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## Column One News

### 'Arsenic' to bring huge laughs to audiences

The Spotlight Players will present "Arsenic and Old Lace," a classic comedy, Feb. 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in Hayworth Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty and staff. For tickets, call 841-4673 or visit the box office weekday afternoons.

The play was a Broadway hit that became a 1944 movie starring Cary Grant. According to director Wade Hughes, the play will require fearless comedic performances from its actors, who include Mike Maykish, John Mattingly, Joel Hodge, Pam Grier, Meg Kennelly and Savada Gilmore.

### Campus to host consortium on Europe

Distinguished scholars from around the globe will participate in the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, which will be hosted by the university Feb. 19-22.

The program is open to the public. For more information, go to [www.revolutionaryeurope.org](http://www.revolutionaryeurope.org). High Point students will serve as program assistants and will have full access to the conference.

Professor Gunther Rothenberg will be the featured speaker on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. Rothenberg is a world-renowned military history expert who has authored numerous books on warfare.

Professor Peter Wilson from the University of Sunderland in England will speak at noon at Feb. 20 at the Radisson in High Point. He will address Germany's military preparedness during the French Revolutionary Wars.

Professor Jeremy Black from the University of Exeter in England will speak at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the Radisson. He will speak on Britain as a world empire in the 18th century.

### New exhibit now open in Sechrest Gallery

A new exhibit, "Colorscapes," has opened in Sechrest Gallery and features the landscape pastels and charcoal drawings of Elsie Dinsmore Popkin. Popkin's landscape paintings colorfully display the sights of the Carolinas. Her charcoal drawings of famous musicians were inspired and created during rehearsals at Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival.

Popkin's work will be on display through April 29. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. Popkin will give a lecture on Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. in Hayworth Fine Arts Center, which will be followed by a walk-through and discussion with the artist.

## MLK is honored by members of campus and community

By Amanda Roberts  
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Students, faculty and members of the community united to honor Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19.

"Is the fight for equality over?" speaker Dr. Frankie T. Jones, Sr. inquired of the audience who sat captivated, intent on hearing what Jones would say during this lecture for which the 11 and 12 o'clock classes had been canceled.

Jones spoke about King and the effect that his life had on the Civil Rights Movement, continuing to this day. "He was a human being, subject to pain, hatred, anger and bitterness, like us. He could have been as much a racial extremist as his enemies. Nonviolence took him into dangerous situations."

Describing King as a preeminent voice in civil rights during his era, Jones equated the movement with the ideals of

justice, morality and law, and maintained that the achievements of King were astounding.

"He labored tirelessly; he was an advocate, orator, field general...a symbol that represented hope and reminded America that as a nation we're not there [to equality] yet," Jones said.

"Martin Luther King reached more people than any other (leader) in his generation, with the reform movement," Jones said. He compared King to Abraham Lincoln in his quest for equality and in his death. King

"fell a victim in Memphis in an event like that which had claimed Lincoln many Aprils before."

"The rise of Martin Luther King was not just an accident, but a movement of God himself; he was a learned social and religious advocate. As grandson of a slave, he dealt with the pain and struggle



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DR. JONES AT THE MLK LECTURE



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GENESIS GOSPEL CHOIR PERFORMS AT MLK LECTURE

of inner and outer adversity," Jones said.

King rejected the idea that the ends justify the means. "The ends must cohere with the means; they represent the means in process, and the end is preexistent in the means. Immoral, destructive means cannot bring about good," Jones stated.

"The dream stands in jeopardy," Jones said. Fifty-five percent of black youth are unemployed; people of color are not valued in the marketplace and cannot access adequate health care. The median family income for blacks is \$15,000 less than the average white family. "If the social and economic scales do not become balanced, his dream cannot be realized," Jones insisted.

King was a pioneering leader who left a legacy of opposing contempt with respect and hatred with love. King was in tune with the realities of the country, of the inequality between races, but he held to what he knew was right in spite of insurmount-

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## AIDS fight in Africa is everyone's concern

By Craig Grunwald  
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When I was hanging up one of my posters on the front door of the Slane Center the other day, a fellow student came up to me after reading what was on it and said, "6,500 people dying a day in Africa sounds like population control to me. Besides, if I had one more day to live, I'd make the best of it and sleep with as many girls as I could." Words can't describe the rage I felt within but I held my composure, told him I disagreed and continued hanging my posters. This experience redefines why I'm involved in the fight against AIDS.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will." I believe people can change and that understanding can come from misunderstanding. I hope that the

gentleman who attempted to discourage me with those words while I was hanging up my poster the other day reads this article and sees things differently. Maybe on Feb. 25 our campus' "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" will have the same effect, not only on him, but also on you.

I've been very fortunate to get to know many of you on campus—students, faculty and administrators. Though I've had disagreements with some, I know there is good will in everyone I've met. Act on your good will by helping me and the others who have already joined me in this fight. We can't do it on our own. There are many people in the world much less fortunate than we are and this is our chance as a university to make a real difference.

During last year's state of the union address, President Bush promised the world that, over the next five years, America will give \$15 billion towards

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## Hispanic student celebrates heritage

By Ada Hernandez  
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Students might have noticed on campus a girl who has cinnamon skin, dark brown eyes, long, curly hair and a boisterous voice. She is a member of the gospel choir and participates with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Darlene Brito is her name; she is half Dominican and half Colombian from Paterson, N.J. This Jersey girl, a senior, is proud to be a Hispanic student.

According to recent research, only 11.5 percent of Hispanics have the opportunity to go to college, and Brito is happy to be one who can. The move from New Jersey to North Carolina was a big change for Darlene. New Jersey is full of Latin nightclubs and all kinds of Latin restaurants, in contrast to the Triad area, which mostly has Mexican restaurants and only two Latin nightclubs.

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# John Edwards turns his back on North Carolina

No one in North Carolina should vote for John Edwards. I'm largely speaking to registered Democrats here, who have the chance to pick their candi-



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date for the upcoming presidential election. If by some miracle, however, Edwards wins that nomination and goes on to face George W. Bush, then I posit that no one in our beloved state should vote for him.

Why the animosity, you ask? It's not that he's a Democrat. While that is, of course, a major fault; that is a separate diatribe. My primary beef with Sen. Edwards is that he is still in his first term of office and has forsaken the state that elected him to make a run at the White House. It seems politicians are constantly seeking new levels of arrogance. I, of

course, did not vote for Edwards, but I have to say he did an excellent job of winning his seat. Lauch Faircloth, the Republican incumbent who lost to Edwards in 1998, grew complacent and ran a lazy campaign. He got what he deserved. And I don't think Edwards is all that bad of a guy. He speaks and ar-

gues well and has thus far run a nobler campaign than the other Democrats, focusing on positives instead of taking the low road, squabbling for sound bytes lambasting Bush. That being said, the good senator has no place to even think that he has earned the right to be president.

Edwards claims that "I want to be a champion for the people I have fought for all my life — regular people." Edwards was a lawyer for most of his life. Moreover, he was a personal injury attorney. Yes, he comes from humble beginnings, but that doesn't negate the fact that he's spent a large part of his life winning multimillion dollar lawsuits. He's about as regular as Bill Clinton, also a Southern lawyer-cum-politician that came from simple beginnings...and we all know how well that worked out.

The only positive aspect of Edwards' run for the White House is that we'll have the upstart out of our Tarheel hair after his campaign crashes and burns. He's announced that he will not seek re-election if (and when) his presidential campaign falls through.

I'm sure we haven't seen the last of Edwards, though. He was consid-

ered as a possible running mate for Gore in 2000, and with the history of Southern Democrats in the White House and in national politics in general, I'm sure this bad penny will turn up again. Let's just hope he stays out of North Carolina for good, as he has proved that he only wants to use it as a stepping stone.

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# Unfair attacks on security

By Ali Akhyari  
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Ah, yes, the age-old art of security guard-bashing, a favorite pastime for many children. Recently I read an article in the underground newspaper "Society's Source" (although I am a little confused at its being called a newspaper when it contains no news). The article contained a paragraph and a half, sarcastically responding to a statement in the Chronicle maintaining the campus is a fairly safe one especially when considering the location. The unidentified author used an incident he/she was apparently witness to where a friend was "dragged" out of an apartment and beaten up.

I am not going to pretend that I do not have the opportunity to be biased, but unlike the writer in Source, I will examine both sides of the issue. First, it is true that on this campus crime happens: cars have been broken into, things stolen and students even hit each other. Unfortunately, no police or security force in the history of the world has been 100 percent successful at deterring crime so I don't know why HPU security is held at a higher standard. Crime will always happen because there will always be people who share the same community and do not care about their own neighbors.

Also, there are no stats for crimes deterred because they never happen. There is no way to count how many times a student's car was not broken into because a thief saw a security guard driving by. There is also no way to count how many times a student was not robbed or raped because a security guard was seen walking in the distance. However, these things are easily overlooked because it is much easier and more fun to blow the security personnel off as worthless. This occurs despite the fact they work year round 24 hours a day trying to keep the students safe despite themselves.

Not only does security have the re-

sponsibility of guarding the campus from criminals and thugs that come from surrounding areas, they also have to chase the criminals and thugs that are included in the very same student population they have to protect. This brings me back to the strange story of a seemingly innocent student who was dragged from an apartment and beaten while a security guard watched (along with the friend/author of the article) as it happened. It is a strange story because many important details were excluded so I will have to assume some of them.

I must assume that alcohol was involved. I also have to assume the victim was not simply dragged from the apartment at random for a beating. It just doesn't make sense that a group of people would go through the effort of dragging someone out of a room to hurt him for no reason. It is also hard to believe that a group of police officers simply stated that "it is not our job to protect you" without being coerced into saying something of the sort for the purpose of quoting. At the very least, they were harassed by drunk students to the point they were fed up with answering stupid questions.

It is simply a sad thing that the security force has the added responsibility of guarding the students from themselves. It is like trying to find and stop an unknown person from committing suicide, nearly impossible. While most students are mature adults who become the victims, a few are the criminals who hide from security so they can rob or beat one another up. I can't pretend that campus security is perfect, but campus turmoil is a social problem. We are a community of students with some members who have no regard for their brothers and sisters. How can we be so blind and immature as to point fingers at those that can't stop us every time. I'm not sure which would be the greater tragedy; the police/security that are fed up with protecting unappreciative people, or the university community constantly fearful of crime or punishment.

# 'Source's' potential hurt by poorly crafted arguments

To the Editor:

Growing up, I was taught to respect the opinions of others and to recognize the value of self-expression, both virtues that I do hold dear. Lately though, I have found that to be a difficult endeavor. When I first heard about the Source, it sounded like a fun, interesting piece of literature, slightly comparable to the Chronicle. The articles released thus far from the Source have thoroughly proven me to be incorrect in my assessment. Rather than expressing understandable, respectable and supported opinions, it merely seeks to insult and devalue others. Instead of being a noteworthy piece of work, I find it on similar footing with Jerry Springer, amusing at first, but quickly morphing into annoying garbage.

In a recent issue, one of the Source's authors sought to put down members of the Chronicle staff, people who are wonderful authors. Sure, there are things that cannot be mentioned in the Chronicle, but when authors have the courage to attach their names to the articles, there some are lines that cannot be crossed. Is that not an understood concept? Our campus does

have its number of problems, but isn't that synonymous with any college campus? If the 'hallowed' authors of the Source find it so deplorable here, do they not have a right to leave and attend another institution?

I fail to grasp the value or the purpose of a paper that merely attempts to enrage people rather than actually making points and bringing about change. Pardon my lack of knowledge, but I was under that impression that consistently prodding people to see how annoyed they can get and how much negative attention can be received was something practiced by elementary school children, not by 'mature' college students.

I tip my hat to the hard workers on the Chronicle staff; you all are wonderful writers who by far outshine your peers. However, I do believe that the Source still may have a slight measure of potential left in it. Granted, that can only come about if its authors approach their craft with maturity and respectability, as opposed to the apathy and immaturity that we have been privy to.

-Marie Ratchford

# Beloved professor may be gone, but she had a marvelous effect on many students

By Jonathan Miller  
Staff Writer

While we students were heading home for the three week-long break to enjoy Christmas and the coming new year, a beloved professor of political science left. Dr. Linda Petrou no longer remains a member of the faculty. Reasons for her departure involve complex personnel issues that cannot be addressed in this column. Questions and comments regarding her departure can be e-mailed to me at [jmiller584@yahoo.com](mailto:jmiller584@yahoo.com).

Dr. Petrou may have left the university, but the memory of her good deeds remains. Those of you who had Dr. Petrou in class, associated with her through a club or just simply had a relationship with her outside of the classroom know why she was such a great person and faculty member. As a professor, Dr. Petrou understood politics inside and out. She knew how to play

the game because she has been there before. She had worked on Capitol Hill and brought that insight to her teaching. Dr. Petrou also brought a conservative woman's perspective on the political world, an outlook lacking at many institutions of higher learning. Dr. Petrou's best ability as a professor is her unique ability to make political science interesting. Those of you who had her for United States Government can vouch for that. Political science has very little attraction for most college students, but Dr. Petrou could make you enjoy your time learning about that vast and crazy world of politics and government.

Dr. Petrou was also very savvy. Those of you who ever saw her in action outside the classroom on a field trip can confirm that. She was such a great ambassador for the university. Dr. Petrou never met a stranger and could talk her way around the room, making valuable contacts that would help the university in

the future. She was instrumental in getting President George W. Bush to speak on campus two summers ago as well as a key player in bringing C-SPAN last January. Dr. Petrou also brought the world of politics to students by taking them on field trips to Washington, D.C. This summer, students will be attending the Democratic and Republican National Conventions thanks to Dr. Petrou's connections. None of this would have been possible without Dr. Petrou's invaluable abilities.

Lastly and most importantly, Dr. Petrou's character and personality bring her to the top of the stellar faculty here at High Point University. Dr. Petrou has a booming personality which makes you feel comfortable and at ease every time

you are around her. Never afraid to befriend her students, Dr. Petrou would always lend a hand to aid any student with a problem. At those times, her motherly characteristics would shine through. She

has the ability to counsel students in a way much like a mother would. Dr. Petrou's ability to do so probably arose out of her genuine love for her students. She definitely treated each student as her own.

Dr. Petrou will be missed tremendously.

Those who knew her, feel free to e-mail your kind comments to the Chronicle or to me. All comments will be sent to Dr. Petrou so she can appreciate the work she did. The least we can do is show a great woman how much we care her.

"...Dr. Petrou could make you enjoy your time learning about that vast and crazy world of politics and government."

## President's immigration policy looks promising

By Josh Farrington  
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Every now and then when I'm reading the newspaper or watching the daily news, there is a story on illegal immigration, namely from Mexico. Usually I turn the page or change the channel, wanting to hear the more "important" news of Michael Jackson's trial or Howard Dean's most recent outburst of anger. In the past few days, however, in an effort to better understand President Bush's proposed immigration policy, I have gone back to read the archives of stories I previously skimmed over.

The more I read and studied, the more complex the issue of how to deal with illegal immigration became. I asked various students around campus their opinion on the issue, most of whom simply stated, "We shouldn't reward anyone who enters illegally." Others were a bit stronger in their opinion: "I think we should deport them all and build a wall between us and Mexico," said one student.

There are an estimated 8 to 13 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S., making any attempt at mass deportation next to impossible. On the other hand, a completely open border presents not only a national security problem, but could arguably result in a flood of immigrants that would "take more jobs away from Americans." Bush's proposed policy would give guest-worker status to immigrants who are willing to take jobs Americans will not.

In an age of rigid partisanship, I am amazed at how many people, both Democrats and Republicans, oppose Bush's new plan. A recent *Winston-Salem Journal* survey found that 80 percent of the people in this area were opposed to the new policy. Most people quoted in the *Journal* survey claimed that giving jobs to immigrants only took away jobs from Americans already out of jobs. However, Bush's policy only

gives immigrants jobs Americans are unwilling to take, despite high unemployment.

What is often forgotten in the midst of these economic fears is the human side to illegal immigration. Even the use of the term "illegal" is misleading when the only crime being committed is the seeking of a better life. When faced with poverty most Americans cannot even comprehend and when legally entering the United States is nearly impossible, what other choice is there for some but to sneak across the border? The true crime is the crime of poverty that forces innocent families to break the law in order to find a better life in America.

On the base of the Statue of Liberty is written: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me." Regardless of your position on immigration, do not forget that behind this "huddled mass" of illegal immigrants are fathers, mothers and children yearning for freedom from the chains of poverty. Too often we as Americans make rapid judgments on immigration policy, selfishly thinking only of ourselves, forgetting that the vast majority of illegal immigrants come here as a last resort in their battle of survival. Others are like I was and choose to turn the page or change the channel when it comes to immigration.

Immigration is an issue that due to its complexities is either ignored or simplified solely into economic terms. There exists right now no clear answer to solve the problem. However, there will never be an answer if we continue to ignore the issue or make rash judgments. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. once said, "Beware how you take away hope from another human being." As we continue to struggle with the immigration issue, we must strive not only to find a policy economically beneficial, but also one that does not deny hope to the millions for whom America is the last hope.

## Applying MLK's dream to our everyday lives

It's been over 40 years since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his powerful "I Have a Dream" speech. Most of us know the speech or at least bits and pieces of it. If you are familiar with it, I have one question for you. Are you living out his dream? Notice I didn't ask if America was living out his dream, but I asked if you were living out his dream.



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One quote from the speech will forever stick out in my mind: "I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today." My mother often told me what it was like growing up in the segregated south. She was teased and tormented because of the color of her skin.

I never quite understood why some people chose to carry that ignorance. How does one judge others before getting to know them? I still remember my first encounter with a racist person. It was surprisingly at a place where people try to get away from the stresses of the world. It was at a place where families become closer to each other and where magic happens for kids--Disney World.

I entered a gift shop, and one of the clerks spotted me as soon as I walked through the door. Her cold eyes followed me around. I wondered, "Is something

wrong with me? Is there something going on in here that I don't know about?" She finally approached me and said "You can leave. We don't want you or your kind in this store." My blood boiled, and my body began to quiver with anger. Deep down inside, I wanted to scream every thought that instantly came to my mind.

A student ran and told my principal what happened. She came and gave that vile woman a piece of her mind. I stood watching my principal. I was amazed because there was a white woman standing up for me and my people of color.

I wish more people would be like her and stand up for what's right. So many people only sit around and watch as incidents occur and get worse. Some of these events are without a doubt intolerable. There is one event in Georgia that is quickly catching the public eye.

The high school in a small rural

town hosted its first integrated prom in 33 years in 2002. Before that prom, the high school always held two different proms. One for blacks and the other for whites because the school didn't want problems to arise from interracial dating. Even after their integrated prom, a group of white stu-

dents want to practice the old time idea of isolationism by having a whites-only prom. I know what your immediate reaction is. Segregation is still being practiced? My answer is "Yes."

It's also true that America will never be completely cured of a disease called racism, but we can come close. Do what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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"I wish more people...would stand up for what's right. So many people only sit around and watch events occur and get worse."

## Which Democrat has the youth vote?

By Justin Cobb  
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As with any election, the upcoming 2004 Presidential campaigns will attempt to persuade the so-called "youth vote."

What is the youth vote? Where does it come from?

In essence, are we as college students a part of the youth vote? Will any of us actually vote? These are the questions the power hungry ask themselves.

If the past is any indication, the fat, grubby fingers of excess will grease the pocket lining of the most incorruptible of morally proficient candidates. This was the case in 1996; the "youth vote" was out in force. Bill Clinton, the charismatic incumbent from Arkansas, pitted against the crusty, old guard represented by one Bob Dole. This was before Monica Lewinsky questioned our morality but after the Whitewater scandal involving a certain person who became senator from New York.

As bad as 1996 was, it was a good year politically. With Clinton's reelection the country earned four more years of peace and prosperity, even though real prosperity is held in the hands and mind of Alan Greenspan. Without him, what would we do? Most of Clinton's remarkable economic achievements had nothing to do with his policies, but his timing. He was nothing if not a well-timed national injection of tranquility; the

Clinton years were a blissful time, a good ride for those of us who knew no better.

The youth vote helped to raise Clinton to this position. It was like this in '92 as well when the young candidate, fresh from Paula Jones and Gennifer Flowers, made his way to the MTV studios where he fielded questions from the mainstream "swing" youth voters. This was before the Right Wing-generated character assassination coup d'état of the late '90s moved into the realm of acceptable behavior.

The only problem right now is the plethora of Democratic candidates to choose from. Who will the "swing" voters rally around? What will happen now that John Kerry and John Edwards have swept the Iowa caucuses against the favorite Howard Dean. It seems as though we're still waiting for that one candidate to emerge. The prevalent opinion chooses anyone as long as he beats Bush. Moderates like Dean and Gen. Wesley Clark were leading the way, while men like Kerry and Edwards were being left behind. Kerry was lambasted by the Right for his comments on the president's handling of the war in Iraq. Kerry said, "Did I expect George Bush to f... it up as badly as he did? I don't think anybody did." He is also the man who said we need a regime change in Washington. The thing to be watched is whether Kerry can back his talk with a winner's walk.

The only thing necessary to understand the complexities of the fringe vot-

ers is that we all want different things. While the majority of youth don't see a purpose for our military to be in Iraq, there will always be exceptions, and they will voice their objections from the perspective of an equal majority. That having been said, there is no way our government could exodus from Iraq in the current situation. It is now our responsibility to clean up our own mess and to carry through the president's vision, no matter how impaired it may have been. This is why it's so hard for the issue to be raised; the promise of removal of troops cannot possibly ring true.

Still others of the so-called "youth vote" want to retain the status quo. They will support Bush on the right and Dean or Clark on the left. We still don't even know if a third-party candidate could emerge, much like Ross Perot in 1992 or more recently Ralph Nader in 2000. These two movements cost Bush, the elder, an election and nearly cost Al Gore the election in 2000. If you're confused by this, know that Al Gore, the Supreme Court and Florida lost the election for Gore, not Ralph Nader.

Because of his relative youth, excellent debating skills and good looks, fully expect John Edwards to captivate the swing "youth vote" eventually. Perhaps the initial entrance of Howard Dean and his grassroots "on-line" campaigning have endeared Dean to a part of this voting bloc. Edwards, however, seems to have the most to say.

## Confronting realities of college relationships

Am I the only one who has a problem with commitment? I'm so sick of this, "My boyfriend did this," or "My girlfriend said that." Don't get me



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wrong. I am all for having a significant other. However, I am not all for treating that significant other like they were a husband or wife. You people

know who you are. The ones that have the mushy talk.

"I love you more."

"No, I love you more."

After hearing such language, I can guarantee that I'd be the person saying, "No, I want to kill myself more."

I don't know what makes me think like this. Out of all my past relationships, every time the words, "I like you," are uttered, I look for the nearest window to throw myself through. I still can't even speak of when the word "love" was said. Why is this? Perhaps it's the fact that I didn't receive enough love as a child. OK, that's not true. However, it is a good excuse.

Women are stereotyped as the ones who coined the phrase, "Where is this going?" However, I know for a fact that men use this phrase just as much. Otherwise, I wouldn't have broken out into cold sweats as much as I have in the past. The only acceptable scenario for the question, "Where is this going?" would be if one was on an airplane, car, boat or other mode of transportation and had no idea where they were headed. If both people who are partaking in a relationship are not seriously ill or dead, then obviously things are going fine. Well, at least well enough for you to shut up and go with the flow.

I just don't see how everyone isn't afraid of being with one person for the rest of their lives. There are so many potential partners out there. Why would you settle on just one? The sooner that you accept the fact that you may have three husbands or wives in your lifetime, the better off you'll be. Sure, it's nice to have that dream when you're little, believing that Prince Charming will come rescue you one day and you'll live happily ever after. However, what you don't take into consideration at the time is that hot stable boy who takes care of Prince Charming's horse or even the court jester, who has quite the sense of humor and really nice forearms.

All I propose is that people keep their options open. Don't ask your partner stupid questions. Don't say the word "love" unless you're ready to accept the potential suicide of your partner. And most importantly, stay away from the stable boy. He's mine.

## Predictions on everything for '04

With the turn of the New Year and all beginning anew, I thought some predictions for 2004 might just be in order. We'll cover almost everything from politics to movies, music and sports.

So, without further adieu, let's begin with politics.



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Stubblefield  
Staff Writer

Following the recent Iowa caucuses, it would appear that John Kerry is the front-runner of the week for the Democrats. However, does it really matter?

With the capture of Saddam and the overwhelming success of the Iraq war, despite the lack of WMDs, President Bush has nothing to worry about. Furthermore, the economy is on the verge of a boom and should be rising quite nicely as November approaches. Like practically every other campaign, someone will ask if we are better off today than we were four years ago. My answer would be a resounding yes. We have endured the biggest attack on the U.S. mainland ever and have emerged stronger. We have met terrorism head-on and continue to fight its evils wherever they may be. Our economy is strengthening and will continue to do so, and furthermore, the Democrats have yet to produce a legitimate frontrunner. Howard Dean was beginning to pull away, but voters in Iowa obviously showed they didn't care to have an overwhelming pacifist running things. Also, given his recent yelling adventures reminiscent of an '80s hair band, Dean has practically sacrificed himself on the altar of public embarrassment. Now it appears to be a two-horse race between Kerry and John

Edwards, neither of whom will be strong enough to unseat Bush. Prediction: four more years for the Republicans.

Given the fact that it's extremely difficult to predict blockbuster successes at the box-office a year in advance, what follows is a bit of a shot in the dark. However, "Troy" will be one of the best movies in recent memory, led by an Oscar-caliber performance from Brad Pitt. Additionally, the so-called controversial "The Passion of the Christ," directed by Hollywood veteran Mel Gibson, will do quite well. The film, depicting the last

several hours of the life of Christ, debuts on Ash Wednesday. Also, be watching for this spring's "Miracle," the story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team. Additionally, rumors continue to fly about a possible sixth "Rocky" film and another "Indiana Jones" movie, and I'm sure the summer will produce countless previews of some quality movies for the fall. As for the underground, keep an eye out for the sequel to "Boondock Saints." And, if you haven't seen "Boondock Saints," what's wrong with you? Prediction: too close to call for Best Picture and other such Oscars. However, keep an eye on Colin Farrell and Orlando Bloom as they continue to ascend the ladder of acting success. Additionally, expect the usual suspects (Cruise, Jackson, Hanks, Nicholson, Kidman) to produce at least a couple of quality films.

In music, we're obviously dealing with various genres and tastes. However,

some bands do appear to be on the verge of major success. First, Switchfoot is just breaking onto the popular scene despite years of success in the Christian music industry. This band reminds me more and more of Creed and could see similar success in the coming year. Secondly, Three Days Grace appears to be on the verge of a breakout year as well in the alternative genre. As for the rest of rock, expect Linkin Park and Three Doors Down to continue to impress their fans. In the pop genre, look for relative newcomers Maureen 5 to emerge. Originally known as

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Kara's Flowers, this So-Cal group could find a niche in what's being called "power-pop" with their CD *Songs about Jane*. Additionally, as much as I hate to admit it, Dave Matthews and John Mayer will continue their success.

However, their cult-like followings may be checked by the rising popularity of Coldplay and Jason Mraz. While I admittedly have a very limited knowledge of rap, I would expect 50 Cent, Chingy and Ludacris to continue their success, as well as the usually successful Eminem. Finally, for you emo fans, expect the usual suspects of Dashboard Confessional and Something Corporate to enjoy more success. Additionally, keep an eye on the recently fast-rising Yellowcard and newcomers The Early November. Prediction: huge year for the alternative industry, followed closely by rap. Emo will continue to grow in popularity once people get past

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# Beck helps students making post-graduation choices

By **Brianne Coone**  
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Sam Beck, director of the Career Counseling Center, walks into her office, with a smile that is reflected in her dark brown eyes. There is an air of confidence about her, not that annoying, cocky sort of confidence some people display, but a friendly, professional form of confidence.

Just beyond the door of Slane Center Room 201 sits a small desk holding a computer. Pictures of Beck's three children, an aerial photo of her house, multiple degrees and Dilbert clippings adorn the walls. Three ivy plants, two hung in the corners from the ceiling and one on top of a bookshelf, add inviting warmth to the room. A love seat positioned against the wall sits opposite a larger desk, creating a relaxed feel. Two four-foot-tall karate trophies sit between the bookcase and the couch.

Beck received the trophies after being involved in the karate course offered on campus. For four years, she stayed after work to train in the evenings. After earning her black belt, she taught karate here for a year.

Beck's education stretches far beyond training in self-defense. Initially, she went to law school at Wake Forest University, but halfway through she decided that was not the work she wanted to do. She went to WFU graduate school to get her master's degree in history with the intention of teaching at a community

college or a small college.

After earning her master's in history, she began applying for jobs. Because she had relevant volunteer experience, Forsyth Technical Community College administrators offered her a part-time counseling position working with disabled students. She was successful, so a FTCC administrator offered her a full-time position. In order for her to be a full-time employee, she would have to be available for all forms of counseling. While working at FTCC, she went back to school at WFU and got another master's degree, this time in counseling. She became nationally certified as a counselor. After being involved in all facets of counseling, she realized that career counseling best suited her.

As a career counselor, she not only helps people find jobs, but also advises them about their future plans. She works with "freshmen not sure of their direction, sophomores not sure about what they want to major in or what they can do with a particular major. Maybe juniors, who have chosen a major that they may love but aren't sure how that's translated into the next step. They may be seniors looking at graduate schools or professional schools," Beck said. Her job is to cater to the student's individual needs. "Because it's an individualized process, then what I do in that session totally depends on what the student is looking for," she said.

"I feel my responsibility is to pro-

vide them with what they need to transition, but what they do with that is up to them," said Beck. She advises people about the opportunities available to them after they finish school. The transition after completing school may be to apply to graduate school or to get a job, but it varies with each individual. Beck offers students the tools necessary to make these post-graduation decisions.

She does annual student surveys to get feedback about the career development center's performance. The career development faculty bases its success on how students have adjusted after school and whether they have an idea of the opportunities available to them, rather than on placement rate (whether people are employed fresh out of college).

One of Beck's personal projects, and a valuable resource when preparing to apply for a job, is Panther Trax. This is a program she designed with the help of Sean Haynes, director of information technology. She was talking with him about a resume program that she had been utilizing, but the company went out of business. Haynes said, "You know that really wouldn't be that difficult to just develop on our own," so they sat down and created Panther Trax.

She has presented this program to her colleagues statewide and again in Virginia to her Southeastern colleges. Her goal is to get national attention for this program. She said one of the most tedious parts of being a career counselor

is reviewing hundreds of paper-resumes a year. Beck said, "I turned something that is not real fun for us into something that is one of the most enjoyable things I do."

With her resume program students can fill out the questions, save the information, and then go to her for advice on how to improve it. She explains how companies will view applicants' content and possible questions interviewers will ask about it. Her program allows her to focus on the content of the students' resumes, rather than on format and tiny matters such as indentation.

When asked what she liked most about her job, Beck said, "I like the mix." Her work varies. She spends part of her day doing career counseling with students, which could involve an interest inventory interpretation or a resume critique. Depending on the demands of the week, she could be attending meetings about the N.C. Job Fair or designing a logo for a career conference.

Her favorite part of the day is working with students in many different ways and getting to do different things. She said she does not like to do the same thing all day and says multi-tasking is one of her career values.

Beck has been a career counselor here for 10 years. She did not go to school with any intentions of becoming a career counselor. She said, "I sort of fell into it, like a lot of us do in our careers, sort of by accident."

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efforts to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa. Now every tax-paying American is helping to fund this promise. Americans are finally contributing to an effort that should have seen their contributions years ago. However, much more needs to be done if the world wants to fully combat this crisis. The last thing we want to see is \$15 billion go to waste.

As a student at High Point University, think about how much money you spend each day to fulfill your needs. Let's make it easy and focus on the bare necessities such as clean water and at least one meal a day. In addition to this, you need somewhere to stay, something Bob Dylan would call, "shelter from the storm." Don't forget, our university doesn't give you these things for free; you pay for them with your tuition or at least your parents do. Of course, the grand total for the daily cost of these things will vary based on the different life-styles of each individual because, while someone devours a steak dinner at Outback, another enjoys a burger meal at McDonald's. Now, keeping these things in mind, imagine living on less than \$1 a day. Suddenly food becomes much more important to you, and healthy drinking water is a luxury. This is the case for over 300 million people living in Sub-Saharan Africa, and this number could rise to 400 million by 2015.

To make matters worse, 30 million people have contracted HIV/AIDS in Africa, which accounts for 70 percent of infections across the globe. 6,500 people die and 9,500 more contract the virus everyday in Africa alone. That's twice the number of people who died on Sept. 11, 2001. Imagine two Sept. 11's occurring on a daily basis for the remainder of your lives.

What about the children? There are currently 13 million HIV/AIDS orphans living in Africa. These children are left to die on hospital shelves, street corners, in sewers, or the garbage. Again, the numbers are only increasing, and by 2010, an expected 20 million children in Africa will have lost a parent to HIV/AIDS. If children are the future, Africa's future doesn't look too promising.

Proper funding would pay for the drugs and the education needed to end the spread of HIV/AIDS, but large debts, unfair trade and broken promises keep preventing this from happening. Sub-Saharan Africa spends \$14.5 billion each year paying back debts to the world's wealthiest countries and international in-

stitutions, making Bush's \$15 billion look rather small. As a result, most of the countries in Sub-Saharan Africa end up paying more in debts than they do for health care and education.

We must keep in mind that people dying of AIDS in Africa can't be blamed for the thoughtless loans that were made between the governments of Africa and wealthy nations and organizations. Why do we make people survive on less than \$1 a day when we know that they can't pay back their debts? Isn't less than \$1 a day bad enough? In fact, if all of Africa's debts are canceled, it will only cost each member of these wealthy nations about \$1.70 a year. For you, that's just one less hot dog and soda at a High Point Panthers basketball game.

Perhaps the most disturbing figure is the amount of money America gives to the AIDS crisis. In 1970, the world's wealthiest nations came together and agreed to give, on a yearly basis, 0.7 per-

cent of their Gross National Product (GNP) to the poorest nations of the world. However, America is currently well below that mark at only 0.23 percent. On the other hand, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have all met the 0.7 percent mark, proving that it is attainable. It is vital for every nation who made this agreement to fulfill this promise because development assistance brings safe drinking water, medicine, school books and food to those less fortunate.

I could go on further with more statistics but I hope I've deepened your understanding in the urgency to act towards this effort. Please remember that when our "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" event comes to a close in the Millis Center on Feb. 25, our university's fight against global AIDS mustn't come to a standstill. When this event is over, be sure to finish the fight because while our lives continue on, other lives in Africa come to an end.



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In Jersey, she was used to hanging out with many Hispanic people, and once she arrived here, her freshman year, all of that changed for the next three years. Brito, in touch with her culture, would try to make the best out of it. She says with a smile, "My freshman, my sophomore and my junior year people would laugh; my friends would just think I was the craziest person; and I would make little flyers to put on my door that said I'm proud to be Hispanic." It was tough for Brito not to know anyone that could understand how left out she felt. "I celebrated Hispanic Heritage month all by myself," she said.

She explained with a gloomy face how nobody knew that there was a Hispanic Heritage month. It begins Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 15. Brito says that throughout her first three years she only knew one Spanish person but that person did not speak Spanish, and the only

people that she could actually talk to in Spanish were her Spanish professors. She hated her freshman year; the only thing that kept her here was her major. She said that High Point was one of the few schools that offered international business as a full major instead of just a subsection of business.

Brito adapted to her new environment throughout the years. She met all different people that made her life more interesting. But no matter what she did, she did not forget about her background. She said, "My culture, my heritage, are very important to me, and I'm not ashamed of it at all." She also said how having someone that she could have shared that with would have made her first three years even better. According to her, Hispanics composed only 1 percent of the population her first year on campus, and now she says the number has increased to 5 or maybe even 6 per-

cent. Brito laughed and said, "Actually I am a senior now, and it is now that I meet all these Spanish people out of nowhere." She has the chance to communicate and interact with her culture. Now that Darlene is a senior she wishes that she had done something to show the students about the cultures on campus. She had an idea to make a multi-cultural festival that would show dances from every culture on campus. Brito never had the chance to actually get to do this, but she hopes that someone has the same passion that she has for her culture and would be able to put on a show.

