place.

Derek Nakluski, a senior on the men's cross country team, was named Big South Conference Runner of the Week for the second time this season after he helped lead HPU to a win at the Winthrop/Asics Fall Classic. Nakluski came in second overall, while Bubba Hill, Joel Primus, David Freier and Danel Slaydon all also excelled.

In soccer news, the men's team has

played four straight overtime matches, going 1-2-1 over that stretch. In their most recent game they played Campbell University and came away with the 2-1 loss in OT, with Chris Archer scoring his tenth goal of the season off an assist from Brindon Hall and Patrick Altoff.

Against Liberty on Oct. 19, the Panthers were able to pick up the victory when Chris Archer scored the go-ahead goal on a penalty kick in the third minute of extra play for the final score of 3-2. HPU fought back from a 2-0 deficit, helped by goals from Luke Lamanski and Daniel Walsh.

High Point tied Elon 1-1 on Oct. 15 after neither team was able to score in overtime. Patrick Altoff, a junior transfer who is second on the team in points, scored the Panthers loan goal of the game off an assist from Brindon Hall and Chris Archer.

Perhaps the biggest heartbreak the men's soccer team has had in awhile came against Virginia Tech on Oct. 12 when HPU lost 1-0 after Tech was able to convert on a penalty kick less than two minutes into overtime. The Hokies had upset the top team in the nation, number one ranked Duke, the week before and the Panthers hung in for the whole game until a questionable call lead to the PT and goal for Virginia Tech at the end.

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## Poker gains popularity

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Sports Editor

The latest craze has seized men, women, television, celebrities and all the territory in between.

It's quickly being hailed as the "new golf," and if you don't know how to play, you better learn quickly. Poker. It's everywhere you turn. Texas Hold'em is the popular way to play, and whether you're betting thousands, pennies or pretzels, you're likely to come across the game somewhere.

ESPN was at the forefront of the movement, first televising the World Series of Poker and Texas No Limit Hold'em. Over two million hits on an internet search engine can take you to websites all about Texas Hold'em, or you can watch celebrities play on Bravo, Fox Sports, ESPN and other cable channels. If you've hung out with a group of friends lately, chances are you've played poker along the way. I was recently stuck in Hurricane Jeanne in Florida, and we passed some of the time winning each other's change in Texas Hold'em.

Why the sudden craze over poker? Its popularity began to grow when ESPN showed average people winning mil-

lions. 2003 World Series of Poker winner Chris Moneymaker was a 27-year-old accountant from Tennessee who entered an online poker tournament for \$40 and won the first place prize of a trip to the World Series. He then went on to win \$2.5 million, never having previously played in a live poker tournament. I don't think I could come up with a better way to spend \$40.

Poker is also a game that you can play almost anywhere with anyone. There's no need for money to play among friends, where snack foods are as good as poker chips. People used to get together for a round of golf on the weekend; now it's a weekly poker night that brings friends together. The chance to test your skills and strategy against others with the potential of winning big or losing big in any hand keeps the game interesting and the players on their toes.

You don't have to be in a crowded, smoke-filled room to play poker anymore. Poker has gone mainstream with everyone catching on. After all, Americans don't care if they're winning thousands or winning pretzels, as long as they have the chance to compete and earn bragging rights over friends and family.

## Hess leads women's cross country team

By **Melissa Caudill**  
Staff Writer

For the second time this season, the women's cross country team brought home a first place plaque. Led by Jemissa Hess, who captured her third straight individual victory, the Panthers won the Great American University Division race held Oct. 1 in Cary.

Sophomore Jemissa Hess said, "It was awesome feeling to not just take home a win individually, but as a team. It was just exciting for us all."

Coach Al Barnes said, "This was a huge step for HPU women's cross country and fulfills some plans in the works for the past years. It's great to see so many people work hard to come together and perform at the top of their game for a team goal. The women's cross country team at HPU has taken a huge step in their climb to the top of the Big South Conference and the Southeast Region. We still have a lot of work to do to fulfill our team and individual potentials, but we've definitely made a huge leap forward this fall."

Hess won the race in 18:09; behind her were Belinda Wilsher in 4<sup>th</sup> place, Melissa Caudill 19<sup>th</sup>, Sumiyya Hunter 20<sup>th</sup>

and Kala Robertson 24<sup>th</sup>. Other finishers were Cheryl Guiney in 30<sup>th</sup>, Shawwna Truelove 67<sup>th</sup> and Kate Atkinson 77<sup>th</sup>.5

"Watching the race, I saw our women go out aggressively and confidently with four of our runners in the top 10 immediately and throughout the first half of the race. It was evident that each of them wanted success and raced like it, taking our conference foe Liberty by a nice margin. I was real confident prior to the meet that we stood a legitimate chance to win the race, and as the gun went off and we moved to the front, I was strangely calm (thinking) that we had the race in the bag. Our women are tough racers and can be counted on to run their best race on any given day. That's simply what they did. We've won a few smaller races, but winning the Great American CC Championship puts us on the regional and national map in a big way," said Barnes.

The Panthers beat teams such as Liberty, Alleghany, Florida Atlantic, Albany, Delaware, East Carolina and UNC Wilmington. To date, the team has beaten every other team in the conference, which bodes well for the upcoming Big South Conference meet on Oct. 30.

## Football: a sport not just for men anymore

By **Amanda Roberts**  
A&E Editor

37...84...17...hut!

It's a foreign language to women of all ages. In the fall, it takes over; it is always on the television on Saturdays and Sundays as men all over the country growl at the females who dare to touch the remote.

Football. Two teams from somewhere around the country, meeting head to head in order to establish world peace. Or stop world hunger. Or...or... well, just to beat up on each other, the victor having bragging rights for the next week, and if the winner did exceptionally well, with one standout play... they'll be on ESPN's SportsCenter.

I like football. I like to watch it on television, in person... I even like to play it. I do not think it's merely a man's sport to enjoy.

For beginners, I would recommend finding a team to watch and to watch the game carefully, listening to the commentators. You'll figure out the basic terms that way: touchdown, interception, holding, etc. But for expanded knowledge, if you really want to sound like you know what you're talking about the next time you're surrounded by sports-rabid males, I would recommend learning how to play the sport.

Together with a like-minded group of girls, find a place to practice. If you want, grab a guy who won't tease you too much to act as a coach. Everyone knows how much men like to show off their

knowledge.

Start with a football, the action of throwing. Be careful how you throw — it's not a baseball. Hold it with your preferred hand, every other finger on one of the laces. Aim it at the chosen recipient; then throw. If you flick your wrist just so, you get a nice spiral.

Once you have that trick mastered, try running and throwing the football. Note: Once the football is put into play, that is, after the quarterback has passed the football or the running back has been running, the only way a player can pass a football is called a 'lateral pass.' That means the player cannot throw it to another player who is in front of him on the field. It's a risky play — usually not done because the defensive coverage is in the way — but a good play if it can be pulled off.

Divide the group into offense and defense and work on formations. Huddle up, and devise a play that will boggle the mind and take the defense by surprise, and defense, try to think of every move the offense could make. Generally, they'll run or throw — not a large repertoire, no, but that's the way they do it in the pros. And if you're going to tackle, don't put your head down — you could hurt yourself.

That's the basic gist of how playing football goes. Everything else is unnecessary. Grab some friends and a football, and find a place to play. Girls, playing football is necessary to the free world. After all, why should guys have all the fun?





In A&E: 'Seussical' dazzles Family Weekend audiences



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## Column One News

### Math professor honored for service

Manyon Idol, associate professor of math, has been named the recipient of the first E. Vance Davis Distinguished Service Award. Idol's 40 years of service to the university have seen him teaching during both the day and evening programs, earning consistent accolades from his students and fellow faculty members.

The award was named in Davis' honor for his 31 years of teaching and service at the University. Davis, vice president for academic affairs and dean of arts and sciences, holds the academic rank of professor of religion and philosophy and teaches in both the day and evening programs.

Davis has been responsible for the successful restructuring of the University's day and evening programs. His achievements include developing a graduate studies program, an international studies program and the change to NCAA Division I status for the athletic programs.

### 'In Russet Mantle Clad' to be performed Nov. 19-20

The Theater Department will present "In Russet Mantle Clad," a 40-minute one-act play, on Nov. 19 and 20.

The plot centers around two females, played by Christina Holleran and Karyn Stebbins, who disguise themselves as men in order to enlist in Napoleon's army. Along the way, the characters learn about friendship, trust, loyalty, greed and sacrifice. Katrina Breitenbach directs the play in her senior seminar production.

The drama features sword and hand combat on stage that was professionally choreographed by Steven Hyers.

The play, which was written by Terry Kroenung, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. both nights in the Empty Space Theatre. Admission is free, but a donation of canned food is requested. All food collected will be delivered to local food banks.

### Students invited to take part in variety of Christmas activities

-On Dec. 6, the annual Christmas Dinner will be held in the Panther Commons from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

-On Dec. 8, the Festival of Lessons and Carols will begin in Hayworth Chapel at 6 p.m. and will be immediately followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of Smith Library.

-On Dec. 9, the campus community can see the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival's production of "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are free and can be secured by visiting the Hayworth Fine Arts Center Box Office.

compiled by Andrea Griffith

## Off-campus assault injures two Lambda Chi Alpha members

By Andrea Griffith  
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Two members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity sustained serious injuries following an assault that occurred after an off-campus Halloween party.

Hunter Gray, 21, was shot near the elbow and Rob Salerno, 21, was beaten around the face and his leg was broken. Both are seniors who resided at 817 Fifth St.

The confrontation began when an invited group that included one student crashed a party hosted by Lambda Chi Alpha on O.A. Kirkman Way. One person from the group was seen leaving the



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY  
THE ASSAULT OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF THIS HOUSE, THE VICTIMS' FIFTH STREET RESIDENCE.

party with what appeared to be a tool set tucked under his shirt. A fight ensued on Fifth Street when some LCA members confronted the alleged thieves. According to Gart Evans, dean of students,

the dispute began as verbal and turned physical. An off-duty police officer monitoring

campus arrived as the crowd dispersed.

Gray described the initial altercation as short. Evans said that the members of the fraternity were then accused

of stealing boots and a hat at their home on Fifth Street. According to Evans, the items were returned to the non-student group by one of the home's residents. Gray said that these items were taken when a fraternity brother saw them lying in the street after the initial fight and assumed that they belonged to one of his brothers.

Fraternity members and other students returned to campus shortly after this, according to Gray. He remembers seeing a car driving to the top of a nearby hill. He and Salerno were on the front porch of the house. His roommates were inside. Gray said his roommate reported hearing two gunshots.

High Point Police responded to a disturbance call at 2:41 a.m. on Nov. 1, according to the police report. Gray said he experienced a blackout and has no

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## Statistics about crime on campus revealed

By Gena Smith  
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Due to the recent off-campus shooting, attention has been focused on campus security and how safe being on campus really is. Many students have differing opinions, and the crime statistics can be used to support almost any view.