Brito will be graduating in the spring and is happy to leave the campus with more Hispanics. She just hopes that all these students stay true to their culture because for her it is everything she has. Brito with a cheerful tone said, "Nothing makes me prouder then being Hispanic."

## 'Grams' a heavy film

By Sarah Gray  
Staff Writer

"21 Grams" is Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu's first English language film featuring Benicio del Toro, Sean Penn and Naomi Watts. The director is famous for his Spanish film, "Amores Perros," and the release of his new film was highly anticipated. "21 Grams" is the story of three very different individuals who are thrown together after a fatal car accident. The film follows how their lives intertwine and how each character is forced to face the reality of death. Jack Jordon (Toro) a religiously redeemed ex-con and his wife struggle to provide for their two children, while Jack questions his faith and puts it to the test. Paul Rivers (Penn) is an ill college professor waiting for a heart transplant. Meanwhile his wife tries to convince him to donate his sperm, implying that she will want to bear a child after he dies. The couple's relationship is tested through their turmoil and fear of imminent death. Cristina Peck (Watts) has the perfect family life with her husband after her destructive past. She is forced to think about her future and her family's lives.

"21 Grams" was mostly filmed with a hand held camera which gave it a rough, gritty and intimate feel. The structure is jumpy with flashbacks and back-and-forth scenes between characters. Overall the style is very much his own and similar to his earlier film. The performance by del Toro is possibly his best since "Traffic," and he commands the audience with his every move and words. Penn keeps getting better with each film he does. Watts redeems herself with this role following her mediocre performance in "The Ring." The scenes that are captured are breathtaking and sometimes disturbing because they seem so real. Moviegoers feel that they are in the film and watching it unfold in front of them. This film is intense and kept me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

The title of this film is not a drug reference, but 21 grams, the equivalent of five nickels, is the amount of weight a person loses when they die. This highly spiritual and dramatic film will not leave you unmoved.



## 'Big Fish': a larger than life tale

By Andrea Griffith  
Copy Editor

Looking for a good film that rises above goofy comedy but isn't heavy on sentimentality and drama? "Big Fish" is your ticket, with a tone that remains light-hearted throughout, even as it addresses the issues of death and troubled family relationships.

Director Tim Burton and his amazing cast, which includes Ewan McGregor, Jessica Lange, Albert Finney, Billy Crudup, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi, Helena Bonham Carter and Alison Lohman, create contrasting worlds of the real and the imaginative that hold the viewer's interest throughout.

Finney stands out as the older version of Edward Bloom, who continues to tell his outrageous stories as he waits to die, even though these monologues have driven his son Will (Billy Crudup) to alienation. All of his life, Will's only dialog with his father involved

tales of giants, circuses and big fish, of course. Despite bitterness he feels toward his father for fabricating much of what he learned as a child, Will has returned home with his wife upon news of his father's illness. The folklore is revealed to the audience through flashbacks narrated by Finney. Ewan McGregor plays the young adult version of Finney's character in a way that is cheerful without being sickeningly sweet.



All cast members seem like natural picks for each of their characters. Jessica Lange adds brightness to the movie as Sandra Bloom, who tries to side-step the conflict that her husband and son face. As usual, Danny DeVito supplies energy as a circus entrepreneur that makes the entire film more rhythmic. Helena Bonham

Carter, in a fitting role, creates a sense of awe and mystery as a witch, and Billy Crudup glues the story together as he tries to discover the truth about his father's past.

The film is reminiscent of "Forest Gump" because of its unbelievable recollections, but is more visually stunning because of the added fantasy components.

"Big Fish" achieves a great balance of drama and comedy. At the heart of the plot is a son struggling to accept his father, but Burton is able to avoid the rush of sentimentality that usually accompanies death in film. None of the characters talks at length about Edward's condition; his death is not belabored or cliché. The focus remains upon his life of folklore and romance, which adds momentum to the film's message that life should be an adventure with no mundane patterns.

With "Big Fish," Burton and cast blend reality perfectly with fantasy. The result is a fun film featuring relationships that many of us can identify with and colorful worlds where most of us would rather be.

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the 'kid-in-the-tight-black-shirt' concept of the genre and actually listen to the music.

Finally, we'll conclude with sports. I'm going out on a limb on practically all of these, and could horribly fail with several, so here goes nothing. Straight to the predictions: the Carolina Panthers will win the Super Bowl. The High Point University Panthers will make the NCAA tournament. Duke will not win

the national title. The L.A. Lakers will not win the NBA title despite their disgusting amount of talent. Neither will the Indiana Pacers. The Chicago Cubs will have a huge season after quietly assembling a fantastic team. Additionally, the Anaheim Angels are going to make quite a bit of noise in the American League. Lastly, the Boston Red Sox will disappoint their fans, again.

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wanted us to do. Judge people by the content of their character. Encourage yourself and others to really know people for who they are on the inside. Learn from others about their culture and embrace yours as well. It's through learning one can get understanding.

What kind of person do you chose to be? Are you going to be the type of person who decides to stay ignorant and make the situation worse? Or, are you going to choose to be a part of the dream? The choice is yours. Just be sure to make the right one.

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able difficulties. He saw the past with internal urgency and that the past and the future are related and "it is into this web that humanity is born."

King traveled to Memphis, where he was murdered, in April of 1968 to lead a protest against the low wages and poor working conditions of sanitation workers. In closing, Jones said that if King had stayed at home in Atlanta, he would probably still be alive; it would be the "nonviolence of apathy, of safety, of contentment with the status quo. Instead, he wanted to be remembered as the drum major for justice, peace and righteousness."

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### Sports Med Club

After a busy fall, the Sports Medicine Club is making plans for an even busier spring semester. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving food drive and our holiday toy drive. Both events were a big success with over 150 food items being donated to the Father's Table, and over 5 boxes of toys being delivered to the Toys for Tots program. We are especially grateful to the Board of Stewards whose donations were key to the toy drive's success. This spring, we will be putting on a Sports Medicine Symposium on March 20 for perspective HPU



students interested in Sports Medicine. The symposium will consist of guest speakers, member presenters and hands-on activities to give high school students an idea of what it is like to be an athletic training student at HPU. Just a few of the other events in the works for this semester include a campus health fair held in conjunction with Student Health Services, a social outing and the National Athletic Trainers' Association annual conference. The club is open to any current or prospective exercise science or athletic training student and usually meets the first Thursday of every month in Millis Room 226.

### Alpha Gamma Delta ΓΗ

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great break and got some much needed relaxation. Although it has only been a couple of weeks since we have been back, we have been very busy. We are currently getting ready for Formal Recruitment and cannot wait to meet all potential members. Formal Rush is one of our favorite times of the year and it always proves to be a great time for the rushees. Good luck to all fraternities and sororities participating in Formal Recruitment!

We are currently planning a great philanthropy event with our local Triad cancer centers. Sisters will dedicate one day from the upcoming month and spend the entire day with the children at the centers who are battling this disease. We will present these special boys and girls with goody packages and make each child a prince or princess for the day. We are looking forward to this event and plan to make it a tradition in up and coming years.

Boys, mark your calendars because next month on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the Zetas in our annual Valentine's Day Date Party. This was a tradition started last year and

it proved to be a great success. We always have such a great time with the Zeta girls and enjoy strengthening the bonds between our two sororities.

We also would like to congratulate three of our sisters for being nominated for Snow Queen for Snowball 2004. Good luck, girls; you all work hard and deserve this honor! The Gams will all be attending Snowball and we hope to see many of you there as well.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming events sponsored by Alpha Gamma Delta. We are currently looking into bringing back an old tradition and holding a sister



retreat at Hanging Rock Mountain. This retreat will be a time when we can get

away from the stress of college life and even further strengthen our bonds of sisterhood and spend quality time with one another. We also will be sponsoring an event at High Point's Triangle Billiards soon and plan to have several mixers with various campus organizations.

Again, good luck to everyone during formal recruitment and good luck to all students in the new semester!

### College Republicans

This will be an exciting spring for College Republicans! Some special events are in the works.

Any wrestling fans out there? On Feb. 11, Warrior, also known as the Ultimate Warrior, will be on campus. He will be available for autographs and a photo opportunity, and will be speaking during his

stay on campus. This event is open to all students!

On Feb. 24, College Republicans and College Democrats will face off again in a debate. Even if you are not in one of these clubs, come to this exciting event!

Other events are in the works and will be announced soon! Have a great spring semester, and come join College Republicans!

### Kappa Delta ΙΤ

The sisters of Kappa Delta are back from break in full force! We are SO excited about formal recruitment and look forward to adding some AWESOME girls into our chapter!

We are excited to report that we had a great visit from our CDC Lindsay Light and she gave us some very helpful tips on how to improve our chapter even more!

CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS for the date of Saturday, March 20th! We will be holding our 7th Annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run on this day! We are working very

hard to make it a bigger success than last year, so please come out and help us raise money for Prevent Child Abuse America!

Our annual Crush Party will be held February 27 at Triangle Billiards. Boys, be ready to be handcuffed! Lots of other



fun activities are in store for all those who attend.

Be on the lookout for some more of our upcoming Philanthropy events to help prevent child abuse and our local philanthropy, the Hallelujah House. We will be collecting necessity items such as toothpaste, shampoo and soap to donate to the battered women's shelter. If you want to help, please contact Sylvia Harwood at X9305.

### Alpha Kappa Alpha

"The Spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha" has soared through the hearts and minds of the Ladies of the Sigma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in many ways. A small but powerful group, we have proven ourselves this past fall semester with our dedicated efforts on campus and within the community.

A recap of the semester shows our hard work in striving to serve all mankind. In October, various ladies of Sigma Mu campaigned to make students, faculty and staff aware of the causes and effects of breast cancer. Free breast screenings were offered which educated women on breast cancer and early signs along with pamphlets and ribbons that were distributed throughout the day in classes and around campus. Sigma Mu also invited a representative from the local hospital, High Point Regional Health Center, to provide more background information on breast cancer through a power-point presentation. She also spoke on how to prevent it and what to do if you have breast cancer.

During the week of Nov. 17-22, we helped enforce Buckle Up America by putting posters up depicting serious accidents dealing with not wearing seat-belts or driving under the influence. To enhance this program, A Seat Belt Simulator was brought to campus by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol in Greensboro, N.C. While on campus a Winnie the Pooh stuffed animal was used to demonstrate seat belt safety. While Winnie the Pooh did not have a seat belt on, it showed how he was ejected from the truck while

it was spinning around as if it was in a car accident. Many students and faculty stopped by and witnessed this event.

For National Volunteer Day, we served food to various families at the Greensboro Pathways Family Shelter. This shelter housed about 16 families who are in need. They come from all over, including New York and surrounding areas like Greensboro or Winston-Salem. Most of the families consist of single mothers with three to four kids. There were a couple of two-parent families. We came together to serve the families hotdogs, chili, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and drinks that were made prior to arriving at the shelter. The families enjoyed our presence and we enjoyed being there to help them.

Other events that we held consisted of secret sisters, delivering goody bags to the elderly at Evergreen Nursing home and a self-funding spaghetti dinner. This dinner was an event where we were able to invite two friends for dinner. This gave our guest a chance to learn more about our sorority, ask questions and interact more closely with us. Each soror helped out by shopping for food or making something for dinner. We also supported our graduate chapter Eta Omicron in the recognition of its Golden and Silver Sorors during an afternoon tea. Lastly, we held a dessert discussion on AIDS, which allowed the student population to come together and talk about facts on AIDS. It was an open forum where students shared stories and suggested ideas of ways to help fight AIDS. This was the foundation of a project that we started to help fight AIDS.

### Alpha Delta Theta

The sisters of ADT have been pretty busy between our many services and socials, but we've enjoyed our time together and with many people throughout our community. We are a Christian Service Sorority which strives to be God's Light to the HPU campus and to the community at large. ADT has made quite a few trips to High Point Manor (a retirement center) hanging up cheerful signs, playing bingo and singing Christmas carols with the residents. We have also been involved with Operation Christmas Child, The Angel Tree Project, Habitat for Humanity and numerous other projects. Our social chairs have provided some fun and entertaining social events for us this year, including movie nights, game night, ice cream socials and many others. We are very excited and proud to have six new girls join our sisterhood: Jessica and Katie Culp, Doreen Furman, Heather Gregory, Brooke Hayworth and Dekesha Seay. Congratulations, girls! We love you! If you are looking for a Christian based sorority with a dedication to the Lord and to the community, please consider joining ADT! We would love you have you at our Open Houses scheduled for Feb. 3 and 10. For more information, please call Ashley Zickefoose at 888-6347.

### Pi Kappa Alpha

The Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha hope that everyone is having a good spring semester. Since getting back to good old HPU, we have stayed really busy. Just before the beginning of the semester, brothers Darrin Sita and Sam Closic attended a Pi Kappa Alpha Chapter Presidents Conference in Memphis, Tenn. They both came back with a lot of new ideas and we are looking forward to putting those ideas into action. On Jan. 24, we once again cleaned our two mile stretch of Lexington Ave. for the Adopt-A-Highway program. We are also planning some activities with the High Point Fire Dept. such as a benefit softball game and a pig roast.

We did really well during Spring Recruitment and got a great group of guys who we hope to someday call brothers. We would like to thank the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha for our last function. We had a great time in the grotto, ladies. On Feb. 28, we will be having our Annual Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl Formal at the Greensboro Embassy Suites. The black-tie event is a night dedicated to the lucky girl who will have the privilege of being the Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl. Good luck to our indoor soccer teams, especially the B team. Try not to embarrass yourselves.

This semester is no doubt going to be a busy one. We have a lot of events planned for the rest of the semester such as our annual beach weekend (tentatively scheduled for April 8-11) which will be in Charleston, S.C. this year. In addition to beach weekend, we will also be having plenty of mixers and parties, some school-wide fundraisers, and hopefully a few other events that will make this semester another one to remember. Finally, we want to wish Brother Nick Peterson the best of luck during his semester off; see you back here this summer, Mo-Pete.

### Phi Mu ΙΖ

The ladies of Phi Mu, Gamma Zeta chapter, are proud to announce out new Executive Board. Kelly Rushin will serve as President, Emily Stilwell as Vice President, Heidi Bitler as Secretary, Erin Hipps as Treasurer, Sarah Seitz will serve on Panhellenic, Molly Bayard as Social & Risk Management, Kelly Brown as Phi Director, and Meghan Brown as Membership Director. We would also like to congratulate our new Phi, Elizabeth Balwah. Good Luck to all Fraternities and Sororities in the Spring Recruitment.

## Off the field problems gain new meaning

Last Thursday began like any other day I have had since I started school this year. I woke up to go and work at the Dog House, hung out with my roommates for a couple hours and went to work out at the YMCA. All right, maybe working out at the Y is something that I've only done a few times since coming here. Things changed for the worse later that evening when I went shopping at the Harris Teeter on Eastchester.

As my roommate and I were loading the car with the groceries that we bought, he took the cart back and I started his car. As he slid into the passenger seat, a man came to the window to ask for the time. I reluctantly, due to circumstances I will explain later, cracked the door and had my roommate tell him the time. As I closed the door and was fidgeting with a car I was not used to, I could tell that the man wanted something else. Around this time, a second man approached with his hood on and acting excited. I glanced over to see what he was so worked up about and noticed him gesturing toward his hand.

Many people have different ideas what they would do if a gun got pulled on them, whether it is be brave and try to save the day or freeze in fright. I

thought for about a half second about trying to drive away, but there was no quick way out of the parking lot, so common sense took over. At least what I would call common sense under the circumstances.

My roommate and I jumped out of the car, thinking we were getting car-jacked. As we were standing up, the man with the gun yelled, "Get back in the car!" For a second here, I became petrified because I thought I was getting kidnapped. Luckily, and I will call it luck for now, the man with the gun and his friend, who was by now at the passenger side watching my roommate, just asked for our cash.

The men ended up with what I consider a good chunk of change from me and my roommate plus his wallet. We ended up driving down the street a little ways and calling the police. They never found the two men, but it was nice to see 10 police officers speeding around town trying to help us a little.

Most people would find this event traumatizing enough to last many years. For me, however, it has been just one of a string of incidents. A week prior to the armed robbery, I was the victim of larceny as I let someone in my house that I

should not have and he left with my \$80 electric razor. Over Thanksgiving Break, some nice people decided I no longer needed my X-Box, controllers, games and DVDs, and they also stole some of my roommates' things. If you put those three together, you have breaking and entering, larceny and armed robbery, all within a couple months. I actually picked up the police reports for the first two the day before I went to the Harris Teeter.

I remember my brother, the former editor of the Campus Chronicle, writing his last article about how High Point has become his hometown. It was an article I agreed with until a week ago. Don't get me wrong, I love the campus and the people that go to school here. I just cannot deal with the problems I have had over the last couple months. I might stay in the Triad if I get a job in the area, but, as of now, I cannot live in the city of High Point.

I did not write this to discourage anyone from living here or to say High Point is a bad place to live. I actually loved it before Thanksgiving. I wrote this so I wouldn't have to tell this story anymore. I wrote it so maybe I can sleep at night without worrying about whether the doors and windows are locked or thinking about what I could have done differently to stop any of these three crimes. With that out of the way, I'm now ready to watch the Super Bowl.



**Kenny Graff**  
Sports Editor

## Men's basketball team reaches top of league

By Taylor Humphreys  
Staff Writer

The men's basketball season is underway and if you haven't caught a game at the Millis Center—you're missing 40 minutes of exciting basketball. On Jan. 27, the Panthers had a 12-5 record and topped the conference with a 5-1 mark.

With practically all the starters coming from junior colleges, one major hurdle was getting everyone to learn each other's game. Zion White, a junior transfer from West Plains Junior College, who is averaging 15 points per game, says, "In my opinion, getting to know everyone and the different way we all play was difficult since we're all new." Because of this, Coach Bart Lundy noticed right away what his primary job needed to be. "I had to get everybody on the same page and teach the system to all the guys, which has been a challenging and at times frustrating process, but also fun."

By beating Radford last Saturday, High Point has already tied the school record for single season Big South wins. With 10 more conference games, this has brought high expectations for the guys. Jerry Echenique, a 260 pound center who is averaging 12 points a game said, "Although the preseason poll ranked us 7<sup>th</sup>, we're #1 in our conference. This places a lot of pressure and the expectations are increased. Everyone comes into High Point looking to beat us."

Coach Lundy enjoys the high expectations because he believes they make the team work harder. "The expectations are already off the charts which is good. That high bar of expectations has created a spirit here at High Point for basketball that hasn't been here in awhile."

The team's success has also attracted national attention. Last week, CBS Sports developed early projected brackets of March Madness, even though it's not even February yet. Within those brackets, High Point was ranked 16<sup>th</sup> and projected to play Wake Forest University in the first round. White mentioned, "It's awesome that people this early have already noticed our basketball team but we still have a lot of work to do and that is to win the Big South, then look at the NCAA Tournament."

Lundy is making a huge impact in his first season. Coming from a successful career at Queens College in Charlotte, he is on his way to starting a winning record at High Point. One reason for this instant success is his expectations from his players. Jorsua Chambers, a 6-5 junior, believes that "when you have intense focus during practice and learn everything you need to, then the games will be easier to get a win."

Another thing that is necessary for home game wins is the student section which can be seen at games standing for 40 minutes, losing their vocal chords, bonging more beer at halftime and making sure that the visiting team experiences 40 minutes of pure hell. Since the season began, the attendance has grown with each game and the crowd at the Radford game exceeded 2100.

Lundy says, "The students have been unreal, and last weekend [versus Radford] was the loudest it has ever been; and with that noise it creates a huge home court advantage which is a direct result of the student section."

## Women's squad looks for strong stretch run

By Bethany Davoll  
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team has had its ups and downs in the first half of the season, including several injuries, getting off to a 8-9 (2-2 in Big South play) record through Jan. 24.

The Panthers' most recent game was at home against Charleston Southern last Saturday. The game was close in the first half with the Panthers' leading by only one, but High Point turned it up a notch in the second half to come away with the 72-57 victory. Katie O'Dell, the Panthers' leading scorer and third in the conference at 14.3 per game, had 20 on the night. Freshmen guard Katie Ralls posted a career high 13 points, along with seven assists and four rebounds, and Shorty Martin, fourth in the Conference at 13.9 ppg had 10 in the game and three assists. The women have been coming together as a team lately, playing better defense overall and running a more effective offense.

Head Coach Tooley Loy said of his team's chemistry: "We're getting better everyday, it's been a big adjustment with

not many of the players having played together so far. Since Christmas break, we have seen improvement everyday."

High Point played on the road Jan. 21 in front of a full house against UNC-Asheville. HPU played the 12-3 (3-0) Bulldogs close for the first 40 minutes of the ball game and two overtime periods, before losing 68-66. There were five lead changes in the 10 minutes of extra play, but the winning basket came with 14 seconds left in double-overtime when UNC Asheville's Brittany Hendly's layup was good after a steal. The basket put the Bulldogs up by one, and High Point had a chance to tie or win the game with a pair of free throws coming with six seconds in the game, but missed both and were forced to foul. UNC Asheville hit one of two ensuing foul shots, for the final score of 68-66. Shorty Martin led High Point with 17 points before fouling out with 33 seconds left in regulation, Chan Ingram posted a season high of 15, and Katie O'Dell added 12 points along with 10 rebounds. Freshmen center Timberley Jones played valuable minutes in the game coming off the bench, adding key rebounds

and four blocked shots to help keep High Point in the game defensively. After the game Coach Loy was hoping to take an optimistic outlook from the loss. "We had a lot of people step up and play big minutes. There was good intensity and a packed crowd and we played a good team down to the wire. We hope to take this game as a positive and not a negative," he said.

Before the UNC Asheville game, the Panthers were coming off a loss against Birmingham-Southern, 59-49. High Point played the game close getting to within five points with under a minute left in the game, before being forced to foul at the end. Shorty Martin had 23 points in the game, tying a career high, while Emily Mills added nine points and Kate Jenner seven. Before the loss the Panthers had been on a three game winning streak, rebounding after losing five in a row in non-conference play. High Point hopes to continue improving in Big South Conference play, Coach Loy says his team "plans to win every game. We play one game at a time. There is no team in the conference that we feel we can't play with or beat."

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## Students, faculty wage campaign to put a face on AIDS in Africa

By **Andrea Griffith**  
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Students and faculty at the university hope to ignite a movement among college students with their Feb. 25 program "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa," which will center around two guest speakers who run an orphanage in Kenya.

The program is part of a weeklong visit by the co-founder and doctor at New Life Homes, an orphanage in Kenya that has emerged as a model for saving the lives of children left to die as a result of the AIDS epidemic. Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai will bring their message of hope to a variety of Triad audiences beginning Feb. 22.

Beckenham and Wangai will be the guests of Drs. Chad and Jane Stephens, who discovered New Life Homes when the family was in Kenya in 1999. The Stephenses adopted their son, Joe, from New Life Homes and their daughter, Bui, came to live with them when her mother died in childbirth. Now, the Stephenses want to tell the story of these orphans to

others. As English department chair, Dr. Jane Stephens has reached out to the university's students, who have responded with a commitment to get results.

"For me, this is a personal cause," she said. "I'm so thrilled that High Point students have reached out to make it personal to them."



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS  
STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR AIDS EVENT

In addition to High Point, Beckenham and Wangai will visit Elon University, Wake Forest University, Forsyth Medical Center and area churches the week of Feb. 22.

Through months of effort, students and faculty at High Point have organized the week's centerpiece event, which will be on Feb. 25 in Millis Athletic and Convocation Center at 7 p.m. The program will feature a multimedia presentation about AIDS orphans, performances by Genesis Gospel Choir and the university dance team "Panthers with Pizzazz," a display of artwork by local elementary school children and a touching surprise finale.

"In my opinion, there is no more important project than to give hope to thousands of Kenyan children, orphans in Africa," said University President Dr. Jacob

C. Martinson. "The enthusiasm that our students have shown in their praise of this program is inspiring."

Following is a sampling of fund-raising activities for New Life at High Point prompted by this event:

-Fraternalities have recycled cans for money.

-Evening Degree Program students and sororities have planned baby showers to collect baby items for the homes.

-The International Club has sold raffle tickets.

-Students have collected artwork from local artists, including Mrs. Libby Martinson, wife of the university president. The artwork will be sold in a silent auction beginning at 5 p.m. in Millis Center on Feb. 25.

-The Student Government Association has donated \$10,000 to help fund the event, with the remainder being donated to New Life.

-T-shirts have been designed promoting the event and will be sold.

-Resident assistants are sponsoring a "Pie Your R.A." contest to raise funds.

-Students have collected money at Panthers basketball games.

-Students solicited Bono's foundation DATA, which agreed to participate by sending a video diary of Bono's crusade and some educational literature on

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## Stephens family blessed by orphans adopted from Kenya

*Editor's Note: This story was written by Charlie Lehman of McNeill Lehman, the university's news bureau. It was included in a comprehensive news kit that was distributed as part of the event's publicity campaign.*

Jane and Chad Stephens did not go to Africa in 1999 to adopt AIDS orphans, but once they met Bui and Joe, there was no coming home without them.

Today, as Bui and Joe thrive in their North Carolina world, their parents keep a flame burning for those left behind. More than 200,000

Kenyans die of AIDS each year, leaving behind infants and toddlers who will eventually become street children – or dead children – if they are not adopted. Jane and Chad Stephens hope to help connect compassionate Americans – and their love for children – with all of those AIDS orphans across the sea.

To that end Jane has helped to organize the first weeklong "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" conference this month at High Point University, where she chairs the English department. Events are also

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## Popular 'caf' king departs after 13 years

By **Kathleen McLean**  
Staff Writer

He greeted students entering the Panthers Commons and talked to them about their day. He listened to food requests and made the Kenny Burger a famed item on the menu. He won the Mr. Panther Contest in the faculty category twice. However, on Jan. 28, Kenny Roseboro's services ended at High Point University.

Roseboro was employed by Aramark, a company contracted by the university for food services. As production manager, he was responsible for ordering and receiving food for the Panthers Commons and working concessions at the games and events on campus. He worked for Aramark for 24 years and at High Point University for 13 years.

Mike Dickson, Aramark district manager, is unable to comment on Roseboro's

dismissal because it is against company policy. Dickson also cannot comment because of legal issues and respect for Roseboro. "You hate making changes; it's one of the hardest parts of a business," said Dickson. "But the goal is to make things better and move forward."

Roseboro said that he appreciates the students' support in his situation, but does not hold any hard feelings against those that made the decision. However, he would like to remind everyone that the cafeteria was not all about him. "I was blessed with a lot of good people," said Roseboro. "It's the staff that makes the managers look good."

Aramark works on a system of managers that report to Dickson as a liaison between Aramark and High Point University. Ms. Gwyn Ewing will be taking Roseboro's position as production manager, which leaves her position as resi-

dential dining area manager open. Dickson said, "Anytime you bring in someone new, the dynamics change. But the different backgrounds bring in a fresh new outside perspective."

Aramark's primary goal here is to provide the customers with what they want. "There are needs that the students, faculty and staff have, and we're charged with fulfilling those needs," said Dickson. "It's a constant goal." Dickson hopes the dining services will remain a positive aspect of campus life.

"Where else on campus do you have such a concentrated gathering of students, faculty and staff? We try to be as much a part of that interaction as possible and make it as positive as we can," said Dickson.

When students learned of Roseboro's dismissal, they were upset and confused. Freshman John Zeigler

said, "It's a shame Kenny is gone because he would come talk to you just to say hi." Freshman Matt Cordeau agreed.

Roseboro was known for his friendly personality and student interaction. A co-worker said, "He was more student-oriented than any of us, and it came naturally to him."

On Feb. 3, the Society's Source published an article on Roseboro which speculated Roseboro was dismissed because he was too courteous to the student body and gave out more portions than allowed. Although Dickson was not allowed to comment on Roseboro's dismissal, he said, "You have the right to feel, think and say whatever you want, but it is only an opinion," said Dickson. "We were never approached by anyone from the Source."

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## Staff Editorial

## AIDS crisis in Africa: please join the fight

"A whole generation of children are growing up without their parents, condemned to live their lives in poverty... This is a new holocaust... How many tens of millions more people have to die before we address this situation seriously? Future generations of historians will debate why it took the world so long to respond to the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS... They will probably conclude that the delay is as immoral as it is incomprehensible."

These words, by Justin Malewezi, Vice President of Malawi, say it all. Imagine a 10-year-old child left to care for her younger siblings because her parents were victims of AIDS. Imagine a child who must walk from his village for miles without shoes. Imagine the countless children, even infants, who have been raped because African men mistakenly think that this violent act will cure AIDS. These are children who have faced more trauma in the beginning of their lives than most of us will ever see.

Oprah recently visited some AIDS orphans in South Africa over Christmas. She threw a Christmas party for thousands of children. She gave them dolls and toys, clothes and shoes, a good meal that would be the only meal of the day for many of them and a Polaroid picture to remember the day. Most of them had never had their picture taken. Imag-

ine your childhood without the countless photo albums.

Oprah was overwhelmed by the children's joy. Despite all they had been through, they were bright-eyed, spirited children who will be eternally grateful to her. They have become Oprah's cause. They should be the world's cause.

If you're still not convinced that you should be spending time helping the AIDS cause, I ask you to do two things. First, see Oprah's "Christmas Kindness" episode on Feb. 24 in Hayworth Fine Arts Center at 11 a.m. Second, attend the "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa," event in Millis Center at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25. Both are worth IDS credit. These two events will make the cause clear and urgent for you, but more importantly, they will inspire you.

You may have recently felt inundated by AIDS posters, meetings, fundraising efforts and discussion on campus. But feel encouraged. These conversations will play a role in the overall effect. The statistics make AIDS seem hopeless—a child is orphaned every 14 seconds, AIDS claims 6,500 lives everyday in Africa. It is the faces of the courageous children, the missionaries who are pioneering a turnaround and the activists who bring hope. Won't you join the fight?

## MLK's words remain important to this day

By Derek Shealey  
Staff Writer

High Point University is a great school, and I'm proud to be one of its students, but it was on the campus of another university that I learned my most important lesson yet as a college student. It was late last year when I and two other majors had the pleasure of accompanying our English Department chair, Dr. Jane Stephens, to Wake Forest University to hear a series of speeches and interviews by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event, titled "Trumpet of Consciousness," paid tribute to some of King's most moving and socially relevant speeches. In the oration that we heard, the civil rights martyr expressed his contempt over American involvement in the Vietnam war.

After the speech was read, the host encouraged audience members to share their ideas. From hearing this one anti-war, politically-conscious 36-year-old speech, students, guests and faculty members shared the spotlight and gave their views on a number of social issues. Topics included Iraq, the economy, racial problems, affirmative action and the state of hip-hop music.

Interestingly, almost everyone made a reference to the "dream of King" or "spirit of King." I think that hearing such eloquent and urgent language affected inspired people to share their diverse and honest views about the world. That's the universal lesson I learned from the experience. King's legacy and timeless influence are founded on the belief of improving the quality of human life and ex-

pressing that belief. King shared the same dream of freedom as history's other great black activists, such as Malcolm X and Nelson Mandela, but he stands alone as the man who has spoken words of inspiration and humanity that have resonated in the hearts and minds of more people than anyone else of his era.

Of course, almost everyone would say that King's power resided not only in his speeches, but in his actions. If these actions, brave and dangerous as they were, brought him praise the world over, he didn't relish it. The focus stayed on a particular cause, protest or other issue that concerned the people.

With this in mind, I find it confusing how, sometimes, society chooses to preserve King's

memory. I live in High Point, and for the past few years, members of the city council have been trying to get Hartley and College Drive renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard. The proposal has received a great amount of local support. I support it because it's a way of keeping King's memory alive. At the same time, I don't think it's enough to merely rename a street or anything else after King. It's sort of a hollow tribute for a man who had real visions for creating a fairer, more united society. If the city council wanted to create a scholarship, build a job training center or develop some other community project in King's name, I would be more comfortable in my support. Monuments signify vanity, something King rejected as a

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## Coping with breakups

Every girl, deep down, wants to be swept off her feet by a Prince Charming,

but what happens when the fairy tale ends?

At the beginning

of the year, I wrote an article concerning ethics in dating. I talked about how

you couldn't plan a relationship. You just have to let things happen, and I still believe that to be true.

Recently I was in a relationship that I thought would last a long time, but things happened and now I'm single again. Although a lot of girls would feel hurt to hear the words, "I love you, but I just can't be with you," I'm not. Sometimes you have to realize that it is the honest truth.

People who are on the outside of a

relationship may be angered because a friend was hurt or confused because everything looked perfect. However, they shouldn't stay upset because there was nothing they could do. All any friend can do for someone who was dumped or dumped someone else, is to be there as a shoulder to cry on or a sounding board.

A relationship doesn't involve the whole world; it's only about those two people. The important thing is that those two people talk in order to save some sort of feeling they had for each other. I may not be in a relationship right now, but I know the guy I dated will always care about me and be there for me because we both had an influence in each other's lives. The same goes true for any relationship I have been in. Each has given me a memory or feeling that has affected my life.

Memories are to be cherished, and love is something that shouldn't be thrown away. Although you may have been dumped and were in love, that doesn't mean you should let go of ev-

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## Why you should think about studying abroad

The chance to study abroad is something that every student should take seriously. Specifically, HPU has some great



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programs for students to choose from. Last semester, I and two others went to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. There are also programs to Oxford-Brookes, in Oxford, England, Leeds, also in England, as well as foreign language study programs in France, Germany, Spain, Mexico and others. I can attest to the fact that studying abroad is an amazing experience, and I hope you'll consider it.

I will say it probably isn't for everyone. As excited as I was at the beginning, I had some reservations. I'm an only child, very close to my family; I'd never been away from home for any period longer than a week or two. We won't even mention distance; it should tell you enough that I live in Winston-Salem and chose to go to school here. And there's also the fact that it's a completely different culture, almost a different language and a completely different and frankly confusing educational system. Oh, yeah, and Scottish food is only a notch or two above English cuisine...and I have an intimate relationship with what goes in my stomach.

OK, now for the good news. You get three months with no responsibilities except classes. Even then, you'll have less than you do here and since only credit hours transfer, your GPA will be unaffected (read: all you have to do is pass —

talk about freedom). You're in a new country surrounded by all manner of exciting things to see and do. Not that this is important, but the drinking age is probably going to be 18, and there are no special stores for the "hard liquor." Yes, odds are you can purchase your nectar of choice at the grocery store along with everything else. I'm not sure why I even mention this, though, as I'm sure it means nothing to most college students. Oh, and don't forget, you have the chance to travel. Especially if you do one of the European programs, you will be a short flight away from an endless number of incredible destinations.

My reasons are a little different, but hey, maybe you can relate. I don't want to say I was looking for a semester off per se, but I was certainly looking for a semblance of a break. Yes, I wanted to travel, and yes, I was just chomping at the bit to experiment with kilts (at various levels of undergarments) and meet people from a lot of different cultures. Mainly, though, I just wanted a little R&R, and what better place to do that than Bonnie Scotland?

Whatever your motivation, look into spending a semester (or year) abroad. I promise you won't regret it. Get in touch with Dr. Head in the Modern Foreign Language Department. She's the director of our study abroad programs. If you'd like info specifically on St. Andrews from me, e-mail the Chronicle account, and I'll get back to you. Keep in mind that St. Andrews is a more academically rigorous program, so you need to have a GPA of at least a 3.5 to apply. Oh, and if you write me with any questions about Prince William, I will delete on sight. With all that being said, Godspeed, and happy trails. And if you happen to be in Scotland at any point, have a wee dram for me.

## The ugly truth about St. Valentine's Day

Ah, Valentine's Day. It's the day when people who love each other can say that they love each other through expensive jewelry, extravagant dinners and countless cards that no doubt have a catchy, adorable poem inside. However, when you look closer at all of these thoughtful things we do for the ones we love, they don't seem so precious and adorable after all.



Erin

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Staff Writer

Let's be honest here. If you're spending a ton of money on a fancy dinner or jewelry that would make even some celebrities jealous, you're trying to buy a 'get out of the doghouse free' pass. It is a valiant effort, and I have to say that it's hard to get mad at someone a month or two after Valentine's Day when you're wearing diamond earrings and still talking about the best filet mignon that you've had in your entire life.