The crime statistics can be found on the university website in campus life under public safety. Under the statistics one will find a variety of categories which include: assaults, burglaries, drug violations, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts, among other headings. The most current stats are for the year 2003, which include 24 burglaries, a 70 percent increase from 2002's 17. There were 54 larcenies, a 50 percent increase from 2002.

For some perspective, Elon University had 24 burglaries in 2003, a huge jump from the mere one burglary reported in 2002. In addition, there were 37 breaking and entering reports filed. At Winthrop, there were 115 larcenies last year, 9 burglaries and 32 arrests for drug and alcohol violations.

According to Bob Clark, director of public safety, most of the larcenies were

vehicle break-ins. Since the lighting has been upgraded this year, there have been only two larcenies.

"[Campus security] isn't just the job of the officers or those of us who work in safety and security. It's everyone's job," said Clark. He said it is necessary that the students don't leave cell phones or lap tops or CD players in open view because there are people who walk around campus looking to see what is inside everyone's car. Clark said that since the off-campus shooting, he has talked to many students and every story about a student feeling unsafe never ends with "so I reported it to the security office."

"The key to us is information," said Clark. "We have to rely on the student. If safety doesn't know, we can't do anything. The [students] see more than we do."

Clark stressed the importance of each student reporting sketchy situations to the office, even if they seem insignificant. And if a student wants to be anonymous, there is a "Crime Stoppers" button on the web-page where he can send an email right to Clark.

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## Bowles visits HPU on final campaign day

By Elizabeth Rathvon  
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On the final day of his campaign, Democrat Erskine Bowles, a candidate for the U.S. Senate from North Carolina, visited campus to discuss his plans for office.

"Put partisan politics aside," said Bowles. He offered proposals for increas-



BOWLES LOST HIS RUN FOR SENATE TO REPUBLICAN RICHARD BURR

ing jobs and trade, curtailing outsourcing and improving health care and homeland security. His main approach was to bring Democrats and Repub-

licans together.

To keep America on the cutting edge, Bowles said the United States needs to reduce the number of jobs lost through

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## Staff Editorial

# Concerns raised in aftermath of assault

A night that began as a holiday celebration ended with questions about student safety and personal responsibility when an off-campus Halloween party led to multiple confrontations between students and non-students and culminated in injuries for two Lambda Chi Alpha members.

The incident rattled the campus community, including Gert Evans, dean of students. Despite his background in police work, Evans said he was profoundly affected when he arrived at the scene of the crime, an off-campus house on Fifth Street.

The coming days and weeks were probably among the toughest Evans has experienced as dean of students. He arranged alternate housing options for students who felt unsafe, he counseled members of Lambda Chi Alpha and he spoke to concerned parents.

Perhaps even more importantly, he added two off-duty cops to the night shift so that the area could be better monitored.

Though Evans admits that the safety of students is always a concern, students must take some responsibility to behave rationally when partying and to act in the interest of their own safety. Alcohol tends to heighten confrontations and overrule reason, something that those consuming it must remember. To prevent similar oc-

currences in the future, students must remember that when they attend parties off campus, they are choosing to co-exist with the surrounding community. Behavior must be kept in check to avoid trouble.

A committee of administrators and

students should be created that works to make responsible partying more conducive to campus. If partying was more tolerated on campus, stu-

"...Students must take some responsibility to behave rationally when partying and to act in the interest of their own safety..."

dents would be less likely to leave campus and would be safer. This would cut down on off-campus confrontations as well as drunk driving and the danger that can arise for students walking through dark streets. Two years ago, most students partied at the fraternity houses. Today, the fraternity basements are the only on-campus site available for parties, and often the crowds that gather there on the weekends are dispersed early in the evening, leading students to find other venues.

Campus security isn't responsible for the incident on Fifth Street, because it happened at an off-campus location. But campus officials were responsible for act-

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## Coming back together after a divisive election

It was not until the day after the election that John Kerry spoke the most encouraging and hopeful words of the entire political season.



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coming together. Today I hope that we can begin the healing." Although somewhat late, after himself having partici-

pated in an election year characterized by harsh partisan attacks, Kerry concluded the brutal election with the much-needed tone of reconciliation.

Unfortunately, other Democrats have not followed Kerry's lead.

Maureen Dowd, a widely circulated columnist, described Bush's victory as the emergence of "another dark age," where the United States "stirs intolerance" and is poised to replace science and compassion with faith and paranoia. Watch any

debate show on cable news and it becomes apparent that this opinion isn't limited to Maureen Dowd. The "red states" are viewed almost with disdain by many as hotbeds of intolerance, paranoia, and archaic religion.

Republicans tend to make equally vicious arguments against the "blue states" and Democrats. Many conservatives view Democrats as amoral, anti-religious and powerful elites. Following the election, many Republican commentators, such as George Will and Sean Hannity, continued to deride the Democrats as out-of-touch liberals. Apparently 48 percent of all voters were also "out of touch," with...themselves? Republicans need to focus on pursuing their positive agenda, rather than continually dwelling on their negative views of Democrats.

However, the Democratic Party is the party out of power and the party that

must attract more voters. The more Democrats emit intolerance and hatred towards red states, the more they are guaranteeing continued Republican dominance of those areas. Even though it is a minority of

Democrats that use such extreme and divisive rhetoric, the ones that do so are often the figures that get the loudest microphone or longest column in *The New*

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## What went wrong with the Democratic Party?

In the wake of the substantial Republican victory in the recent election, the



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leader Tom Daschle. The question remains: Is the Democratic Party in a tail-spin?

The 2004 defeat of the Democrats lies in stark contrast to the 2000 loss by Al Gore. A scandal-free vice president who served in peacetime and a period of amazing economic growth finished a stunningly close second to the Texas governor.

However, John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran, did not fare as well. This is especially surprising to some Democratic Party leaders who were confident the bloody post-war period in Iraq, less than expected job growth and record-breaking

fund-raising successes would all equal victory for the liberals.

Yet it isn't difficult to see the breakdown of the nation; when viewing the recent election map, the landscape is quite clear. The heartland of the nation strongly supported Republican ideals. Kerry carried no state south of Maryland, despite the appeal the Democratic Senator supposedly established in pre-election debates. It is evident that the only states still in support of the liberal cause are those in the extreme Northeast, North Central (Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois) and the Northwest. California also remains staunchly Democratic to no one's surprise.

But what went wrong? One reason may be that despite the arguments that the President's tax cuts don't help the working class, it would appear that the Repub-

lican Party has taken the mantle as the party of the average American. Perhaps another reason is the moral fabric of our nation. Exit polls indicated a major factor in this

election's turnouts was moral values, and those voters chose Bush over Kerry.

Yet another reason may be the perception of the men themselves. The heart-

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"The heartland of the nation strongly supported Republican ideals. Kerry carried no state south of Maryland..."



## Chivalry: still alive, or slain by the Feminists?

By Rebecca Fleming  
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"Chivalry is dead because women killed it," a guy friend told me one evening while I was doing some office work. Trying to balance eating double-stuff Oreos and updating the directory of our church's youth program, I left his observation untouched. Meaning I didn't say anything to him about it. But I did hear him and I agree.

I'm a Southern Belle born and bred, and an integral part of Southern tradition is the Southern Gentleman. At the risk of a resounding "Duh!" from the audience, let me say that a Southern Gentleman lived and breathed chivalry. He was chivalry incarnate. OK, wait, maybe the medieval knights of legend were chivalry incarnate. So would that make the Southern Gentleman the last surviving knight? Eh, we'll just say that they're modern-day knights. Only, there's not very many of them left. Which is a major problem.

Chivalry is dead.

Anyone can recognize that as truth — all you have to do is look around. If chivalry were still the norm, would guys do half of what they do? How many knights in Arthurian legend ask a girl out and use "Oh, it's OK because I've already got a girlfriend" as justification? That reasoning is just plain stupid! Or how many instances have you read about, or seen in a movie, where a Southern Gentleman spends all his time and energy avoiding his beloved? It just didn't happen, because that's not what chivalry is. I took a class on Love, Honor and Chivalry spring semester, and what we learned about chivalry is not what I see in most guys.

Chivalry is really a give-and-take thing. The man honors and reveres his ladylove, respecting her as the source and

inspiration of all things good. His desire to please her drives him in his quest for greatness. The worth of the lady gives the man his worth. A little complicated perhaps, especially when you remember that the lady has responsibilities, too. She is supposed to be pure and lovely, good and kind. In a word, she is to be a Lady. Her job is to encourage and inspire, as well as to love and cherish. Which brings me to a key point in my friend's comment.

Chivalry is dead because women killed it. Yes, I agree 100 percent. I'm not really sure why, but I do know that we killed chivalry, ladies. What were we thinking? While I have no concrete answers, I have a theory: Feminism killed chivalry. This modern world is driven by the Feminist belief that women are sup-

posed to be strong. And if women are strong, why do they need a protector—someone to look after them and ensure their well-being? A knight to love, honor and cherish them as he reaches for the ideal, drawing from her strength and inspiration? No modern woman wants that. Or

does she?

Any given day I can point out girls who are sick and tired of the lack of chivalry in this world; hey, I'm one of them. I have lost patience with guys asking me out who already have girlfriends, but I haven't given up all hope. Most girls sit around complaining, without making an effort to change the way they do things. But chivalry is not completely dead, just mostly dead, like Wesley (Cary Elwes) was in "The Princess Bride" after being hooked to that really weird machine that sucked life out. I believe there are still knights out in the world. And I believe that if girls go to Miracle Max's (Billy Crystal) and take action, getting a magic pill of some kind, there just might be a resurrection of chivalry.

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## Women still have far to go in American society

Some people believe the Women's Movement ended in 1919 with the women's suffrage amendment to the Constitution or in the '70s after Roe v. Wade. Women then were taking the workplaces by storm and had found a niche in society as money makers.



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The '80s saw the rise of the single woman, allowing her all the independence she deserved, including freedom over herself and her body. The 90's gave birth to a generation of women who have been told they can be anything they want and have control over themselves and their lives.

Now in this new millennium, so much can happen with the contribution of women to society. During the recent elections in Afghanistan, the first voter to cast a ballot was a woman. Other women flocked to the polls to make their voices heard and stood in line for hours.

With all these achievements, what is wrong with women's rights today? We should ask President Bush. In mid-October before the election, he refused to sign a UN resolution, constructed and signed by the United States 10 years ago that

has finally gained approval by the UN. The resolution deals with the protection of women in the workplace, including having the same wage as men, and securing equal education and health care for women, as well as the protection of "sexual rights," including the right to abortion. This last reason was why Bush did not sign the resolution. According

to the Associated Press, the 1994 draft of the document signed by 179 countries, including the United States, says that every woman has the "right to make decisions concerning reproduction, [to be] free of discrimination, coercion and violence as expressed in human rights documents." However, because of President Bush's agenda, he did not approve the final draft.

Why, as an independent individual, can't I decide what to do with my life or my own body? Why is that so controversial? I choose when to have sex (if not, then it is rape); I choose what protection to use if I use it because women are biologically left to face the consequences of pregnancy while men can weasel out of it. Usually women are left alone with external pressures from parents, husbands, lovers and society to guide them. These influences all have mixed and misleading agendas. Since women are usually left with the short end of the stick, sexual rights for women should officially be protected. If they are not, then that is in direct violation of every principle saying that women are people.

Women are people, too; that belief is all feminism is. We deserve the same amount of wages that men do, but we receive three-quarters of what men make for the same work. Single mothers have to work longer for the same amount of money to support their kids, while single fathers

get all their wages, but there are large numbers of deadbeat dads in America today. If the conservatives believe that the family is the foundation of America, why do they make a single mother work longer for money to support the family that she cannot be with?

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"With all these achievements, what is wrong with women's rights today? We should ask President Bush."

## Peterson case indicative of a cultural problem

*Isn't the media's sensationalism a waste of time and energy?*

The verdict came down last Friday in the trial of Scott Peterson, and he was found guilty of murdering his wife Laci and unborn child. Sentencing has not been completed, but it looks as if Scott



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will either receive the death penalty or life without parole. And every step of the way, from the day Laci was reported missing right up through the trial, the

American media and a disturbing number of individuals simply can't get enough of this case.

I don't remember this much hubbub over a case since the OJ trial. That was by far worse, but I understood the sensationalism. OJ was a celebrity with a high-priced, flashy and conniving defense

team. There was a controversial, perhaps mismanaged investigation whose every aspect was dissected in court. The trial was televised, so every day the pundits had something new to scrutinize and the comics had something new to mock. And, sadly, there was an element of social tension, similar to the Rodney King case. Somehow, everyone seemed to have a stake in the OJ trial. The Peterson trial was not far removed from this, either.

In both instances, the real tragedy was forgotten. In the OJ case, so many people either wanted to see OJ or the LAPD in prison that it became almost a team sport. And the grandstanding and defense tactics, the sheer Hollywood nature of the whole trial, were such that it became entertainment. It became a laughingstock, in spite of the

fact that a wife and mother and another man were brutally murdered. The Peterson case bears great resemblance to this: overpriced and unscrupulous defense attorneys, a media barrage, celebrity status for most of the major players. And again, and most importantly, the victims have been forgotten. A pregnant wife was

murdered in cold blood. But no one cares about her or the unborn son or the families of the parties harmed, but about the trial.

It is a sad fact that murders occur every day in this country. Why was the Peterson case picked to be the focus of national attention? I can't answer that question.

But I think it is symptomatic of a serious problem in our culture. It appears that many Americans need an escape, something to become wrapped up and lost

"Aren't we better than soap operas, reality TV and celebrity court cases? Aren't there better things with which to fill our minds and spend our time?"

in, something, anything to be concerned about that carries us away from ourselves. We love to be entertained. We are rapidly becoming a "sit-down" society. School teaches us to take life sitting down — we sit, complacently, while someone tells us what's what. Then we graduate and get a job so someone else can tell us what to do and how to do it. We go home at the end of the day and sit down and just want to be told what's what by someone else, beaming in from a satellite in space. Aren't we better than soap operas, reality TV and celebrity court cases? Aren't there better things with which to fill our minds and spend our time?

I hope that there are. That so many people care about something like the Peterson case or the OJ trial — for the wrong reasons — should be a cause of concern. That so many people have nothing better to do than follow things that are ultimately so trivial says a lot. It won't end. There will be another trial of the century just around the corner — probably

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# Crossfire: the debate on stem cell research

## Staff writers clash over a complex and divisive issue

### The real deal on embryonic vs. adult stem cells

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On Sept. 1, 2004, polls showed that Americans support adult stem cell research over embryonic stem cells by 61 percent to 23 percent and oppose cloning of humans 80 percent to 13 percent. If the American people want adult stem cells, why would the biotech and pharmaceutical companies want embryo stem cells? Why do so many support adult stem cells over embryo stem cells?

Adult stem cells can be found in your skin. They develop into more skin, muscles or other tissues. Adult stem cells can be extracted from the brain to create nerves and neurons, and neural stem cells can make 10 types of tissues for heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. In fact, adult stem cells can be extracted from fat tissue (including that from liposuction), umbilical cords, cadavers and placentas.

ABC News reported on March 6, 2004 that a 16-year-old boy had been shot in the heart with a nail gun. The nail had damaged the muscle of the heart, so he received adult stem cells taken from his own blood to repair the damage done by the nail. In another story out of Chicago, a doctor used adult stem cells to cure a

patient, Matt Kruysman, suffering from multiple sclerosis. Matt is in "almost total remission from the disease," according to NBC5 Health Watch.

Adult cells have been used for 20 years to cure leukemia, and recently to treat Type 1 diabetes, heart disease, sickle cell anemia and cancers. In addition, adult stem cells have been used for treatment of multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, burn patients and spinal cord injuries in hospitals across the country. Studies show adult stem cells have allowed 11 out of 15 Type 1 diabetes patients to become "completely off insulin."

In the media you may have heard several famous people supporting embryo stem cell research, such as, Michael J. Fox, Christopher Reeve, Mary Tyler Moore and Kevin Kline. What about Joni Eareckson Tada? She has been a quadriplegic since 1967 and she is a famous

artist, known for painting with her teeth. Tada has served twice on the National Council on Disability. She has for years been an advocate of adult stem cell research and featured on Larry King Live, Faith Under Fire and Fox News. Tada has

said, "I want people to know that not all Americans with disabilities believe in using human embryos."

Instead of famous actors, you may want to hear from scientists and doctors who understand medicine and its effect on your body. Dr. Davis Prentice of Indiana State University said, "All we have from embryo stem cells are promises."

Dr. David Stevens, of the Christian Medical Association, said, "Adult stem cells offer no transplant rejection" and they "avoid sacrificing moral principles." In addition, "Adult stem cells are like babies... They can become many tissues by making certain changes in their environment," according to Dr. Marc Hedrick

of the UCLA School of Medicine.

Steve Jordahl, a scientist at University of Minnesota, has found new stem cells in bone marrow that might make embryonic stem cells unnecessary. Ronald D.G. McKay, stem cell researcher at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes, said that "people need a fairy tale" and "scientists have allowed society to believe wrongly that embryo stem cells are likely to effectively treat Alzheimer's disease."

Kevin Fitzgerald, professor of medicine at Loyola University, has stated, "Adult stem cells are much closer to therapeutic application; embryonic stem cells [can grow] into...tumors. Injected adult stem cells are better behaved."

The media have dispensed false information that needs to be corrected. The Bush administration has not enforced a "ban on stem cell research." The truth is that there has been a restriction preventing additional destruction of embryos. The Bush administration has provided over \$25 million for embryo research, and \$250 million has been funded to support non-embryo stem cell research in umbilical cords, placentas and animals.

Millions of dollars are being spent each year by private corporations such as biotech and pharmaceutical companies studying embryo stem cells. These companies are pushing for wide-open access to federal funds for embryonic stem cell research. If they can gain federal grants to pay for the research, instead of their own revenue, they will make more money. If they were to succeed even in the smallest degree, they will reap all the profits and awards. Your tax dollars would have been used to gain profits that only that corporation will ever see.

The media use Ronald Reagan's death as a call from embryo stem cell research for Alzheimer's disease. Michael Reagan, board member of the John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation, had this to say, "My father Ronald Reagan and I are long time foes of embryo stem cells. Furthermore, scientists and doctors that advocate embryo stem cells have stated that stem cells may never be a cure for Alzheimer's because stem cells are used to correct a problem caused by one single type of cells, while Alzheimer's is caused by several varieties of cells."

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lands strongly voted for President Bush despite the fact that the Democratic Party may potentially have helped the region more. As one Bostonian said, "Kerry comes across as a son of privilege, a product of the Eastern elite that people out there can't stand... They voted for Bush because they think he's a good old boy."

Regardless of the reasons, President Bush defeated Senator Kerry soundly. No longer can the statements of "selected, not elected" be uttered with any validity. With back-to-back defeats in the presidency and a continuing run of Republican control in Congress, the Democrats appear to be in trouble. Certainly the Democratic Party has something to contemplate before 2008.

### Miraculous potential of stem cells is staggering, if closely controlled

Resolving moral dilemma key to developing this emerging science

During the recent election season, embryonic stem cell research was a hot topic among liberals and conservatives alike, with Ronald Reagan's son speaking in favor of the research at both conventions. The debate will no doubt continue over the next years as medical technology advances and the benefits become clearer. However, research cannot move forward as quickly without complete federal funding, and in order for scientists to receive that funding, the moral issues at the center of the debate must be resolved.

Many who are pro-life are against stem cell research because of its use of human embryos; however, not as many conservatives oppose the issue as one might believe. An ABC News poll showed that even among those who feel abortion should be illegal, 40 percent support stem cell research, and those typically considered conservative are in a dead heat, with 45 percent of the individuals questioned on each side. So, why is there the apparent discrepancy? Stem cell research and abortion are not directly related. Current stem cell research relies on embryos leftover from in-vitro fertilization that would be dis-

carded anyway. Therefore, embryos which have never been implanted and will never be used to create life, are being used in an alternate way to improve life.

The possibilities of the research are unlimited. Cell therapies have the potential to lead to cures for cancer, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and many other life-threatening illnesses. Technology could be used to repair spinal injuries, allowing paralytics to feel and move again. Patients would not have to wait months for organ donors, but could revitalize their own organs with new tissue or possibly one day even replace their own organs without the chance of rejection. While there

are negative possibilities inherent in any new medical development, the possible benefits outweigh the risks if the research is handled properly.

One of the greatest risks would be the potential to create a market for selling human embryos, but fortunately, legislation is already in place banning this practice. During the Clinton administration, limited research was allowed under tightly regulated conditions. If this were to continue, the research could benefit a large majority of the country without causing a significant threat to anyone. It

should never become a process wherein women get pregnant in order to give their children up for research — and with proper regulations it never will. It is not taking one life for another, nor is it human cloning. It is the cloning of a cell from a fertilized egg which will never become a child regardless of whether the research occurs. Parents now also have the opportunity to save their child's umbilical cord at the time of birth, which can later be used for cell research as well, at no harm to the child.

I would never support anything which diminished the value of human life. I do not support abortion except in extreme circumstances, and I do not support cloning research. I would never support anything which threat-

ened the life of an innocent child or adult. But I do not feel that stem cell research does any of these things or shows a support of abortion or cloning. If properly controlled, embryonic stem cell research has the power to do amazing things. And I know if it was my spouse, my parent or my child suffering from an incurable paralysis, or lying in bed waiting to die from a terminal disease, I would want to do anything I could to help them. I would not want to watch my loved one suffer unnecessarily, knowing that there was another option.