Another common thing to give to that special someone is candy. Normally, chocolates in a red heart-shaped box are supposed to convey the message that you care about that person. Of course, you care about that person's feelings, but do you care about that person's weight? After hearing someone say, "I love you," and then being handed a three to five

pound chocolate heart, it's difficult not to hear the words, "Now get fat," in tow. I swear, most break-ups after Valentine's Day are due to the loss of physical attraction. Hey, it's your fault. You just had to say, "I love you," with a "Fudge of the Month Club" membership. The only candy given that I don't have a problem with are the conversation hearts. How can you get upset at little, sweet, pastel hearts that give you simple instructions, like "Kiss me," and "Be mine." Personally, I think the x-rated conversation hearts are a little more memorable. Their instructions are a little more demanding, but I think the pay-off is greater in the end.

I think we had the right idea when we were kids. What happened to the gift of a construction paper heart, where you could still see the glue around the edges? I don't know about everyone else, but I still give gifts like that. Sure, I may lose a boyfriend and a few friends after exchanging valentines, but I'm the one that saves money!

Don't get me wrong. I'm all for showing people that you care about them. However, a day that prides itself

"...a day that prides itself on a flying, fat, half-naked man....should be celebrated in moderation."

on a flying, fat, half-naked man, holding a bow and arrow and shooting people in the backside, should be celebrated in moderation. After all, he is a grown man wearing diapers, so how seriously can the 14th really be taken? However, I am just as guilty as the rest of the public, since I also sometimes indulge in a few of the cliches of Valentine's Day. I think it's just part of the fun of it all. I am paying for it, though. In fact, I'm late for the gym now. Stupid "Fudge of the Month Club" membership....

## Massachusetts legal battle sparks conflict over gay marriage and its implications for America's future

By Jonathan Miller  
Staff Writer

In case you haven't been paying attention to the news, a historical event is about to take place in Massachusetts. This May, Massachusetts will become the first state in the Union to legalize same-sex marriages. The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled in November that denying same-sex marriages is unconstitutional. Lawmakers in Massachusetts thought Vermont-style civil-unions might meet the Supreme Court's requirements. As you may know, Vermont allows civil-unions, which is something short of actual marriage. The Massachusetts Supreme Court issued an advisory opinion last week stating that civil-unions will not suffice as a homosexual's right to marriage; thus, only marriage will be granted in Massachusetts, nothing less. This action by the high court prompted law-makers in Massachusetts to push for a constitutional convention in order to amend the current constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

While this article is being written, the Massachusetts legislature will be voting on the Marriage Affirmation and Protection Amendment. If all goes as planned with no parliamentary procedure delays, the amendment will probably pass; however, that does not make this amendment law yet. This amendment must be approved by a majority again by the next legislature in the 2005-2006 session and then the people will have the opportunity to vote in November of 2006. Therefore, Massachusetts will have allowed same-sex marriages for over two years. In order to ensure the passing of this amendment, some legislators have proposed changing the amendment to at least guarantee civil-unions. This compromise has not been well received by either side of the issue.

I am opposed to same-sex marriages and have confidence that the Massachusetts legislature will come through. If

things go wrong there and same-sex marriage becomes law, we are heading down a dangerous path. Aside from homosexuality being unnatural and a perversion of nature and the religious argument that homosexuality is morally wrong and an abomination as stated in Romans 1:26-27, homosexual marriage will lead to other non-traditional marriages. Evidence to support this argument has already occurred.

"Aside from homosexuality being unnatural and a perversion of nature...homosexual marriages will lead to other non-traditional marriages."

A polygamy case in Utah is using the recent sodomy case, Lawrence v. Texas, to justify marriage with several women. When the state begins granting marriage to homosexuals, the state will have no ground to stand on when it tells this guy he can't marry 10 women. Allowing one non-traditional marriage will ultimately lead to allowing all non-traditional marriages. Say what you want, but marriage is a privilege granted by the state, not a right. The state has always granted marriage licenses, just like it grants driver's licenses. Therefore, the state makes the rules; however, the state could approve of same-sex marriage if it were voted on by the people instead of being declared by activist judges. Given the current climate, not all the states will approve same-sex marriage, but some will. This would break up the cohesion among states. A homosexual couple would be recognized in one state and not in another. The legal problems that would occur from this would be enormous. Legal matters regarding marriage benefits would be chaotic at best, leading to unnecessary complications among states. Thus, a federal marriage amendment seems to be the only possible solution if same-sex marriages become legal in some states; or each state could amend its constitution to guarantee marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

If these immoral and unnatural laws continue elsewhere, I'm afraid to say our country is moving in a direction we should not go. It could be disastrous. Massachusetts will prove that,

# New Life Homes in Kenya save lives of AIDS orphans

Upcoming HPU guests Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai have turned 500 babies HIV negative since 1994

By Andrea Griffith  
Copy Editor

There are 11 million AIDS orphans in Africa. Clive Beckenham, Mary Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai are three people doing something about it.

Arriving in Kenya in 1989 as missionaries, the Beckenhams became aware of the plight of babies abandoned as a result of HIV/AIDS. They saw infants who were HIV positive with one or both parents dying of AIDS left to languish in the pit latrines and ditches of Nairobi. They learned that many children's homes, fearing the AIDS scourge, were refusing to take in these babies. The were appalled by the result: HIV infants born in hospitals were spending their brief days on rubber mattresses where they were essentially left to die.

As a result, the Beckenhams worked to open an orphanage to address this humanitarian crisis. New Life Home opened in 1994 as one of only two orphanages in Kenya caring for AIDS orphans. They brought in Dr. Paul Wangai to provide medical care.

New Life Homes (there are three now) have enjoyed unprecedented success taking 3-pound, sickly babies and helping them become vibrant, cheerful children. As a nurse, Mary Beckenham has the same British charm as a 60-something Mary Poppins. She speaks about the children with such pride that anyone listening is left believing that they will go on to become the next great world leaders, despite their humble beginnings.

Dr. Jane Stephens, chair of the English department, witnessed New Life's spirit first hand when she visited in 1999.

"Their reputation for caring for babies in Nairobi is profound," Stephens, who lives in Winston-Salem, said. "They've had 500 babies, but each one is very much their own. They have shown us that one person can make a difference."

ference."

For the Beckenhams, starting New Life was partly their responsibility as Christians.

"We began this Christian response because Christianity's founder and leader demonstrated that true compassion comes from the heart of God," Clive Beckenham

said.

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wide, but the individual responses are eternally significant and command immeasurable importance to the babies who are hungry, thirsty and homeless."

Today, the three New Life Homes save the lives of Kenyan AIDS babies every day in Nairobi, Kisumu and Lamu.



PHOTO FROM NEW LIFE WEBSITE  
CLIVE AND MARY BECKENHAM WITH NEW LIFE CHILD

## Calendar of Events:

The Visit of Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai will include the following events, which will lead up to High Point's main event Feb. 25.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22<sup>ND</sup>:

**11 a.m.- Dr. Paul Wangai speaks at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem**

MONDAY, FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup>:

**Visit to Elon University  
7 p.m.- Program at Elon Community Church**

TUESDAY, FEB. 24<sup>TH</sup>:

**11 a.m.- Oprah's 'Christmas Kindness' episode shown in Hayworth Fine Arts Center**

**Free Admission**

**Noon- Speak to Forsyth Physicians' Group**

**6 p.m.- Speak to National Medical Students' Group**

**8 p.m.- Program at Wake Forest University, Benson Student Center**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25<sup>TH</sup>:

**Visit to High Point University**

**5:30 p.m.- Dinner with students, faculty**

**7 p.m.- "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" program, Millis Center**

THURSDAY, FEB. 26<sup>TH</sup>:

**8:30 a.m.- Speak at High Point Wesleyan**

**7 p.m.- Speak at Winston-Salem State University**

## A prayer for AIDS victims everywhere

By Erin Fedas  
Special to the Chronicle

If I am to be honest with you Lord, I must tell you that at times I seem to be boggled, perplexed, hurt and even mad. The suffering and injustice that you allow to go on in your world makes me wonder what you are doing up there sometimes. Seeking many answers yet failing to take action, I find myself asking, "Why do you permit the social discrimination, the racial prejudices, the hatred, the spread of fatal diseases around the world, if only to increase an apathetic nature in your people? Did you not teach us to love one another as we love ourselves, to live a life in serving others and to follow the life of your son, Jesus?"

Where is the love? When will we put the needs of others before the wants of ourselves? Is it even possible when society teaches us to be consumed with our own lives, to abide with a me-first attitude, to strive to make the most money and to earn the highest degrees? Where does that get us? Are we ever completely satisfied? Are our bellies ever full? Will we ever learn what love is?

But it was when I did not truly know you that I had these doubts. Please forgive me. For it has not been until recently that I do understand that your master plan is perfect, and through the pain, suffering, and injustices that nations must undergo, a greater reward will flourish and will await them in due time. Part of that greater reward must start with us, though. For you call us to a life of service and love. You call us to place the needs of others before the needs of ourselves. And it is in the truth of your word that you call us to be servants, not only to our friends, family and fellow Americans, but also

to strangers in struggling nations. For in loving and serving them, we also love and serve you. So what does that mean exactly? Lord, how can I as an individual make a difference? Do I really have anything to offer? What role do you call me to play so that I may help stop the injustices of the world?

Lord, I must thank you for the blessings you provide me every day. I praise and thank you for the roof over my head, the plentiful food I enjoy, the clothing giving me warmth, a healthy body and for the thousands of blessings you grant me through your grace. I next seek a prayer of healing. I ask you to use your hand to begin healing the countries that suffer through hunger and thirst, that are cold from lack of shelter and clothing, that are in pain from diseases and lack proper medical care, and that hurt because they do not know you, Lord. I pray that you use us, your people, to reach out and touch them. It is what you long for us to do. You tell us our most important job is to send forth your love and comfort to the world. For I pray that to be more like Jesus we must have a heart for the six billion + people in this world.

I pray Lord that you restore in our hearts the sheer joy of love. For if there was one thing you want us to learn while we are here on this earth, then it is the lesson of love. Love will last forever because it is the most enduring impact that we can leave on the world. Lord, help us to realize that our accomplishments, honors and wealth earned will not be remembered as much as what we gave to your people. We must love them unconditionally and serve them wholeheartedly the same way you love and serve us. I thank you Lord for giving us opportunities everyday to make a real difference. For "as we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men" (Galatians 6:10). And "withhold not good from them to whom

By year-end 2003, 532 babies had been admitted into the homes; of those, 381 had been adopted. Most of the babies admitted into New Life were HIV positive because of their mother's antibodies, but over 90 percent of them have retested HIV negative after receiving care at these orphanages.

To help spread their mission and save more children, Clive Beckenham and Dr. Wangai have planned a February trip to the United States — a first for both of them. They will lead the weeklong "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" conference, which will culminate with the event in Millis Center on Feb. 25. They will be the guests of Jane and Chad Stephens, who adopted baby Joe from New Life Homes in 1999. They will also lead programs at Elon University, Wake Forest University, Baptist Hospital and a number of area churches.

"We hope that the visit will help put a more immediate and genuine face on the staggering number of AIDS orphans in Kenya and across Africa," said the Beckenhams. "The problem has been virtually ignored for far too long."

More information about New Life Home Trust can be found at [www.newlifelohometrust.org](http://www.newlifelohometrust.org).

it is due, when it is in the power of [our] hand to do it" (Proverbs 3:27). Opportunities start with learning about the problems and not remaining apathetic to injustices that may not directly affect us...yet. Help us realize that there is no small service to you, Lord, because all acts of service are pleasing to you. A small donation, a short mission trip, a few people we encourage to get involved or even a quick prayer are all ways we can begin to serve. In doing so, we can be the teachers to others around us and for future generations.

While we all know, Lord, how lethal the AIDS virus has become, I still ask you to touch our hearts and open our minds in understanding the potential that the disease carries. I ask you to open our eyes to the millions of people dying and the increasing threat that the crisis could wipe out entire continents. I ask you to unplug our ears so that we may hear the screams of babies in Africa, the pleading of our brothers and sisters in our own cities and the cries of the million of others that we don't even know who are infected. May our hearts go out to them all. But that cannot possibly be enough! For our actions speak much louder than our words, and since a Christian life equals a life of service, I ask you Lord to push us to do more.

Lord, we need not fear the criticism of others and their rejection when we go against the norm, for you tell us not to fear because you are always with us. So may you be with us as we try to put a face on the AIDS crisis in Africa and through the utmost parts of the world. May you guide us to teach others the menace that the crisis poses to us all. Mostly, I pray that you remind us of our call in life: to love others and serve others as you did love and serve us.

# A student plea to activist rocker

*Editor's Note: This letter was sent to Bono of U2, but is not meant to imply that he will be attending the Feb. 25 event.*

Dear Bono,

As college students, we are ready to protest. Millions of African children are becoming orphans, all because of an epidemic that is treated with oblivion. Our government treats AIDS with lip service; the wealthiest country and biggest power in the world is doing little to help an entire continent of victims.

But we feel that hope can be found if our generation gets behind this cause. Just as our parents' generation protested the Vietnam War, we can protest the apathetic attitude that our nation lends to this humanitarian crisis. AIDS is the most severe epidemic in history, but somehow it has become virtually excluded from the headlines. It's as if we are living during World War II but are

unaware of the fact that millions of Jews are being killed.

We refuse to sit idly by while millions of people die. We want to start a grassroots movement among colleges. But we need your help.

Your relentless devotion to fighting AIDS in Africa has inspired us, and thousands more, to take initiative. Because you are such a pioneer for this cause, we ask you to help us magnify an AIDS awareness event we are planning at High Point University on Feb. 25.

Our event, "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa," will center on our guests, Clive Beckenham and Dr. Paul Wangai, who have saved hundreds of AIDS babies through their New Life Home orphanage in Kenya. We hope that our event will raise enough money to cover New Life's budget for 2004. Dr. Jane Stephens, our English department chair, has adopted two babies from this orphanage. Their story begins the same way every AIDS orphan's

in Africa begins, one of near death and lost hope. Jane's personal connection to AIDS orphans has created an energy on our campus and in our community that is multiplying in great numbers even as we write this letter. Our quest began with a dozen students, but now, our entire university is working on fundraising for the New Life Home Trust, local elementary school children are creating artwork as a tribute and faculty members are integrating AIDS awareness into their curriculum.

But we still envision more. We hope that our efforts will bring major attention to a problem that has been all but ignored for far too long. We hope that we can set the tone for other universities worldwide, for it is essential that college students become proactive. We hope to set a precedent at High Point University for continuous events. We

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planned at Elon University, Wake Forest University, Baptist Hospital and various churches. "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" features Clive Beckenham, a Christian missionary who with his wife, Mary Beckenham, founded an orphanage that serves AIDS orphans in Nairobi, Kenya; and Dr. Paul Wangai, who directs medical care at the orphanage.

The orphanage, New Life Home, has literally saved hundreds of babies abandoned in the pit latrines and ditches of Nairobi. It is one of the few bright spots in this bleak AIDS-ravaged landscape. It is also where the Stephenses — Jane, Chad and their four children (Sam, John, Rob and Kate) — found Joe after already deciding to adopt Bui.

This odyssey of love began on Jan. 1, 1999, when the Stephenses left their Winston-Salem home for a six-month visit to Kenya. Chad and Jane had worked there before, he as a doctor and she as a teacher. This time Chad was to treat patients and train a Kenyan physician to run a 36-bed hospital in Githumu in a remote area of Kenya's tea country; Jane was to write her dissertation, the last leg of a Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and the teenagers were to attend school.

Five weeks later, a midwife at the hospital delivered a baby girl — a "bright-eyed, beautiful child," Jane says — whose mother died of a hemorrhage two hours after giving birth. The father immediately returned to his village to make funeral arrangements and asked the hospital to care for the baby girl until he returned. She was placed in a makeshift bassinet and spoon-fed a mixture of water and cow's milk. Because of the risk of transmitting HIV, nurses are no longer used.

If the baby had been left at the hospital, she would have died, Chad says. After two days of watching the infant's condition deteriorate, the Stephenses took her home and found an old can of formula at an Asian kiosk. They stayed up all night, taking turns feeding her drops of formula through a tube Chad had inserted through her nose because she was too weak to drink from a bottle. The baby started perking up within 24 hours.

Soon the Stephenses began receiving messages from the father that his family couldn't care for the baby. One day the

father showed his appreciation by walking seven miles with trays of fresh eggs for the Stephenses. After delivering them, he raised his arms to the middle of his chest and asked, "Can you keep her until she is this big?"

"We knew she was going to die or we were going to adopt her," Jane says.

They walked to the father's village in a steep valley. Everyone they passed fell in line behind them, the first white people these Kenyans had ever seen. The Stephenses went to the home of Leah Wambui, the father's mother, "a wiry, perky grandmother who was cooking up a storm," Jane remembers. The families ate and talked (Chad and Jane speak Kikuyu, the tribal language of the area) for a couple. Leah Wambui, who was obviously in charge, eventually pounded a stick to silence

the group.

She pointed to Jane and asked, "You, why do you want this baby?"

Jane responded, "When I was young, my mother died. It's a bad thing for a little girl not to have a mother."

"Then she will be yours, and there will be no more talk about it," Leah Wambui said.

They decided to honor the Kenyan custom of naming the girl after her paternal grandmother, and it wasn't long before Leah Wambui was nicknamed Bui (pronounced buoy).

After lengthy dealings with the Kenyan bureaucracy to win approval for the adoption, the Stephens family had grown by one. They all agreed that one wasn't enough, that Bui needed another baby to go with her to America. They visited an orphanage in Nairobi run by a British couple that cared for HIV-positive babies and had an amazing success rate at turning HIV positive babies into HIV negative babies. Entering the orphanage, Jane had another girl in mind, but Rob found Joe, who had been abandoned in an open-air market and was later "collected" by a police officer. And Joe (Joseph Amani, meaning "faithful") was on his way to becoming a Stephens in North Carolina.

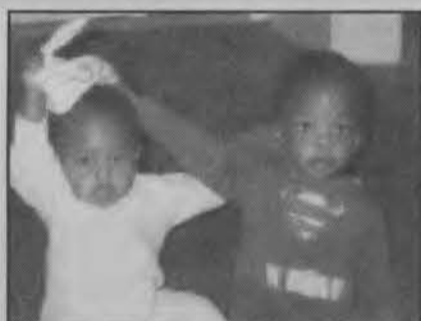


PHOTO BY JANE STEPHENS  
BUI AND JOE STEPHENS DURING HALLOWEEN

In June 1999, the Stephenses returned to Winston-Salem, a larger family, a more diverse family. They converted their dining room into a bedroom for Bui and Joe and shared babysitting responsibilities.

"These are absolutely wonderful children," Jane says. "They have brought such joy into our home. ..."

"The adoptions have meant much more than we ever guessed in terms of how we see the world. When you adopt, you adopt history. We are now part of their family. We are now a biracial family. It relocates us in terms of the world. When we realized that, we noticed how white our world is, and we made a concerted effort to live more in a black world."

Bui and Joe attend The Montessori School, which is very international and "looks like the U.N.," Jane says. The family also started attending Emmanuel Baptist Church with a historically African-American congregation instead of First Presbyterian, where they were members for 20 years.

"Bui and Joe are so happy there, but they can't put a finger on why," she says. "Race is fluid at their age."

Jane says another top-of-mind consideration for the Stephenses goes right to the heart of this "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" conference: "What kind of responsibility do we have for Africa, for those AIDS orphans that we didn't stumble upon."

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the AIDS crisis and what people can do to help.

The Tower Players donated proceeds from a recent production of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

High Point's dedication to the cause is not limited to the Feb. 25 main event. On Feb. 24 in Hayworth Fine Arts Center, students will have a chance to see Oprah's "Christmas Kindness" episode, which documents the talk show host's visit to South Africa and the lives she touched there. In the spring, the athletes at High Point will hold an athletic fair to raise money for New Life.

AIDS in Africa has become part of classroom discussions across campus. Students have written about the AIDS crisis as they define it and are documenting the events on campus. They will sell their anthology of the event this spring as a fund-raiser. Journalism students are

## AIDS in Africa Fact Sheet

Excerpts from 46664.com and datadata.org

*\*Every 14 seconds, AIDS turns a child into an orphan.*

*\*30 million Africans are HIV positive*

*\*AIDS has already claimed 17 million African lives*

*\*Everyday, HIV/AIDS kills 6,500 people in Africa*

*\*Everyday, 9,500 Africans contract HIV/AIDS*

*\*There are 11 million AIDS orphans in Africa. Experts predict that unless there is massive medical intervention and prevention measures adopted, there will be 20 million by the end of the decade.*

*\*The world as a whole spends \$4.7 billion on AIDS treatment, prevention and cures per year. To put that in perspective, U.S. consumers spend almost twice as much on cosmetics every year.*

*\*In South Africa, one in five adults live with HIV/AIDS.*

*\*Millions of children have lost not only their parents, but their teachers, nurses and friends, too. Businesses are losing their workers, governments are losing their civil servants and families are losing their breadwinners. As a result, entire communities are in shambles, and economies that have been already crippled by poverty, debts and questionable trade policies are further compromised.*

working on feature stories about the university's involvement in the AIDS in Africa cause.

What started as a dozen students meeting during finals week first semester has grown into a campus movement," said Briana Warner, a sophomore on the AIDS project student committee. "I have been proud to see my fellow students take action. Through action, hope is found."

Those involved at High Point hope that this year's activities will help integrate AIDS awareness into the daily consciousness of those who are touched by this extraordinary effort.

We want to be the school that started the major AIDS movement among colleges, the one that took a stand against such a terrible epidemic," said Craig Grunwald, chair of the AIDS project student committee. "Feb. 25 will only be the beginning."

## Warrior attacks liberal principles

By Tracy Whitman  
Special to the Chronicle

Warrior, also known as the Ultimate Warrior, a professional wrestler turned motivational speaker, was on campus Feb. 11. Proving that one can have both brains and brawn, he inspired and motivated students through his great insight and wisdom.

The Feb. 11 event was sponsored by College Republicans and the Young America's Foundation. Before speaking at Hayworth Chapel, Warrior dined with students in College Republicans and fans who drove as many as five hours to meet their hero.

At 7 p.m., Hayworth Chapel was filled with students, faculty and fans. An introduction video was played, highlighting Warrior's renowned wrestling career. It was a special moment for wrestling fans that followed his career in the 1980s and 1990s, and a great introduction for a man who has devoted his life to being a true Warrior both in the ring and on the battlefield of life.

An avid reader of the Great Books of the Western World, such as the Bible and works by Plutarch, Sophocles, Aristotle, Homer and many more, Warrior is also a champion on the battlefield of thought and philosophy.

Warrior reminded students that to truly be an adult, one should think and act like an adult. This includes using your mind, not your muscles, in educational pursuits. Acting like an adult means never insulting anyone's intelligence and always treating people with courtesy. He men-

tioned that success in life comes from working and pursuing goals, not from having things handed to you or just having it easy in life.

Warrior also spoke on the importance of role models — having them and being them. He pointed out that today many role models are perverted leaders and celebrities. To be a role model is to provide a model of a human being, and when role models are negative influences, one should be very concerned about the moral decline in our country.

This moral decline, Warrior mentioned, is due to a weakening of traditional values and rational thinking. Moral relativity has become all too common in society. Warrior pointed out that many now make decisions based on feelings instead of thinking. Thinking is the most traditional thing men have done in history, and it is what works. However, living by

feelings has become a great problem in society due to the increase of liberalism, and Warrior pointed out that this dangerous increase is making mankind morally bankrupt. He suggests that liberals who

live by feeling rather than rational thinking have no sense of right, wrong, good or evil. However, this country will not survive without morality.

Warrior reminded the audience of Benjamin Franklin, who said that America is a republic, a country of rational thought and morals, as long as we can keep it that way. We must live up to our end of the deal, though. Warrior pointed out that, while we have unalienable rights, we also have an obligation and responsibility to "preserve the tradition of humans providing for themselves" and to preserve morality and stability.

According to Warrior, liberalism is an "assault on man's ability to provide for himself." He stated that the world will not work the way the liberals hope it will. In the battle over ideas, the liberal philosophy of the destruction of morality and rationality will never work.

Warrior informed the audience that it is time to quit making excuses. It is time to take up intellectual arms and discipline. He said that liberals use "human" as an

excuse, but conservatives use it as an empowerment. We must be empowered to fight in the battle for thinking versus feeling. Warrior stated, "The path of least resistance is not living. It is dying." We cannot afford to take the easy path of al-

lowing liberalism to strip America of its morality and tradition. As American citizens, we are "entrusted with honor, jus-

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COLLEGE REPUBLICANS WITH THE WARRIOR



THE BOYS BOND WITH A CHILDHOOD HERO

## Eric Reiss: a martial arts mastermind

*Veteran instructor passes his knowledge on to a new generation*

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

He looked like he was drunk, with his body limp and arms flapping around like a rag doll, but Sifu Eric Reiss could not be pushed down by a student twice his size. Reiss then told the class that if anyone bet a friend that they couldn't push them over using his technique to give him a 10 percent cut should they win.

Sifu is the term of teacher in the Chinese martial art T'ai Chi Ch'uan. Reiss, 48, celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> year practicing T'ai Chi this fall and said that the most important things he has learned are self-discipline and focus. T'ai Chi is a system of exercise, meditation and self-defense based on Taoist philosophy and the yin/yang symbol. The practice of the exercise is to restore balance and live a healthier, happier life in the cultivation of energy. It provides benefits in balance, strength, flexibility, blood pressure, inner calm and self-confidence.

When he was 13, Reiss was looking for an exercise to keep him healthy and something that he could practice for the rest of his life, and found an article on yoga. "I always liked weird stuff," said Reiss. Reiss is also experienced in Judo and Ju-Jitsu.

Reiss is originally from New Jer-

sey, but attended the California Institute for the Arts in Los Angeles and studied cinema and broadcasting in the film school. At the college, a distinguished martial arts master, Dr. Marshall Ho'o, offered a T'ai Chi class. Reiss joined the class and studied with Ho'o for 12 consecutive years.

But after three years of film school, Reiss dropped out and moved back to New Jersey. He studied under T'ai Chi master William C. C. Chen, and moved back to Los Angeles three years later. Reiss then moved to North Carolina and in 1997 enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Greensboro film school and graduated with a bachelor's degree in cinema and broadcasting.

"Without T'ai Chi I probably never would've gone back," said Reiss. "It helped save my life by making me take better choices."

He didn't receive the copywriting job he applied for, but was already employed full time. Ho'o had encouraged Reiss to teach when he moved to North Carolina. He started by teaching courses at a community college and his reputation spread, which left him with more work than he

could handle.

Reiss' school is called the Silk Tiger School of T'ai Chi Ch'uan, but he has no studio. "Wherever I am that day is my school," said Reiss. He teaches 4-5 hours a day in different locations: Elon, Greensboro, Asheboro and Burlington. He gets all of his work by word of mouth and phone calls. Dr. James Zarick hired Reiss to teach his class as a physical education course. "I got his number from the YMCA and

it's rare to find someone who is qualified to teach both yoga and T'ai Chi," said Zarick.

Reiss feels that it is important for him to teach on a college campus because that is

where he learned. He feels T'ai Chi Ch'uan is an important style to learn because of the stress reduction and health benefits. "I had a man my age in one of my classes who walked with a cane. It's been two months and now he walks without his cane, stands straighter and has reduced his pain

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## Zenith looks to improve, thanks to the new editor

By Jannifer Hebert  
Special to the Chronicle

Many students were disappointed by the quality of the pictures, captions and the cover of last year's yearbook.

This year's edition of the Zenith promises to be different. New editor Melissa Caudill, a junior from Leesburg, Va., describes this year's venture as a fresh start. There's a new staff, a new adviser—Director of Student Activities Roger Clodfelter—a new publishing company and plenty of new ideas. Caudill, who worked on her high school annual, got involved because she was disappointed with her freshman yearbook. She takes her job seriously. The plastic sleeves of her yearbook binder are packed with more than 160 pages of layouts, drafts and color-coordinated deadline sheets. It represents a semester and a half's worth of dedication from Caudill and the 10-member, all-female staff.

This year's book will focus on one theme, which will provide consistency and coherence. Caudill is keeping the theme a secret.

"Little things are what make a really good yearbook," she says.

The book will contain high-quality photographs instead of last year's pixelated pictures. Layouts will be uniform and the captions improved.

"My goal is for this book to be the best ever. I want it to be classic, traditional, one that everyone can be happy with," says Caudill.

The staff has faced many challenges this year. The number one problem has been to get people to complete their assignments. Working on the yearbook is time-consuming, and combined with school work and extracurricular activities, the workload can become a strain. Caudill works late, sometimes leaving the office at the time her peers are returning from parties. However, as a key member of the cross country and track teams, she is used to sacrifices.

The staff has also had to deal with the crash of the H drive. According to Caudill, "This is a digital yearbook. So we take the pictures, load them on Roger's computer; then we can access them from the yearbook computer. With the crash of the H drive, we lost the ability to do this, which has made it difficult to meet our deadlines."

It costs about \$25,000 to produce the yearbook. Last year the staff had extra boxes of books that went unclaimed by students. Caudill and Clodfelter are planning a formal assembly this year where the staff will present a slide-show with music and readings and then formally present a copy to the president. This event should generate excitement about the Zenith.

What does Caudill most enjoy about her work? "It's a good feeling to get your voice in there. It will serve as a memory for people and be a piece of our history," she says with a proud smile. The yearbook editorship serves as a good apprenticeship for her future. She plans to get a graduate degree in journalism and work for an interior design magazine.

# EDP graduate returns to advise students

*Debbie Dalton uses a personal touch to aid HPU night school students*

By **Andrea Griffith**  
Copy Editor

On a cool autumn Tuesday, Debbie Dalton monitors the phones in the Evening Degree Program office. She offers comfort to one student who calls in stressed about a particular class and her hectic life. Dalton offers a listening ear and supportive words.

"If you have to drop [the class], you have to drop. You can only deal with so much pressure. I hate that for you, though," she says. Dalton lets the student know that the staff is here for her and refers her to the campus counselor in case she needs further help.

The student is just one in a program of over 1000 that Dalton helps advise. She says she treats each student differently. Some need gentle reassurance, while others require tough love. Eleven years after graduating as an Evening Degree student, Dalton loves working for the program that changed her life.

"I don't think I ever really left," she said. "I haven't missed an EDP Christmas party in 15 years."

Dalton vividly remembers being an advisee, but now sits on the other side of the adviser's desk, helping students register for classes that she once took.

"Debbie has a great understanding

of what is required to be a successful night student," said EDP Dean Gail Tuttle. "She knows the commitment you must have...Debbie can remind students how their life skills they have learned from raising a family and working at a job can be truly utilized in the classroom."



Thirty years ago, Dalton, who also coordinates marketing and special events for EDP, would have never imagined her life now. At the age of 14, she suffered the loss of her mother. At 16, she was on her own until she married when she was 18. During her early 20s, she got her GED. She worked in a pharmacy and a restaurant, but continued to educate herself.

"I have always read textbooks...like history books. It's very difficult for me to read a novel," she said. "Textbooks just interest me."

But the biggest turning-point in Dalton's life came when she became a widow when she was 27.

"At the age of 27, I found myself at the same place I was at 16," she said. "At 36, I reassessed my life. [My husband's] death made me take time to think...Life was moving on and I wasn't."

Dalton remarried and decided that a

college degree would help her become a more goal-oriented person. She stumbled upon the Evening Degree Program, which is designed for working adults.

As a student, Dalton's adviser was her current colleague, Gail Tuttle. Dalton credits Tuttle for being a huge support system through the life-changing time. But Tuttle often exercised methods of tough love.

"I never knew I could drop a class until I became an adviser here," Dalton said. "Gail always told me to stick it out."

Dalton had many initial fears about returning to school. She remembers her very first test, which was also her first and last "F." She sat frozen in her seat, unable to write anything but her name.

Her professor could have given up on her; instead, she told her to relax. It was this kind of support that made Dalton a devoted fan of the university.

"As a freshman, I was terrified," she said. "But I never once thought about quitting."

To help her confidence, Dalton would do extra work outside of class. "I would get high school books and bring myself up to speed," she said. "We studied Homer and I got a children's book on 'The Odyssey' to help."

The university broadened Dalton's

perspectives. She says that as an entering student, she had a fundamental belief system. One women's studies class changed many of her views.

"I was not a feminist. I had actually written Congress and protested the Equal Rights Amendment...that person is gone," she said. "I had always done what others told me to do. If college does not impact your life, you're not listening."

In 1992, Dalton graduated with honors in psychology and philosophy. After working for the Red Cross, she returned to EDP in 1997. According to Dalton, the difference between EDP and other programs of its kind is the staff.

"We function as a team," she said. "When a student comes on board, they're another member of that team."

The staff is composed of people with different direct

links to the program. Some of them graduated from EDP; others supported a spouse going through the program. No EDP student has a particular adviser. The staff as a group serves all students.

"We see whoever walks through the doors," Dalton said. "It never quite feels

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"One women's studies class changed many of her views...I had always done what others told me to do. If college does not impact your life, you're not listening."

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The student body would like to know the reason for Roseboro's dismissal, but neither Aramark, Dickson, Roseboro nor any member of the food service staff is able to comment.

However, Roseboro was an important part of students' lives and will be missed.

Junior Keith Wilson knew Roseboro from washing dishes. "He didn't look down at me even though I was sent there for community service," said Wilson.

"He always remembered my name, too."

Roseboro went to the basketball game against Charleston Southern on Feb. 6. He has worked at five different places, but will always consider High Point University home. "Here you're not a small fish in a big pond," said Roseboro. "You're made to feel like you are special and a somebody here." Roseboro did his



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS  
KENNY AT WORK

best to make the students feel welcomed, which included "recruits" visiting the campus.

Roseboro wants the students to know that he is in good health and taking this chance to rest and reflect. "I'm waiting for my next adventure," said Roseboro. He is assessing his options, but will probably go back into food services.

"It can never be said that I didn't put enough effort into my work, but wherever I go next, I'll put in 200 percent just like I did here," said Roseboro.

When he looked around at the crowd at the basketball game, he said the support never used to be like this and that he would try to stay in contact with the students as long as it doesn't cause problems.

"I got a lot of friends here, some for 15 or 20 years, and you don't just throw those things away," said Roseboro. "But I would like to thank everyone for the support because it feels good to have people call you and tell you how much you impacted them."

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also hope that the AIDS crisis becomes embedded in Americans' daily consciousness, for without a sense of urgency, we will accomplish nothing.

Nothing of this nature has ever been done in High Point or the surrounding area of the Piedmont Triad. The Triad consists of one million people living in Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem who think that AIDS is a problem a world away from them. We want to change attitudes and create a sense of hope through action, for as long as people

work tirelessly to fight AIDS, there is still hope.

As you know, there is much to be done in the fight. Your presence at our event will not only draw attention and therefore awareness, but will jumpstart an entire generation's movement and inspire thousands, and possibly a world, to become humanitarians.

Thank you for inspiring us. We hope you will join us. We are with you in the fight.

Andrea Griffith & Craig Grunwald

## Ashton, Garvin crowned at 3rd annual Snow—gala

By **Sylvia Harwood**  
Assistant Greek Editor

Despite the chill of cold weather in the air, students who attended this year's 3rd annual Snow Ball were swept away to a Hollywood premiere, complete with a red carpet entrance. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the Snow Ball provided students with another chance to break out the formal wear and dance the night away. The decorations for the night, created from the minds of Rans Triplett, Nicole Armer, executive vice president of SGA and Ashley Cox, co-chair of the Decorating and Design Committee, provided a spectacular change of the Radisson Hotel into a sparkling design of top hats and balloons, most of which were brought back by students as souvenirs.

When it came time for this year's Snow Prince and Princess to be announced, the crowd gathered around the stage in eager anticipation. The large court consisted of 10 upperclassmen who posed for pictures and smiled as they waited for the big announcement. The female court consisted

of Sarah Czyz, Angela Garvin, Betsy Edwards, Shannon Shattuck and Nicole Armer. The men vying for the top spot

were Adam Canavazzi, Ryan Bess, Michael Ashton, Sam Closic and Chris Michener. With loud cheers and congratulations, Michael Ashton and Angela Garvin were



OUR ROYALTY IS CROWNED

declared the winners and crowned this year's Prince and Princess.