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## 'I really am a nice guy': the need for civility in politics, on campus and off

With regards to politics, here is my advice to the whole campus. Faculty, staff, students, liberals, conservatives, and moderates, please take political issues with good humor. You can be pas-



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sionate and outspoken about your political views and still associate with others who disagree. This is a very achievable goal if we approach politics with good humor. Discussion of political issues can become very heated and passionate, especially for individuals who have strong opinions about a particular issue. Take me for example. I am a political junkie and, as you already know, I am very outspoken about my political views. My politics, of course, are conservative. I hold nothing against my liberal friends who disagree with me on every single issue. In fact, I love to discuss issues with people who disagree with me. That makes things more interesting. Yet, many times when discussing these issues I may come across as rude, mean, or disrespectful. You must understand that I hold nothing against you if I may shoot down your idea as nonsense. That is merely my personality. I tend to be very blunt when discussing politics. I mean no harm. Everything is done in good fun. So, if I have

angered, offended, or possibly insulted you in anyway before, I apologize. Just remember next time that I really do not hate you. I just have strong opinions, feel very passionate about them, and don't mind telling you so, but I really do enjoy the debate.

Given what I have just said, I take the same approach when operating and organizing events for the club I head up, the College Republicans. I do not mind taking on controversial issues and bringing them out in the open to discuss. I have done this with several events organized by our club. Again, my friends on the other side of the aisle may think that I am merely trying to agitate them. I do know that will happen when a controversial subject comes up, but the attempt is not deliberate. Just for example, our speaker we recently had on campus Daniel Flynn. He is a very controversial figure who discusses very controversial subject matter. No harm was to be done by having him speak. We, as an organization, just want to have an active and open dialogue about such issues and bring awareness to the problems he mentioned. Are not universities supposed to be a forum for all ideas to be discussed freely in order to better society? Our organization is creating that forum and we encourage others to join.

Free speech is something we all cher-

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ish. That fundamental right is the cornerstone of our great society. Free speech allows us the possibility to discuss controversial issues on campus. In a society that has the right to free speech with almost no restrictions, we, as citizens of this great land, must make the commitment to listen with an open mind. We must not be a nation that is offended so easily. We need to have respect for another

idea, but in the end realize that we must agree to disagree.

I was disappointed by the actions of some of my liberal friends when they tore down the fliers posted for Daniel Flynn's speech. Before destroying the property of others and denigrating their character when you disagree, why not hear them out first? When the College Democrats held a viewing for Fahrenheit 9/11, I was not offended nor did I tear down any signs. I encourage that kind of activity on campus. I encourage my liberal friends to bring in controversial speakers of the Left. I would love to listen to the lecture and challenge the speaker.

I respect your right to exercise free speech, so please respect mine. Approach me if you disagree with me. I really am a nice guy, and please, approach politics with good humor. We need more politicians in the world.

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York Times.

Americans, both Republican and Democrat, need to take Kerry's advice and find room for common ground. Neither party should abandon its core values by any means. Bush was elected by both an electoral and popular majority and has every right to actively pursue the issues he discussed in the campaign. Compromise isn't necessary; understanding is. The mentality of "us" versus "them," of red states against blue states, needs to end. Neither party needs to change values, but both parties should work to end the name-calling and stereotyping.

It's no wonder that "moral values" played a key role in the presidential election, because in the heated rhetoric of today, every issue has become a moral issue. To many Republicans, supporting peaceful alternatives in Iraq, government-sponsored health care and greater taxes on the rich have become almost immoral opinions. Likewise, many Democrats view privatizing social security, a ban on gay marriage and the war in Iraq as immoral. In reality, both Republicans and Democrats want the same thing: a safe and prosperous America. They merely disagree on how to obtain that ideal. Republicans and their ideas aren't evil. Democrats and their ideas aren't evil. American political history is filled with examples of continuous, and sometimes fierce, debate. We don't all have to agree, nor should we, but we should be respectful and tolerant in our disagreements.

## Liberals also love America

*I'm patriotic also, but recognize and work to correct flaws*

By Derek Shealey  
Staff Writer

Why is the Left getting such a bad rap these days? It seems as if the re-election of President Bush and the emergence of a Republican-controlled Senate have created an unfriendly environment for Democrats.

Everywhere I turn, I see another political statement or talk show host denouncing liberals as anti-American, ruthless and ungrateful. There has been more hostility directed toward Left-leaning personalities, such as Michael Moore, than some of the Right's more outspoken political pundits, such as Anne Coulter.

I believe that everyone should have the freedom to express whatever views they wish.

Dissent has always been a necessary tool for maintaining a democracy, and because of this, it remains one of the Left's most endearing values. The liberal agenda isn't one of hatred. Liberals are best described as Americans who recognize the injustices of society, but at the same time, embrace the notion of working to change all that.

The metaphor which I use to describe the opposing perspectives of the Left and the Right is a very familiar one, child-rearing. Imagine if you were the proud parent of a son or daughter. Wouldn't you want that child, a living, developing entity, to become a bright and honorable adult? You love your child unconditionally, but if he has considerable personality flaws, you'd like to see him improve. That's the mindset with which liberals view this country. We are proud to be Americans, but we acknowledge that social problems do exist. We want to eradicate these problems so that America can live up to the promise of its foundations. Some Right-wing types are like the parents who refuse to believe there's anything wrong with their child (country), which is often a delusion. They manage to live in denial of this government's economic and social failures. Anyone who speaks out against these shortcomings is called a whiner and brushed aside.

As an American, I can honestly say that I love this country. It's not perfect, but at least we have optimism. There's still much work to be done in terms of realizing the dream of a Great Society. This country will only become more of a fair and just place if we remain open-minded enough to change it for the better.

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whenever cable news has a slow run and needs something to fill empty time slots. But at the very least this should make us all think about how we spend our time. It is not unlimited. It is not promised to us, whether it be the next day or the next second. If you don't spend your time on what is meaningful while you can, you may regret it when your time is up.

## Religion and morals are Democrats' territory, too

By Shane Holman  
Staff Writer

The 2004 presidential election has brought out the worst stereotypes of the major political parties. However, morality is said to have been what swung the election results. Evangelicals flooded the polls voting for the Republican Party in the belief that Republicans are a more moral and religious party.

This stereotype is misleading. The platform for the Democratic Party is to help the poor and middle class, make a stronger economy, make health care affordable and protect the environment. The 2004 Democratic Platform for America says, "We have a plan to help our people grow strong, healthy families; securing quality health care, offering world-class education, and ensuring clean air and water." These are the defining causes of the Democratic Party. Therefore, Democrats don't seem to be lacking morals or religion. In fact, the opposite seems true. Supporting the environment, a stronger economy and bettering social policy are a morally correct agenda.

Even though the majority of the be-

liefs of the Democratic Party are morally correct, some people still concentrate on a few very specific issues like abortion and embryonic stem cell research. What many people fail to realize is that supporting these issues just means that you favor having the option of an abortion or the benefits of embryonic stem cell research.

It is important to note that there are a significant number of Americans who are not Christians. It would be unjust to hold non-Christians to Christian values by law. People should have the freedom of choice, the choices of career, education, religion, abortion and embryonic stem cell use. This nation was founded on opportunity and freedom; it is not time to throw these foundations away. Let's leave the choice with the individual.

A final note to consider is that you do not have to support every belief of a political party. It is rare, if ever, that a person approves of all of the principles of any party. Therefore, you must decide which party you support based on its platform, not just on the specific, controversial issues.

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# Professor's travels impact his religious, political views

By Megan Powers  
Staff Writer

When Dr. Jean-Francois Llorens agreed to speak to the Journalism I class, he most likely felt that he was merely fulfilling an assignment. This world traveler, who follows his heart instead of tourist guides, did not know he would leave a lasting impression on many of the students.

His passion for living to the fullest could not be ignored as he paced the room trying to fit his odyssey into 40 minutes of discussion. Indeed, Llorens seemed to revving himself up for another motorcycle trip across America or bicycle ride through half of India.

Born in Algeria, he traveled by himself as a teenager in Germany and took degrees in France and America. A natural philosopher, he offered verbal snapshots of his life, urging students to create their own lives instead of following obvious paths. Travel, like all experience, is "an open book which nothing is written on... Whatever you do changes you." You must fill your own pages. In India, he learned to cope with hordes of beggars waving their deformed limbs; in a backstreet bar in Venice, he met gondoliers who treated him like a prince.

As he said, "You have to have memories after that." Llorens' travels are not

mere overviews, but rather intimate examinations.

His openness extends to his religion as well. Although he was raised Catholic, he has come to see validity in Islam and Buddhism. He believes it is "difficult to just belong to one [religion]" and suggests that you must "think about your inner self," not merely the outward forms of faith.



PROFESSOR LLORENS

PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

Llorens contends that the "definition we have of church may be a bit limited," and if you were to take on his attitude of openness, you would see the disadvantages of limiting yourself. A man who finds beauty in many cultures other than his own, and, in fact, married someone of a culture not his own, and lives in a country that he still does not call his own, cannot help but feel that anything that is strictly defined is inadequate.

He has a skeptical perspective on politics. Asked about the then-upcoming election, he said, "If elections actually did change something, they would have been outlawed a long time ago." He sees the election as part of a larger game, in which candidates are only players acting their parts.

Following his heart (and little bit of destiny) led him to his wife, a travel writer, his two children and the life that

he now enjoys. The couple met in India by chance, not once, but twice, and then once again in Thailand. Finally he decided that these encounters might signify something more than chance and decided to pursue the intriguing American. Twenty-four years later they are still married happily, still traveling together as they did all those years ago.

So, his love of cultures takes him

away from home and ultimately brings him back. He encourages everyone to travel as he has. If you do so, "you will be a better American than you were before because you will know why [you love your country]."

And if you are lucky, you will also find your way to a life that you can be in love with everyday, as he seems to be with his.

## Crime, continued from front page

Students have their own take on the status of campus safety.

"The whole campus is very reactive instead of proactive about a lot of things," said junior Lisa Bingham. "The administration waits until something happens to fix problems instead of preventing those problems from happening in the first place. The university doesn't care unless it looks bad. The minute it looks bad, it will do something."

Sophomore Jake Lawrence disagrees: "I think that no matter what precautions are taken, there is always going to be danger; there will always be a hole no matter what. If you look at on-campus crime, there haven't been many violent crimes."

And Resident Assistant PJ Daniel,

a senior, said, "I still feel safe on this campus since this is a much slower lifestyle and setting than what I'm from, but that being said still doesn't negate the fact that crime can happen anywhere."

I've been in places where people have been shot before, so I wasn't too overwhelmed by the news, but I did feel compassion for the victims." Daniel has lived right outside of Washington, D.C. for 21 years.

The university is expanding the security system. In the works is a new surveillance system which is going through the contracting process. Meanwhile, the university has hired additional city police officers to

patrol around campus.

Sophomore Todd Simons jokingly said, "There should be a huge fence around campus: one way in, one way out."

Maybe it's the solution that is needed.

## 2003 Crime Statistics

### High Point University:

24 burglaries  
54 larcenies

### Elon University:

24 burglaries  
37 breaking and enterings

### Winthrop University:

115 larcenies  
9 burglaries  
32 arrests for drug and alcohol violations

## Assault, continued from front page

memory of the incident itself. He remember being strapped to a gurney when he woke up, covered in blood.

Gray was transported to High Point Regional Hospital and flown to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Surgery was performed on his right arm. He was released on Nov. 2 and is expected to fully recover.

Gray said that though police and medical personnel at High Point Regional reported that he had been shot, staff at Baptist Medical Center said that he had been stabbed.

"All I know is I lost a lot of blood," said Gray.

Salerno returned to his home in Connecticut following surgery on his right leg. Gray said that Salerno plans to finish the semester by corresponding with professors online and should be fully recovered in about six months.

No arrests have been made in the case.

Students living at the Fifth Street house have since moved into the fraternity apartments for safety reasons, though Gray said that he felt the incident was a direct retaliation and wouldn't result in further confrontations.

Evans said that in the aftermath of the assault, student safety was his top concern. He arrived at the scene shortly after the attack and went to the hospital with Salerno.

The following day, Evans' office made arrangements for members of the

fraternity who needed counseling and spoke with students and parents about the incident.

"We've done what we've thought we've needed to do," said Evans. "The main concern is students' welfare."

Part of that concern has meant improving security measures around campus. Evans said that since the incident, the university has gone from employing one off-duty police officer on campus every night to employing three. These additional officers monitor the area around O.A. Kirkman Way and Fifth Street from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. He said this will continue indefinitely.

Though Evans did not justify the actions of the suspects, he acknowledged that students must assume some responsibility for staying safe, especially when they attend parties off campus.

"Part of going to school and growing up is realizing that we all have responsibilities," he said.

Evans said he will work in the future to help students understand the obligation they have to respect those around them when living off campus and to help them maintain order.

"The long and short of it is, we can never be everywhere all the time," he said of campus security.

Gray said that since the incident occurred off campus, he doesn't hold the university responsible, but is hoping that it has brought some attention to mounting violence on campus.

"I do think an incident of this grav-

ity was inevitable based on increasing violence around campus," he said.

He cited examples of an attempted mugging on campus over fall break and an incident involving some non-students brandishing a weapon near the fraternity apartments last spring.

Evans said that security has taken measures to improve in recent months by increasing lighting in parking lots. They also plan to install surveillance cameras behind Haworth Science and in each parking lot on Sixth Street.

Bethany Davoll, a junior who is a friend of Gray and Salerno, said that students would be safer if they stayed on campus for parties.

"Campus security and the people who own the fraternity apartments are making it so hard to party in the (fraternity) basements... By getting the parties off campus, you're making it more dangerous," she said.

Gray said that the fraternity houses that were torn down about two years ago helped keep students on campus.

"Those were the worst houses in the world, but I thought that was a great scene," he said. "Everyone was right there. You had all four fraternities there together... It was just a lot easier for people to check out the different scenes, whereas now it really is a lot more spaced out."

But Gray said the university probably couldn't do anything to stop students from partying off campus.

"The environment we have right now

isn't entirely anti-Greek or anti-party," he said. "Technically, the school could have police at every door checking IDs (when parties are held on campus). People go off campus because it's a change of venue."

Gray's father flew in from Amsterdam during his recovery. He said his parents mentioned that he might want to leave campus for the rest of the semester, but left the decision up to him.

"I'd rather be here for the rest of my senior year... If I did feel that I was in imminent danger, I would leave," he said.

Gray, a criminal justice major who has returned to classes, said that since the incident, he has reflected on the fact that he could have died. He has been pleasantly surprised with the outreach on campus, explaining that many people whom he doesn't regularly talk to have expressed concern.

"It's reassuring to see that people recognize what happened to you," he said. "It does more for me than them."

Davoll said Gray and Salerno aren't dwelling on what happened.

"They're thankful for all the support they got and they're just trying to move on and make sure everyone else moves on," she said.

Gray said he's already started joking about what happened, as a way to move past it.

"I've still got to take my tests, you know?" he said.



## MTV notables discuss importance of diversity

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

Real World cast members Theo and Jamie tell students that going to college is very similar to being on the Real World on MTV.

"If Real World didn't come around, I wouldn't have grown," said Theo from Real World: Chicago.

The two cast members gave a talk on diversity on Nov. 4 in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. They touched upon how diverse the world is and how people typically



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY  
JAMIE AND THEO BOTH ATTEND COLLEGE WHEN THEY ARE NOT SPEAKING TO STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

experience the importance of diversity when entering college. Students deal with roommates, people they've never met before and other cultures than their own. College is when most people begin to form who they're going to be for the rest of their lives, unlike high school where most people just want to blend in with everyone else.

"High school's all about fitting in," said Theo. "You're whatever everyone

wants you to be."

Theo went from a diverse high school to an all-black college. He felt like he was trapped, even though he, too, is black. He felt deprived of other colors, religions and views. He advises surrounding yourself with people who are different than you because those are the people you learn the most from.

Jamie from Real World: San Diego,

grew up in a Korean household. When she was young, she believed that being a white person equaled being a beautiful person. She now believes diversity is best if you want to

grow in this world.

"Learn more about them so they can learn more about you," she said.

The cast members concluded that we all make first impressions of people, and we seem to make them our last impressions. Theo and Jamie advocate shying away from our first impressions and giving everyone a chance.

"You learn more about yourself when you embrace others," said Theo.

## Lessons and Carols a campus holiday tradition

By Anna Sawyer  
Staff Writer

For students, December brings the dreaded preparation for final exams that involve prolonged typing, sleepless nights and eyestrain from studying that seems to last forever. It is hard to remember that "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," but a time-honored Christmas tradition at High Point University provides an uplifting indication of the holiday season.

The celebrated event is the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols began at the completion of the Hayworth Chapel and has been celebrated here for over 30 years. Dean of the Chapel Hal C. Warlick has been in charge of the service since he came to HPU in 1989. The service consists of the combination of nine readings of scripture and singing of familiar anthems and carols. The nine lessons and carols are performed by the Chapel Choir, the University Singers and members of the community.

The procession is based on the traditional festival at King's College Chapel of Cambridge, England. The first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was brought about because the Dean of King's was convinced that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship.

The procession at High Point used to consist of only faculty, with a different representative from each department reading the lessons. Three years ago, The Board of Stewards decided that the evening should involve the faculty, staff and students who worshipped in the chapel all year long. Alpha Delta Theta is a Christian sorority that has participated for years in addition to Alpha Kappa Al-

pha and the Senior Board of Stewards, and there are many administrators and townspeople who come and read.

Dr. Vance Davis, vice president for academic affairs, says, "It's always been a very positive, warm and special ceremony because it has a lot of music we know, and it's nice to start off the Christmas season with it." Senior Ken Diaz has attended in previous years and says, "I enjoy it very much; it reminds me that the holiday season is in the air, and it's also a glorification of the birth of Jesus Christ."

The Festival of Lessons and Carols has one of the highest attendance rates of any event at High Point University. A large offering is always collected. Last year the money went to The International Rescue Committee to help with the building of schools and the reconstruction of infrastructure in Iraq. The IRC is a non-profit, volunteer agency that provides assistance to refugees around the world and helps victims of war. This year, HPU will continue this tradition by donating the money to the Angel Tree program of the Salvation Army for underprivileged children. "That way when we are all home for Christmas, we know we are leaving something behind for the children," Warlick says.

After the final blessing is delivered, the chapel becomes dark, the congregation lights candles and sings "Silent Night." Luminaries placed by the Panhellenic Council light campus sidewalks. The participants will then walk with their candles to Smith Library for the lighting of the University Christmas Tree and the additional singing of carols. The festival provides warmth and raises the holiday spirit of the High Point community. "It's kind of like our Christmas play," Warlick states with a smile.

## Field trip to psychiatric hospital gives counseling students insight into the lives of the mentally ill

By Amanda Meadows  
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The stereotype of psychiatric hospitals includes steel bars, out-of-control patients and a sterile white environment. On Sept. 15, Dr. David Bergen's Introduction to Counseling Class took a field trip to John Umstead Psychiatric Hospital in Butner, where they discovered the reality of daily life at a mental hospital. As the students entered Umstead, they were amazed at how spacious and pleasant the property is. The grounds include 72 buildings and seven miles of hallways located on 200 acres of land. Senior Audrey Cecil said she was apprehensive before entering Umstead and expected to confront chain link fences, big iron gates and barbed wire but was surprised by how open the grounds were.

Umstead was built as an army training facility during World War II. In 1942, it was sold to the State of North Carolina for \$1. Cecil says that the hospital still has the feel of barracks, as if soldiers may run to and from each building at any minute.

The counseling class was given a tour of the grounds and prepared for interaction with some of the patients. A staff

representative spoke for almost an hour about what they would see and experience as they entered the patients' work environment. She encouraged the students to talk with the patients as they would anyone else.

The students helped the patients at their work--removing bar codes from spools of thread--and talked with the patients about their likes and dislikes. Cecil interacted with a 22-year-old woman and was surprised by how ordinary she appeared. They discussed the types of foods they liked, and though the job seemed menial to Cecil, she said the girl enjoys the work because it allows her to earn money for snacks and cigarettes. Umstead has a store in the hospital and snack and drink machines for the patients who have earned their own money. The young woman Cecil spoke with was looking forward to Christmas because she will be able to visit her

family for a few days.

The field trip allowed the students to remove the myths most people associate with the mentally ill and to view them as human beings. Cecil stated that "I learned that these people are just like you and I. They have the same wants and needs as other people. Most of them look forward to returning to their community someday."

The students learned through experience how to deal with the mentally ill.

They saw that these patients want to be treated as normal people. Bergen said, "The field trip was used to facilitate interactions between students and in-

dividuals with mental illnesses." This could be an impossible task for some, but Bergen's students accepted the new environment, respected the patients and learned techniques which will help them in class and later in their careers. In Audrey Cecil's words, "Mental illnesses

and mental hospitals are not scary; the patients aren't running around screaming and all the rooms aren't padded. It's a serene, reverent place that creates a safe environment for the patients, much like any other hospital."

Perhaps the greatest lesson the students learned is that while these patients have a mental illness, through medication and counseling, health care professionals can help them learn to cope with their condition. Cecil said, "One of the main things I learned on this field trip is that we cannot fix these people, but we can help them cope with their illness."

The mission of John Umstead Hospital is to provide an inpatient facility and to restore these patients to their optimal level of functioning and return them to society. With a staff-to-patient ratio of two to one and an annual budget of over \$59 million, Umstead is able to provide vocational counseling, job training, problem solving, money management and social skills training to help restore their patients.

Bergen hopes that students "will view mental illness as a common condition instead of a rare occurrence and see that mental illness is simply part of the human condition."

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# Favorite stories combined onstage in 'Seussical' on Family Weekend

Cast performs brilliantly; set is magnificent and imaginative

By Amanda Roberts  
A&E Editor

"In your thinks, do you dream?"

Dr. Seuss came alive on Family Weekend with a vibrant rendition of the musical "Seussical."

Bright colors flooded the stage while the imagination took flight as the audience was whisked back to childhood, recalling having these stories read to them.

"Seussical" tells the tales of Horton the elephant who discovers a planet in need of a savior, a child whose mind creates limitless fantasies and a bird who seeks the loving attention of Horton by growing a tail so long she cannot fly.

The beloved character of the Cat in the Hat serves as narrator for this musical, played by

Mike Maykish. Maykish brings the exuberance of the Cat to the stage, encouraging the audience's participation at points throughout the play and traveling around the auditorium to effect the vivacity of the character.