Unknown to many, it takes a large amount of time to prepare for the few short hours of the dance, and much help is required by those in charge. But each year all the hard work is worth it as the students walk towards the ballroom and see the final outcome. One of the most unique and enjoyable parts of this year's night, however, was the realization that as the guests had a great time on the dance floor, classic movies were being projected on the ceiling above them, providing just enough



STUDENTS GET DOWN ON THE DANCE FLOOR

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# AIDS crisis forces student to reassess daily actions and choices

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

I'm one of the most selfish people in the world. I always want to know what's up next for me, how I can benefit from something and how I can reach my personal goals. My biggest concerns consist of a lack of money to travel with for spring break, bad cafeteria food and collecting enough quarters to do my laundry every couple of weeks. I am a typical college student. Like myself, many of my peers look out for themselves first and foremost, and often give little thought to what's going on outside of the college world. However, I've come to find that this is a dire mistake.

For every time I think of my lack of money for a simple trip, a vast number of people are infected with the AIDS virus. For every time I complain about the cafeteria food, an

enormous amount of people are too ill to even have an appetite. For every quarter I find to do my laundry, countless people die from a virus that most of the public hardly knows about. This doesn't just apply to the college world. People of all different ages have a duty to gain

extensive knowledge of AIDS, and not just how to prevent it, but also how to help out those who are unfortunate enough to contract it.

It is said that the AIDS epidemic is today's Holocaust. During World War II, many people sat idly by as countless people were exterminated. In the case of AIDS, people aren't killing

people, but their ignorance is. While we may not have a cure for AIDS yet, extensive public knowledge of the epidemic and the harsh problems it's causing would definitely be beneficial in this world that we live in.

It's so difficult to wrap your brain around the quantity of people that need to be reached that you easily lose sight of the fact that knowledge spreads like wildfire. I once thought that the phrase, "One person can make a difference," was so corny. But if you really

think about it, there isn't anything as true as that statement. It's not that you can take on a problem head on. It's that when you have knowledge of something, then you will ultimately spread that knowledge to another person, and then to another, and another and so on.

A potential threat in our society is that when you do something rash or idiotic, no matter how harmful, another

person will follow the example. However, in the case of AIDS, this is also a potential benefit. If you follow another's bad behavior, then another person could easily follow your good

behavior. When you choose to lead, others inevitably follow. The fantastic thing about the selfishness of the typical college student is that it won't allow any of us to be content with following. We all want to lead. Everyone else can either get in line, or join us in the front. Either way, the world benefits.

We all have choices within this AIDS crisis. If you choose not to concern yourself with this matter, then that's your choice. However, if you choose to care about what's going on, then you may be choosing life over death for someone who could've been there to help. Choosing to care about the AIDS crisis means you're choosing to think, choosing to feel and choosing to act. Ultimately, you're choosing to be a complete individual, making up a complete line of defense around the world. I choose to be deeper than ignorance. What do you choose?

The time to stop being selfish is now.

*"Choosing to care about the AIDS crisis means you're choosing to think..."*



Photo from New Life Home website  
New Life Babies

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tice and humanity." It is our duty to leave liberty and morality to future generations and to be role models of truth and tradition.

Warrior would have you ask yourself a question. What will you do in your life? What will live forever? What legacy are you leaving behind for future generations — one of rationality, morals and thinking, or one of destruction, relativity and immorality?

Warrior was no doubt an inspiration to those who were able to experience his wisdom and knowledge of life. In the battle for minds, Warrior is a true champion.

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leader. But this is only my opinion about how to keep King's dream alive. You may feel differently about it, which is good. It's a debatable issue.

If you want to learn more about Martin Luther King, Smith Library has a collection of books that deal with aspects of his life such as his early years, work as an activist and his teachings as well as his philosophy. These volumes are located on the library's first floor. I encourage everyone to try to find books about King and other people associated with Black History Month. It's a very interesting subject and encompasses all the major areas of human life.

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like you're walking into admissions. We want you to worry about homework and tests...we'll get you through everything else."

But what are the main differences between an EDP freshman and the typical 18-year-old freshman?

"The traditional students have just had math and a foreign language, so they are much more comfortable entering those classes," Dalton said.

Also, EDP students are often less confident when it comes to academics and are afraid of their family seeing them fail.

"These are people who are proficient at a job and have raised children who expect them to get a 4.0," she said. "Adults are afraid to go to school. Young people are afraid to go to work."

The Evening Degree Program is now celebrating 25 years of changing lives.

The program offers 14 majors and graduates most students in four years through classes that meet three nights a week. Students can attend the High Point or Madison Park campus in Winston-Salem. The average student is 34 years old, married, raising a family and working full-time.

So what does Dalton tell fearful students?

"That I'll be here every step," she said. "Focus on the goal. Don't divert from it. We will be here until their last class."

Dalton is focusing on some new goals she has set for herself. She is working on a liberal studies graduate degree and is proud of her "A" average. She has become interested in fitness and recently hiked part of the Appalachian Trail. Everything she accomplishes can be credited to some degree to her college experience.

"Graduating from college gave me the ability to set goals and attain them," she said.

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everything that was attached. You should remember that birthday dinner you took your boyfriend to when you came on a surprise visit during winter break. You should remember the first time you stayed up so late talking with your boyfriend that both of you passed out in each other's arms. You should remember the first time he wiped away your tears.

There is no reason to hold resentment for someone who loved you because of everyone that person could have dated, they chose you. Yes, there are some people who cheat, lie and never commit, but that doesn't mean that they never cared. You shouldn't remember the time you caught your boyfriend with another girl. You shouldn't remember the time when you caught your boyfriend drinking when he said he would quit.

People make mistakes because they're not perfect and they do deserve second chances.

Although these are hard memories to forget and you should learn from them, holding on to anger or jealousy is no way to go through life. If you hold on to the negative, you will ruin the next relationship you find. Why hold on to the past when there is something good in your present? And why worry about the future when it hasn't come yet?

This school year I have been living one day at a time. Although I'll work ahead in classes or plan on going to a party, a relationship is something different. You shouldn't go through a relationship wondering how or when it's going to end. Just live one day, one moment, at a time. Cherish every memory you make.

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medication," said Reiss.

Sophomore Kate Wise enjoys the self-defense applications taught in class. "I like showing my guy roommate I can kick his ass," said Wise. Although yoga and T'ai Chi do not encourage violence, Reiss frequently demonstrates how the moves being practiced can be used to disable an attacker.

Although everyone does not always laugh at his jokes, Reiss keeps a smile on his face and talks about how his 13-year-old son, George, keeps him up to date with trends and movies.

George was certified as an apprentice in T'ai Chi, but has lost interest. "I hope he gets back into it or something like it because it's good to know. It builds confidence and is a good health system," said Reiss.

Students say that Reiss is very dedicated to his style and motivated to teach. "I love to teach and see what it does for others and continues to do for me. It's an element of mystery because there is no real answer to the change (physically), and it's that mystery that makes you feel like a kid; youthful and full of energy."

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# 'Butterfly' is intensely complex

By Katie Estler  
Layout Editor

Ever seen one of those movies that grips you and forces you to think about it long after the credits have rolled? One you have considered spending the money to see again just so you can understand it better? "The Butterfly Effect" was that movie for me.

The story line of traveling back in time to change things for the better is far from new or exciting, but the somewhat subdued trailers did not adequately portray the intensity and suspense in this drama.

Since the age of 7, Evan (Aston Kutcher) has suffered from blackouts, like his father, a permanent resident of an insane asylum. A disturbing childhood has left his friends

in miserable lives that only he escaped because of his blackouts, having no memory of these traumatic events. At college Evan finds a way to revisit his lost memories, and then he realizes he cannot only revisit them but change the past.

Instead of the traditional time machine travel, Evan can go back in his mind. When he revisits himself at age 7, he is an 8-year-old with the mind of a 20-year-old. At first he returns to save Kayleigh (Amy Smart), his childhood love. When he comes back to present times, he finds while he was successful in the one thing he wanted to change, he

altered other things as well, and not really for the better. "Change one thing; change all things." This theme is evident with each time he tries to fix things.

The story itself is very grabbing, but it is truly the editing, sometimes resembling that of a horror movie, that make this a freaky movie. The first hour and 45 minutes you are sitting there trying to figure out what in hell is going on, and in the last five minutes, everything comes together.

Kutcher's acting was impressive in this suspense, but that isn't raising the bar too high. "Dude, Where's my car" is the comparison. Logan Lerman, who played 8-year-old Evan, was incredible, realistically portraying a 20-year-old's mind in a child's body.

"The Butterfly Effect" is that intense movie that always keeps you wondering.

Change one thing, change everything



## Staff Recs...

Nothing makes for a better breakfast than an all beef BIG DOG.

-Frat Boy

Quake- I hate video games, but I love this one.

-Cubacha

Toby Keith's Shock N' Y'all is great American music.

-MacDaddy

Spring break: Go to Cancun and sell yourself. It is easier than saving for months.

-Upperclassman

Don't have almost your entire editorial staff gone the weekend before layout week.

-A&E Editor

Club 9 til 3 a.m.

-Dancing Queen

5 College kids

1 minivan

7 states

1 weekend

Priceless

-Patches

New Incubus CD, cuz I like that band.

-Rocker

# Come to Cabaret

By Brianne Coone  
Staff Writer

Cabaret opens to the public Feb. 26-29. Dr. Alexa Schlimmer, associate professor of music, has built this show from the ground up. This theatrical experience is unlike any other.

The show, titled "Be Our Guest," is "a potpourri of songs," said Schlimmer, director of the performance. Some of the members of the Petal Points, a female a cappella group (similar to the male group, the Toccatones), will be making their debut at this performance. Wade Hughes, said, "This is New York style cabaret." About 20 soloists from musical and theatrical backgrounds will perform songs by Sarah McLachlan, Billy Joel, Elton John and Josh Groban. There will also be jazzy tunes from the musicals "Chicago" and "Hairspray."

Schlimmer said, "Cabaret is an intimate art," and this production will hold true to that statement. Some of the actors, dressed in elegant gowns, will sing while weaving in and out among the audience. The spectators will be seated at white-cloth covered tables set off by black velvet curtains, while they snack on finger foods and sip sparkling grape juice.

Schlimmer has worked in conjunction with director of fine arts, Wade Hughes, accompanist, Marcia Dills and more than 20 students to make this production possible. The performers began rehearsals in Aug., so the show should be fine-tuned.

The show times are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26-28 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 29. Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$7 for faculty, staff and senior citizens, \$10 for general admission, and are on sale now at the Hayworth Center Ticket Office. Seating is limited due to the special arrangement around tables. Schlimmer said, "There are incredible surprises," so get to the ticket office early to secure your seats before they are sold out.

# '50 First Dates': a quintessential Sandler flick

By Drew McIntyre  
Opinion Editor

I'm not a professional movie critic, so luckily I can get away with liking Adam Sandler. Despite one or two films that I was not a big fan of, I am proud to count myself among Sandler's fans. "50 First Dates" is an excellent addition to his body of work. While not a perfect flick, it certainly is worth your time and money, and beats the average sappy, feel-good love-fest that your girlfriend usually wants to take you to.

A fantastic cast is a major reason "50 First Dates" is an enjoyable experience. It stars the already mentioned Adam Sandler as Henry Roth, a veterinarian working in Hawaii who spends most of his time having one-night stands with women who, conveniently, are only in town for vacation. His lifestyle changes drastically when he meets Lucy

(also his co-star in "The Wedding Singer"). They make an instant connection, thanks to Henry's creative method of breaking the ice, but the next day Lucy doesn't remember a thing. She has no short-term memory, and wakes up each day not having any idea what happened the day before. One would think that this would be a hindrance to any relationship...but not so with this movie. As the tagline on the movie posters reads, he decides to win her over, "every friggin' day."



Along for the ride with Henry and Lucy is a great ensemble. Rob Schneider, a mainstay of Sandler films, plays Ula, a strange, not-too-intelligent friend of Roth's that spends most of

his time surfing (and consequently avoiding shark bites) and wrangling his many small children. Lucy's grouchy father is played by Blake Clark, whom you'll remember as the hard-to-understand Farmer Fran from "The Waterboy." Sean Astin, still riding a wave of success based on his "Lord of the Rings" role as Frodo's steadfast friend Samwise Gamgee, is Lucy's brother Doug, who wears a lot of mesh, does steroids and tries to flex for the better part of the movie. All of these combine to make a great second string that complements the chemistry between Sandler and Barrymore well.

All of that notwithstanding, there are some down sides to this movie. This is largely due to the fact that the plot can get a bit heavy at points. So as not to give too much away, I'll just say that it becomes quite melancholy at certain times, having to do with Lucy's illness.

Sandler can pull off movies on that serious a plateau, as evidenced by "Punch Drunk Love" a couple years ago; the problem is that this movie is not meant to taken seriously on any level. It should be light-hearted, with a good mixture of sarcastic, juvenile, and occasionally violent humor.

"50 First Dates" is all this, but burdened by a lead actress who is stuck playing a somewhat tragic role.

All in all, though, this is a very enjoyable, highly entertaining and extremely funny film. Despite a few minor flaws, I recommend it completely, especially if you like Sandler's usual stuff. I've personally been a fan since he was on SNL, and I still enjoy and respect him because, like fellow SNL alum Mike Myers, he

hasn't tried to go outside his niche and get serious. Jim Carrey would do well to follow their lead. On the other hand, you would do well to follow my lead and see "50 First Dates."





### Lambda Chi Alpha IPZ

The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha hope that everyone is having a good semester and are a having fun time while somehow managing to adhere to the academic and integrity codes put forth by High Point University. We'd like to give an Iota Phi shout out to our new Associate Members (pledges to the laymen) Daniel Anacker, Brent Godnick, Jeremiah P. Hood, Matt Cahoon, Roger Zalinger and Richard English. These excellent guys will be much needed in lieu of the departure of some of the finest and most dedicated Brothers of Lambda Chi this chapter has ever seen: Conor Riley, Denny Hood, and Scotty Davis. You will be most definitely and sincerely missed!

We'll be busy this spring semester with our 50th Anniversary festivities taking place at the end of March. Also, come check out some of our crazy theme parties we have in store for the rest of the semester. And to the lovely ladies of the sororities: If you're lucky enough, maybe we'll finally contact you to plan a mixer. Our intramurals are looking forward to the upcoming basketball season when superstars Hunter "Goof ball" Grey and Madison "Cheese" Smith will showcase their B team skills while leading our marginal A team. And in closing, we'll also be doing our annual Rock-A-Thon to raise money for cancer; more details to come.

### Kappa Delta IT

The sisters of Kappa Delta would like to thank Panhellenic and congratulate all four sororities on a great Spring Recruitment! Congratulations to our 13 new members: Zana Vance, Anne Lawrence Gess, Jennifer Sherman, Karen Grim, Nichole Houghtling, Laura Wyant, Susan Lewis, Jennifer King, Erin Smith, Lorryn Stillson, Wendy Williams, Suzie King and Lauren Eck!! You girls are fantastic and we're so excited you chose KD! We're really looking forward to celebrating our annual Crush Party on Feb. 27 with you girls!!

Another big congratulations goes our to the KD Indoor Soccer Team which took home the Intramural 1st Place Win!! Great job, girls!! You all played so well!

We hope that everyone will clear their calendars for Wednesday, March 17, also known as St. Patrick's Day, for our 1st annual St. Patty's Day Bash at Triangle Billiards. For those of you who came out for our Christmas Pary, hopefully this will be a repeat of the good times had in December! All money made from this event will go toward our donation to Prevent Child Abuse America. For more information, see a KD.

The sisters really want to stress the importance of coming out to our Shamrock 5K Fun Run on March 20. It's a lot of fun and 80 percent of the proceeds goes to the High Point Hallelujah House and the remaining 20 percent goes to Prevent Child Abuse America. Please help us fight against Child Abuse! So bring your sneakers, roller blades, skateboards or bikes and come on out!!

## KD's Run to Prevent Child Abuse



This year we will be holding our 8th Annual 5K Fun Run on Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. The race will begin at High Point University's Millis Gym on College Drive. All proceeds from the race benefit Prevent Child Abuse America (20 percent) and the local High Point Hallelujah House (80 percent), a shelter for abused children. Registration fees for the event are \$10, including a T-shirt, and \$5,

This March 20 marks the 21st annual Shamrock Event sponsored by Kappa Delta Sorority of High Point University. The Kappa Deltas here at HPU have taken a stand with the national sorority to help prevent child abuse both locally and nationally! Every February and March, Kappa Deltas across the nation hold annual Shamrock Events to raise money to support local philanthropies and Prevent Child Abuse America nationally.

not including a T-shirt; both are tax deductible.

The Hallelujah House is a 24-hour crisis nursery for abused children that are unwanted by their parents, victims of alcohol or drug abuse, victims of emotionally unstable parents and members of dysfunctional families. Many children have found loving and secure environments at the Hallelujah House.

The sisters of Kappa Delta Sorority ask for your aid in making this the most successful Shamrock Event. If you are interested in participating in Kappa Delta's 5K Fun Run, please contact Sabrina Ugolik at 888-6336 or HPU Box 2765 by March 18. Late registration is on March 20 at 10 a.m. If you would like to make a donation to support our efforts, please make checks payable to Kappa Delta Sorority. Your interest in our philanthropy is greatly appreciated. Remember, "It should not hurt to be a child!"

**Lending hearts  
and hands**

Thank you for your support.

### Phi Mu

#### ITZ

Glad to see everyone is alive who when out of town this weekend, guess it takes more than a few snowflakes to kill off these students.

The Sisters of Phi Mu sorority Gamma Zeta Chapter are excited to announce our news phis; freshmen Heather Fifelski, Katie Koeslin, Julia Bushand Katie Roberts, Faith Dobbs; sophomores Patty Rothwell and Lindsey Bianco; and junior Trish Mitchell. We hope everyone had as great a recruitment class as we did.

We are soon starting our Carnation Sister week which means lots of fun activities and massive amounts of spoiling for our newest sisters. A week we always look forward.

We are hosting our Children's Miracle network Change Drive. So if you see any of our change containers around campus and town have some love and throw your change in there. Come on, that 47 cents was just going to be lost in your couch cushions anyway.

Next weekend will be our Crush Party dance. Dates are invited with out knowing who their date is, nor do the girls know who they are taking. So boys if our social director calls you up and invites you to come, yes it does feel a bit stalker-ish but trust me it is all in good fun and no matter whose crush you are you can't lose because you'll have a Phi Mu lady as you date.



## Women's team fighting for conference lead

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Staff Writer

Despite a few struggles early in the season, High Point's women's basketball team is currently tied for second in the Big South Conference, behind reigning champ Liberty, whom the Panthers nearly beat on the road February 7th.

High Point was the last team to beat the Flames at home, in February of 2001, and nearly beat them again on their home court, before losing by a final score of 63-50. HPU had a half time lead of four, and led by as many as seven in the second half at the 15:56 mark. Liberty would outscore the Panthers 31-13 the rest of the way however, led by 6'6" center Katie Feenstra (22.3 ppg, 11.4 rpg) who had 32 points and 17 rebounds on the night. High Point played one of their best games of

the season, but didn't have an answer for Feenstra and couldn't quite get enough shots to fall down. Shorty Martin led the Panthers with 13 points, six rebounds, and five assists. Katie O'Dell contributed 10 points and six boards as well. Coach Tooley Loy felt positive after the game, saying, "We've been playing well in our last four games, the defense has been playing good and the offense has been getting better, we're taking better shots and giving up less turnovers. Every player is getting better, and we are getting better as a team." The rematch against Liberty comes February 28th in the MAAC, with Coach Loy hoping his team will "play them tough the same way, we just need better shooting, and on our home court we hope that we will be able to shoot better."

Before the Liberty game, High Point had been coming off a three game winning streak, with victories over Radford 60-55, Coastal Carolina 67-59, and

Charleston Southern 72-57. Shorty Martin, Chan Ingram, and Kate Jenner led the way with 20, 10 and 10 points respectively in the game over Radford, with Martin also adding 7 boards and five assists. In HPU's regionally televised game against Coastal Carolina Katie O'Dell had 19 points, Martin 16, Ingram 10 and freshman Katie Ralls added nine points and four assists. Ralls also had 13 points and seven assists in the game against Charleston Southern, earning Big South Freshman of the Week honors for the week of January 25th.

With Liberty in first place in the Big South at 7-0 as of February 11th, the Panthers need to improve upon their 4-3 conference record to move out of a second place tie with UNC-Asheville and Charleston Southern, and take sole possession of second place heading into the last half of conference play.

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# Panthers enjoy heart-stopping television victory

By Taylor Humphreys  
Staff Writer

A three-point play by freshman guard Landon Quick led the Panthers to a 63-62 upset of first-place Birmingham-Southern Feb. 17 and righted a team that had been slipping. The Panthers had started off the season sitting atop the Big South Conference with a 7-1 record but now possess a 8-6 league mark (15-10 overall) after losing the last four of six games.

On Jan. 31, Liberty came into the Millis Athletic Convocation Center looking for a win and got a hard-fought victory even with the Lundy Lunatics in full effect. They handed High Point their first home loss with a score of 67-56. High Point committed a season-high 28 turnovers with 19 of them in the first half, and the Flames went into the locker room with a lead of 31-23. The Panthers went ahead for the last time with a bucket from Danny Gathings to put High Point up 43-42. The Flames then went on to win by 11 points.

The following weekend on Feb. 6, pandemonium hit the Millis Center as the students and Panther Club came out in droves to "Pack the MACC." With a record attendance of 2,436, the Millis Center was

the loudest it had ever been. The game was neck and neck to the very end against the 0-9 Charleston Southern Bucs. There were 20 lead changes and 13 ties. The Bucs' Kurtis Rice tied the game in over-

time 78-78 with 1.5 seconds left. Lundy then drew up the Sportscenter-attracting play for Danny Gathings. Zion White caught the ball, turned in mid-air and took a three-point shot that hit nothing but the bottom of the net. The faithful student section rushed the court and knew we had won a furiously-fought game. It was a memorable day for Brent Halsch, who played in his 100<sup>th</sup> game in a Panther's jersey. With only nine collegiate basketball games played on Friday

night, High Point opened up ESPN's Sportscenter highlights on their national telecast.

Just three days after an overtime win, High Point had visiting Coastal Carolina to contend with. Zion White led the Panthers with 16 points, and Patrick Hillman had a career-best 14 points and nine rebounds while filling in for the injured center Jerry Echenique who was out with an ankle injury. Coastal pounced on the Panthers from the very beginning, opening up a 20-5 lead 10 minutes into the competition. The Panthers then went on a 9-2 run and got as

close as 22-14, but that was the closest they would get. The Chanticleers held High Point to a 37.5 shooting percentage, and High Point made only three of its 11

three point baskets. Danny Gathings, coming off Big South Player of the Week honors, was held to only six points.

Then on Wednesday, High Point traveled to Rock Hill, S.C., to visit Big South foe Winthrop. The Eagles looked to avenge the 17-point beating back in January, and that is what they did. The Eagles had 42 points off the bench and shot 59 percent in the second half to top the Panthers 78-67. With the loss, High Point fell to 7-5 in conference play. Gathings had his 11<sup>th</sup> double-double of the season with 14 points and 12 rebounds while the now healthy Jerry Echenique scored 15 off the bench. With 7:18 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, Gathings tied the game 57-57, but then the Eagles went on to score six points in only 35 seconds. Chris Meeks, HPU's fourth leading scorer, didn't make the game after suffering a mouth injury in Monday's game.

Approaching the conference tournament, the Panthers need to retain the magic provided by Quick and Gathings and concentrate on taking better care of the ball. If those things happen, this campus has a serious contender for the championship.



STUDENTS STORM THE COURT AFTER THE BUZZER BEATER

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GATHINGS STEPS ON THE BASELINE FIGHTING FOR POSSES.



Quick experiences mid-flight collision under board

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heaved an over-the-shoulder pass three-fourths down-court. Gathings leaped,

minutes into the competition. The Panthers then went on a 9-2 run and got as

## Players continue to leave early for professional sports

When I graduated from high school, I was prepared enough to handle leaving home and facing life on my own in college. I knew I was still going to need my parents' support for the four years until my graduation. After my freshman year of college, I still was not prepared for the long journey into *real* adulthood and to start living on my own. That really continued into the beginning of my junior year of college. Around that time, I began to understand the value of money and how to handle my life a little better. Now that I'm a senior, I feel prepared for life outside of campus.

Now, I do not understand in the least bit, how anyone can leave college after their freshman or sophomore year, especially with millions of dollars thrown into their pockets. The NFL rightly prohibited young adults less than three years removed from college from entering the draft, until Maurice Clarett, the one-time freshman phenom and current public en-

emy, successfully fought the system and allowed himself to enter the NFL draft.

Why is Clarett a public enemy? Listen to the sports media for 10 minutes during any day of the week, and you will hear not just writers and television reporters bashing the court ruling and readiness of any kid that young playing in the NFL against giant men. Listen to the players talk about how they are going to teach youngster a few violent lessons about the NFL. It is one thing to put up quality numbers against slower, smaller

college students, but wait until you try to do the same against the best athletes on the planet after a year away from the game.

I have been watching 18-year-old kids coming out of high school for the NBA for a decade now. I know it has been happening since Moses Malone challenged the system himself and turned down a chance to play for the Maryland

Terrapins to enter the NBA draft. However, only over the past six or seven years has it become expected for high school seniors to enter the elite draft. I have only seen one person come out ready to play in the NBA directly out of high school, LeBron James. Everyone besides him could have used a year or two in college to develop their skills without learning the responsibilities of living an adult life.

The NBA is still trying to stop high school seniors from entering the draft and is adamantly against the court ruling allowing football players from entering the NFL whenever they please. Neither of these two leagues has a developmental program similar to Major League Baseball or the NHL. If these players do not make it at the top level, which is hard for any grown man, let alone an 18, 19 or 20-year-old, they are gone. These kids may get a massive amount of cash, but they have no idea how to handle that money and will most likely blow it before it does them any good. I know that age 18, I would have thought a million dollars would last a lifetime and spent all of it on things I did not need, like Mike Tyson.

Most of these kids come from poor backgrounds and low-income families. They need, more than anyone else, guidance on how to handle the responsibilities of managing huge sums of cash and life outside of high school. Part of a college coach's responsibility is to teach these things. I know recently some coaches have failed at this in Colorado, Washington and Alabama, but for the most part, these coaches are teachers on and off the field. That is not on the professional coach's checklist. Their responsibility is not to baby-sit, but to develop a winning strategy.

Just one final thought for those who might disagree with me: I do not agree with kids leaving high school for the NBA or leaving before three years of college in football. You can play baseball, basketball, soccer and maybe even hockey when you are a very young man, but you endanger a 18, 19, or 20 year-old's safety if you put them on a field with 11 monsters trying to beat the pulp out of them.

That is what the appeals court needs to look at when viewing the Maurice Clarett case.



Kenny Graff  
Sports Editor



In A&E: Incubus returns with 'A Crow Left of the Murder'



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## Column One News

### Martinson named HPU chancellor

The board of trustees named Dr. Jacob C. Martinson chancellor at a board meeting on March 17. Martinson, who has served as university president for 19 years, will continue his presidential duties until his successor has been named. Eventually, as chancellor, Martinson will be relieved of day-to-day responsibilities but will continue as an overall leader.

Under Martinson's tenure as president, High Point has grown from being a college with 1,200 students and 31 majors in 1985 to becoming a university with nearly 3,000 students offering 50 undergraduate majors and 11 master's degree programs.

### Coaches recognize women runners for outstanding GPAs

For the second consecutive year, the women's cross country team has been named an Academic All-American Cross Country Team with Distinction by the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association.

The team's cumulative grade point average of 3.43 ranks in the Top 40 nationally, is the highest GPA among Division I schools in the state and is the fifth-highest nationally among NCAA Division I schools that don't play football.

"Our team takes academics very seriously, and actually has higher GPA goals than this for years to come. They want to lead the country in this category," Coach Al Barnes said.

Team members include: Stephanie Cabarcas, Melissa Caudill, Jemissa Hess, Cricket Indra, Erin Kelly, Catherine Lewis, Shawna Truelove, Jamie Vetten and Tracy Warring.

### Lundy and Gathings are honored by collegeinsider.com

Bart Lundy, men's basketball coach, has been named the 2004 National Rookie Coach of the Year by collegeinsider.com. This season, Lundy helped the Panthers improve by 12 victories from last season, which was the nation's biggest turnaround.

Junior forward Danny Gathings was voted Most Valuable Player. Gathings was also recently named to the 2004 Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America team, and the Big South honored the Winston-Salem native by naming him the 2004 Player of the Year and Tournament MVP.

Under the leadership of Lundy and Gathings, the team finished second in the Big South and set a school record for season wins and road victories.

## Student car stolen, recovered

By Ali Akhyari  
Staff Writer

It was 4:39 a.m. on Feb. 25 when a couple of young men were at a local High Point Bank and Trust trying to withdraw some money at the ATM. About 40 minutes earlier, the two of them along with



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two others had been shopping at High Point University despite the fact that both the C-Store and The Point were closed. This, how-

ever, did not matter to them as they did not plan on buying anything. Instead they planned on stealing what they could from as many student cars as possible. That night they left the university with a car stereo amp, a digital camera, a wallet with a check card, CD's and other items. At least six vehicles were broken into, and one was stolen.

The stolen vehicle was driven around town by the group after making a stop by the bank. They had stolen a wallet from one vehicle which included a check card but also a piece of paper that had a name

on it as well as a social security number, date of birth and a PIN number. They decided to take the check card to High Point Bank and try the PIN number and steal some money as well. Fortunately for the card owner, the PIN number did not match the card. Afterwards, they drove the car around and gave it away that day when they realized that the police would be looking for the vehicle.

That same day, the HPU security office answered call after call from students reporting their cars had been broken into or stolen. The security officers took reports and got information from the victims along with the High Point Police Department and shared that information with each other. Det. Terry Green and Det. Ron Meinecke worked the case.

After getting all the information, Det. Green went to work. He was able to trace the stolen check card to the bank the thieves attempted to use it at and retrieve pictures of two of the criminals. The information on the stolen vehicle had been shared with the police department, and officers stopped it at 12:16 a.m. the following night. However, the car was not inhabited by the thieves but by the individual they gave it to and three of his companions. They included Raydonta Williams, Javon McCall, Cordarius Wall and Kelvin Middlebrooks. The four of them were charged with felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Within 24 hours the police, with co-

operation from HPU Security, had retrieved the stolen vehicle, knew who two of the thieves were, had a bead on the stolen merchandise and were discovering who the other two thieves were. After some investigation and interrogation, they learned that the group of thieves consisted of young men from the Daniel Brooks area and included Derrick Manning, Rico Hunt, Cedric Baker and Stacy Small. As of March 11, all but Hunt had been arrested. Those in custody confessed to the crimes after being pinned against the wall with evidence. They are being charged with motor vehicle theft, six counts of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, three counts of misdemeanor larceny, one count of felony larceny, one count of felony financial transaction card theft and one count of misdemeanor financial transaction card fraud.

So what made High Point University a target for the thieves? Fortunately,



DERRICK MANNING

Det. Green was able to get that informa-

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## Program encourages athletes' activity off the field

By Melissa Caudill  
Staff Writer

Panther athletes are no longer just competing on the fields with one another; they are vying for superiority in the classroom, university and community.

This year Melissa Perry, senior woman's coordinator for athletics, has implemented a program called the Competition Cup. The competition is among the nine sports programs here and divided into men's and women's teams. The student-athletes compete in these areas—being an active role model and leader; acting as a team; encouraging fellow athletes and overall academic achievement.

Perry said, "The goal of this program is to encourage the athletes to have pride. Pride in their team and in university athletics. A student-athlete is a well-rounded person who does all sorts of things."

Many universities around the coun-

try have similar programs in their athletic department. Perry got the idea from the University of New Hampshire. She took what she learned from its program and adapted it to fit the needs and capabilities of HPU. The program can be used in any size school, from Division III to Division I. It is used to bring athletes' competitive nature to other aspects of college life.

Perry is the scorekeeper. Points can be earned on an individual basis or in conjunction with team members. If 75 percent of the team, or 10 people, provide community service, then 100 points are added to the team total. If it is an individual effort, then two points are added. The policy encourages team participation. When athletes attend a sporting event of another team, they add one point to the team total for every teammate present provided they sign in at the sports mar-

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## Student recalls Serbian war

By Selda Tahriovic  
Special to the Chronicle

At LaGuardia Airport, my family of four anxiously waited to pass through customs on our way to a safer and happier future. I thought about all the family and close friends I had left behind in Yugoslavia. The war tore families apart and turned a once beautiful country into a flat land full of corpses, sadness and misery...

When I was 11, the war in my country slowly started changing people. The controversies over religion, freedom and land got worse each day. Friends started parting ways, husbands and wives separated, and after a while, murders occurred more than ever. Presidents and religious leaders did not tolerate disputes.

Even though my parents did a pretty

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## Staff Editorial— Americans need to take blame for eating habits

The House of Representatives recently passed a bill that bans class action lawsuits that aim to hold fast food restaurants responsible for the increasing weight and declining health of their patrons. Finally, there is a victory for personal responsibility and a simultaneous loss for frivolous lawsuits and all they stand for.

An upcoming documentary by filmmaker Morgan Spurlock called "Super Size Me" has made the headlines in the past few weeks, but its premise should be news to no one. As part of his project, Spurlock dined on McDonald's food for a consistent 30 days and suffered the consequences. He felt awful and looked worse, gaining 25 pounds. He alarmed his doctors with his 5,000 calories per day diet.

Obesity is about to replace smoking as the number one cause of preventable death in the U.S. Our society has somehow managed to get heavier while dropping more and more money on the dieting industry, which includes cookbooks, self-help books, surgeries, pills, numerous other gimmicks and the conventional method of gym membership.

The causes and effects of obesity have led to an enormous market.

Maybe we are victims of a self-fulfilling prophecy. The more we are aware about our health, the worse it seems to become. As more and more research about the right and wrong foods becomes available, we seem to listen to the advice less and less.

McDonald's and other fast food chains have the right to continue selling junk food without the risk of lawsuits. Could we imagine life without it? Where else can you get a meal for \$3 that is tasty and quick? What would college students do without the Wendy's drive-in, which is open until 3 a.m. and now takes Visa?

Yes, there is a place for these restaurants in capitalism. But the place is not court. The place should not be part of a daily routine. Sure, fast food restaurants have helped in the decline of Americans' health, but there are no surprises there. They never claimed to be the healthy alternative, just the fast one. If Americans choose to continue their love affair with junk food, they should at least appear smart by not being surprised by the result.

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## Censorship difficult, dangerous to regulate

By Josh Farrington  
Staff Writer

Thanks to Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake, there has been a backlash against all that is "obscene" by the American people, television and radio stations and the government itself. Howard Stern is on the verge of destruction, a "five-second delay" is put on all major live telecasts and the FCC is raising fines for obscenity to record levels. This cultural battle revolves around this one word "obscene," that is difficult to define.

Removing "obscenity" from television and radio may sound like a morally justified goal, but obscenity is a relative term. A good example of this relativity is in regards to the debate over gay marriage.

There is a large group of conservatives that believe homosexuality itself is obscene, and thus, shows such as "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" that promote it are also obscene. Yet to those that support the gay-rights movement, those that publicly label homosexuals as "sinners" practice obscene hate-speech. I believe that many things liberal Michael Moore has said, such as accusing President Bush of orchestrating September 11, are obscene. On the other hand, there are a great number of people who think conservative

Rush Limbaugh is obscene in many of his publicly expressed opinions.

One could argue that these political obscenities are different than the sexually explicit obscenity found on television and on the radio. However, obscenity is not reserved solely for sex, as there are many extreme political ideologies that many would consider obscene.

Another argument for censorship of sexually explicit material is that it flies in the face of "American values" and that the American people are sick and tired of having to put up with such "filth" on the airwaves. Howard Stern, though, has the third largest audience in all of radio, which means that although some think he is obscene, there exists a large segment of the population that he does not offend, or at

least not enough for them to change the station.