Adam Troy exhibits the sensitivity and strength needed for Horton. As Gertrude McFuzz, Meg Kinelly shines with sweetness and perseverance. Mayzie (Brittany Susko) brings sass and spunk to her character. The Bird Girls sparkle

as backup to Mayzie in their bright pink costumes.

The costumes designed for the musical dazzled; almost all costumes were bright, with the exception of Horton, who affected a grey ensemble to show that he was an elephant. It seemed a strange and effective juxtaposition of the somber colors of Horton and the glittering and



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PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

gleaming yellows, oranges, reds and blues of the various characters surrounding him.

Most of the people, particularly the minor characters, were cast several times. Joe Zito, who plays five different characters, said of working in the show, "Well, being in 'Seussical' was awesome, especially the bright colors."

The vocal parts were perfectly cast. As Horton, Adam Troy showcases his powerful voice. Amanda Troy, as Sour Kangaroo, saunters on the stage and blows

the audience away with her vocals. Matt Haynes, pulling double duty as the Grinch and Vlad Vladikoff, brings Elvis back to the stage with his motions and voice.

Chris Holmes and Christina Holleran, as Mayor and Mrs. Mayor, feed off each other, acting as a perfect set of parents for Jojo (Karen Grim). Holmes stepped out into the audience during a scene. The effect of both Maykish and Holmes entering the audience brought the show to a different level. The audience appeared to enjoy the interaction, and the cast seemed to feed off of the crowd's energy.

The supporting cast was amazing, with their zestfulness. Adam Utley as Schmitz affected a German accent, ordering the underlings about in typical boot camp fashion.

The music fits well with the show, at times a bit loud, but the overall effect is one of

cohesion and consistency. I found very few people dissatisfied with the production.

"I loved the show!" Jessica Culp exclaimed. Her father, visiting for Family Weekend, found it equally enjoyable.

"Oh the things you can think..." This play is beyond imagination. The set is so colorful you almost need sunglasses, but so well put together, it exemplifies everything Theodore Geisel/Dr. Seuss could want for a compilation of his books.

# Dangerfield dies; humor lives on

By Derek Shealey  
Staff Writer

It was a sad day in the entertainment world on Oct. 5, 2004, when legendary comedian Rodney Dangerfield died at the age of 82. A comic genius, Dangerfield was well-known for his hilarious, self-deprecating stand-up routines. He would swagger across the stage, looking beleaguered and deliver such punchlines as, "I was very, very ugly. When I was born, the doctor slapped my mother." The charismatic Dangerfield founded his trademark style on the appealing idea of laughing in the face of misery.

I've always believed that in life, a sense of humor is essential if you want to survive. Because of this, professional comedy is something I enjoy watching. I can honestly say that Dangerfield and Chris Rock are the only comedians who have consistently kept me in stitches. Ever since I heard the Dangerfield album "No Respect," I have been a big fan. I appreciate humor that is absurd and twisted because it's funny and cathartic. No matter how crazy and unfair life may seem to me, I can take solace in the fact that it looks even worse to Rodney Dangerfield.

Learning about Dangerfield's life was illuminating. He was born Jacob Cohen in New York and began writing jokes when he was 15. Even though he began performing comedy in his twenties, Dangerfield didn't achieve instant success and worked for many years as an aluminum-siding salesman

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# Musical sampling finds perfection in a circle

Simple Plan reeks of high school melodrama, Thug Matrimony disappoints, and Vanessa Carlton album a bit repetitive

By Lauren Croughan  
Staff Writer

## Pop

Vanessa Carlton- *Harmonium*

Imagine you are sitting at a café in the dead of night. A young woman sings and plays the piano, accompanied by a drummer, along with some violins. There's a strong scent of coffee in the air. This is how the album feels if you allow it to take you away. The lyrics are all stories, and the vocals are strong. However, despite all the album's beauty, in its strange way the rhythm gets into your veins, especially with the first release "White Houses," and the songs all sound alike. Violins and the piano are featured prominently, and the beats and songs all are similar. Other than that, it will leave your fingers snapping, your pocket empty and your mind a thousand miles away.



Final Grade= B+ Very good, but not enough to warrant an A.

## Rock

Simple Plan- *Still Not Getting Any*

This album made me scream, "Cry me a river, build a bridge, and get over it!" This album of teen quibbles is addressed to the Simple Plan high school fan base. The material is as trivial as your mother yelling at you for not getting a B on your science test or because you do not have a date this Saturday night. EMO ALERT! Everything about this album says, "Feel sorry for me," especially "Welcome to My Life." A sampling of lyrics: "Do you ever wanna run away?/Do you lock yourself in your room/With the radio on turned up so loud that no one hears you screaming?" Oh, yes, high school

students have it SO hard. I am going to turn the radio off when I hear that song. Everything about the album was bad. The lyrics, superficial; the music, the same

drum/guitar mix that induces headaches.

Final Grade= D- One sound can describe this= ICK

## Heavy Metal

A Perfect Circle- *eMOTIVE*

This album is practically a protest album that was released

on Nov. 2. Politically, this shakes up the scene with heavy guitar. It includes chilling remakes of John Lennon's "Imagine," Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On?" and Led Zeppelin's "When the Levee Breaks." The band lends a haunted-house feel to the music and allows the lyrical genius to flow through with their own twisted twist. This was the perfect timing to release this album on Election Day.

Final Grade= A Imagine a Grammy

## Hip-Hop/ Rap

Trick Daddy- *Thug Matrimony*

When I first heard "Let's Go," I was excited. There was a rock beat to this obviously rap album. It was different; it was certainly hip and it made me hop. After I went to the store, and listened to the album, I was disappointed. It was the only song with a guitar. Everything else was pure rap. Some of it was a bit

harsh in lyrics and content, and the music was not that appealing. There about three songs that I liked. I was not impressed, but it was not awful unlike Simple Plan. (I cannot get over that horrible

music, and I LOVE rock.)

Final Grade= C+ You can download this one.



"Everything about this album says feel sorry for me..."



# 'Birth' offers mesmerizing drama driven by Cameron Bright, a promising new actor

Unconventional storyline holds audience interest

By Sarah Gray  
Staff Writer

Filmmaker John Glazer strikes gold

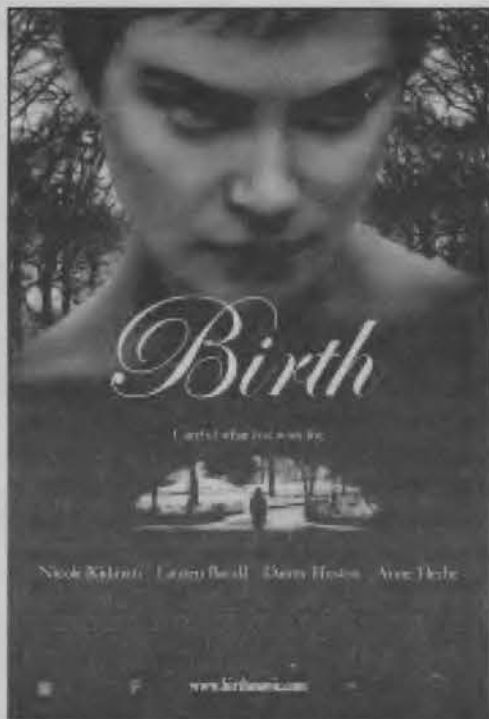
again with his eerie and haunting new film "Birth." Glazer, known for last year's indie hit "Sexy Beast" with Ben Kingsley (which got him an Oscar nomination), recruited equally luminous stars for "Birth." The cast includes Nicole Kidman, Lauren Bacall, Danny Houston, Anne Heche and introduces the young actor Cameron Bright.

Nicole Kidman plays Anna, a widow who lost her husband 10 years earlier and is about to be married to her fiancé Joseph (Houston) when she is hit

with a startling blow. During their engagement party, Anna meets a 10-year-old boy with a somber face and serious demeanor. The young boy tells Anna that he is the

reincarnation of her husband and he pleads with her not to get married. His desperate and relentless attempt to convince Anna that he is really her dead husband astounds everyone at the party and leaves Anna confused and vulnerable. From then on, Nicole Kidman plays an intelligent woman who battles this absurd idea in her head, trying to discern whether this is a

childish prank or a cosmic wish come true.



This film's storyline is so radical that it would seem hard to keep the tone serious. However, Glazer does an outstanding job of keeping it dark, serious and perfectly paced with his unique style. He creates a mysterious tale of romance, mortality and the supernatural with the use of psychological suspense, sound and silence. Cameron Bright's acting keeps the mood solemn and memorable, which makes this unconventional storyline and film work. His character is perfectly portrayed and remarkably convincing.

The score, provided by Alexandre Desplat, brilliantly captures Glazer's vision. His music follows the foreshadowing emotions of Glazer's film. Desplat creates a full, smooth harmony with a deep, looming bass that warns of impending

ing drama. It also carries a lighthearted, childish hint that maintains the eerie mood.

"Birth" is spellbinding and heart-

breaking. This film keeps you constantly guessing if the unreal could be real. Cameron Bright is quite a talent that should not be missed; he has a promising career

ahead of him. This film is mesmerizing and wonderfully cast, and it confirms Glazer's talent as a director. "Birth" has the perfect balance of logic and the supernatural that will keep you entwined with this strange story. This is one of the year's best films, and although in limited release, it's worth the drive to Greensboro to see.

"The film keeps you constantly guessing if the unreal could be real."

## 'Saw' a skillfully written, entertaining horror flick

By Drew McIntyre  
Opinion Editor

Horror/suspense films tend to be repetitive. After all, there are only so many ways you can scare an audience, kill off the secondary characters and hopefully beat the bad guy against all odds. This is why a film that displays any originality in this particular genre is particularly refreshing and impressive. "Saw" is one such experience - unique, visceral and eerily involving.

I should be honest, however, and admit that I usually don't care for this type of movie. A friend dragged me to it, kicking and screaming. Despite my own prejudices, though, "Saw" is a credit to its genre. The trailer tells all you need to know about the film. It revolves around

one of Jigsaw's traps because he was given detailed accounts of all the killings during his arrest and interrogation. Most of the film cuts between the investigation, the previous killings and Adam and Dr. Gordon trying to extricate themselves from their own trap.

There were two conflicting takes on this film that I heard before viewing it myself: some said it was not gory at all, but was mainly about suspense and drama; others said "Saw" was very bloody and violent, typical of horror films. In reality, I think both were true. While there was classic blood-and-guts aplenty, but this did not move the plot. Leigh Wannell, who wrote the screenplay, and first time director James Wan deserve a great deal of credit for creating a horror movie that can be appreciated by those who typically forego this type of film.

All the gore aside, "Saw" unfolds masterfully. And just when you think you have the ending figured out, a new twist occurs.

"Saw" isn't perfect. Cary Elwes is not a bad actor, but some of his scenes that made the cut here are less than convincing, especially towards the end. I also like a movie where the plot is completely resolved, and whether or not that happens in this instance is up for debate. But overall, "Saw" is an atypically well done film for what it is, and the frequent plot twists and unfolding mystery will keep you - whether or not you're a horror fan - intensely involved and leave you thoroughly entertained.

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## Action meets romance in 'Gangs of New York'

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

Infamous for shouting, "I'm king of the world" on a boat, Leonardo DiCaprio ("Titanic") finally breaks away from Jack to give a stunning performance as Amsterdam Vallon in "Gangs of New York," a must-see DVD.

"Gangs of New York" is based on ethnic gangs that were present in New York City in the late 1800s. Although it is founded on historical fact, it is not a history of an event. The story begins with a large battle between two gangs, the Federation of American Natives and the Dead Rabbits. The Natives, led by William "Bill the Butcher" Cutting, played by Daniel Day-Lewis ("Last of the Mohicans"), are white Anglo-Saxon Protestants who want to rid the Five Points (area in New York City) of the immigrant Irish Catholics, who are represented by the Dead Rabbits and their leader Priest Vallon, played by Liam Neeson ("Star Wars: Episode I"). During this bloody scene, Cutting kills Priest and forbids anyone to ever speak of the Dead Rabbits again. He also sends Priest's son, Amsterdam, to a reform school. When young Vallon returns, it is the second year of the Civil War, 1863.

Amsterdam's (DiCaprio) main focus is to avenge his father's death. To do this, he plans to become Cutting's (Day-Lewis) friend and kill him in front of all his underlings. However, there

are several obstacles in his way including one of the opposite sex.

Jenny Everdeane, played by Cameron Diaz ("Charlie's Angels"), is a girl pickpocket and an alluring temptation to all those around her, including Amsterdam. She also has a fondness for Cutting and attempts to turn Amsterdam's thoughts away from revenge.

Along with the ethnic prejudices, lustful desires, numerous fights and plots of revenge, there are the Civil War draft riots. When Lincoln asks each state to provide a certain number of men, New Yorkers go on a rampage, attacking people all over the city.

Although DiCaprio is unpopular for his role in "Titanic," this movie shows that he won't quietly slip away into the deep water. He gives an excellent performance and,

along with his other actors, has a good accent. There is plenty of action, and although the movie is close to three hours long, the plot moves quickly. There is also a genuine sense of ethnic prejudice displayed by Day-Lewis, who shows how deliciously evil he can be.

This movie has been out on video for a while and the DVD extras include a music video by U2 and a Discovery Channel special on the real gangs of New York. So, if you can't agree on what to watch with your friends because one wants action, another romance and another a period movie, "Gangs of New York" is the one to get.







PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

On Nov. 2, students and faculty anxiously gathered around computers and televisions in the Indigo Club of Slane Center to watch as the election results rolled in. Though the outcome of the presidential race wasn't determined until the following day, the victors of the race for North Carolina governor and senator were announced fairly early, as Gov. Mike Easley defeated State Senator Patrick Ballantine and Rep. Richard Burr defeated Erskine Bowles.

### *Tribute, continued from page 8*

in New Jersey.

It wasn't until the 1960s, when Dangerfield returned to the stage, that he found an audience. After becoming a big hit in comedy clubs, he raised his profile in the '70s by appearing on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson and "Saturday Night Live." In the '80s, Dangerfield became a movie star when he appeared in such films as "Caddyshack," "Easy Money," and "Back to School." The comic will also

be remembered as one of the few celebrities to have his persona transferred to a cartoon character. He was portrayed as a dog in the animated film "Rover Dangerfield."

Dangerfield's legacy in comedy is solidified as an original artist who brought laughter to millions.

He had a brilliant mind and an amazing passion for comedy. Hopefully, this tribute will give him a dose of the elusive "respect" for which he yearned.

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### *Bowles, continued from front page*

outsourcing. Also, he maintained that he would not support future trade agreements until the arrangements presently on the books were enforced.

In terms of health care, Bowles' plan was for small businesses to be able to pool their purchasing power. He wanted to make health care more affordable for children and low-income families. Bowles said that fees don't disappear when a person goes to the emergency room if the

person is unable to afford health care. Part of his medical plan supported the purchase of cheaper prescription drugs from Canada.

During his service as White House chief of staff under President Clinton, Bowles managed the response to the Oklahoma City bombing. Concerning the present issues with homeland security, Bowles said, "I don't want to wait until it's too late." He proposed that U.S. ports



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### *Women's Issues, continued from page 3*

Why can't women be lifted off the double standard that is holding us back? That double standard that says men are studs and cool if they have more sex than women, and women are nothing but objects and degraded as such. That double standard that pegs women as whores for the same acts men get praised for. That double standard which breeds sexism and neglects to teach women's contributions to history in the classrooms of America. That same double standard says, yes, I can vote, but it will be a cold day in hell when a woman becomes president. I want to be president; that way I can see if I make the full \$400,000 or if the treasury department will skim a bit off the top.

There is nothing wrong with women's rights, except when they are disregarded or discarded. The one thing that is a problem with women's rights is there are not enough of them.

### *Concerns, continued from page 2*

ing in the best interest of students by informing them about what happened.

In this age of instant communication, university officials should have notified students about this incident sooner. The assault occurred on Sunday night; students weren't notified by the university until Tuesday morning. The delay was unacceptable. The lack of contact led to rampant rumors. Students received the facts from the High Point Enterprise, the News & Record and local television stations before they were informed by the university. Didn't the campus community deserve to hear the latest information first as a safety precaution? Students should not have been walking around campus and its surrounding streets without knowing what happened.

A university is only as strong as its relationships to its students, and those relationships are nurtured by the exchange of information.

be strengthened and nuclear power plants made safer. He would provide all emergency personnel the resources they need to protect against further terrorist attacks.

"Let's get our front-line defenders the resources they need," he said.

In response to a question from the audience concerning balancing the budget, Bowles said, "You have to find that common sense center." When he was

the White House chief of staff, Bowles met with Democrats and Republicans for many months to discuss solutions to balancing the budget.

Bowles encouraged everyone to go out to the polls and vote. On the next day, Bowles lost the election to Republican Richard Burr. Bowles said that he will not run again, but he does plan to continue serving North Carolina and the United States.



# Community service a large part of Greek life

By Sylvia Harwood  
Greek/Organization Editor

As the weather gets colder and Christmas carols begin to be faintly heard throughout shopping malls nationwide, one cannot help but think this is the time of giving. Every year, someone gives something. Whether it's a donation to a charity or a can of beans to the food drive, people start to feel the need to be generous. However, for Greeks on campus, this generosity is something that is done year round. Each sorority and fraternity on campus has a philanthropy or charitable organization, that they support through the use of both fundraisers and various other activities on and around campus.

Starting mainly in the second semester, the Greeks on campus will hold their annual fundraisers for their charities. The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha will be seen both day and night outside of Slane Center rocking away at their annual Rock-A-Thon for the American Cancer Society. Similarly, the Theta Chis will be dangling from a giant see-saw for their See-Saw-A-Thon which raises donations for American Diabetes. Both events are weekend long occasions, and visits are

often appreciated.

Sororities around campus take a much less exhaustive approach to raising funds for their philanthropies. Zeta Tau Alpha, whose focus centers on the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, holds a golf tournament in the spring months. Friendly competition often leads to a large donation for breast cancer research. Kappa Delta Sorority also invokes the idea of sports in their annual Shamrock 5k Fun Run. Members of the campus, as well as surrounding communities, are invited to run or walk a planned course. The money donated goes to Prevent Child Abuse America.

These are only a few of what all Greeks on campus plan and participate in throughout the year. Other philanthropies include Alpha Gamma Delta's Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and Phi Mu's Children's Miracle Network. Other small fundraisers are held throughout the year, and these are made known through flyers and announcements.

Though the Greek system is based highly on social aspects, keep in mind that community service is a large part of joining such an organization. So whether you are thinking of rushing in the spring or are interested in what other services Greeks provide, keep the philanthropies in mind.

## Alpha Gamma Delta

Due to technical difficulties Alpha Gamma Delta's article was not printed in the past Chronicle. We would like to update you with how our semester has been going recently and some of our accomplishments we have made. The first accomplishment we made this year was winning first place in Derby Day for the second year in a row. We always have a great time on this day and we especially enjoy bonding with all of the other sororities and fraternities on campus.

We had an awesome time at the money mixer with the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi and we had an even better time spending the week with them for Greek Week. We had a blast and made many lifetime memories. AGD would like to thank the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha for another awesome '80s mixer; all of our outfits were crazy! For Halloween we had our annual Halloween Date Party with the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha. This night was full of laughter and, of course, wild costumes. We always have a blast with the Zetas and look forward to this night every year.

Alpha Gamma Delta won first place in the McDonald's Greek Classic Soccer game. We won a prize of \$250 which puts us one step closer to getting Jewel Chapter along with the money we raised at our car washes. Jewel Chapter means reaching our philanthropy goal for the year and we are very close to doing so. This past Saturday we had a cookout on O.A. Kirkman for all of our parents. It was a great time to bring our sisterhood and relatives together to share a day of fun. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Break.

## Pi Kappa Alpha

As the semester winds down, we are staying busy. In the way of philanthropy, some of the things we have planned for the remainder of the Fall semester include collecting money for the Salvation Army's Christmas drive and sponsoring a local family in need (providing Christmas dinner and gifts).

We will have finished intramural dodgeball by the time this article is printed... hope we won. We had a great time with our parents on Family weekend, during which we hosted a luncheon and cocktail party which were a great experience for everyone who attended. We have decided to re-open our basement. This financial venture is putting a dent in our chapter budget, so don't get an attitude if you're asked to contribute a dollar or two at the door; keep in mind, if it weren't for the fraternity basements and off-campus houses, you'd have nowhere to party.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Brother Jeremy LeMaster and Chapter Sweetheart Caroline Rinehart on their recent engagement. We wish you both the best of luck in your future together.

## College Republicans

The College Republicans have been enjoying a wonderful semester, especially celebrating our victory in this year's election. Four more years!

As an organization we made 4,000 phone calls and knocked on 2,000 doors for the Republican party. Thank you to everyone who helped us out. Also, thanks to everyone who came out to hear our speaker Daniel Flynn on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Just to let everyone know, our last meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel. We hope those interested can attend.



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Matt Rowe (l) and Dave Rowe (r) are pictured here with Chris Dudley. The father/son pair won the 4th Annual Family Weekend Golf Tournament, held Nov. 6 at Olde Homeplace Golf Club in Winston-Salem. Mike and Ross Cashion placed second and John Garvin and Jon Martin placed third.

# Cross country star wins Big South award

By Melissa Caudill  
Staff Writer

The cross country teams secured their positions as top teams in the Big South Conference by equaling their finish from last year's competition. The men placed first for the third year in a row, 31 points ahead of second-place Liberty. The women placed third, behind four-time winner Coastal Carolina and Liberty.

The highlight of the meet was sophomore Jemissa Hess' victory over three-time defending champion Ann Marie Moutsinga of Coastal Carolina. Hess, with her 5<sup>th</sup> individual win of the season, won the 3.1 mile race in 17:42, 37 seconds ahead of Moutsinga.