If the third largest radio host in the nation can be shut down, then so can the second largest the "Dr. Laura Show," and then also can the largest, Rush Limbaugh. All three of these top three radio hosts are extremely controversial and are all on occasion offensive to large segments of America. However, despite their tendencies to offend, they are still the most popular of all programs on radio. Why

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## Learning from language difficulties in Nicaragua

Purse your lips like you are about to kiss someone. Now turn your face to the object you are talking about and push forward with your lips. You have just officially pointed to an object like a Nicaraguan. There is so much more to language

than mere words. Hand movements, tone of voice, and here in Nicaragua, lip movement improve the likelihood of understanding people.

≡Gena Smith≡  
Staff Writer

Angela is 15 and takes care of a 5-year-old who goes to the school I work at. During recess, she will come over and talk to me. The first time we met, she sat down next to me, introduced herself and then rested her right arm on my leg. She always looks at my jewelry, and when I say "looks," I mean that she touches it and questions where I got my earrings and if I have more. She will wipe my skirt off if I have crumbs on it (yes, I wear a skirt every-day to work) or she will touch my hair when asking if I did it myself. She speaks quickly in Spanish, so I don't always understand what she is saying. But there is no doubt that we are friends, and there is no doubt that tomorrow she will come up to me again and speak to me with her words and her actions.

All the Nicaraguans have the same tone of voice when they are annoyed. They super exaggerate the second syllable of their words. And most often they will say "chavalo" which means "boy." Another cultural way of speaking here without using words is whistling. Everyone here whistles. They even have different whistles for different emotions. Yiksa (pronounced Jinksa) and her husband Oscar both work at the school. She has informed me that Oscar has a specific whistle which is how Yiksa knows when he is ready to go. If he is annoyed, he has another type of whistle which means, "Let's go right now!" All the whistles sound the same to me, so when I hear a whistle, I turn and look. I just never know.

The sound "ch" is also used for communication. Most often it is used instead of "sh" as in "be quiet," in the school that is. But once you walk down the street, it is used to get a girl's attention. "Ch Ch Ch" is equivalent to the whistling sound in the States (I hope you understand what I am talking about), which is also used here. The interesting thing is that there are some things we just cannot put in words. There is no way I can type how the whistle sounds, but it is just as much a form of communication as is any word.

Even though I can't translate every word that is being said here, it is inter-

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# New PETA ads use, abuse religious images

*'People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' cashes in on religious fervor with its latest inflammatory campaign*



Drew

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Those of us here at the Campus Chronicle don't make a habit of beating dead horses. Sometimes, however, the horse just plain asks for it. This time, and rather ironically, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals deserves another round of abuse. One of our columnists discussed their "Feeding kids meat is child abuse!" program last semester, but now PETA has gotten not only more preposterous, but offensive.

Enter PETA's latest ad campaign. Let's say you're driving along I-40 one day and you spot a billboard that says "I said 'Thou shalt not kill.'" The obvious reference to the Ten Commandments is then flanked by an old white man in a beard (apparently, that's what everyone thinks God looks like) holding asparagus in one hand and carrots in the other. Then you see in bold letters "GO VEGETARIAN." Only then would you notice the PETA label on the bottom and, with any luck, you will either find this ad to be ab-

solutely hilarious or utterly offensive. You should then proceed to your destination and promptly tell everyone you see about idiotic/offensive/insane billboard.

This is only one of several religion-themed PETA ads you could have seen. Three of them say "JESUS WAS A VEGETARIAN" along with various representations of Christ, one of which basically looks like a child's scribbling. My personal favorite depicts a black, Afro-wearing Jesus with the same slogan followed by "Peas be with all who follow him." An example of one of the more disturbing ads is the one that says "Lamb of God" followed by "Choose life! - Go vegetarian." This is acceptable, I suppose, except it also has a rather grizzly image of a sheep hanging from one leg in front of a wall with blood spattered over it. That unsettling image is juxtaposed with a picture of a serene baby lamb. Oh, and don't forget the anti-milk ad that shows Mary breast feeding an infant Jesus. What should one make of all this?

First, PETA is an organization with very positive aims. Animals should be treated with care and respect, and there should be watchdogs to blow a whistle when abuses are being made. As far as I can tell from what literature I have read, PETA's primary concern is the way in which cows, pigs, chickens and other livestock are raised and slaughtered for public consumption. Again, this is a legiti-

mate concern. I have read things about this process that make me question how humane it is. I love meat, though; I'm a carnivore at heart, so this isn't going to be my cause. So to everyone out there I say go for it - learn the facts and make up your own mind. This is the issue that is PETA's main motivation for promoting vegetarianism. We're a country of free speech, and you can theoretically say whatever you want to. Once again, however, PETA has gone too far.

All I can figure out is that PETA - or at least, its advertising department - is run by extremists. Further evidence of this is their previous "Holocaust on your plate" campaign, which put images of captive livestock beside images of Holocaust victims. This religious campaign is only slightly less offensive. For starters, many of the images of God and Jesus on these billboards appear to be lampoons. Then we have some theological and dietary issues to consider. Are we really to believe that God and Christ are against eating meat? I don't want to preach at you from the Bible, but let's just say that animals are all over it: being eaten, turned into clothing and sacrificed left and right. The Bible is a tricky thing, though; we all know it's been used to justify all manner of horrors and injustices throughout history. But nowhere does it say that Christ was a vegetarian or that his followers (or Jews) should be vegetarians - that much

is clear.

At its core, I believe this ad campaign to be cashing in on the religious fervor and controversy surrounding the release and immense popularity of "The Passion of the Christ." That doesn't make it right, though. As a Christian, I don't want PETA or any other money-hungry special interest group using my faith as the basis of a tagline. Yes, we have free speech, but what about good taste? I'd love to see some prominent church figures take issue with PETA, but it seems like the only Christians we (I use 'we' loosely here) can get on TV are Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson. They've given Christians enough trouble, I think.

This should concern everyone, though, not just Christians. If the reader thinks I'm overreacting to or misinterpreting PETA's messages, check them out yourself. PETA.org shows all of these billboards. While you're at it, take a look at MassKilling.com and see how they've trivialized the Holocaust. If I'm wrong, call me on it. I will say, however, I think the fact that any organization could use religion so flippantly to send a message and/or raise money says something tragic about our society. Tolerance and inclusiveness have become such bandwagons these days that we've made it OK to mock religion. We can't possibly be moving in a positive direction, though, when the Son of God is just another face on a billboard.

## Weighing gay marriage and civil unions: *separate but equal* part II?

By Lisa Bouchard  
Special to the Chronicle

This column offers a rebuttal to Jonathan Miller's column opposing gay marriage which appeared in the last Chronicle.

In case you haven't been paying attention, this is supposed to be a free country. This is why The Pledge of Allegiance states "with liberty and justice for all." Until the government stays out of people's bedrooms and allows two people in a monogamous relationship to marry, regardless of gender, we are certainly on the verge of disaster. So, now we should amend the United States Constitution to say marriage is only between a man and a woman? While we are at it, why don't we rewrite the pledge to say "with liberty and just for only heterosexuals" and endorse a campaign to reinstall slavery into our supposedly "free" society?

By amending the Constitution to discriminate against approximately 10 percent of the population and only enacting civil unions, the United States will reclaim a new era of *separate but equal*. Separate has never been equal and never will be. The black community has fought to gain a level standing ground, just as

the gay community is. The only agenda gay individuals have is the same agenda Martin Luther King had, to be treated as human beings. We are not asking for special rights; we are asking for equal rights.

In the face of controversy, there seem to be a couple of major arguments from those who oppose gay marriage: religion and lack of procreation. Let us begin with religion. A number of religious eccentrics use the Bible to condemn homosexuals, declaring the behavior as unnatural.

Please remember that a higher being did not compose the Bible, people did. In many cases, when people do not understand something, they become uncomfortable and condemn it. This point seems to be true of not only those who wrote the Bible, but those who read it as well.

A number of religious individuals adamantly proclaim homosexuality is wrong because a piece of paper says it is so, but they no longer embrace the concept of slavery, which the Bible also states is acceptable. During the times of slavery in America, Christian slave owners would quote the Bible in their defense by using such passages as, "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto

Christ" (Ephesians 6:5-9). This philosophy and practice are no longer embraced in America, but persecution of the gay community and gay couples is justified. There is no logic in the conservative Christian argument, merely a factor of selective reading.

A plethora of anti-gay marriage activists argue that gays should not marry because they cannot procreate. Should infertile heterosexual couples be banned from marrying or heterosexual couples who do not want to have children? Human beings do not simply exist to feed and reproduce. Two people of the same sex or opposite sex come together because of emotional and physical connection, not with the thought in mind to populate the world. In spite of this debate, a growing number of gay couples are adopting children and rearing them successfully, much to the chagrin of conservatives.

Gay couples are equally as capable as heterosexual couples are of being in a committed, stable relationship and raising children with love. To deny gay and lesbian couples the right to marry is to deny love in its most basic sense. Love cannot be defined or put in a box, delineating boundaries of a relationship to a man and a woman. Love is not "black or white." For all who read this and firmly believe the government should amend the United States Constitution, denying gay couples the right to marry, perhaps you need to rethink what the consequences would be. Would you like a pair of slaves as well?

## Spain sets dangerous precedent

Unbeknownst to some, on March 11, Spain endured perhaps the worst terrorist attack in her history. Al Qaeda detonated

10 small bombs, apparently with cheap cell phones, in the suburbs of Madrid, leaving hundreds dead and countless more wounded. And they achieved their goal. The national elections the following day toppled the government headed by the previously favored conservative party and replaced it with a socialist regime. True to pre-election promises, the new prime minister confirmed his intentions to remove Spanish troops from Iraq and Spanish support of America and the Bush administration.



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Are you kidding me? Why don't we just hand all the cards to the terrorists and let them stack the deck? This was the worst possible reaction Spain could have chosen. Her message reads as follows: Terrorist attacks can change foreign policy.

This past November, Italy experienced attacks from suicide bombers on her troops in An Nasariya, Iraq. Her re-

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# HPU students consider the upcoming battle for the White House, weigh responsibilities as American citizens

Columnists speak out on Bush, Kerry and politics in general

## President Bush can't hold a candle to Kerry

By Derek Shealey  
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Four years is a period of time that goes by faster than I could have ever imagined. It seems like only yesterday the nation was engulfed in the notorious Florida voting controversy between candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush. A year later, the horror of Sept. 11 occurred, and a wounded but more unified America raised its collective

strength and rallied around our president as he waged a long, complex battle to suppress terrorism, rebuild the economy and create a fair and just society for all Americans. However, if you ask me, four years under George W. Bush have been enough, and it's time for a change.

I enjoy watching presidential campaigns while they progress. Party allegiance and political views aside, you can't

deny the impact that the campaign has on us, the public. The candidates seem to put their all in becoming stark portraits of conviction and honesty, hoping to catch the attention and the support of enough broken, neglected ordinary citizens, who

will connect with their words, believe in their ideas and grace them with the true crown of all political distinctions, "the visionary."

The wearer of the crown, at least for the moment anyway, is Massachusetts Sen. John

"...if [Kerry] presents a strong, well thought-out platform on crucial issues like the economy, education and terrorism...he'll win the presidency by a wide margin."

Kerry. Several months ago, very few people believed that Kerry would make much headway in the Democratic nomination process. Last week, he acquired the party nomination after a series of victories in state primary elections. It could be said that Kerry has to work harder to appeal to the all-important moderate and independent voters, but his past as a Vietnam war veteran and history of fighting corruption have won him much acclaim. I think that if he presents a strong, well thought-out platform on crucial issues like the economy, education and terrorism and he sustains the growing wave of discontent that voters have about President Bush, he'll win the presidency by a wide margin.

So why is Bush over? A number of reasons are available. He launched the Iraq war without clear motives or results. Saddam Hussein was captured, fortunately, but with the unfortunate and unnecessary loss of thousands of lives. The economy is still struggling, with the number of jobs falling. Some voters are questioning Bush's initial opposition to Con-

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## Senator Kerry unfit to lead nation, world

By Jonathan Miller  
Staff Writer

Ladies and gentlemen, we have a winner. John Kerry will be the Democrats' 2004 presidential candidate. Now let the race begin. Bush versus Kerry 2004 has started. As potential voters, or hopefully committed voters, you should have enormous interest in the 2004 presidential election. All elections are important, but this is a critical election. We are in the midst of war. Our way of life

faces the evil opposition of Islamic fascism and terrorism. This year's election will allow us to choose how we defend our freedom. We can go with the "appeasement" candidate in John Kerry or the "strong, not backing down until we prevail" candidate in President George W. Bush.

Given that national defense is the main issue of 2004, Bush clearly has the upper hand. Bush is taking the fight to the terrorists, which is how the war should be fought. We can no longer sit around treating this war as if it isn't a war by negotiating with a hostile enemy and no action. If John Kerry is elected, he will do just that. Appeasement and inaction are his plan. Just look at his votes on the Senate floor for evidence.

John Kerry has voted no to approve 27 major weapons systems that improve our national defense. He voted no to approve the Patriot air defense, a very effective missile defense used in the Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He voted no to approve the M-1 Tank, which had an essential part in winning both

Gulf Wars. He voted no on the Cruise missile. He also voted to de-fund the CIA, he voted no on a pay raise for the military and he voted no to approve the use of the death penalty on terrorists who kill Americans. Gandhi would be tougher on defense than John Kerry.

John Kerry's worst vote of all has to be when he voted no to approve the \$87 billion to support the troops in Iraq. He votes to go to war and then he wants to leave our soldiers fighting with no support from back home. This vote is

typical of John Kerry. He has no idea what he believes or what he stands for. He's a "put the finger to the wind" politician. Whatever choice will benefit his political existence is the choice he makes. If we suffer a terrorist attack on Kerry's

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watch, first he'll want to ask the United Nations if we can defend ourselves. If the UN gives him the nod, then we'll send troops over inadequately equipped because he's cut the defense budget in half. After the fighting starts, some anti-war protesters will arise, and he'll panic, thinking his popularity is shrinking and then pull our brave men and women back out. The United States cannot afford to have a President who is indecisive and has no vision during a time of war.

The one thing benefiting John Kerry during this election is the liberal media. He has a safe haven with all the major news networks. Don't expect CBS, NBC, ABC or CNN to be critical of John Kerry. He will have a pulpit to preach

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should the government censor Howard Stern's obscenities when such a large segment of the American people do not find him offensive enough to turn the station?

Censorship, however, should exist on the individual level. I have the power of censorship, not the government. I find Howard Stern offensive, so I change the station. I find Rush Limbaugh entertaining, so I listen to his show. However, for some it is just the opposite, with Stern being entertaining and Limbaugh offensive. Since what is obscene is such a relative term, and censorship of anything that is "offensive" is so broad, should not then the government abstain from this debate? If "America" wants Howard Stern off the air, then it should simply not listen to him and thus lower his advertising rates. This would force him to either tone down his rhetoric or go off the air. Likewise, if enough people are willing to listen to him and find him entertaining rather than offensive, then he should be able to do all the "shocking" he wants.

It should be my own personal decision to define for myself what is "obscene," based on my own religious and moral beliefs. It should never be the job of the government to tell me what is and what is not "obscene."

## Political involvement a duty for all

By Jason Walters  
Special to the Chronicle

"Politics doesn't affect me." It sure does. Politics affects you every day, from sales tax to the sticker on your mattress. "Politics is dirty and corrupt." Well, do something about it; it will never change unless someone takes the initiative. "They aren't talking to me." If you talk to them, they will talk to you. The best way to talk to them is to vote! "I don't care." You should; you and future generations depend on it. "No difference between both major parties." I'm not asking you to join a political party, only

to begin to take an active view on the world around you and formulate your own opinions so you can make coherent decisions. "I'll get involved later." Later might be too late.

All these above excuses have been made by students on this campus to me as to why they don't bother to get involved in politics or current events. It's time to stop making excuses and take responsibility as the young adults that we are. All of us are here getting an education so we can have a bright future individually. Why don't we make an effort so that we can have a bright future collectively?

Now is the time to get engaged. I challenge you to read the headlines, just the headlines, from a major news source. It only takes 10 minutes a day. You quickly will begin to see that you now have a clue what is going on in the world. After you get a clue, you will begin to observe current events and be able to see the bigger picture. You will then be capable of making your own opinions based on your ideas, not political rhetoric.

Young people do have a voice in politics and a large role to play. But it is up to each one of you to decide if you want to keep making excuses or whether you are ready to take responsibility.

## Speakers encourage action in AIDS fight

By Amanda Roberts  
Staff Writer

Capping off the "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" campaign that had fueled the English Majors Council ever since December, the presentation on Feb. 25 provided a forum for students and special guests Dr. Paul Wangai and Clive Beckenham from Nairobi, Kenya.

Beckenham and his wife, Mary, created New Life Homes, which rescues babies abandoned as a result of the AIDS epidemic. "Our first time began with a call from the hospital; they had an HIV-infected baby and wanted to know if we would take him," Beckenham stated.

"If we go to a hospital and we have to choose between the best and the worst, we take the worst. Our calling in life is to save the abandoned. They live in a family home, not an orphanage, where they are loved, cared for and have everything children should have. Over 85 percent of our children have been adopted."

New Life has saved the lives of over 500 children in the past 10 years while opening another home in Nairobi. There are over one million orphans to the AIDS virus in Kenya, and the Beckenham's are determined to make a difference.

"These children are left on the road-

sides, in garbage pits, latrines, dustbins—the children are being thrown away like garbage," Beckenham said. "God loves them, so we love them, too."

Wangai shared an incredible story about Lydia, a college student, who, 10 years ago, was abducted by gangsters and raped during her six-day ordeal; when she was finally released, she was HIV positive. "Last

July," he said, "Lydia called in the middle of the night, telling me 'You must come now.' I asked my wife what I should do—there are many times we ask others what we should do when the time to act is now. I went over to her house two hours later, but there was no response. I found Lydia dead on her bed, and I asked myself, 'What had she wanted me to do?' I will do what is in my power to do now...at the best of my ability."

"All of us can make a difference if we put our hearts together. 'What can I do?' You can make it happen. Give a bit of your time. Send a few e-mails to the

governor and the state department. Say that there is a lot going on in Africa and ask how much money delegated to HIV/AIDS will go to the people who need it?" Wangai suggested to the audience.

Speaking of the children infected with the HIV virus, Wangai said that 92 percent of the children born to mothers with the virus are HIV positive. When the mother's blood is out, when the antibodies in the child's blood have fought the virus, the child will become HIV negative and be able to fight off AIDS. "Many doctors felt it was a waste of time helping these children.

Now there is a list of doctors helping because these babies can make it. We have 50 volunteers who come to help out—college students, male and female," Wangai said.

In closing, Beckenham and Wangai urged the audience to speak among themselves, asking "What have you heard tonight? What do you think you can do? What do you think we can do collectively?"

They were presented with a check for \$10,000 from the Student Government Association to go towards New Life Homes and the fight against AIDS.



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action? The Italian public responded with outrage towards terrorism and pledged their determination to not have the deployment of Italian troops determined by terrorist activity. This sends the proper message. Spain simply rolled over.

The question remains as to where the world goes from here. Certainly major members of the Coalition of the Willing, especially Italy and England, should be on their guard as terrorist motivation has increased due to its recent victory in Spain. Don't expect any change from the Bush administration in the war on terror. As for the rest of the world: Let's all hope that other countries don't cower in the face of terrorism. Terrorism is detestable. But it will never be eradicated by giving in. Spain simply failed the world.

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esting how much I understand despite that. It took me a while to get used to people pointing with their lips; it seriously looks as if they are about to kiss you. But now I find myself doing the same thing, and afterward, I can't help but laugh.

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gress's forming a 9/11 investigation committee and his reluctance to be interviewed by it. Finally, Bush, despite all appearances, is one of the worst presidents in terms of achieving diversity. He opposed affirmative action and exposed his intolerance by calling for a Constitutional ban on same sex unions. This president has angered too many Americans to occupy the White House for four more years.

I think that the Democratic party has already scored a victory in 2004. While Democratic candidates crisscrossed the nation during the primaries, expressing their views and fighting for votes, they may have achieved something much stronger in the process—outrage against the Bush administration. The general tide of opinion on major issues is changing or at least becoming more diverse.

Howard Dean contributed to this with his position on Iraq. John Edwards raised economic concerns. Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton raised concerns about civil rights. There may only be one Democratic candidate, but raising awareness and the question of change was really teamwork. Good move, Democrats.

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from and get spoon-fed interviews at those networks. Do expect to see Bush put before the Inquisition. If he even scratches his head differently, the liberal press will accuse him of misleading the American people because they expected him to scratch back to front not side to side. They did it to his father and they will do it to him. Four more years of Bush is more than they can stand.

## Winston recalls her years in modeling industry

By Dana R. Yates  
Special to the Chronicle

The lights. The camera. The glamorous life of a model. To some young girls, it is all they dream of. With each magazine that waits in mailboxes across America, young girls rush to see who has graced the cover. Never do they ask the question of what is going on in the beauty's mind, but the question of what is she wearing. Jassica Winston is aware of what goes on in a model's head, for during her teenage years she used to be one.

Seen around High Point's campus, Jassica is a petite, small-framed beauty with a vivid smile and almond-shaped eyes. The chestnut highlights flowing in her ebony hair complement her chocolate-colored skin. She is a natural beauty with limited flaws. Many are unaware of her past but have probably seen her in the pages of numerous catalogs.

At the age of 14, Jassica was discovered in a mall during a shopping trip with her mother. "This man out of nowhere, comes up and invites me to come to this hotel to have my picture taken for this small modeling agency," she recalls. When first approached, she thought it was a joke. Never before had she considered the field of modeling.

One of Jassica's first jobs was to

be a real-life mannequin. She would stand in a store window, frozen in a pose. "People would literally come up and touch me, not knowing if I was real," Jassica jokes. Jassica would stand for hours, with short breaks in between. All she thought about was when it was going to end so she could sit down and rest.

Jassica was fortunate in later years as she received offers to do print ads in catalogs for companies such as Delia's, a clothing line for teens. As her modeling career became more appealing, Jassica became more interested in it. "I thought to myself, 'someone is actually going to pay me to do this,'" she says.

Life for Jassica then became quite different. She had options of travel with many trips to New York for jobs, and she was given free clothes and makeup by the companies she modeled for. But life in front of the camera became challenging. Waking up early with little sleep, Jassica would go down to the studio for makeup and wardrobe. She would pose for numerous photos, as the photographer worked to find the perfect shot. Her mind stayed blank as she attentively listened to everything the photographer said. He

would continue snapping away until he felt he had what he wanted.

"Sometimes you feel as though you're not even a real person. They are constantly tweaking you, trying to make you perfect," Jassica says. Criticism in modeling is very grueling. Jassica would receive comments about her weighing too much or having skin that was too dark. "I became so self-conscious, because these remarks would tear you to pieces," she says.

In her normal life, Jassica began to wear baggy clothes to cover her body and refrained from wearing makeup. She felt this would limit the opportunity for anyone to com-

ment on her appearance. "For a model, mentally you're a mess. You are constantly worrying about what people tell you, and eventually you worry about when your career is going to end," she says.

Sometimes Jassica's physical state was just as vulnerable as her mind. During shoots involving swimwear layouts, she battled chilly temperatures in her barely covered frame. "When people see swimsuits magazines, they are unaware that these photos are taken prior to the season. It would be cold, but for the cam-

era you had to focus," she remembers. In between shots, assistants would be ready with robes to rescue her and keep her warm.

At the age of 17, Jassica signed a contract with the Elite Modeling Agency in New York. Her career was beginning to accelerate. She was yet to complete high school, when her mother showed concern for her daughter. Jassica's mother wanted her to graduate from high school, believing that an education was highly important. At her mother's wishes, Jassica chose to take a break from modeling. After graduation, she made the decision to continue her schooling by coming to High Point to study Interior design.

As Jassica nears graduation in May, she looks forward to starting her career as an interior designer. "If there was an offer to go back (to modeling), I would take it. The money is good, but I want my career to be in interior design."

Though it was a very challenging part of her teenage years, Jassica still speaks highly of the modeling industry. Many of the girls she started with have gone on to have successful careers, including one who now models for Victoria's Secret. Jassica thinks the image models represent is not negative. She believes that people look to models for the standard on how women should present themselves.

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## Genesis lets students worship and serve

By Pamela-Montez Holley  
Staff Writer

*Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts. Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet praise Him with the psaltery and the harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance, praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals; praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord." -Psalm 150:1-6*

That is exactly what the Genesis Gospel Choir has been doing for the past nine years. The choir began with 12 members. After its first "Gospel Fest," the group asked Pastor James Brown and Pastor Deborah Brown to train and direct them. Since then, Genesis Gospel Choir has experienced rapid growth in members who love to praise the Lord.

There are about 50 members in the choir, and they have joined for many different reasons. "I joined Genesis to be around other Christians who have a stronger walk of faith that would help me build a stronger foundation with the Lord," said Dekesha Seay. "I like being a member because I like worshipping God through music since that is one of my passions," continued Seay.

"I joined because I wanted to be in an environment where I could feel safe and secure, I wanted to better my life as a Christian and I enjoy the company of people," commented Ishmael Josiah. "Being in this choir is like a learning place outside class. We not only learn songs and dances but we learn how to carry ourselves in a good fashion."

I am proud to say that I am also a Genesis member. I joined my freshman year and I have noticed one thing that we all have in common, we love the Lord. I can honestly say that when I arrived at High Point University last year,

I was nervous that I wouldn't find many people who were passionate about God.

But God proved me wrong. He opened the door to Alpha Delta Theta (a Christian service sorority), Campus Crusade and Genesis Gospel Choir. Genesis seemed like the perfect blend.

It was great for music lovers, it was great for those who loved the Lord and it was great for those who loved getting involved in their community.

Genesis has devoted many hours to the community by feeding the hungry at homeless shelters, making Christmas care packages for children and helping at the 5k Race.

"I helped out the homeless shelter, and it felt great to help others and it felt good to let others know that we care about them," said Mia Watts. Sherry Wyche also gave a helping hand. "I helped make Christmas gifts for the children. I was a sophomore at the time, and up until that point, I never really did any community service because everything I did was school-based. It felt good to help someone out besides High Point," Wyche joked.

Genesis is a busy organization. The choir has numerous rehearsals and performances. It just returned from touring. Multiple organizations seem to be branching off from Genesis. "Impact" is a Bible study that meets every Wednesday night. It is headed up by Crishauna Horsley and it is comprised of many Genesis Gospel Choir members. There is also "Acts of God," a group of multi-talented members who dance and put on mini-plays. Rhonda Bethea belongs to both. "In some ways we are a part of Genesis, but sometimes I think that we do a bit more that kinda makes us our own group as well as a part of a Genesis," she said.

So, what does the future hold? In April, Genesis will host its ninth annual Gospel Fest here at High Point University. Genesis will be doing what it does best, praising their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Meeks offers a new view of Christian living

By Brianne Coone  
Staff Writer

As a cold March rain fell outside of Hayworth Chapel, Keller Visiting Scholar Dr. M. Douglas Meeks delivered a warm sermon addressing the table manners of God by which all Christians should live.

Meeks said that most people have forgotten the economy of God and in order to have hope "the first thing we have to do as Christians is to regain our memory." What he meant by the economy of God is how God manages his household.

According to Meeks, the key to managing any home occurs around the table; therefore we must learn the proper table manners in order to live successfully. If people do not learn how to behave, they will not succeed in life. Some may end up homeless.

The word homeless does not only pertain to persons without shelter. Meeks said, "It's not just the people who have no money that are homeless... people who never hear their names called, people whose stories are not known by anybody else, people who have no place at the table... also are homeless." Do you know anyone who seems to be a loner, someone who never seems to fit in anywhere? Maybe that person is homeless, and Meeks said, "Homeless people are subjected to death."

So what can we do about it? Meeks suggests that if we follow four table manners of God, there will be hope.

"The first table manner we have to learn is to begin to give as God gives. God gives without expectation of return," said Meeks. Our society is full of "what's in it for me?" people. Some people give selfishly with a motive in mind. If the giver expects something in return, then he is also a taker. When a person gives with-

out expecting anything from the receiver, then the giver has given as God, "freely...joyfully."

"The second table manner is that we have to witness to our society that not all things are commodities," said Meeks. Some people think that everything they own can be exchanged for something else that they deem as necessary to have. However, not all possessions are redeemable. For example, would you give up

water for the rest of your life in exchange for your deepest desire? The true necessities in life are not commodities.

Meeks said, "The third table

manner is that we have to disbelieve the notion of our society that those things necessary for life are scarce." People get what they need in abundance. Just because someone wants something, it does not mean it is a necessity. A Rolling Stones' line comes to mind, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you just might find you get what you need."

"The fourth and final table manner (is) we have to ask our society, again, to reconsider this notion of absolute and exclusive private property," said Meeks. No one wants to be excluded or labeled an outcast. Meeks said that we should share with others not separate ourselves from them. All humans have the right to belong.

While at HPU, Meeks has led a seminar for 16 students called, "Jesus and Globalization." Each of the students is working on an essay about how Jesus offers Christian solutions to questions of globalization.

Meeks said, "We live in a fearful time but we also live in a time of great promise... Let's encourage each other to follow the table manners of life that we have learned at the Lord's Table."

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tion from the thieves, who also target rich neighborhoods like Emerywood. Thieves are obviously drawn by expensive cars which the university has no lack of. In addition, the university houses hundreds of vehicles which give the thieves many more possible break-ins from a single location. It is like a mall for thugs. When asked how they got into the vehicles, they said that they were unlocked. They simply walked around campus and checked for unlocked doors while avoiding security. They also commented that the car they stole had a key left in it.

Although we have a security force and a city police force, it is also the responsibility of individuals to make their property as safe as possible. After all, no one cares more about your property than you do. Obviously, it is rare that owners

leave their vehicles unlocked on purpose knowing that they could be broken into, but caution must be exercised. On that note, Det. Green has some advice for the car-owning students of HPU: 1) keep valuables out of sight; 2) be sure to lock your vehicle; 3) never leave spare keys in the vehicle; 4) report any suspicious persons to the Security office before they have a chance to commit a crime. Following these rules will make it much more difficult for thieves to walk away with your belongings.

Although being violated by thieves is never a good time, this story has a happy ending. The stolen vehicle was recovered, and much of the stolen property has been and is being recovered as well. Furthermore, a ring of thieves and repeat offenders has been broken up and put behind bars. Hopefully, the students of HPU can sleep a little better tonight.



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keting table. The male and female team with the highest GPA and the male and female individual with the highest GPA will earn 100 points for their teams.

For the most part, the student-athletes have gotten involved in the competition. "The most difficult part has been the communication of what the program is and what the athletes need to do," said Perry. "The SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee) leaders have really been driving it because it's up to the athletes to get it going." Cricket Indra and Jeff Fairman are SAAC co-presidents. Their role has been to promote the Competition Cup and motivate their teams to participate. Indra said, "At first I was skeptical, but shortly after I realized that it cultivated Panther pride and increased attendance at HPU home games."

Since this is the first year, Perry and the SAAC are still developing the program. Indra said, "Each meeting of the SAAC we suggest where more points could come from, and we discuss and

choose events that could earn us points."

SACC-sponsored events include raising money for Habitat for Humanity (about \$150) and a toy drive in which over 215 toys were donated to Fox 8 for local children.

The competition lasts the entire school year. The winning team will be announced in April to allow time for the team to receive prizes. Specific prizes have not been determined.

Athletes have participated enthusiastically. "This says a lot about the athletes and that they're participating for the right reasons," said Perry. Teams have held sports clinics for kids, done after-school programs for the YMCA, assisted with a church pumpkin sale, participated in promotions at McDonald's, cleaned out a storage shed and sent Christmas cards to troops overseas.

"The cup is a journey, much like the college career is a journey. It is a way to track progress in various areas. Just like the student-athletes go beyond themselves, the cup does as well," said Perry.

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# Student survives turmoil while living in El Salvador

*Harrowing account of growing up in war-torn homeland*

By Ada Hernandez  
Special to the Chronicle

I can still remember the gun shots, the helicopters roaring, the smell of gunpowder and the people screaming on the streets surrounding my grandparents' residence.

It was 1986, the left-wing Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), also known as the guerillas, were taking over the city of San Miguel in El Salvador. They were killing civilians or as my aunt heard them say "cleaning the city." I was 3 years old when I first experienced the war.

While I was sitting next to my sister, I was playing with my doll's hair on a red couch that faced the patio. Suddenly, we saw a soldier dressed in green, with a machine gun strapped across his shoulder walking on our patio. My aunt was leaving the kitchen when she walked toward the door and saw my sister and me staring at the soldier. She looked at him and froze. He looked at us, and then climbed the patio's wall and left.

A few minutes later we heard shots in the air. Far-right National Republican Alliance (ARENA) helicopters were shooting the FMLN soldiers on the ground. My grandparents came running toward us, screaming, "Hurry! Hurry! Go to your room and stay underneath the bed." We obeyed, with my aunt right behind us telling us the same thing. She

kissed both of us and then took the keys that were attached to the door, closing and locking it behind her. My sister and I were scared. We were alone in the room, listening to the excruciating sound of bullets and helicopters flying over. I didn't understand why we had to stay underneath the bed, so I asked my sister, who was three years older than me, and she explained that underneath the bed we were less likely to get hurt by stray bullets.

The strife began in 1977, when farmers, peasants and workers led by Farabundo Marti formed the FMLN. They protested against human rights violations. By 1980, the archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, was assassinated and the country was on the verge of civil war. The right-wing National Conciliation Party (PCN) formed death squads that killed around 30,000 people. The FMLN despised the PCN and wanted to become a legitimate party. France and Mexico recognized the FMLN as such, while the U.S. continued to assist the El Salvadorian government, whose army backed right-wing death squads.

My father worked as a detective for the military security of the Armed Forces. He was in charge of investigating the terrorism cases and any plots that the FMLN had against the government. To the FMLN, he was considered an enemy. One day, my dad was walking out of the house when the guerrillas seized him. He was taken to a park where he was beaten up

and stabbed in the eye with a knife. A police car came near the park and the FMLN left the scene. My dad was wounded, but was helped by some people who called the police. My father lost the vision in his eye.

After that incident he asked to be transferred from San Miguel to the capital San Salvador. My mother was eight months pregnant when the guerillas knocked on her door and asked if any military person lived in the house. She said no. They took her and my sister who was 2 as hostages for four hours. They were released because my mother knew one the guerillas. When I was born, my dad could not handle the war anymore. Ten months later he left El Salvador, like many people did at that time, and came to the United States. A year later my mom followed his path and left my sister and me in the care of my grandparents.

It felt like years underneath that bed. My sister and I were just hugging each other, hoping that it would all be over soon. Hours later my aunt came and opened the door. She slid underneath the bed and told us that we would spend the night on the cold floor. It was difficult to sleep because we still heard the helicopters flying above us, and we were afraid of anything that could happen. But that is how it was each night after that.

Alfredo Cristiani (ARENA) became president in 1989. The rebel attacks intensified. I remember taking a bus to visit my uncle who lived in La Union, a state

away from San Miguel. I was with my aunt and my sister. I was sitting on the window side and when we passed el Rio Lempa (the Lempa River), I remember seeing two bodies hanging from the rails of the bridge. They were wearing police uniforms, and their faces were covered with blood. One of them was missing half of his leg. When I saw this, I turned to my aunt who was completely pale and did not say a word. I did not ask anything because I knew that we were in the middle of a war and we could not do anything about it but keep our mouths shut.

Year after year, I became used to the death threats, the violence and the attacks that happen when a civil war dominates a country for 12 years. My best friend's father was used as a shield when two soldiers were fighting against each other and he was killed. I remember walking to my friend's house and passing her father's blood stains on the ground. Women were constantly getting raped, including a maid in my house who was also killed.

I was one of those children who witnessed things that most children never see. I thought the horror was never going to be over, but the day came, on Jan. 16, 1992, when a peace accord sponsored by the UN was signed by representatives of the government and the FMLN, which then became a political party. By that time I was 9, and the war was finally over.

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good job trying not to let my brother and me see the reality of the war, we still knew that the Serbs and Muslims had religious conflicts. Since we lived in Belgrade, the capital of today's Serbia, my family found it hard to live a normal life as Muslims. I will never forget getting ready for school and seeing military vehicles with large guns fixed on the roofs and filled with army soldiers passing by our house. The cold-hearted looks on their faces terrified

me, not to mention the guns and dead bodies the vehicles carried.