"This is a great accomplishment for Jemissa," said head coach Al Barnes, "Our strategy was for her to run her race,

and things went exactly as we'd planned and hoped. With about 1000 meters left, Jemissa made a big move and finished strong."

Jemissa was also named Big South Runner of the Year, the first athlete from High Point to receive this honor.

Other scorers for the women's team were Sumiyya Hunter, 13<sup>th</sup>; Melissa Caudill, 19<sup>th</sup>; Kala Robertson, 22<sup>nd</sup>; and Belinda Wilsher, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The men's team defended their title for the third year in a row. Scoring for the men were Derek Naklusi, 3<sup>rd</sup>; David Freier, 4<sup>th</sup>; Bubba Hill, 5<sup>th</sup>; Joel Primus, 6<sup>th</sup>; and Matthias Ewender, 12<sup>th</sup>. Barnes, who was named Big South's Coach of the Year for the third year in a row, said, "Our guys are certainly excited to win it again. It never gets old. We obviously got great performances from a pack of guys, and hopefully this will be a springboard into the NCAA regional meet."

The Regional meet was held at East Carolina University Saturday Nov. 13.



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JEMISSA HESS

## Kappa Delta

The Sisters of Kappa Delta would first like to say how thankful we are that all of these past couple weeks' events have turned out OK. Our prayers are still with the Lambda Chi Alphas and Rob, we'll miss you for the rest of the semester, but we'll see you soon!

Congratulations go out to our newest sisters as well as our newly elected council! We look forward to a new year of fresh ideas and great leadership. We had a great time at our fall Sisters Formal and we're looking forward to a couple of mixers before the end of the semester! Parent's Weekend was a lot of fun as well and all the sisters enjoyed meeting everyone's parents.

Don't forget about our Shamrock 5K Race coming up this spring. We're hoping to have a greater turnout than all the years before and give a great donation to Prevent Child Abuse America. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable but safe winter break and we'll see you in January!

## Phi Mu

The Sisters of Phi Mu have had a very active semester and would like to thank all of those, mostly just our friends we guilted into it, that participated in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. We considered it a great success and look forward to hosting another one soon. Whispers have even mentioned that there could be one next semester, but nothing is nailed down yet.

We would also like to thank anyone who donated to our change drive, once again mostly our friends we guilted into it or people we blackmailed. There will be another round coming through shortly, so those of you living in Finch, Belk and the complex, be sure to have your piggybanks handy. And remember despite rumors, this money isn't going to our beer fund, but for the Children's Miracle Network and the kids at Duke Hospital.

Our Christmas dance is quickly approaching and for those guys that are invited and you can't decide between the big party and our dance, you would be missing out if you turn us down.



## Sports Recap

# Men's cross country wins third straight title

By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team put up a fight against top-seeded Birmingham-Southern in the Big South Conference Tournament, but lost 4-3 last Friday. Chris Archer had two goals for the Panthers while Patrick Althoff added one goal and an assist and was named to the Big South's All-Tournament Team.

The Panthers went into halftime with

a 2-1 lead over BSC off of goals from Archer in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute and Althoff in the 39<sup>th</sup> minute, but the opposition would score three goals in the second half, putting them up 4-2. Archer scored his second goal of the game off an assist from

Althoff to pull the team within one at 4-3, but High Point was unable to come up with another tally. Senior Chris Michener had eight saves in his last game in goal. Seniors Kyle De Klerk, Kurtis Eckard, Richard Hanson and Gavin Moss

were all playing in their final game for HPU as well.

The men's cross country team climbed up to the number six in the Southeast Region in the United States Cross Country Coaches Association poll after earning its third-straight Big South Conference title.

The Panthers had four runners finish in the top six en route to winning another Conference title. Senior Derek Naklusi (25:07) placed first for HPU and third overall, and was followed by freshman David Freier (25:13), junior Bubba Hill (25:21) and freshman Joel Primus (25:27). Freshman

Matthias Ewender finished 12th, and sophomore Matt Goodale came in 13th.

Naklusi, Freier, Hill and Primus were all named to the Big South's All-Tournament team. Head coach Al Barnes was also named Coach of the Year in the

Big South Conference for the third year in a row.

The volleyball team lost a close match to rival UNC Asheville 3 games to

1 despite 22 kills from freshman Jamie Kaufman and 25 digs from senior Kim Anderson. Ashley Johnson had 12 kills in the game, while Lindsey Pickens added 19 kills and 12 digs and Michelle Feiser had 45 assists and 15 digs.

Anderson passed the 1,000 career dig mark

in the game, and improved her streak of matches with 10 or more digs to 37. The Panthers entered the conference tournament with a record of 17-16, 5-8 in the Big South—a vast improvement over recent years.



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CHRIS ARCHER

## Women's basketball team among top Big South contenders as season opens

By Bethany Davoll  
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team has been picked to finish second in the Big South this season, with four starters returning from last year's squad, two of whom were named to the all-conference team.

Captains Charlena "Shorty" Martin and Katie O'Dell were named Pre-Season All-Conference after earning the honor last year and look to carry the team deep in conference play.

Martin, who averaged 13.5 points per game to go along with 3.4 assists, uses an explosive dribble and quick first step to the hole to break down defenses at the point guard spot. Sophomore Katie Ralls will share time at the point position as well and likely start at the two-spot. Ralls' quick footwork will help out the Panthers, who are looking to press this year and play a quick, up-tempo game.

Three-guard Katie O'Dell worked over the summer on her defense, and it has showed so far in pre-season scrimmages and practices. O'Dell is planning to take smaller guards down into the post, where her trademark up-and-under move is the most potent. O'Dell was the leading scorer on the team last year, averaging 14.0 ppg, and has also shown deeper range from beyond the arc in play so far.

The third captain on the team, senior Emily Mills, will play a vital part on this year's squad, as one of the only post players with significant playing time. Mills' soft touch around the basket and shooting ability from as far out as the three-point line will play an important role in the offense this season, while the other post players hope to develop their roles in the lineup.

Sophomore Timberley Jones, who averaged 11.0 minutes per game last year, will be called on to step up and play more consistently for the Panthers. Jones averaged 1.03 blocks per game on the defensive end and has shown improvement around the basket on offense so far this season.

Junior Sarah Haak has also been working hard in the pre-season on offense and defense, and will look to use her 6'3" frame to bang around under the basket.

Tonya Tripp, a freshman last season, will sit out this year due to a knee injury suffered before practices began. Junior Amber Bryant returns this season after sitting out last year with a knee injury, and at 6'3" she will add valuable height to the lineup.

Two incoming freshmen will also vie for time at the post position, 6'0" Mary Tobin and 5'11" Amber Manual. Tobin, who displays good shooting range and soft hands, will see plenty of playing time if she can adapt quickly to the offense and defenses of the Panther system. Manual may be listed at 5'11" but she plays bigger, willing to bang under the boards and haul down big rebounds. Her ability on the boards will come in handy this year, as the Panthers were often out-rebounded against bigger teams last season.

Other returning players include Sophomore Candyce Sellars, senior Chan Ingram and Sophomore Erica Brockmyer. Sellars, coming off an injury last year that limited her to only the first four games of the season, has those who her saw her play excited about what she may bring to the program this year. Sellars plays all three guard positions and is an all-around player with a silky jumper, quick drive to the basket and tough defense.

Ingram will see playing time at the two and three spot and her ability to look up the floor and push the offense from the wing will fit in well with the up-tempo offense.

Brockmyer, a three-guard, is one of the most physical players on the team, and isn't afraid to sacrifice her body for a loose ball or to haul down a rebound. Her tough defense will earn her more playing minutes on the squad, along with an improved shooting range.

Freshman guard Raven Truslow rounds out the squad; she's a naturally athletic player with good ball-handling skills and shooting touch; she is working to improve her defense and learn the plays to become an important part of this year's squad.

The Panthers opened play against Greensboro College in an exhibition game at home this past Monday, and their first regular season home game is Nov. 22 against Queens.



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CHAN INGRAM

## Women's soccer team ends season as Big South runners-up

By Lori DiSalvo-Walsh  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer season ended after another trip to the final round of the Big South Conference Tournament. The Panthers finished with an 11-8-1 overall record and 4-4 Big South mark. High Point's efforts to repeat as conference champions should not go unheralded, however, because the Panthers fought hard through three games last Thursday through Saturday in Charleston, S.C.

The first round match-up against Liberty was expected to be a tough contest, and the Panthers took charge immediately to dominate the game and eventually netted three goals in the 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> minutes of play. The goals were scored by senior Carolyn Bader, junior Jen Evans and freshman Amy Anzovino. Evans and Anzovino both earned conference honors, Evans on the all-Big South first-team and Amy on the second team. Senior Lena Svensson made the Big South's All-Academic team, carrying a 3.88 grade point average in computer information systems throughout her athletic career at High Point University.

The semi-final match-up against UNC Asheville was guaranteed to be a physical conflict after the High Point Panthers defeated the Bulldogs in last year's Big South Tournament finals on penalty kicks. But the Panthers proved again that they wanted to win by taking command and putting in three goals in the first half scored by Jen Evans, Emily Lanham and Wendy Williams. UNC Asheville came out quick to score within the first two minutes of the second half, but it wasn't enough to fight off High Point. The Panthers advanced to the finals of the tournament with a 3-1 victory over Asheville.

"Our kids battled hard today. It was a tough, physical game and we hung in there. It was great to get a three-goal lead, but we knew it was not over. They scored a great goal in the second half and put a lot of pressure on us, but we hung in there. We continued to play our game,"

said Coach Tracie Foels.

High Point immediately began to prepare for their challenge against Birmingham Southern in the toughest match yet. After a long game concluding in 110 minutes of scoreless play, High Point would face penalty kicks in the Big South Conference Final for the second year in a row.

"We had our opportunities," Foels said. "Overall, we did outplay them, but the first 15 minutes were difficult for us. We got things together but couldn't finish." Even though the Panthers out-shot Birmingham Southern by twice as much, the game ended in an upsetting loss of 5-3 in penalty kicks. The game will be recorded as a tie, and the official score will go down as 0-0. The victory gives BSC its first Big South crown in any sport and the conference's automatic bid to the 2004 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship. Carolyn Bader, Jen Evans and Emily Lanham were all named to the Big South Conference All-Tournament team. "I'm definitely proud of the girls," Foels said. "This was a great way to finish the season. They've got a lot to be happy about, even though obviously nobody's happy right now."

While High Point wrapped up its season in a displeasing fashion, the coach and players are still very proud of their achievements throughout the season and the tournament. The team looks forward to yet another year just as successful even though it must part with congratulations and farewells to seven seniors. Lena Svensson, Anni Svensson, Tanya Wolf, Jamie Burnham, Carolyn Bader and Lori DiSalvo-Walsh will be graduating in May, and Emily Lanham's last year of eligibility will have expired as she continues the pursuit of her master's degree, leaving the Panthers without several of their key players.

The women's soccer team wishes them all the best of luck in the future wherever it takes them and thanks the women for their contributions to High Point University over the years.