In the two years that we lived through heart-stopping terror, I couldn't imagine what was going to happen in the end and when the end was coming. Would we be one of the families killed in the war? I ask myself many questions as the days went on. Two specific days remain fresh in my mind. The day my mom told us that we had to move shocked me. She

began packing all of our things and told us not to mention to anyone that we would be leaving. Luckily, my parents both worked for airline companies and knew exactly what to do and how to get us out of the country. I wanted to take some of my personal belongings, but my mom didn't let me. The next day as we got ready to leave for the train station, I can remember my grandmother holding my brother and me and crying as if someone

had died. All of my friends gathered outside our house to say goodbye, and a lot of them even came to the train station. I don't think that I have ever cried so much in my life. I hugged everyone in sight because the thought that I would never see them again kept running through my head. As the train left the station, I stuck my head out the window and waved until everyone's faces started fading.


Others would see us now as refugees.

Our train ride to Vienna, Austria, took about 12 hours. I can remember my mom holding us and telling us that everything would be OK and that when we got to our dad who resided in the United States, our lives would change for the better. Ironically, I never thought that we lived a sad life. I loved Yugoslavia; I loved all my friends and I didn't want to leave my family. Once we got to Austria, we stayed with one of my mom's close friends. After a few days, we left for New York City.

The second day I will never forget came when we reached LaGuardia. My dad waited for us on the other side of customs. The tight security guards turned some people away and forced them back to their countries because they didn't have their visas or other documents required for entering the United States. This greatly frightened us. Our turn arrived to get our passports checked. After waiting in line over five hours, we stood only a few moments away from being reunited with our dad, moving to New York City and claiming it as our home.

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# 'Sex and the City' bids adieu after a six year love affair with American viewers

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

There has recently been a great loss in all of our lives. Well, at least it was considered a loss to those who were lucky enough to be loyal viewers of the show. "Sex & the City" ran its final episode in early 2004. It was a show that touched my life, as well as many others, females and males, but primarily females. I made sure I had the television dial on HBO, every Sunday at 9 p.m. so as not to miss one single hilarious, sad, joyful and overall touching moment of the series. When "Sex & the City" ran ended, it was as if we all lost four friends--Carrie Bradshaw, Samantha Jones, Miranda Hobbes and Charlotte York.

Each of the female characters had her own unique personality, and together, they really were each other's soul-mates. They really made it actually OK to be single in your 30s, while making it simple for any woman of any age to relate to them. Kim Cattrall (Samantha Jones) said that the show was "a valentine to being single." The women were all independent and strong, and yet had their own little quirks and insecurities that got in their way, and that they were forced to deal with. This always resulted in an often hilarious outcome, which the

show prided itself on,

The humor of the show was so rude and crude, and yet so true at the same time. It's what we all are thinking, but don't always have the fortitude to say. For example, in explaining a break-up, Miranda tells how a door man of her boyfriend's broke up with her for him by saying, "I'm sorry Miss Hobbes. Mr. Johnson won't be coming down, *and*' H o w - ever, it's

very obvious that Samantha always had the best lines. For example, Samantha interrupts a conversation between Carrie, Charlotte and Miranda at a shower party by saying, "Ladies, can we cut the cake and get out of here? I have a three-way to get to." The humor could also take a serious turn. For instance, Charlotte commented on how pretty Samantha looked, to which she replied, "Thanks, I have cancer." What was so great with the show was how it could make you laugh out loud one

minute, and yet turn around the next and make you want to cry.

The final episode, "An American Girl in Paris (Part Deux)," centered around Carrie, and which man she would pick: Aleksandr Petrovsky or Mr. Big. It was obvious that Carrie was uncomfortable

being in Paris without her career and her friends and always being left during the day by Aleksandr. The turning point of the epis-

sode came when Carrie found her old necklace, which she thought she lost, within a hole in the lining of her purse. After leaving Aleksandr, she runs into Mr. Big at a hotel, and it was if their relationship hadn't skipped a beat, except this time, Mr. Big was sure that Carrie was "the one." All he had to say was, "It took me a very long time to get here, but I'm here." Carrie replies with, "I miss New York. Take me home."

The other females of the show are not

to be overshadowed by Carrie's storyline. While their air time was smaller, their storylines were very powerful. Charlotte and Harry's long quest for a baby finally ended when they were told that they would soon have their wish granted by the adoption agency. Miranda finally showed how full of love her heart actually was when she helped her husband's mother, who recently suffered a stroke, causing much memory loss. Samantha actually allowed herself to be in love. Each character came to a crossroads and seemed to have a portion of their lives fulfilled.

"Sex & the City" will be greatly missed. It's not just the touching storylines, the hilarious one-liners or the jaw-dropping antics of the girls that we'll be missing, but also the coffee-shop gatherings, the hot nightclubs, the Manolo Blahniks, the cosmopolitans, the hot (and usually temporary) boyfriends, not to mention New York itself. While sex was a huge part of the show, it wasn't what it was really about. "Sex & the City" was about the trials and tribulations of love. It was about confronting the scariest things about trust and intimacy. Overall, it was about the wonderful things that go along with friendship, which are the things we've come to realize we can't live without.



## 'Crow': Incubus' usual power rock

By **Andrea Griffith**  
*Copy Editor*

Incubus delivers a powerful set of tracks on *A Crow Left of the Murder* thanks to the dominant guitar style of Mike Einziger coupled with the usual vocal strength of front man Brandon Boyd.

Like the group's other albums, *Crow* is a set of songs that vary radically in style and depth. This band proves that it has a range similar to the Red Hot Chili Peppers with its ability to produce syrupy ballads and powerful punk rock. Boyd sings optimistically about love one moment ("I'm down but not out," croons

Boyd during the song "Beware! Criminal") and conveys his adamant anti-Bush position the next (the video for "Megalo-maniac" has stirred some controversy on MTV for its political nature).

Although the album debuted in second place on the charts, it is obvious that Incubus was not trying to find radio-friendly popularity. "Sick Sad Little World" is an opus that fills six minutes. In fact, all tracks are unpredictable and impossible to sing along to upon first listen, unlike most rock songs written today.

The characteristic of the album and the band that is most impressive is the ease in switching between genres; it is almost a chameleon-like ability. Boyd sounds

like Korn's Jonathan Davis on some tracks and Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder on others. His vocal ability to switch between soulful high tenor and angry baritone is astounding.

Einzig emerges as a clear leader on this album. All other instruments and band members fall into the background, molded around what his guitar is doing.

*A Crow Left of the Murder* is an album that can fit any mood. Its songs are uplifting and discouraging all at once, slow or violent, depending on the track. Incubus once again proves that its songs are not carbon copies of each other.

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# Linkin Park rocks student's first major concert

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

I am a fan of Linkin Park because their music has hard sounds and powerful lyrics. I'll listen to one of their CD's while I'm lifting at the gym or running on the Greenway. And I'll check their website occasionally to see when the band's new music is coming out or to watch a music video. Although my room isn't filled with the band's posters and pictures, when I heard they were coming to Greensboro, I had to get a ticket.

I had never been to a major concert before March 2, and it was an experience I'll never forget. I have been to concerts at bars and other places like Triangle and Cafe Jam, but the Greensboro Coliseum is a lot bigger, and the bands playing were better known than local bands of High Point and Wilmington.

I sat in the nosebleed section with my friends, but I could see the stage perfectly. I also enjoyed the seating because I was nowhere near the mosh pits on the ground floor. Several times during the show, I could see small groups of people jumping and running into each other. It made me grateful that I would walk out of that arena with all of my teeth.

The first band on stage was Story of the Year. I had never heard of this band before, but I liked their song "Until the

Day I Die;" it sounded like a cross between SR-71 and Hoobastank. The band had a lot of energy and towards the end of the set, the guitarist did a back-flip off of a speaker.

Hoobastank took the stage next and since I knew the songs, I sang along. The best part of their performance came when they played "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." All the girls around me were singing along and laughing. It was a good introduction to their new single, "Out of Control."

After the stage cleared again, screens were raised with P.O.D. banners. Unlike the other bands, P.O.D. went from one song right into another and during their performance of "Youth of a Nation," they brought 10 audience members on stage to sing the chorus.

When I first entered the coliseum, the seats weren't all filled. It wasn't until Linkin Park took the stage that I found it difficult to find an empty green seat in the crowd.

The arena had gone black just before each band had performed, but this time

the audience was kept in suspense. Linkin Park played an introduction tape while they sat behind the screen on the stage. And when the first band member walked out, the entire audience stood up, screamed and clapped, myself included.

They had a great stage presence. The band screamed just like they did on their CDs. Singers Mike Shinoda and Chester Bennington ran from one end of the stage to the other, taking turns singing lines of their songs with the fans.

The entire stage was used for the band's performance, which included two side platforms that hung off the stage and brought the performers within arm's reach of the audience.

The lights were everywhere and they were turned on the audience each time the band wanted them to sing. I watched hands fly in the air and people crowd surf in mosh pits. The ground floor looked like a sea anemone with the swaying hands and lighters imitating the motion of the ocean.

Linkin Park made sure that the audience got what they paid for, but it also included a performance by the road crew.

Bennington said, "These guys have been practicing during our tour so we're gonna bring them out here." Although I heard some people argue, they cheered and laughed as the road crew attempted to keep tempo. But given their two minutes of fame, the road crew took their places behind the stage and let the band show them how to play "Faint."

After "In the End" was played, people started filing out of the coliseum, but the house lights still hadn't come on. Then the band came out and played "My December." Then the lead singers of the three previous bands came out to join Linkin Park for the last song, "A Place for My Head."

When the music finally ended and the crowd stopped cheering, I finally sat down in my seat after an hour of singing and dancing with the music and just smiled as the road crew packed up Linkin Park's gear. I couldn't believe what I had seen. Listening to the music and having the powerful bass move me to the beat felt like being in my room. I was dancing and signing like no one was watching me. I didn't get back to campus until midnight, but the smile still hadn't left my face.

I never thought I would experience the Meteora World Tour. But now that I've gotten a taste of Linkin Park's live show, I can't wait until they come back to North Carolina. They are definitely an experience not to pass up.



## Concerts worth seeing

### Williams: a one-man jam band visits Ziggy's

By Justin Spinks  
Staff Writer

Smoke lingers in the stage lights as people fight their way forward to get closer, but the old, barn-like building is packed so tight, moving is becoming an impossibility. However, people are still lined up outside the door for their chance to get in. They are there to see a one-man jam band.

Keller Williams usually packs Ziggy's, the popular music venue in Winston Salem, and this night was no different, except ticket prices rose and somehow more people managed to make their way into the sweltering, cloudy haze.

On stage it appears as if there is an arsenal of instrumentation for a band of at least 8, maybe 10 or 12, but when the lights go out, and then a single acoustic guitar rings from the sound system all around, only one man emerges from behind the stage.

Keller starts out with an insanely fast and difficult acoustic guitar riff, unique to his style, and then adds his whimsical lyrics that can make you both laugh and think. Then something incredible happens as Keller puts down his acoustic guitar, but still ringing are his intricate guitar musings, and he dances to the other side of the stage to pick up a bass. The next thing that fills the crowd's ears is a funky bass line to be intricately woven into the looped guitar riff. The audience

is amazed at this impressive feat, and the next thing they hear is percussion, but they look to see not a trap set of any kind. Instead it's just Keller standing in front of the microphone, manipulating his mouth to sound exactly like drums and cymbals, and that is looped on top of everything else. He loops the music he plays through various effects pedals so he can play a few seconds on one instrument and make it continue to play after he puts that instrument down so he can go to a completely different instrument to layer upon what is already being heard. Keller, smiling and dancing, then could bring out a plethora of toys he can stimulate his fans with. He picks up one of his electric guitars and solos a bit, making crazy high-pitched

sounds, then moves his way to a xylophone and tantalizes the audience a bit with that, but then returns to his acoustic to segway into the next song to close the first set, the fan favorite by the Allman Brothers called "Midnight Rider." The concert is far from over.

Ziggy's is one of many stops for Keller on his spring tour which takes him

all over the country in addition to two dates at the Australian Blues and Roots Music festival. Keller has been nominated for two Jammy Awards, one for his song "Above the Thunder" and the other for his album cover for his latest release *Home*.

Keller's virtuosic musical talents and entertaining live performances still go largely unrecognized though his fan base continues to grow. Keller tours from coast

to coast relentlessly, playing mostly in bars, small venues and music festivals, but no one will probably ever see him on MTV or *Rolling Stone* magazine, unless it is part of something larger, such as the Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester, Tenn. Popular music has no place for a one-

man jam band.

The lights go back out, and the acoustic guitar once again rings from the sound system as set two begins. Keller opens this set up with "Gimme Shelter," a Rolling Stones cover, that really gets the audience going, then continues his feats that seem like magic, even controlling sound with what looks like the movement of his

hands, dazzling the audience, leaving them to say, "How does he do it?" Continuing to play his acoustic, he imitates almost perfectly the sound of a trumpet with his mouth then sings the wah-wah of an electric guitar. He then goes into the humorous fan favorite "I Could Drink a Case of You" and loops its guitar part so he can pick up a large tribal drum and jam on that for a bit. After he finishes beating the drum, he returns once again to his signature acoustic to close the set with "Kidney in a Cooler," a fun tune off his most popular album *Laugh*. At this point in the show everyone is convinced there really is nothing that this man cannot do.

After the show, fans spill out of the smoky sweatbox and gather to discuss what they had just seen. "Man, that was awesome, but it was so crowded, I could barely see," remarks one fan to the other. "Yeah, I know, but that was incredible. I can't believe I had never heard of this guy before. How many guitars did he have? Six? Seven? And what was that one thing he had, with the crazy sounds? That was intense!"

Keller takes a solo act to the next level and pushes the boundaries of just how far one man can go with musical ability. He keeps out of the lime-light because he is his own act. He is not quite "jam," nor is he quite anything else. He, like his followers, seeks something different.



# 'Passion' presents powerful Christian vision

By Drew McIntyre  
Opinion Editor

It's a rare thing these days for movies with substance to make serious bank at the box office. I'm not sure if that is reflective of society or industry—probably both. In any case, "The Passion of the Christ" has gone against the norm and managed both to be a movie with depth and purpose, while at the same time reaching a large audience. Mel Gibson hasn't made a perfect film, to be sure, but for what it is, "The Passion" is about as good a movie as it could possibly be.

If you don't know who Mel Gibson is — first off, just quit reading the A&E page. Gibson is the star of movies like "Mad Max," "What Women Want," "The Patriot" and four "Lethal Weapon" installments. He also directed and starred in "Braveheart," one of the greatest epics of this generation and a personal favorite—not to mention a multiple-Oscar winner. "The Passion of the Christ" is only his second major directorial effort, and though the technicalities are on a much smaller scale, the subject matter is far grander.

I shouldn't need to tell you the plot. Even most non-Christians know something of Christ's story. "The Passion of the Christ" follows the last 12 hours of his life, beginning with his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and through his execution. There is also a hint at the resurrection as well. Gibson's claim throughout the making of this film



has been the he was making a movie based on the passion narrative found in the New Testament Gospels. He never claimed to be making a movie about the life of Christ or a movie filled with all that modern and

post-modern theology has added to Jesus' story. Gibson simply wanted to make a realistic depiction of Christ's sacrifice as seen in the New Testament. Whether he should have done something else is immaterial. What matters is that, for what this movie is, it is a masterpiece.

There are a few clever things Gibson employed as director that are worth noting. Satan has a presence throughout the movie. While I don't believe that this is clearly stated in any of the four Gospels, I found this to be a very effective way of showing that Christ was tempted throughout the ordeal. The way Gibson represents Satan is interesting; he appears as a woman, but speaks with a menacing, masculine voice. The observant viewer should look at the way Satan stalks through the crowds during Jesus' torture and compare that to the way Gibson showed Murron walking through the crowds during Wallace's execution in "Braveheart." Also, there are flashbacks throughout the movie. They seem to increase with intensity as the trial and execution does. These serve a couple of purposes. They give the viewer a little bit of a reference point to moments in Jesus' life, from childhood and adulthood, that give a sense of history and make Him more human to us. Moreover, the

flashbacks are honestly a welcome break from time to time from watching the grizzly torture onscreen that Gibson succeeded at making realistic.

There are only two actors of serious

note in this film. Jim Caviezel ("The Count of Monte Cristo") portrays Christ, and Monica Bellucci ("Tears of the Sun" and the last two "Matrix" installments) plays Mary Magdalene. Caviezel was



an excellent casting choice for several reasons. First of all, he can pull off playing a Semitic character; it's nice not to have a Gentile Jesus for a change. Also, he

has enough acting experience to be recognized for his talent, but isn't famous enough to distract moviegoers. The same can be said for Bellucci. Caviezel deserves extra praise, though, for literally suffering to make his depiction accurate. He was hurt several times during the filming, most notably when a stunt went wrong and he was actually flogged. Oh, yeah, and he was struck by lightning...twice. Gibson also has to get recognized for his intestinal fortitude. A lot of people didn't want to see this movie make the light of day. Some had good reason to. Passion narratives have historically been used to blame Jews for Christ's death and inspire anti-Semitism with violent consequences. I believe he handled this controversy very well, though. He stuck to his guns, made his movie the way he wanted it and let the critical chips fall where they may. Critics were mixed on it, not surprisingly — but check out Roger Ebert's review; he gave it four stars and was dead on. The public has not been so mixed. The film has made nearly \$300 million at this point, and it's still number 2 at the box office. This is a just reward for a movie that

Gibson poured not only his heart but his bank account into.

Odds are such that many of you have seen this film. I've heard very few negative reviews by my friends. If you haven't seen it, check it out. I would add that I don't agree with this movie being used by evangelical groups to "save" people. This is a movie people need to come to with a little bit of knowledge. It is a movie for those that know and respect Christ's story and wish it to be made more real for them. "The Passion of the Christ" does just that. Gibson has made what I'm sure will be the standard for movies of its kind of decades to come.

## Theron is 'Monster'

By Sara Gray  
Staff Writer

Serial killer Aileen Wuornos walked along the Florida highways finding her way by prostitution. She robbed and murdered eight men in the years 1989-1990. She was arrested in 1982, convicted and then executed by the electric chair in 1992. Charlize Theron completely transforms herself into Aileen Wuornos in the film *Monster*. Theron gained thirty pounds, endured facial prosthetics and hours of makeup to make her look complete. The final result was astounding. She unmistakably looked the part.

*Monster* is narrated by Aileen and is told from her point of view. It follows the two years of her criminal life. The real story begins when Aileen unknowingly enters a gay bar to spend her last five dollars on booze. There, she meets Selby, (Christina Ricci) a lesbian who wants nothing but to find a loving relationship after being sent away by her parents. When Aileen meets Selby, she rebuffs her advances and attempts to get close to her. However, Aileen is lonely and desperate for anyone to love her and they begin a relationship.

Aileen continues to prostitute the Florida highways and after an arrangement goes bad and she is raped, she begins her killing spree with this first encounter. Fueled by her love for Selby, she gives her anything and everything she wants with the money she acquires. Their relationship deteriorates as Selby becomes more money hungry and uses Aileen. Desperate to keep the unhealthy relationship going, Aileen continues to rob and murder men, using her rape as an excuse to make her actions valid.

As the film progresses, the audience feels sympathetic for her sad life and desperation. It is hard to find compassion for the character, but you begin to understand her feelings and pain. Theron gives a jaw dropping performance which won her an Academy Award for Best Actress. She accurately shows all the emotions that Aileen must have felt; the loneliness, love, guilt and terror that plagued her life. Ricci plays Selby quite well too, making her an unlikable character in this film.

*Monster* is one of the best films of this past year. Even with its difficult subject matter which hits the audience hard, it proves to be worth watching. This film is one of my recent favorites and is a must see!

## 'Eurotrip': a soon to be college classic

Don't expect this one to win an Oscar; it isn't that kind of movie

By Katie Estler  
Layout Editor

Life can be depressing, and so are some of our movies. "The Passion of the Christ" in particular. Who wants to spend \$7.50 to be depressed? I suggest "Eurotrip." This high school trek across Europe is a classic nonintellectual college humor movie. When this DVD comes out, it will fit nicely between "Super Troopers" and "Old School."

Let's talk bad days. On graduation day, Scotty Tomas (Scott Mechlowicz) basks in the joys of his high school accomplishment. Fiona (Kristin Kreuk), the love of his life, comes running up to share in this moment, well actually to break up with him for no apparent reason. This moment is also forever immortalized in the family home video. In an effort to lift his spirits, he goes to the graduation party with his friend Cooper (Jacob Pitts). He has some drinks, hangs out with some people and listens to the



band, which is playing a very catchy tune that runs through the movie "Scotty Doesn't Know." Imagine Scotty's surprise when the lead singer (Matt Damon) asks his girl to come up to the stage, and there goes Fiona tearing up to the stage. That is a real stab to the back, but what about as the song goes on to tell about their freaky sex life but "don't tell Scotty, because Scotty doesn't know." After an understandable night of binge drinking, Scotty returns to his room to find a slightly suggestive e-mail from his Berlin pen pal buddy, which he responds to less than enthusiastically.

That's bad. Now imagine waking up the next morning to have your brother point out that the nerdy Berlin guy turned out to be a beautiful girl that Scotty has grown extremely close to. Now she has blocked him due to that drunken e-mail response.

The girl you love is in Germany. What do you do? You go to Berlin or at least Europe.

Cooper and Scotty hitch a cheap ride to London where they are abducted by the Manchester soccer fans and wake up to find themselves in Paris. With only the luck found in movies, they catch up with their friends from high school, twins Jenny (Michelle Trachtenberg) and Jamie (Travis Wester) that are touring Europe.

They are four crazy kids loose in Europe on a quest to find Scotty's true love. These American kids get to enjoy Europe to the fullest. There's a trip to one of Europe's famous nude beaches, which features possibly the largest collection of male nudes in movie history. There's also a cameo by Lucy Lawless (that's right Xena Warrior Princess) as Madame Vandersexxx as the crew explores the freedoms of Amsterdam. After getting mugged, they learn the American has a great value in certain parts of Europe. And, yes, you also see the famous preview scene where brother and sister make out and prove that abstinence being banned in America is a good idea.

If you want Hitler jokes and blatant disregard for the Pope, this is your movie. It isn't deeply moving; it isn't going to make you think; it is just to make you laugh and laugh you will.

### Alpha Gamma Delta ΓΘ

First we want to congratulate our 13 new members: Sarah Dixon, Morgan Hunt, Melissa Cheseldine, Jeanna Butler, Jessica Wubbenhorst, Ginnine Vietro, Alana Esposito, Anna Fox, Bridget Mears, Caitlin Stroczkowski, Heather Martindale, Ali Conant and Laura Wolf. You girls are all so great and we cannot wait until we can call you our sisters! We hope that everyone had an amazing and wonderful Spring Break and we are glad to see that everyone has returned safely.

We want to thank everyone who came out to our two most recent philanthropy events: Gam night at Triangle and the car wash that was held this Saturday. The money we made has brought us so much closer to our \$2000 goal. All the proceeds will be donated to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for Juvenile Diabetes. We also want to thank everyone who participated in our 50/50 raffle. Zac Cuffe was the winner! Congratulations, Zac! Thanks again to everyone who helped support the fight against this horrible disease.

Last month we celebrated Valentine's Day with the girls of Zeta Tau Alpha. It was a great date party and lasting memories were made. Thanks again ZTA! We

always have a fantastic time with you.

Last month we also had a giant hall crawl with the sisters of Kappa Delta. We had an awesome time with you girls and cannot wait to this with you all again. Thanks ladies! We also want to extend thank yous to the brothers of Lambda Chi for recently having a barbeque with us and a great game of sloshball. Thank you to the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi for our great Penalty Party. We cannot wait to be partners with you all in Greek Week next year. And finally to the brothers of Theta Chi...we tried to get rid of the nasty winter cold with a Spring Break mixer. Jimmy Buffett on the radio and everyone dressed as if we were all in Miami Beach, Fla....what more could you ask for?! We love mixing with you all and thanks so much for another great mixer!

This Saturday we will be having a White Trash Trailer Bash with the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha. We cannot wait! Also this Saturday we will be taking a sisterhood hike at Pilot Mountain. We will take this time to enjoy the beautiful weather and strengthen our bonds of sisterhood.

On April 4 we will be hosting another car wash. Hopefully the weather will have warmed up! Please come out and support your Gams. Keep your eye out for a location.

### College Republicans

College Republicans are staying active this spring! Election years are always exciting, and this year is no different. Members are preparing to hold voter registration drives at local public and private high schools through the end of this semester. We hope to encourage teenagers to get and stay politically active by providing a convenient way to get involved.

We had a great debate against College Democrats on Feb. 24. Thank you to all who came out for the event and participated in the discussion.

March 2 was Conservative Coming

Out Day for Republican college students. It was a day to celebrate being on the right side of the spectrum and to encourage others to base their political views on thinking versus feeling.

On March 24, College Republicans held a Support President Bush and the Troops day to remind everyone that we still have troops overseas and we must continue to support and stand behind them and the president.

The semester is coming to a close in just a few weeks, but you are highly encouraged to join us any time, especially this fall, as it promises to be very exciting!

collecting monetary and food donations from area companies, restaurants and stores. Some of the donations went to a raffle held at the end of the race. Items such as tanning sessions, free dinners and items from Omega Sports went to the lucky winners. Food and drinks were provided for the runners as well. All of the Kappa Deltas look forward to an even greater and bigger event next year and the years to follow. With help from the whole community, they can change the lives of many future generations of children.

Congratulations goes out to all of our big and little sisters this semester! After a week of anticipation, the littles finally got to see who their bigs were and it was a surprise to many! Congratulations also goes out to the new members on their initiation this week. We know that you all will make a big difference in our sisterhood! We are planning on enjoying a great time at our White Rose Formal.

Another big thank you also goes out to everyone who came to our KD St. Patrick's Day party at Triangle. The sea of green outfits was a great sight to see!

The month of April brings papers and exams to many of our sisters but we are looking forward to having some fun as well! We plan on bringing our Girl Scout Troop to classes with us for a career day and a Dumpster Dive is planned with Lambda Chi Alpha to raise money for both of our philanthropies. When the sun starts to shine a little bit more we will be breaking out the hoses and buckets for a car wash or two, so be on the look out for info on all of our events.

### Lambda Chi Alpha ΙΦΖ

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha hope that everyone is having a groovy spring semester. Spring Break just ended and the end of the school year is coming to a fast close and we still have a lot to get done! The brothers will be traveling to northern North Carolina for a Sparta style retreat at the end of March! We will have an opportunity to reflect on and further enhance our fraternal bond while also learning about the culture and lives of those weird bad men from "Deliverance." In April we will be hosting our annual Rock-A-Thon in order to raise money for the American Cancer Society. A special and warm thanks to the other Greek organizations on campus for their support and assistance in completing this charitable occasion (sarcasm). Also, Lambda Chi would like to congratulate the recipient of our Associate Member of the Se-

mester Award, Mr. Jeremiah P. Hood. Your commitment and willingness to spend time is greatly appreciated!

Our intramural basketball teams had a sub par season. Highlights include the B-teams destruction of those "boys from across the pond" in a barn burning double overtime victory! MVP Ronnie "JR" Utt led all with seven points, ensuring our only victory of the season. We are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming softball season so that we can compete in the only sport we are somewhat decent at. Steven "Calvert County" Kramer will be the man to watch as he performs his ape like shenanigans in the outfield and rallies the rest of the team. Special kudos to Duggan and Co. as they flawlessly deliver yet another spectacularly organized intramural program to the students of HPU. In closing, we would like to thank the Gams for the great time we had at Slosh Ball and we are happy to finally of met you.

### Pi Kappa Alpha ΔΚ

First of all, we would like to give a belated congratulations to our 10 new pledges: Brandon Howell, Mike Peeler, Milton Stewart, Gardner Walden, Mike Donato, Ryan Mcrae, Chuck Bisland, Billy Russo, Pat Christensen, and Chris Cottrell. This is an exceptional group of guys who have already become assets to the fraternity. We look forward to calling them Brothers.

On Feb. 28th we had our annual Dream Girl Formal at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. We would like to congratulate Kaci Martin of the Kappa Delta Sorority for being named 2004's Dream Girl. Along with Kaci, we also named several ladies as Chapter Sweethearts: Nicole Harper (ΑΓΔ), Kelly Watt (ZTA), Caroline Rinehart (ZTA), Sondra Morris (KD), and Megan Greene (KD).

A few of the events we are looking forward to this semester are our annual

Beach Weekend (April 8-11) and our First Annual Alumni Pig Roast at High Rock Lake (May 1). We will once again be cleaning our part of Lexington Ave. for the Adopt-A-Highway Program. We recently named the Amani Children's Fund (started in-part by Dr. Jane Stephens) as one of our philanthropies. We also participated in the Kappa Delta Shamrock Event and we will be entering two teams in the Zeta Tau Alpha Golf Tournament. Brothers Clark Robertson and Darrin Sita are representing the Pikes by coaching a soccer team of 3-5 year olds for the YMCA "little kicks" league. Go Vipers!

In intramural sports, our A and B basketball teams have been throwing the games because we don't have anyplace to put another Championship trophy. Not really, but they are trying their best. Water Polo is up next... that should be fun. Finally, there are tons of pictures and up-to-date info on our website: [www.hpupikes.com](http://www.hpupikes.com).

### Kappa Delta ΚΤ

The Sisters of Kappa Delta would like to start out by thanking everyone for their support for our Shamrock 5k Fun Run. With clear blue skies and a brisk early spring breeze, runners lined up at the starting line for the 8th Annual Shamrock 5k Fun Run. With the sound of the police car speaker, the race began, lead-



ing the participants throughout the nearby streets of High Point. This year, we once again helped the children of High Point and around the country by raising money through their yearly philanthropic event for Prevent Child Abuse America. and the local High Point Hallelujah House. The event, held in March of each year, brings together people of the city as well as the campus community to run approximately 3.2 miles around the surrounding neighborhoods. Waiting at each turn are Kappa Delta Sisters, cheering them on and pointing them in the right direction.

This year's event, chaired by Sabrina Ugolik and aided by Robin Lindsey, raised a large amount and is still receiving donations from outside sources. The sisters spent a good part of the semester

## Baseball team off to slow start

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Staff Writer

The High Point baseball team has had its share of struggles this season, getting off to a 4-19 start. The Panthers won their first game of the season against Georgia Southern 14-7, but so far this season they have had trouble combining runs and consistent defense to pick up the W.

The Panthers played Elon on March 17 and lost 13-3 despite leading early, 3-1 off of Corey Steng's first home run of the season. Josh Doane scored Rey Rojas from first off with an RBI double for the Panthers' other run in the game, but Elon would use four runs in the fourth and five in the seventh to take the lead and pull out of High Point's reach. Clayton Gordner was the starting pitcher for HPU and went 3 and 2/3 innings, giving up seven hits and six runs while striking out five.

The Panthers were coming off a victory against Charlotte before the Elon game, winning 6-4 off a strong performance from the HPU pitching staff. Bob Helman picked up his first win of the season, going 5 1/3 innings yielding 6 hits, 4 runs (3 earned) while striking out six. Matt Kniginyzky pitched 1 1/3 innings and only gave up one hit and no runs to go along with two strikeouts. Mark Shorey picked up his first save of the season, going the last 2 1/3 innings,

giving up no hits and runs, striking out four. Center fielder Chris Ramirez (.329 BA) continued hitting well with three hits and two RBI. Shortstop Matt Calcagni also picked up three hits and two RBI's and scored two runs. Rey Rojas, Corey Stang, Brent Myers and Justin Pinyan each picked up a hit.

On March 10 against ranked North Carolina the Panthers would come close to beating the #25 team in the nation, before losing 9-7 in ten innings. Heading into the bottom of the ninth, the Panthers held the lead 7-7, but Carolina would tie the game at 7-all before winning off a tenth inning two run homer by Mell Adams. Josh Cotton had a solo home run for the Panthers in the eighth inning and went 3-4 on the night. Chris Ramirez went 3-4 as well, and catcher Matt Keever was 1-4 with 3 RBI.

Matt Kniginyzky pitched seven solid innings for the Panthers, giving up 5 runs, 3 earned, while striking out three. Travis Motsinger and Mark Shorey closed out the game for the Panthers, yielding a combined 4 runs, with Shorey picking up the loss.

The Panthers hope to turn their season around and post better results against Big South opponents. With more than half the season left and the conference just getting started, High Point will be looking for the opportunity to improve upon their record.

## Indoor track season ends with success

By **Melissa Caudill**  
Staff Writer

The men's and women's indoor track season concluded with the NCAA National Meet held March 12 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Taylor Milne became the second High Point University athlete to qualify for the national meet by running a school and conference record time of 4:02 in the mile. He placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the event.

Numerous school records were broken this year, as the teams continue to grow stronger. On the women's side, Kia Westbrook broke both the 200 and 400 meter record; Jemissa Hess broke the 800 and mile; Nicole Garner broke the weight throw; Casey Gillingham broke the pole vault and tied the high jump record with Angel Diamond. For the men, Kirk Rudder broke the 200 record, Henrik Webb the 400, Milne the mile and 300 and Ken Diaz for the weight throw.

Coach Al Barnes said, "I was very pleased with the indoor season. Not putting a lot of emphasis on the indoor season beyond that of preparing us for outdoor track, I was very happy with some progress I'm seeing on both the men's and women's side. I feel we're nicely poised for an even more successful outdoor campaign that should continue to produce multiple school records and all-conference level performances."

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## NCAA tournament full of surprises

The NCAA college basketball tournament has put me to the ultimate test. No... not guessing who will win more games than my friends because that will not happen any time soon. The test will be how many hours can I sit in front of a television and do nothing but watch a single sport. This weekend I had to come close to breaking the record for a person that is not paid to watch and analyze the games. If it weren't for class, work, eating, and the occasional restroom break, I do not think I would have gotten up out of the blue chair in my living room. Just ask anyone that walked through my house; I'm not lying.

Why did I, a 21 year-old college student with the ability to run around outside on nice days, decide to sit on a ratty old piece of furniture with the curtains drawn? The answer is simple...I didn't want the glare on the screen. I don't think "Stacy's mom" walking down the street in a bikini could have gotten me off that piece of furniture. All right, I would have positioned myself in the chair so that I could get a good look out the door, but I would not leave the chair.

These games have been perfect to watch, except for Duke winning and Maryland losing. Life isn't perfect. However, people cannot tell me that watching Nevada and Vanderbilt winning their respective games to get into the Sweet Sixteen is not fun to watch, unless you are a Gonzaga or N.C. State fan. It was great to sit in the living room with friends watching Nevada's Todd Okeson bury three after three creating an uproar in the neutral arena as the fans

began pulling for the underdog.

What's not to like about underdogs? Unless you were a Maryland fan like me, why wouldn't you want to see UTEP knock them off in the first round in dramatic fashion? Why wouldn't anyone outside of Duke fans root for Illinois in the coming round? I might even buy an Illinois shirt for the game. Why should anyone cheer for Kansas when they play the University of Alabama-Birmingham? Honestly, our country was founded by underdogs, so rooting against them would almost be unpatriotic.

Now that the Turtles have been slain by the Orangemen, I have decided to pick up the Nevada Wolf Pack as my new favorite team. I haven't found anything not to like about them. Nevada is a pretty cool place except the whole barren desert thing. Other than that, I know close to nothing

about this team except that they really enjoy playing basketball. There was a point in the game when one of the players made a clutch shot and started doing what I could only figure being some kind of dance that has been outlawed in 35 states. The point of the dance is that he was having fun and never gave up.

There are 13 games left in the tournament and the only thing that can be said for sure is that nobody knows what will happen. ESPN's Andy Katz and Dick Vitale picked Stanford and Kentucky to win respectively, and now both teams have been sent packing for home. The only thing that I can guarantee about the upcoming games is I will be watching all of them in the blue chair in my living room.



**Kenny Graff**  
Sports Editor

## Women's hoops falters in tournament opener

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Staff Writer

The High Point women's basketball team had their season come to an abrupt halt after being upset by #6 seed Coastal Carolina 68-62 on March 3 at home in the first round of the Big South Tournament. The Panthers found themselves down the entire game to Coastal, unable to find the team play that earned them the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed in the conference, after UNC Asheville narrowly beat them out for the number two ranking.

Junior Kate Jenner, playing in what would be her last game in a High Point uniform after deciding to return home to Australia following the season, had one of her best games, scoring 13 to go along with 15 rebounds, 2 blocks and 3 steals. But Nikki Reddick would lead the way for Coastal Carolina, pouring in 33 points on the night en route to carrying her team to the victory. HPU was down by six at half time, 37-31, and Coastal's lead would grow as high as 14 with 9:28 remaining in the second half off of a three-pointer by Reddick. High Point clawed their way back, pulling to within 2 with 37 seconds left in the game off a layup from Katie O'Dell. The Panthers were then forced to foul, and after missing her first foul attempt, Reddick stole the ball back on the rebound, and converted her next two foul shots. Coastal Carolina would seal the victory with two more from the line.

Point guard Shorty Martin (13.7ppg, 4<sup>th</sup> in conference), named to the All-Big South Conference first team, had 14 points in the game, while Katie O'Dell (14 ppg, 3<sup>rd</sup> in conference) also named to the All-Conference first team, had 12 points and nine rebounds, and freshman Katie Ralls added 10. Ralls, who made the All-Freshman team, led the Big South this season in assist to turnover ratio (1.76).

In their last regular season of the game, the Panthers won at Winthrop, 82-57 with an all-around superb team performance. Katie O'Dell and Shorty Martin each had 14 points while O'Dell added 8 rebounds, Chan Ingram scored 13, Katie Ralls 11, and Kate Jenner added 10 points and 7 rebounds. High Point was ahead 48-25 at half time after freshman Erica Brockmyer was fouled on a good three-pointer at the buzzer, and hit the ensuing foul shot for the 4-point play. HPU's lead would grow to as many as 34 points in the second half, as the whole team saw playing time and all but one scored.

The Panthers' lost a heart-breaking game at home, 55-52 against Radford, on a three pointer by Sarah Stephens with 6.2 seconds remaining, her first three of the year. High Point and Radford battled for much of the first half, with the Panthers taking the lead into the locker room 27-25 off a layup from Shorty Martin at the buzzer. High Point got out to a 10-point lead to start the second half, but Radford battled back throughout the game before pulling ahead in the last seconds on Stephens' long three. Katie O'Dell was the high scorer for the Panthers with 13, Katie Ralls had 11, and Martin added 10.

High Point, which lost three potential starters at the beginning of the season, closed the year out with a 14-14 record, 8-7 in the Big South.

## Men's squad falls one step shy of championship

By **Taylor Humphreys**  
Staff Writer

It started this past fall semester during Family Weekend when the women's soccer team advanced to the Big South Championship game versus UNC Asheville and won in a close shootout. The energy continued and jump-started the men's basketball season to their best start ever in the conference with a 7-1 record. What am I talking about? I'm talking about finally having school spirit when it comes to sports during the Big South Conference playoffs.

The men's basketball team entered the tournament as the number two seed only behind Liberty University. After winning by one in the last 1.2 seconds against VMI, High Point saw the Keydets again only six days later in the first round of the tournament. HPU made their first eight shots and had a 12-point lead only six minutes into the game, eight of those points coming from Danny Gathings dunks. After a jumper by VMI to cut the lead to 28-15, the Panthers then held the Keydets scoreless for the last 8:14 of the period and finished on a 12-0 run to go into the locker room up 40-15.

HPU out-rebounded the Keydets 49-29 and had 11 points off the bench from Chris Meeks. Coach Lundy said, "Chris needed a game like tonight. He's struggled with injuries... he was a big key for us tonight." High Point won easily 75-43.

After losing at home to Coastal Carolina on Feb. 9 by 21 points, the Panthers got revenge in the second round of the conference tournament by winning by 14, 63-49. The first half featured 16 lead changes and six ties as High Point trailed 30-28 at halftime. HPU then took control early in the second half with an 11-0 run spurred by three straight three-pointers by Zione White. Danny Gathings had his league-leading 12<sup>th</sup> double-double and White tied his career high with 26 points. UNC Asheville made it 47-45 with 9:40 to play, but with High Point scoring 14 of the game's last 15 points, the Panthers emerged victorious.

High Point then traveled to Liberty University on March 6 to face the Liberty Flames on ESPN2 in the Big South Conference Championship. High Point only shot 25.4 percent from the floor and were 1 for 14 from three-point land. Jerry Echenique led the Panthers with nine points while White and Landon Quick both contributed seven apiece. HPU

turned the ball over 21 times. Coach Lundy commented, "I'm very disappointed, but our guys have nothing to be ashamed of." The Panthers won 19 games, shattering the old record of 11 and were also the second most improved team in the nation with 12 more wins than last season.

As a senior closing in on graduation, I feel like it's great to have a basketball team that we can brag about. It's good to see the student section, whether sober or inebriated, screaming at the top of their lungs in hopes that the opponent misses a free throw or a jump shot. Knowing that you need to get to the game 20 minutes early so you can get a seat in the student section is a good thing. But this is what I don't get—people that complain because they can't see because of fans that actually stand up throughout the game. If you can't see—MOVE.

It's about time we stand up and cheer for a basketball team that loves student involvement. I will definitely miss pregame across the street with 25 of my closest friends to make sure the other team goes to hell and back for 40 minutes while in the Millis Center. For that, I praise this year's Lundy Lunatics.



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### Column One News

## Graduation set for May 8

This year's Baccalaureate service will be held on May 7 at 6 p.m. at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, which is located at the intersection of Chestnut and Westchester Drives.

Graduation will take place on May 8 at 9 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Wrenn Building. In the case of rain, the event will be moved to the Millis Athletic and Convocation Center and will be divided into two ceremonies. Day students will receive their diplomas at 9 a.m., while Evening Degree and graduate students will be graduated at 2 p.m.

This year's graduating class is comprised of over 600 students.

## Twenty-five Junior Marshals selected

Twenty-five students have been selected as junior marshals of this year's commencement services. Students from the junior class are chosen based on academic rank.

The 2003-04 co-chief junior marshals are Brian N. Gallimore, Mary K. Law and Kathleen M. McLean.

The other junior marshals are: Chad R. Bowman, Wynona S. Brinegar, Richard S. Bundy, Jeremy R. Dicus, Kurtis B. Eckard, Terri L. Engle, Amanda R. Frisbee, Angela L. Garvin, Hunter B. Gray, Zachary T. Hartley, Meredith B. Hendrix, Kristen A. Kelps, Tamara D. Koontz, Emily A. Markis, Jennifer M. Messick, Margaret L. O'Neal, Valerie M. Patterson, Jared G. Prunty, Kelly C. Rushin, Joel F. Stubblefield, Kristen E. Via and Rosemary E. Wagner.

## Men's team excels in Big South tennis

Three men's tennis players have been selected to the Big South all-conference team.

Johan Dorfh of Jarfalla, Sweden and Chris Archer of Hilton, England were honored for their accomplishments in singles and doubles competition, and Mike Tolman of Flockton, England gained all-conference recognition for his singles play.

Last year's Big South champions, the men's team accumulated a 16-4 overall record, including 15 consecutive victories, and finished second in the conference this season.

In addition, Dorfh, a senior, won the conference's Men's Scholar-Athlete award.

Mr. Jerry Tertazagian is head coach of both the men's and women's tennis teams.

compiled by Andrea Griffith

## New student government officers make plans for next school year

By Kathleen McLean  
Staff Writer

Over 3,000 students attend High Point University, but only 39 attended the Student Government Association meeting on April 15.

On that day, the new executive committee was sworn into office with junior Chris Michener as president. Michener has been attending SGA meetings since he was a freshman and is a soccer player, resident assistant and university ambassador. "This is another way to help the students and give back to the university," said Michener. "I can be a voice for the students."

Michener said that winning this election was a rush because he has lost several elections in the past. He is looking forward to the challenge of being a representative of the students and sur-

passing his predecessors. His main project for next year is to have surveillance cameras installed in the parking lots. Michener said, "It is one of the big issues on campus and it's a good way to spend our money and make students feel safe."

He will be working with junior Nicole Armer, who was elected executive vice president for a second term and who is also involved in representation of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. "I believe Chris will be an excellent president and that we'll make a great team," said Armer. "He knows what he wants to do and I believe he has the drive to fulfill his dreams and goals."

Armer is in charge of what she referred to as the "fun stuff." She organizes dances, orientation and Honors Day. One of the big events for next year is the 80th annual homecoming, which

is supposed to be very extravagant, according to Armer, who is already in the planning stages with Rans Triplett, dean of residence life. She also wants to create a Habitat for Humanity Day as a community service project to unite the freshmen during orientation.

Another plan of Armer's is to bring High Point University its first real concert. "This is a major 'if,' but I want to bring Maroon 5 to campus," said Armer. "They are a band that is just starting to make a name for them, and it will bring publicity to the school and will be a huge event that will unite the campus." Armer hopes to have the concert next September on the soccer field.

Michener has also announced other plans, such as a beautification project that will improve the benches on cam-

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## Campus gardens now abandoned

By Alexis Winning  
Staff Writer

While campus awaits the gardens being placed at Hayworth Chapel, many students haven't taken notice of the Doak Bain Carrick Memorial Gardens just off the Greenway behind the tennis courts.

The truth is there aren't really any gardens to see. There are no flowers, only a tablet attached to a brick base that stands as a reminder of a "distinguished horticulturist." Carrick is not a High Point College alumnus, but in fact graduated from Wake Forest College in 1910. Born in Lexington on Dec. 11, 1888 to Reverend Thomas and Mary Bain Carrick, this bachelor went on to become a professor of pomology (the scientific study and cultivation of fruits) at the College of Agriculture at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. According to the Vice President of the Office for Institutional Advancement, Mr. John C. Lefler, Carrick left \$20,000 to High Point College in his trust after his death in 1962, and the expendable income was to be used to maintain the Memorial Gardens.

The original daffodil bulbs were planted at Carrickmoor, which was located at the west end of Parkway, and ac-

cording to local historian Mary Lib Joyce, it was quite a spectacle in High Point. After Carrick's death, the bulbs were transferred, and Joyce describes the presentation of the bulbs to High Point

College as "a big to-do." If thousands came to see the daffodils at Carrickmoor, why have these gardens been left to disintegrate into another part of the city of High Point's past and the University's as well?

Along with the many students who are not aware of these Memorial gardens, there are many administrators who are also clueless about their existence. When you mention the gardens to a HPU student, a common answer is, "Oh, the September 11th Memorial (along the creek)." However, when you ask class

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PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS  
ONLY PLAQUE REMAINS IN  
MEMORIAL GARDENS

## The history of HPU football

By Ashley Hodge  
Staff Writer

Fall comes and the leaves turn red, orange and brown, decorating a town in a crisp, engaging beauty. But fall signifies more than just foliage to a sports fan; it means it's time for football. Fans fill the parking lots, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers with delicious aromas. Students come out in their team colors; alumni wear their alma mater's sweatshirts proudly; and other loyal fans come to support their team in hopes of rushing the field and tearing down the goal posts. But for High Point University, there is no stadium. There's no smell of hotdogs and hamburgers. There is no football team. Why?

"Well, there are two stories. One I have heard, and the other I have read on paper," Athletics Director Woody Gibson said. It seems High Point University embraces its own urban legend that circulates around campus every year, about why there isn't a team. According to the rumor, the team in 1950 was terminated due to a player who was either killed or paralyzed, depending on what version you hear. Either way, something happened to the student, and his parents were big con-

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## Staff Editorial

# Spring brings with it hectic schedules as year draws to a close

What is it about spring that ushers in an urgency for laziness, a need to be outdoors with little on the agenda? The longer days, with their sunny weather, beg to be basked in. Yet students find themselves more swamped than ever as the school days dwindle.

No matter how hard students try to pace themselves for the semester's end, it inevitably creeps up on us. Suddenly, we are faced with multiple papers, presentations and exams, all while we try to enjoy the spring weather with friends we won't see again until August. Those facing graduation feel rushed to make their last days at High Point University a worthwhile time with friends, but they also have dozens of loose ends to tie up, the most obvious being those final classes, graduation plans and senior seminar projects.

And so, while seniors try to figure out where they will call home next year, other students are doing the same when it comes to on-campus housing sign-ups. They are also deciding on next year's classes, and some are working the spring furniture market.

But what makes the spring all that different from the fall? For one, most stu-

dents spend fall break at home. It is a more laid-back time; students catch up on sleep and, to some degree, homework. Spring break is vastly different. Many students spend their time on cruises and beaches, on trips that have forced them to save their work study checks for months. There is a higher level of excitement surrounding this break, which generally leads to a higher level of partying and an attitude of disregard toward schoolwork, at least for the week.

So students return and are faced with figuring out their summer job situation while balancing the demands of school. What is the solution to this? Maybe the whole scenario is unavoidable. Major papers will never be due at the beginning of the semester, and this is probably to most students' satisfaction. Though we pay for it in the end, there is something utterly joyful about the slower pace of the semester's beginnings.

For now, all we can do is keep our schedules steady. Take some time for friends and hobbies between study sessions. If nothing else, our frantic end of the year pace will teach us to cherish the small fraction of free time we have in the lovely spring weather.

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# Liberal bias impacts university campuses

By Jonathan Miller  
Staff Writer

College, aside from all the parties and fun, is time to gain knowledge through scholarship and research and engage in reasoned discussion about intellectual and cultural traditions in pursuit of the truth. Performing such tasks will better prepare students to become productive citizens within society.

Colleges and universities should strive to guarantee all their students this opportunity; however, for such an opportunity to be available, free speech must rule the day. Yet on many campuses across the nation free speech does not prevail. Unfortunately, free speech has been replaced by selected speech.

Students at Citrus College, a public institution in California, were given an extra credit assignment by Professor Rosalyn Kahn as part of a required speech class in which they were ordered to write letters to President Bush protesting the war in Iraq. Those who wrote letters praising the Iraq campaign or who refused to mail their letters to the president's office were denied credit for the assignment. A criminology class at a Colorado university was told to write an essay on why President Bush was a war criminal. When a student instead wrote why Saddam Hussein was the war criminal, she was given a failing grade.

At UC-Berkeley, the course description for "The Politics and Poetics of Palestinian Resistance" in Fall 2002 stated that "conservative thinkers are encouraged to seek other sections." Students at Southern Methodist University, UC-Irvine and the University of Washington held "affirmative action bake sales" to protest the categorization of applicants based on skin color. All three bake sales were shut down by the administrations. In the case of the U. of Washington protest, the reason given for the closure was

that the event endangered public safety because a few unruly students who were angry at the protesters tore down their signs and physically threatened the students holding the sale. Rather than arrest or detain the violent offenders, the campus police simply shut down the event.

Does anyone notice a recurring theme here? The evidence for such biased violations goes on and on. These particular incidents were documented by [www.studentsforacademicfreedom.org](http://www.studentsforacademicfreedom.org). Apparently, campuses can no longer have open, honest debate. No, that is misleading. There is open and honest debate, only if you happen to subscribe to the ideologically liberal majority. Conservative viewpoints must "seek other sections."

Whatever happened to the days when campuses were known for great political

"...on many campuses across this nation free speech does not prevail. Unfortunately, free speech has been replaced by selected speech."

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# What would Jesus do at the voting booth?

By Bill Piser  
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Is Jesus a Republican? Some on this campus would certainly try to convince you that the Savior is a full-fledged member of the GOP. In fact, some students I have spoken to this year would go so far to say (jokingly, I hope) that a Christian is in some way required to support the Republican Party and George W. Bush if he claims to be sincere in his faith.

At one time I might have made the same argument, but several things have changed my mind during my time at High Point. Hopefully, I'll be able to shed some light on the side of the story that the so-called Christian Republicans simply aren't telling by sharing my personal journey regarding this issue.

I have never claimed allegiance to the Republican Party, choosing instead to be a "fence-sitting" Independent, but when I became a Christian during my freshman year at HPU it was as if I was baptized into the world of conservative values and the GOP. Some of the Christian friends I made were staunch Republicans, and a few churches I attended would even sing the praises of our "born-again" president. Entrenched in this environment, I accepted that the Republican Party was the political party for those who held faith to be an important and enduring value. It made sense at

the time. The GOP opposed abortion, supported family values and sought to battle the secularism that the liberals represented.

I didn't really question the conclusions that I had drawn about my political views until earlier this year, when I attended a dinner for visiting lecturers Eleanor Clift and Tom Brazaitis sponsored by the political science department. The Newsweek columnist and her Washington correspondent husband asked if there were any students who held political views that were in opposition to those held by their parents. My parents being Democrats, I raised my hand and explained how my religious beliefs caused me to stray from my family's political allegiances. Clift and Brazaitis proceeded to raise the question, "Would Jesus be a Democrat or a Republican?" Brazaitis remarked that Jesus was a radical and might be a better fit in the Democrat camp. That night's conversation got me thinking seriously about how my faith impacted my political beliefs.

Jesus seemed to have two huge pet peeves during His earthly ministry; self-righteousness and hypocrisy. These two characteristics seemed to be most prevalent in a sect of the Jewish people called the Pharisees. The Pharisees were the super-religious people of Jesus' day.

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## Happiness as choice: why you are responsible for your state of mind

There are a lot of miserable people walking around campus right now. On top of the usual college drama of



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With that in mind, it seems an appropriate time to discuss the choice of happiness.

Burton Hills said, "Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life." First off, we aren't guaranteed happiness. The Constitution gives us the right to pursue it, but that does not make it the government's responsibility to ensure our happiness. Religion can't do it. No faith can promise happiness. I can only speak to Christianity, but I think it is true that any faith cannot guarantee happiness. How many religious people do you know that are miserable? Too many go to [insert higher power

here] looking for happiness. Then there are the narcotics. Not just illegal drugs, mind you. A narcotic is anything a person uses to numb themselves to whatever it is they need to escape. For college students, and maybe most adults, the two most common are alcohol and sex. Not that these two things are bad within themselves; like most things, it is what you do with them. It just so happens these are common escapes for college students.

My point is that each individual controls whether or not he or she is happy. If you are looking to something outside of yourself for happiness, you're not going to find satisfaction. It is both that simple and that complicated. Aristotle said, "Happiness depends on ourselves." That is the bottom line. The odds are that whatever we encounter on a day-to-day basis as college students in America is absolutely miniscule in comparison with the prob-

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lems of the average 18-21 year old across the world.

I do believe a major factor in the unhappiness of the average sad Joe is a lack of perspective. Always keep in mind that, no matter how bad your situation may be, there is not one dead person that wouldn't trade places with you right now - no matter your situation. It

is a true cliché that any day above ground is a good day. Get over yourself and make the most of what you have. As Morgan Freeman said in the classic "Shawshank Redemption," "Get busy livin' or get busy

dyin'." Consider this your end-of-year wake up call. Life is too short and too special to waste wrapped up in trivialities. At the end of the day, you are ultimately responsible for your emotional state. If you want to be happy, just decide to be so.

## Transition to senior year brings anxiety

*One writer reflects on what it means to have just one year left*

By Erin Sullivan  
Staff Writer

The school year's almost over. There are some of you who are graduating; some of you are moving up a year; some of you are failing out (It's OK. The English language is a hard concept to grasp). I myself am about to become a senior. OK, that needs to be emphasized: A SENIOR. I'm sure there are many people in the same position as me, and they're probably very excited. Perhaps they haven't thought of the repercussions of becoming a senior that I, unfortunately, have thought of.

First of all, the obvious point: You have one school year standing between a sheltered and pampered you, and a harsh, cruel world. You may be complaining about the cafeteria food and the lack of parking now, but just wait until you're living in a box and complaining about the fact that the soup kitchen doesn't carry enough of a variety of soups. At least you won't have to worry about parking then. You think I'm overreacting? Yeah, you can think that while you wave to me as I'm sweeping out my box. After all, if I'm going to live in a box, I'm going to do it right!

Speaking of living in a box leads me to my second point: money. I have none. If you have some, or more importantly, a lot, then please feel free to contact the news department and ask for my phone number, because we should be best friends.

I don't know if everyone knows this yet, but credit cards are not your friend. After graduating, I hope I learn that I can't just charge four pairs of shoes to my credit card on a whim or run tabs at bars for an under-the-influence me and people I claim as my new best friends (for the night). I once charged three hats to my credit card, and I don't even wear hats. I realize that a private school may contain a few, or more than I assume, lucky people (like that kid with the Hummer...so not fair!) whose mommy and daddy will still take care of them after graduation. Some of us aren't as fortunate as these people. See, this is where the whole me-in-a-box idea comes in.

I have one point left to make, and it's a much bigger one than most people think. It's a little something we all call "structure." Or as I like to call it, "my safety net." Sure, we all have a certain amount of freedom now. But we have that comfort of a set schedule of classes, as annoying as it is. I know that I have class at 9 a.m. That doesn't mean I'm going to go to it, but I know that it's there. After I graduate, what am I going to do for structure? There's no structure in a box. If there was, it would consist of: 1) Get up and make sure the box is still there; and that's it.

If you're one of these people who can't wait to graduate so you can get out into the "real world," either grow up and realize that it's very, very scary or stop drinking in the morning. Your pick.

## Iraq: comparisons to Vietnam appropriate?

By Josh Farrington  
Staff Writer

There is a trend within certain ideological circles to compare the war in Iraq to Vietnam. Perennial Senator Ted Kennedy recently claimed that Iraq is "George Bush's Vietnam." Others are a bit more moderate, seeing definite parallels between the two wars, but also seeing distinct differences. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa stated that the war in Iraq "may not be Vietnam, but boy it sure smells like it."

To compare any war to Vietnam has serious implications. About 58,000 Americans died during the Vietnam "quagmire," and there existed no clear exit strategy for either winning the war or withdrawing. Military escalation in Vietnam was prompted under somewhat dubious circumstances surrounding the Tonkin Gulf Resolution of 1964.

Likewise, even though I did not oppose war in Iraq, I find a hard time denying certain parallels between the two wars, however flimsy those parallels may be. Although nowhere near the scale of Vietnam's 58,000 deaths, there does appear to be a continuous stream of tragedies that have no end in sight. There also appears to be no real exit strategy, apart from Bush's incredibly vague statement: "We'll stay there as long as necessary, and not a day longer." There also exists, in the minds of many, a certain dubiousness in entering Iraq, as is seen by the lack of WMDs. There is no denying these parallels, but it is premature to put the barely

one year war in Iraq in the same category as the 10 year war in Vietnam.

There are also many key differences between the wars in Iraq and Vietnam. Dale Andrade, senior historian at the Army Center of Military History, states that the guerillas in Iraq are not nearly as organized and advanced as the Viet Cong. Another major difference is that there have been no large anti-war protests as during this war as existed during Vietnam. Even many

of those who protested the war in Iraq support our troops and do not feel that America should simply withdraw. Perhaps the largest difference is that the war in Iraq uses only a volunteer army, while Vietnam used large numbers of draftees. The Vietnam draft had prominent, although unintentional, racial and economic discriminations, causing strife both abroad and at home. With regards to Iraq, there exists no central element, such as the draft, that produces significant social unrest.

Perhaps one of the most important lessons of Vietnam is that morale, both at home and abroad, is just as important as the number of bombs in our arsenal. Comments describing Iraq as a "quagmire" and "Bush's Vietnam" do nothing to improve that morale. I do not mean to say that we should not question our government's actions in Iraq, but that we should be cautious in our rhetoric. Instead of trying to find ways that Iraq is similar to Vietnam, both Democrats and Republicans should focus on preventing Iraq from becoming just that: "another Vietnam."

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## Free speech, balance at the core of a fair education

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protests? Those still go on, so long as they defend a liberal position. If that protest happens to criticize affirmative action, it suddenly becomes "disruptive" or "offensive" and must be shut down. Free speech has been replaced by selective speech, and the selected speech falls under the liberal ideology.

I thought that the University respected all viewpoints much better than most schools do. An incident a few weeks ago has started to change my mind. The College Republicans held a Support President Bush and Our Troops Day. This was just a simple political activity, yet roughly a dozen complaints, mostly from professors, were issued to the dean of students. Rayma Caulfield, the secretary in the Office of Student Life, even received four complaints. Dean Gert Evans and Caulfield said most of the callers had the mistaken impression that their office was sponsoring the event. Also, Dr. Anthony Gabrielli, assistant professor of political science, received roughly 10 calls from faculty urging him to stop the event. Luckily, the Office of Student Life champions free speech. I still think HPU will continue to support free speech, not selected speech. The incident has brought some doubts to my mind, but I am willing to give the benefit of the doubt right now. I do not want to see the university turn in the direction of these other institutions. That would be disastrous for everyone.

# Harmful American obsession with beauty distorts our perspectives

By Ali Akhyari  
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He is a magnificent specimen of a man. He is adored by women everywhere. His charm and dashing good looks are irresistible to those he impresses them upon. I am talking about Austin Powers. This is comedy, but it addresses an important contemporary issue: beauty. We are obsessed with it and go to amazing lengths to obtain it. But how is beauty defined? What is the model?

My best guess is that there is a little man known as the "Wizard" who controls this behind a curtain. I believe a girl from Kansas and her dog found him one time. He decides what is attractive and floods the television, the movies, music, posters and fashion runways with examples from his control booth. I will call it Hollywood for short. In turn, we as a society, are taken in by this and believe that beauty has to look a certain way. In fact, it has worked so well that MTV has a show called "I Want A Famous Face," which documents people that go through grotesque cosmetic surgeries to look more like a celebrity. They show, with the mangling of faces and bodies, how superficial we have become. We have become convinced that to be attractive and a better person, we have to look like Hollywood.

A perfect example of this is "Average Joe." I have to admit that I did watch this one, although I generally stay away from reality television. On this show a "beautiful" young woman is forced to date and choose among many average and unattractive males. She makes it clear

through facial expressions and testimony that she is unimpressed, to put it mildly. She slowly eliminates those that she likes the least. Then, just as she's starting to see past the physical appearance to the real individual, she is reminded of her hypnosis to which we are all subject. An equal number of hunks are suddenly brought onto the scene for her to choose from. Immediately, you see her fall back into the Hollywood hypnosis and remember that beauty is strictly physical. She picks one of the hunks in the end, which just proves the tragedy that we are increasingly identifying ourselves solely on how we look.

We are the clothes we wear and the length of our hair. We are defined by the size of our breasts and our muscles. Unfortunately, time will have its way with these things. But don't despair, true beauty is not so fickle. So who are we really and for that matter, what is beauty?

Sunsets are beautiful as well as beaches. Waterfalls are beautiful, too. However, I'm not physically attracted to them. I mean, I wouldn't want to date Wrightsville Beach although I think it is beautiful. Something is beautiful because it simply does what it was created to do. Even a lion catching its prey is beautiful.

Can this apply to the human race? Is our purpose on this earth simply to be beautiful at all costs? I cannot waste words on this option; after all, this article has size limits. Now, some may say that our purpose is to find a mate and perpetuate the human race through procreation, which means that physical beauty is an important factor in attracting another. However, one would have to ignore the

bitter taste of love to swallow that idea. Anyway, how could you explain Anna Nicole Smith marrying 89-year-old billionaire J. Howard Marshall except by love (that's a joke).

The issue here is that I'm afraid people get confused as to who they truly are. I'm in that boat as well. Imagine you wake up one morning and look in the mirror but what you see you cannot recognize. Would you know that it was you? If you answered "yes," then you probably already identify yourself by other means in addition to physical appearance. Perhaps you recognize your love for poetry, or football, or the beach or pepperoni pizza. You may also see that I find these plastic surgery shows disgusting, not because they're graphic, but for the depressing thought process and motive drivers behind them.

I'm reminded of a scene in the movie "What Dreams May Come." Robin Williams' character is having trouble walking on water in the after life. Cuba Gooding Jr.'s character is standing on top of the water while Williams is standing underwater on the bottom. Williams is having trouble seeing himself as more than just a physical body. Gooding asks him something like, "If you cut off your arm, would you still be you?" Williams thinks for a moment, and after realizing that his body was just a shell for his true self, he floats to the top and joins Gooding. Why don't you ponder that for a moment and take a deep breath. See if you don't swallow some enlightening water. Anyway, you have to realize that you're underwater to be saved from drowning in the first place.

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They were zealous followers of God's Law, and they wrongly took pride in their outward obedience and righteousness, while their hearts were actually very far from loving God. To make matters worse, the Pharisees brought others down with their hypocrisy — they said that everyone else had to be like them. Today, the Pharisees would say that by opposing abortion, fighting homosexuality, are supporting other so-called Biblical values, that they were fulfilling God's commands and doing what was pleasing to Him.

Christ denounced the Pharisees repeatedly saying though they obeyed the outward requirements of the Law, they completely missed the mark when it came to the full weight of what God's commands required. Jesus was angered by the pride they took in abusing the Law and claiming that they had righteously obeyed it. In the same way, I think that it would be quite arrogant to claim that a political party rallying around a few moral instructions is pleasing to God. This is the same party who, as a whole, desires smaller government and fewer social welfare programs that benefit the poor, despite the part of Christ's chief command that says to "love your neighbor as yourself." I fear at times that the Republican Party may observe the commands of Christ to some extent, but they miss the heart of the good news that He brought.

Don't get me wrong. In no way am I saying that the Democrats have it all together when it comes to their political values or agenda. I simply want to encourage people to dig beneath the surface of what society tells us. Christians can be Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and, hell, they can even be Socialist or Fascists if that's what floats their boat. Just don't tell me that the Bible commands my Republican allegiance, or that some political party is actually representative of the teachings of Christ.

## Learning to value one's mistakes

A senior reflects on what she has learned as graduation draws near

By Janet Francis  
Staff Writer

As my college career careens to an end, I look back on these past four years and question what it is exactly that makes me different now than when I graduated from high school. Obviously, I am now equipped with four more years of education, but I'd like to think I've gained more than simply a notable GPA for all I've been through.

Students freshly arriving at college look forward to adventure, opportunity and excitement. No one ever looks forward to the inevitable mistakes and, yes, regrets that accompany all great journeys. I used to look at regret as a thing to be shunned. I told myself that I would never have regrets.

Mistakes, yes, but regrets, no. I used to feel that a mistake that is learned from should never be considered a regret. Through these last four years, I've acquired quite a different notion of regret.

One of my professors once touched on the topic of regret. He said something along the lines of regret being a part of humanity. Every person has regrets and should not be ashamed of them but embrace them. They are part of what make each of us unique. I like this idea.

Those who are in denial about having any regrets simply have not learned that having regret does not make you an

insecure person.

Mistakes happen all the time, but mistakes are not what we learn from. People make the same mistakes over and over again. No two regrets are alike and that is due to the nature of regret itself. Regrets are feelings of disappointment about something that one wishes could be different. It does not have to mean that you wished it never would have happened.

Anyone can shrug off a mistake with "Oops, I did it again," but if you truly learn from your mistake and own up to it as regret, you are far less likely to have a repeat performance.

We all have our own regrets. There are things about our past decisions, actions and even relationships that could have turned out differently. Embracing these mistakes as regrets will allow us

to keep them in mind instead of shrugging them off and allowing them to happen again.

Mistake after mistake will not make us better people. They will only make us unreliable and predictable by creating a self-destructive pattern in our lives. Re-

grets stay with you and they make you stronger by giving you a deeper sense of who you do not, or do, want to become. Learning from our mistakes is embracing our mistakes as something important enough to call regret. These things will change us in ways a simple slip-up never could.

Muhammad Ali once said, "The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life."

I agree with Ali. We should keep on making mistakes. The ones that we truly regret will bring a greater understanding of what we strive for, as well as what we have learned.

Graduation means a lot of changes. Looking back, I could have taken many different roads to this same destination. Though I may not

have the same regrets as I do now, I also wouldn't have learned as much, nor would I be the person I am now.

My advice: keep on living and making mistakes. They are exactly what make you a better person in the end, but only if you truly regret them.

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## Atkins diet has its cost

By Dana R. Yates  
Staff Writer

Everyone is looking for that quick fix diet, a way to lose the pounds without the wait.

Diets in the past dealt with counting calories or fat, but today they are all about carbohydrates. Over 25 million American people are on the "revolutionary" Atkins diet, each giving their success stories on how they have lost so much weight. Even restaurants are cashing in on this new craze, making their menus Atkins-friendly. Through this low-carb diet, people are shedding tens of pounds easily, but at what cost?

Studies maintain that this diet could be hazardous to your health due to its low-carb, high-protein, high-fat intake. According to an article published by Vanderbilt University, foods high in protein such as meat, eggs and cheese, all foods eaten under Atkins, are high in saturated fat. Blood cholesterol levels will increase if these foods are eaten in excess.

The article states, "The American Heart Association sets a limit that only 30 percent of one's daily calories should come from fat, yet in the Atkins diet one can eat as much fat as desired." This could result in heart disease or problems.

Atkins.com presents a different picture. It says, "Adhering to the Atkins Nutritional Approach, most people will find that their recognized risk factors for present and future heart problems

steadily improve, and will remain so, for as long [as] they continue the program."

The health of Dr. Robert Atkins, at the time of his death, has some questioning the safety of the diet. Atkins, 72, died last April after slipping on an icy street in New York. Citing a report by New York City's medical examiner, CBSNews.com reported that "before [Atkins's] death, he had suffered a heart attack, congestive heart failure and hypertension."

At the time of death, the 6-foot-tall Atkins weighed 258 pounds, which according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, would qualify him as obese. CBSNews.com also reported that Stuart Trager, chairman of the Atkins Physician Council in New York, claims that Atkins's weight was due to bloating associated with his condition. His widow Veronica said, "I have been assured by my husband's physicians that my husband's health problems late in life were completely unrelated to his diet or any diet. My husband's death resulted from a serious head injury."

More deaths are surfacing, involving people coincidentally on diets similar to the Atkins. On a segment of the CBS Early Show, Dr. Neal Barnard, a representative of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, related these new findings. He said, "We're reporting two deaths. One is the 16-year-old girl who wanted to lose some weight and went on a popular low-carb, high-

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## Choir travels to Florida on tour

By Andrea Griffith  
Editor in Chief

After classes commenced following spring break, about 25 singers in the university's choral program went on their annual spring tour from March 17-23. This year, the groups traveled to Florida and were greeted by sunny beaches and amusement parks.

The trip served as a nice contrast from last year's trip north to various destinations including Boston and New York, which sent the students shivering into a wintry cold. The group enjoyed three days at Disney World, a day at Daytona Beach and accommodations at the Island Resort and Spa in Orlando in sunny 80-degree weather.

In addition to lying by the pool and riding roller coasters at Magic Kingdom, the students performed at five different venues. The first, and perhaps most memorable performance, was at Downtown Disney. The Chapel Choir and University Singers sang the national anthem, the patriotic songs of George M. Cohan and a "Salute to the Armed Forces," which was most appreciated by veterans. The crowd was enthusiastic and numbered over 400. The men's a cappella group, the Toccatones, also sang as well as the female a cappella

group, the Petal Points, who marked their debut performance.

Though they didn't realize it initially, the group later agreed that the Downtown Disney stage was probably a better venue than those inside the parks.

"The performance was better than I expected," said Dr. Billy Summers, choral director. "I've taken groups to sing in the [Disney] parks before and the crowd has only been 20 or 30 people."

On Saturday evening, following a day at the beach, the groups performed at Central Manor Towers, a retirement community that they visited while on tour in 2002. Marcia Dills accompanied them. Later that night, while dining at Boondock's, a restaurant outside of

Daytona Beach, the two a cappella groups gave impromptu performances after discovering that another dinner patron was a former a cappella singer.

On Sunday morning, the group worshipped and sang at two different churches. First, they performed such sacred pieces as "Sing Me to Heaven" and "Ain't Got Time to Die" at the Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration, then they visited First United Methodist

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CHOIR AT DAYTONA BEACH

## Students critique meal plan options

By Brianne Coone  
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A contract with Aramark takes away students' choices about what to eat and when to eat it. OK, maybe that's a bold statement. Students can choose from what the cafeteria offers or they can opt not to eat in the cafeteria, but if they live on campus and choose to eat elsewhere, they do not get a refund for the meals they paid for at the beginning of the year when they purchased the required boarding plan.

Everyone living on campus knows about the university's requirements to purchase a meal plan for \$3,790 per year, regardless of whether you eat in the cafeteria, go out for your meals or eat in your room. This includes students living in apartments equipped with a full kitchen.

Some students have complained because they cook their own meals, yet they still have to pay for food they rarely eat. Junior Brandon English said, "I pay \$3,200 a year and I only eat there three times a week... the food's not even good." Senior Ryan Torguson said, "I didn't even like the food... maybe if the food was better... it hasn't gotten better in four years." The results of a recent classroom survey dispute the complaints about the food quality by English and Torguson. By a wide margin, upper-classmen maintained that cafeteria cuisine

had improved since their freshman year.

HPU has a contract with Aramark, one of the leading food service providers worldwide. As part of the contract, all students residing on campus must purchase a meal plan. Aramark keeps records of how many people eat and what was served on any given day. Through these records, the company determines the cost of food and how many people should be on staff in the cafeteria.

Dean of Students Gert Evans said, "If every person ate there every single meal, we would have to increase the staff, we would have to increase food and actually that would drive the cost up."

Aramark factors in the students who do not eat in the cafeteria, but have purchased a meal plan. Evans said, "Part of their budgeting process is keeping the costs low. Even though we say, 'Yeah, that's a lot of money, paying \$3000 a year,' when we break it out per meal for every day that we're here, it'd be a whole lot higher if everybody ate every meal in the cafeteria... if you or I don't eat there, then that helps keep the costs down."

Until about six years ago, only one meal plan existed. Now students have several options. Those options include 19 meals/week, 14/week and 10/week plans. There is no choice to opt out of the meal plan, even though about 200 stu-

dents are capable of providing their own meals.

The only way to be excused from purchasing a meal plan is if there are extenuating circumstances, such as a student on a special diet, recommended by a doctor. Terri Kane, director of student accounts, said, "These cases are rare."

Stephanie Arnette, a junior living in the 6<sup>th</sup> Street apartments, is one of the few exempt from purchasing the meal plan. She had to fight to be excused from the plan, but in the end, with notes from her family doctor and a nutritionist, she won her protest.

The sentiment about the meal plan seems unanimous among students. They think it is "outrageous," "a rip-off," "ridiculous." Students want more options than the current meal plan offers. Senior Kevin Keefe said if he had the choice he would "use more money in the Point area."

Evans said, "There are certainly changes that can still be made, and I think that Aramark will continue to work with us to give us some different plans." He would like to see the convenience store expanded to cover the whole bottom floor of the building where the C-store and safety are located in Harrison Hall. Evans said Aramark has this in their future plans: "If we can find a place to move campus safety, they will expand the convenience store."

The idea behind expanding the C-store would allow students to purchase prepackaged foods they could eat anytime. This would give students freedom to make their own meals in their apart-

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STUDENT DINES IN PANTHERS COMMONS

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of '63 alumna Kay Dickinson, she says, "That was a special place." Dickinson, a Phi Mu, graduated the year the Gardens were donated and has fond memories of lavalier ceremonies taking place there. Lavaliering is a special event in Greek life where fraternity or sorority members give their future fiancés a pendant to be worn around the neck which entitles them to wear the society's letters.

Dickinson says students probably don't know of the gardens because the times have changed. Many students did not have cars in the 1960s and therefore spent more time on campus when she attended High Point. Carrick, a former High Point high school principal (1912-1913), made the decision to leave a hefty donation to this institution, as well as to many more. Why would this specialist in the transportation of fruit and vegetables for the United States Department of Agriculture write High Point into his trust? Possibly because although he never attended this school, his family lived on the corner of Montlieu and Main Street, making High Point his true home.

The plaque also states that the benches in the garden were in memory of Carrick's parents. What benches? Hidden behind some trees stands one lonely and decrepit park bench facing the creek and the 10-by-2 foot area of sprouting daffodils. If there were more benches, where did they go? If there were still more benches, would the students, faculty and staff be keeping them warm? With so many new things being constructed on campus, it's no wonder the students know little about what is already here.

To the right of the Greenway, behind the tennis courts, and just before the tunnel are supposed to be memorial gardens. However, it seems the daffodils this secret garden was once home to have disappeared.

# Meet media services' Elizabeth Vidrine

By Allyson Bond  
Staff Writer

The phone rings in the media services center. "I got it!" she says to her student workers, then greets the person on the other end. Her chipper attitude is conveyed through the phone. Who could be calling on this particular Friday afternoon? Possibly a faculty member who needs to have pictures scanned and copied onto overheads or to confirm that the videos they reserved for their students are available for check-out. Whatever the situation, Mrs. Elizabeth Vidrine will do what she can to make sure all requests are handled properly.

Tucked away in her office, busy completing one of the many tasks on her list is where you will find Vidrine, in her own little world downstairs in Smith Library. Her office is comfortable—two bouncy leather chairs in front of a desk which is normally covered with the day's work. Next to her desk lining the left wall is her bookcase full of everything but books. Videos, batteries, tools and computer software are what you will find. Two big bulletin boards on her right wall are filled with pictures drawn by children, a birthday message from her father, cards

and pictures of her husband William and her 12-year-old dog Zach. Vidrine's door is almost always open. People are welcome to come on in to shoot the breeze or ask for advice.

Vidrine's father was a social worker and her mother was a nurse, so she just knew she had to work with the public one way or another. It seems that being a librarian was her calling.

"When I was little, my dad drove a book mobile as his second job," she recalls with a smile. Vidrine grew up in Salisbury, N.C. Once she was old enough to work, she was a student worker in her high school's library and she continued her work in libraries as she completed her college education at University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was a student worker at UNC-G for almost six years.

Why would anyone want to be a librarian? As Vidrine explains, most of the people in her library science classes were retired teachers who wanted to work at a capacity similar to that in a classroom. But

for Vidrine, the youngest in her class, becoming a librarian was her first career choice. It is good to stick with what you know. Her main reason was the enjoyment she found working with people.

Media Services, located in the basement of Smith Library, is a place where students can check out movies for pleasure or education, work on projects, check out CDs and listen to audio tracks

for language classes.

Faculty members can place videos on reserve for their students, reserve lecture

rooms and check out equipment such as overhead projectors, televisions and screens. With the help of student workers, Vidrine can handle the easier tasks such as checking in and out materials, reserving lecture rooms, lamination, scanning and shelving materials. She takes care of more complex issues, such as fixing broken computers, installing software, overriding delinquent borrowers so they can check out materials and assisting teachers with their own projects. Vidrine helped to make it possible for students to be able to check out videos, something that had not been allowed prior to her arrival.

"I had to buy things that students would want to check out," she explained.



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She started the two day and non-circulating video system so students could leave the library with movies and professors would be able to have their videos for class. Videos and DVD's with two day loan stickers are available for faculty and students. Non-circulating materials are intended for the use of the professors and only through approval can students take these items out of the library. Vidrine feels that Media Services is always changing, and she and her staff are trying to find ways to make the library a pleasant place for students and faculty.

She is constantly improving the efficiency of Media Services for herself and her student workers. Four out of the five computer terminals in the media center have scanners, and there are two printers available for students. Over the summer, renovations were made to the student study area downstairs. Vidrine, her student-worker Thuy-Viet Nguyen and Thuy-Viet's husband installed Ethernet connection terminals for students who wished to do their work on their lap-tops in the library.

In the six and a half years Vidrine has been working in Smith Library, it has gotten easier for her to pace herself and get projects done, some of which she'll do at home. Her job is constant, she says. She'll think about the day's problems the night before and sometimes solve them in her sleep.

A librarian is not the stereotypical spinster or the old retired school teacher working in a library because it's quiet. Vidrine jokes, "Inside every librarian there is a party animal."

## Gray is ready to sail

By Amanda Roberts  
Staff Writer

"I've always loved the sea; I grew up on Hatteras Island," Mr. Worth Gray says. He has been teaching English at High Point for the past 10 years and is retiring. In May, a new adventure begins: he jets off to Australia to sail around the South Pacific.

Twenty years ago, Gray taught his first class as a graduate assistant. Before entering the halls of academia, he spent 10 years in the Coast Guard, touring the Pacific, Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

"I love going to sea; if I could have gone to sea all the time, I would never have left the Coast Guard," he states. Doing search and rescue work, law enforcement and chasing drug runners comprised much of his job. "I love handling ships and being at sea—it's not all fun and pleasure. Being at sea satisfies my love of being close to nature," according to Gray.

In the fall of 2002, an epiphany came to Gray—he wanted to buy a boat and sail. "I thought it would take four to six years to come about, but it's almost as if I've been an observer watching it happen in less than two years," he says. He has not yet bought a boat; three contracts have fallen through. When he does, he plans to move aboard and live while sailing around the world, wherever the wind takes him.

This May, he will fly to Australia and sail around the South Pacific and Southeast Asia. "I haven't given a lot of thought to where I want to go. I want to be. I want to go to out-of-the-way places, the less visited islands of the Pacific," Gray says. Upon getting his own boat, he wishes to sail down the coasts of South America and tour the Mediterranean.

"A sailboat allows for flexibility. In the Mediterranean, I can get off, take a train to Vienna and listen to music. I'm excited about experiencing the cultures

and local foods on my adventure.

"There are quite a few people out there doing this; those in the cruising community I've met are really interesting and tend to be forthcoming and helpful, and they enjoy sharing their experience," Gray states.

Not only is Gray a sailor, he also practices yoga. "I'm interested in seeing how it will work out on the boat. Yoga is a great meditation for me, and when I'm on a boat, it's like a spiritual experience for me. I used to work out, but you can't do that on a boat. With yoga, all you need is a place to lay your mat," he explains.

"I'm leaving High Point with a great feeling about the place and the work I've done. It's been a wonderful experience. I'll miss the paycheck, but seriously, the contact with students, their youth and energy, idealism and optimism, they have been a source of energy for me. I'm going to miss the influx of new students each year. I plan to maintain my connection with my colleagues," he says. "There are internet cafes, and I plan to restore contact with everyone—my friends and family."

Gray is the father of three daughters, including Sarah, a freshman here who reviews movies for this paper. "I'll miss them, but I hope they'll join me. They've been supportive; in fact, everyone has been supportive; there's not been a single naysayer.

"I've never looked at this as a dream; a dream is too remote. From the moment it came to me, I just accepted it as something that is. It's always been immediate, in the moment. It just hasn't happened yet. As the time draws closer, I'm curious to see what it will feel like," Gray says.

"Adventure is out there for anyone. Keep your vision in front of you; all you have to do is want it. Anything you want out of love will come to you as long as you don't insist on how it happens. I haven't made this happen, it has fallen into place."

### Football, continued from front page

tributors to the university and refused to give any more money until the football team was non-existent.

As much as students would love to believe that story, it can't be proved, just like any other urban legend. There are no articles in the old campus newspaper, the Hi-Po, or any dedications to someone who died that year in the Zenith yearbook to show that the story is true.

Another rumor is that it's a Division I requirement to have a football team within a certain time frame after reaching a Division I status. However, nowhere in NCAA Division I rules does it state that a school is required to have a football team.

Football started the year the school opened in 1924 and was a disappointment when the team suffered an embarrassing, 75-0 loss to Guilford College. The college rallied three years later and won conference title. Shortly after, the team was back in a rut and was on a losing record for years. Eventually in 1933, the team was first cut from the program because a lack of interest due to its poor showing year after year.

Interest in football was re-ignited with the completion of Millis Stadium in 1937, but World War II came and stopped the program from 1943 to 1945. When football was brought back in 1945, the team won the conference championship but experienced more losing seasons shortly after. In 1949, the team only won one game. The next year, the team was terminated because it was too costly for the university.

The students still ask, why can't the program be brought back again? "You have to ask, 'Is it worth it?'" according to

Gibson. "We would have to start from scratch, and just the program alone would cost at least \$9 to 10 million, and that is not including the cost of a brand new stadium, and practice field." Schools such as rival Elon University and conference foe Coastal Carolina, who match up to the size of High Point University, have football teams for one reason—huge amounts of donations. High Point University still awaits that donation to bring football as an intercollegiate sport to the school.

Two million dollars would be needed to pay for scholarships to bring athletes to play for the university. "Football is a losing game, when it comes to money," Gibson said. So much money is put into funding the program, but not nearly enough is made from the ticket sales.

Gibson added, "But you have to ask again, 'Is it worth it?' Because how much is it worth to have a 20-second highlight on ESPN? You can't put a price on that because there is no telling what that does for the university and its name recognition."

"It would be great to have football at our school," junior Jennifer Gray stated. "In high school, Friday nights were dedicated to going to the football games, and I miss that." When asked at a table in the cafeteria if students would like a football team, there was a unanimous resounding yes.

There are no plans for a football team, but it can't be said that this will be eternal. Maybe one day, when you're driving down College Drive, with the windows cracked, the smell of hamburgers and hotdogs might catch your attention, and you'll see a football game about to begin.

# History professor departs HPU, heads for Texas

By Kathleen McLean  
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He chaired the Faculty Council for two years and has been the mentor for Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. He has hosted the College Bowl, and the only time he was in the Raft Debate, he won. Students frequently stop in his office to discuss grades, plan field trips or share jokes. Dr. Richard McCaslin, professor of history, has a large presence on campus, but on March 16, to his frontier history class he announced, "If you planned on taking any courses with me or working on your senior seminar with me next year, I won't be here. But if you want to make the 1,100 mile commute to Denton (Texas) to take my class, you are more than welcome."

Next year, McCaslin will be the Texas historian at the University of North Texas. He will be teaching only two classes a semester, which include a survey class on Texas, graduate research and reading seminars on Texas and an occasional U.S. survey class. McCaslin will have more time for research and will be working with graduate students on their theses and dissertations. "This is a wonderful career opportunity," said McCaslin. "I'll be more involved in research, graduate education, and it's a good chance to get back to Texas."

McCaslin has taught here for 14 years and during that time he has written eight books and dozens of professional papers and journal articles. One of his works is the history of this institution. His book "Lee in the Shadow of

Washington" was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in biography and received awards from the Virginia Historical Society and Austin Civil War Round Table. McCaslin said that his experience at High Point has been very valuable and contributed in his productivity as a writer, development as a teacher and development of his personal relationships with students and colleagues.

His colleagues have supported his decision to go to Texas but will miss him. Dr. Frederick Schneid, professor of history, said, "I'm glad he's getting his dream job, but I will miss him terribly because he has been a good friend from day one."

Professors on campus agree that he is an excellent scholar, fine teacher and "one heck of a nice guy." "He represents a cornerstone at the University," said Dr. Clinton Corcoran, professor of religion and philosophy. "He's more than just a faculty member. To me, he's the soul and spirit of the school, and I'm going to miss him."

"I'll miss the many friends I've had at HPU, especially my colleagues in the history department," said McCaslin. "That's the thing I think about not being here anymore, not seeing these people everyday."

Upon hearing about his departure, many students were shocked and expressed their affection for McCaslin. Sophomore Jonathan Miller said, "He's able to joke around but still give a lot of good information and be personable with his students." Miller said that there are not many professors that he can have a relationship with on campus, and he will

miss the opportunity to take another one of McCaslin's classes.

"I've had some great students here and I'll miss them very much as well," said McCaslin. "I have a feeling that I will stay in contact with many students for years to come."

Senior Jana-Marie Winer had only met McCaslin once, at the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe held in February but was anxious to work with him on her proposed senior seminar project on El Paso. Junior Marshall Jones agreed with Winer when she said McCaslin has a colorful personality, which he was able to bring out in his classes.

McCaslin's fall courses will be taught by Dr. Christopher Oakley and Dr. Geoffrey Spur, and his advisees will be reassigned by Dr. D. Allen Goedeke, assistant dean for academic development.

Dr. James Stitt, history department chair, said that it's impossible to find a permanent replacement for next year because the history department faculty wants to find the best person for the job. "We have a strong department with a good faculty," said Stitt. "Dr. McCaslin will be difficult to replace. He opened his research to students, took students on field trips and helped students grow."

To replace McCaslin, the history department will place announcements in academic journals, and during the first week of January, it will hold informal interviews with candidates at the meeting of the American History Association.

In February and March, finalists for the position will be invited to the university for formal interviews with faculty. Dr.

Vance Davis, vice president of academic affairs and Chancellor Jacob C. Martinson. Candidates will also have the opportunity to teach classes and meet students.

Davis said that the school wants someone who is a good teacher, has good credentials and has a character that fits the institution. Martinson agreed and added that he looks for a commitment to students, responsibility and a life outside the classroom. "My best memories from school are of those when my teachers took a personal interest in my well being," said Martinson. "Teaching is a calling and it comes from an interest in people."

McCaslin was visible in many aspects of student life. He has been raffled off by the Panther Club to take alumni on field trips and has also been part of the Odyssey Club field trips to Washington, D.C.

When asked what he would like to be remembered for, McCaslin said, "I was dependable in all aspects; professionally active, involved in the campus community and met with my classes. I did what I thought I was supposed to do. I'd also like to be remembered for helping some students reach their potential."

McCaslin will miss High Point University and encourages anyone who wants to keep in contact with him to please do so, although he admitted to being a terrible correspondent.

McCaslin would also like students to remember a message: "Never let anyone tell you you can't be what you want to be."

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fat, high-protein diet, collapsed in school and died suddenly. Autopsy showed a massive abnormality in the heart." In addition, a 41-year-old man with no prior heart disease also collapsed. His autopsy showed a massive heart malfunction.

There have yet to be any long-term studies done on this diet. Robin Hale-Lindsay, director of HPU Student Health Services, said, "I don't think that we will know the long term effects of Atkins for another 20 years."

Though Hale-Lindsay thinks that Atkins works, she believes that it is omitting "good" carbs that are beneficial to the body. These carbs are known as

phytochemicals. Hale-Lindsay maintains that, "these phytochemicals have shown to reduce things such as cancer and other illnesses... You will not get these beneficial phytochemicals from eating meat."

Lycopene in tomatoes and beta-carotene in carrots are perfect examples of phytochemicals. Hale-Lindsay also contends that certain people should be discouraged from the Atkins diet. People with diabetes or problems with their kidneys should stay away from the diet due to the damage that high protein diets have on the kidneys.

Hale-Lindsay believes that all people should be aware of food portions and the

need to exercise. She stresses the importance of exercise saying, "Studies show those individuals who exercise and have more muscle mass burn more calories just sleeping and sitting in class, but you can't increase muscle mass unless you do some form of exercise." Hale-Lindsay suggests walking, running, taking the stairs instead

of the elevator or even parking away from your destination and walking.

In the end, Hale-Lindsay gives the following advice to anyone wanting to lose weight the healthy way: "I would prescribe portion control, stop drinking soda with meals, watch the alcohol intake and EXERCISE!"

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pus. He also stated that as soon as the soil thaws, the Chapel Park will be constructed. However, the most important project for Michener, Armer and the EC is to increase student involvement.

"I really want to hear from students," said Armer. "What we think is a priority to the campus may not be what the students think, so we need to be told." Armer has attempted to hold focus groups in order to get student response, but these failed because there was no turn out.

Michener said that student feedback is lacking. "I know a lot of people don't know what's going on. I want people to come to me and tell me their ideas," said Michener. "Walking around complaining doesn't help." He hopes to get more people involved by publicizing SGA meetings more and sending out surveys with incentives to increase the response rate. "You gotta keep trying," said Michener.

"Anyone can come to an SGA meeting," said Armer. "There are parts in the meeting for anyone to make comments and ask questions."

Students are also encouraged to contact members of next year's EC. Along with Michener and Armer, Kate Litwin will serve as SGA secretary and Jen Morgan as treasurer. Michener also ap-

pointed Will Tarrant as legislative vice president, Drew McIntyre as judicial vice president, Nicole Barnes as social vice president and Jason Walters as attorney general.

At the last meeting, members of the student senate brought up several issues. One addressed to Gart Evans, dean of students, was the replacement of keys and locks for electronic access into buildings. Another student asked if there was a possibility of repairing the bridges on campus due to the danger they present to the students. There was also news presented concerning next fall's orientation, the Norton International Home Furnishings Center and Honors Day.

Evans announced to the senate that the Panther emblem is changing. "After years of being in that running position, he has been worn and tired," said Evans. The school colors and mascot will remain the same, but the running Panther will be changed and trademarked. "We want to show people who and what we are," said Evans.

Students have much to look forward to next fall and can help SGA by attending meetings and voicing their opinions. "I'm open and willing to listen," said Michener. "Even if you are a stranger, if you have an idea, tell me."

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ments, but they would still be required to purchase a plan and eat only what Aramark offers in the C-store.

Many agreed a change should be made. Junior Michael Tarara said, "There should be no meal plan or... don't make it mandatory." English agreed and said, "Get rid of it."

The students living in the apartments are mostly juniors and seniors. "Most

people are tired of eating the food in the cafeteria after two years," Arnette said.

"They build apartments that come fully equipped with refrigerators and stoves... so there's no reason to purchase a meal plan... Next year, I'm moving off campus solely because of that fact." She said she believes more students should say something about changing the policy because, "it doesn't hurt to try."

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Church in Winter Park, the former church of Chancellor Jacob C. Martinson.

According to Summers, this year's tour was the best one of the three he has organized.

"We sang better; the weather was better," said Summers. "And there was a nice balance between leisure time and performing time."

"This year's tour provided more choir unity than any other tour," said junior Mike Maykish. "The group really

bonded."

Summers plans to continue the touring tradition next year. He will also continue the pattern of traveling south one year and north the next. For the singers, next spring it's back to New York. The group has already been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall with other college groups.

"Touring is very important to our choral program," said Summers. "It's an incentive to be in the group and it allows us to get to know each other as a group."

# 'Tall' legitimizes the Rock as great action star

Fight scenes, wit make movie enjoyable but not Oscar worthy

By **Drew McIntyre**  
Opinion Editor

Some of my favorite movies will never see an Oscar or any kind of critical acclaim. Most people don't go the movies looking for art; we go to be entertained. "Walking Tall" is one such movie that, though it is not a cinematic masterpiece, is good, solid entertainment for the audience it targets. With it, The Rock further establishes himself as one of the premier action stars of our generation.

"Walking Tall" is a remake of a series of movies by the same name from the '70s. The plot in the old incarnations was identical to the present: a veteran returns home to find his town run by a bad element and, when he finds that the police are corrupt, runs for sheriff and cleans up the town himself. This is based on the real story of Sheriff Buford Pusser, whose name is changed to Chris Vaughn for The Rock's version (the "People's Champ," I'm sure you wrestling fans will agree, cannot be called Buford).

The context is also changed for the updated version: the true story and original film take place in the South; the 2004 film occurs in the Pacific Northwest. Helping out The Rock as a friend and deputy is Ray Templeton, played by

Johnny Knoxville of MTV's "Jackass," who showed some promise in "Men in Black II" and shows even more here. Though I'm not sure Knoxville could do serious acting, if he sticks to what he is good at (outlandish comedy characters), there is a good chance he has

a successful movie career ahead. The other male lead is the obligatory bad guy, shady casino owner Jay Hamilton Jr., played by a Neal McDonough. I was pleased to see this effective actor in this picture after watching him play a young U.S. Army Officer in the must-see "Band of Brothers" miniseries.

I doubt I need to break down this movie's strengths and weaknesses for you, but I will anyway. Plot, character development and general content are

fairly lacking. Do you go to an action movie for these? No. You go for what makes them fun – the action. "Walking Tall" offers plenty. Several big fight scenes are complemented by a minor romance between Vaughn and an old high school friend and part-time stripper and some very humorous scenes with Knoxville's Templeton. Kevin Bray's ("All About the Benjamins") direction is adequate; he uses some interesting camera techniques to make the viewer almost feel the action taking place on-screen. This is not really an exceptional action film, but if you (guys, especially) enjoy seeing some intense action mixed in with a little wit,

"Walking Tall" is made for you.

Few can argue that The Rock has made a serious leap from the squared circle (he is a former professional wrestler) to the screen. Many like to point out that his acting skills require some fine-tuning. This is very true; he is far from a perfect actor. Especially in fight scenes, his wrestling training tends to show when he overexaggerates certain movements. Despite all this, I ask you to compare The Rock's body of work thus far with the early films made by men like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone. Obviously, if this is where The Rock is starting, he is sure to become one of the premier action stars for the next 20 years. Do yourself a favor and go see for yourself. If a solid action movie is what you love, go see this film immediately. If you rank films like "Citizen Kane" at the top of your movie list, save the money you'd spend on that ticket and give it to someone that can appreciate a Hollywood film for what it usually is: entertainment.



THE ROCK AND KNOXVILLE IN "WALKING TALL"

## 'Sunshine' exemplifies Carrey's serious side

By **Sarah Gray**  
Staff Writer

I am always pleased with the films that Focus Features puts out, including "21 Grams" and "Lost in Translation." The company strikes gold again with the quirky "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." Jim Carrey plays Joel, a man who falls in love with a unique young woman named Clementine (Kate Winslet). When the story begins, the couple is broken up. Joel comes to find out that Clementine had a procedure done to erase every memory of him from her mind. He becomes distraught and decides to do the same and have his memories of her erased from his own mind. The treatment occurs while the patient is asleep.

While Joel is undergoing the procedure, you see their relationship develop in his mind. You see how they meet, live together and interact. You see their good and bad times together. As each memory is shown, it begins to become erased, the surroundings of where they were collapse, the background becomes colorless and eventually everything fades away and it becomes black. As his recollections are destroyed, Joel decides he wants the

procedure to stop and to keep his memories, no matter how painful. Throughout his memories, he tries to keep Clementine with him and bury her deep in his mind so he can remember. Sadly, in the end, the procedure beats him, and as they are together in a beach house when they first met, his final memory is erased. This moment is breathtaking on film. The house collapses; sand runs through his fingers and the roaring tide rushes over his feet as Clementine fades away.

As he awakens, he has forgotten her. On his way to work that morning, he has a feeling overtake him and he takes a different train, where he meets Clementine again; this time, they think they have never met before.

This film has a sad, dreary mood from the pain of the couple's relationship and the extremes of what people will do to forget their past. This film has some witty moments which lighten the mood, but overall it is serious and thoughtful. Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet are brilliant in "Eternal Sunshine" and outdo themselves in their roles. I was extremely impressed with Kate Winslet's performance; she shows her versatility as an actor with her wild character. Jim Carrey proves himself as a serious actor again in this picture as he did in "The Truman Show."

This film is an intellectual gem and is absolutely wonderful. The acting and cinematography are excellent. The raw emotion of love and pain drives this movie and makes it worthwhile.



CARREY AND WINSLET IN "SUNSHINE"

## Kweller's musicality shines on second album

By **Andrea Griffith**  
Editor in Chief

It's that unmistakable voice. His catchy tunes make you want to sing along, but you will never sound like Ben Kweller, who has a voice that combines the raw nature of Bob Dylan blended with Dave Grohl's sometimes screaming antics on the Foo Fighters' albums and the total oddity of Cake's John McCrea.

Never heard of Ben Kweller, who is better known to his fans as BK? He probably prefers it that way. At the age of 22, he just released his second solo album, *On My Way*, on Dave Matthews' record label,



KWELLER CROONS ON "ON MY WAY"

ATO. Before going solo in 1999, BK was the front man of the Dallas-based band Radish, which recorded as early as 1994 and received some moderate publicity. More recently, he was one third of The Bens, joining Ben Folds and Ben Lee for a tour and an EP. It's been said that Kweller is a bit of a musical genius; he has written songs since he was 7.

*On My Way* differs from *Sha Sha*, his first solo album, in several ways. Stephen Harris, who has previously produced for U2 and Dave Matthews Band, produced *Sha Sha*. Though it didn't seem evident at the time of its

release, *On My Way* illustrates that *Sha Sha* features a very polished studio sound. *On My Way*, produced by Ethan Johns (Ryan Adams), is likeably rough around the edges. Kweller and friends recorded the album with all instruments in one room and used little separation between the amps and drums. The musicians didn't isolate themselves with headphones, either, giving *On My Way* a live feel.

Kweller maintains his musical diversity, though. From the piano-driven "Living Life" that resembles the music of Ben Folds to the folk-like solo acoustic "On My Way" and the power rock ballad "Ann Disaster" that sounds like it could have been written by Aerosmith, Kweller is utterly unpredictable, proving his legitimacy as a songwriter.

For those who have never experienced Ben Kweller, consider starting with *Sha Sha* and ease into *On My Way*. It's always nice to encounter musicians chronologically, anyway. But if you'd rather get a grasp on the live experience of BK, which is pretty unforgettable, dive into *On My Way*.

Just refrain from singing along, at least while others are around.

*Special thanks to outgoing editors Trish Mitchell and Kenny Graff. We appreciate all you have done! We'll miss you next year!*

# Emotionally powerful 'J.B.' sets a precedent for future university dramatic productions

By **Andrea Griffith**  
Editor in Chief

This past weekend, the theater department performed "J.B.," the most emotionally raw production on campus in recent memory. This Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Archibald MacLeish takes its extremely dramatic story line from the Book of Job, which is about a righteous man who is stripped of everything in a test of his faith.

Christopher Holmes, in his senior seminar role, utterly grasped the flood of emotion within Job. The role required him to scream, cry, stomp and endure physical and emotional beatings on stage, and Holmes was up to the challenge. His pow-



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS  
HOLMES AND GRIER AS JB AND SARAH

erful performance helped the audience to understand the impact of J.B.'s misfortune, as he suffered the loss of his family, financial assets and health.

Pamela Grier served as a nemesis for J.B.'s faith, as she played his wife Sarah who urged him to curse God as they witnessed the family's fall from grace.

Adam Troy and Savada Gilmore (who filled in for Matt Haynes for the first two performances), in roles that demanded a flair for timing, played Zuss and Nickles but represented God and Satan

in this play within a play. The innovative set, designed by Brad Archer, allowed them to stand on platforms overlooking the stage and narrate J.B.'s unraveling. A wall of palettes formed a nearly skeletal backdrop that meshed with the suffering of J.B. The set successfully depicted the circus scenes that framed J.B.'s story, but remained inconspicuous enough so as not to distract from the complexity of J.B.'s struggle. Archer's sets have brought distinction to HPU productions for several years. Eerie music and smoke-like effects helped convey the fearful and somber nature of



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADKINS  
TROY AS ZUSS

death, as J.B. and Sarah constantly receive news of their children's fatalities in Act I.

Ultimately, good triumphs over evil as J.B. remains faithful to God despite his reasons to curse him, but not before the audience became uncomfortable with the amount of suffering he had endured. This is a true test of any live production: the audience's sense of connection to the characters. Admirably directed by Wade Hughes, the cast of "J.B." convinced the audience in its suffering and its faith, marking the play as the last major production of the year, but more importantly, the most emotionally convincing production on this campus in recent years.

## Check out these tours coming to a venue near you this summer:

**John Mayer**  
**Madonna**  
**Ben Folds with Guster**  
**Kenny Chesney**  
**Aerosmith**  
**Prince**  
**Van Halen**  
**Sting**  
**Dave Chappelle**  
**Dave Matthews Band**

## Staff Recs...

"Sleep through exams; they're too early anyway,"  
-Upperclassman

"Go backstage and meet Guster after they perform. They will hang out and talk to you!"  
-Gusteroid

"Jersey Girl": It's not your usual Kevin Smith movie, but it's worth seeing even without Jay and Silent Bob."  
-Patches

"Carolina Diner: It's the place to be at 3 a.m. and deserves this free advertising."

-Committee to Promote the Diner

"Chris Rock's new special. It's the best yet."  
-Mac Daddy

"Apply to summer jobs and internships early next year. Don't learn the lesson the hard way."  
-Rwanda

## Exam schedule

	Course Time	Exam Time
<b>Saturday, May 1</b>	9:00 MWF 12:30 TTh	8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, May 3</b>	10:00 MWF 9:30 TTh	8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 4</b>	8:00 TTh 11:00 MWF	8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 5</b>	8:00 MWF 1:00 MWF	8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 6</b>	12:00 MWF 2:00 MWF	8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 7</b>	2:00 TTh All other times	8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

# A year at High Point...

*...A glance at the year through the lens of Campus Chronicle photographer Krista Adkins.*



Counselor Kim Soban with Sydney, the puppy we all fell in love with



College Republicans, the Organization of the Year, get liberal in their actions



Mike Maykish plays Father in the fall's heartwarming musical 'Children of Eden'



Genesis performs and Dr. Frankie T. Jones speaks at the MLK Day ceremony



The winning shot seen round the world, or at least on ESPN



Norton Hall in its skeleton form

Awareness increases on campus with the "Putting a Face on AIDS in Africa" event



The Lunatics cheer the Panthers into the championship



The cafeteria staff carries on after bidding adieu to Kenny



### Alpha Phi Omega ME

The brothers of Alpha Phi Omega would like to thank everyone for a great semester and we wish you all a relaxing summer. We also thank the Student Government Association for its continued support of the fraternity and its ongoing service program. Congratulations to our graduating brothers: Amber Boyea, Tiffany Dowdy, Glenn Fell, Heather Hehl and Donna Venable. We wish you all the best of luck!

Ten brothers attended the Section 79 conference at Appalachian State University on the weekend of April 16-18.

This semester, we have cumulatively completed hundreds of volunteer hours and look forward to many more next year. We also look forward to inducting the Phi Beta pledge class at the end of the semester, which will be followed by the chapter awards ceremony.

### Circle K

The Officers and members of the High Point University Circle K (Kiwanis) Club would like to thank the students, faculty, and staff of HPU for your support this semester. While starting this organization has not been easy, we have had a GREAT! time with the community service activities that we have been involved in. On Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> HPU Circle K was involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowling For Kids Sake" Bowl-A-Thon. Six members participated and raised approximately \$200. An awesome time was had by all. HPU Circle K is also proud to present its Executive Officers for the 2004-2005 school year. They are: President: James Jackson, Vice President: Ken Diaz, Secretary: Tasha Haston, Treasurer: Tisina Samaroo, Faculty Advisor: Alan Williams

We look forward to next semester and involving more of the High Point University family in our community service activities. GO CIRCLE K!

### Phi Mu TZ

The Sisters of Phi Mu would like to thank everyone that came and supported our car wash last weekend and Phi Mu Musical chairs in front of Slane last Tuesday. We succeeded in raising over 300 dollars at the car wash and over 50 dollars at the musical chairs that will be do-

### Kappa Delta TT

As the year comes to a close, the Sisters of Kappa Delta is enjoying the warm sunny days of spring with lots of sisterhood activities and one last philanthropy event with the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha. We will be collecting items for the homeless shelter in the parking lots of Harris Teeter and Winn Dixie on Saturday, April 24th. If you're around that area, make sure you come out and support a good cause! We would also like to congratulate our seniors on their impending graduation!! We will all miss you very much and we wish you luck in everything you do!! Finally, to all the faculty and staff that have helped us out throughout the year we extend one final thank you and we look forward to next year!! Have a fun and safe summer and we will see everyone in August!

### College Republicans

This spring has been quite exciting for the College Republicans! For the weekend of April 2-4, several of our members ventured to the Spring Convention of the NC College Republicans, where we met many Republican candidates for governor and various other races throughout the state and attended a seminar hosted by the Leadership Institute.

On April 29, we're hosting a Party for the President at Jonathan Miller's apartment, at U-Ville Apt. 1371E from 6-8 P.M. - all are invited to join in on the festivities.

We're looking forward to next semester, as we should be busy with helping out with various local campaigns. If you want to help with the re-elect Bush campaign, talk to one of us. It's never too late to fight liberalism!

From all of the College Republicans, have a wonderful summer, and come back refreshed for a new year - we've many plans for the new year and we look forward to seeing you join us!

nated to Children's Miracle Network.

We are also proud to congratulate Mike Tarara on being named our Sweetheart. Sorry Mike since we can't make you a Phi Mu; guess you'll have to be happy with being our Sweetheart.

Our year wraps up with Carnation Ball in mere days. Looking like fantastic times for all you lucky dates.

### Pi Kappa Alpha ΔΩ

With the school year winding down, we are all looking forward to that awesome week where we get to do nothing but study and take really, ridiculously long and mind-numbing exams. First of all, we want to congratulate all the Greek Organizations on your new initiates. We also want to thank everyone for coming out to our sponsored night at Triangle. Congratulations to Brother Sam Closic on the completion of his term as the SGA President and on his election as the Senior class President for next year. Good luck Sam.

Our last major even planned for the year is our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Alumni Pig Roast

### IFC

The Interfraternity Council has been busy this year turning the organization into a group of men that shows a lot of promise in the future. Under the leadership of Taylor Humphreys, we began philanthropy at the Wesleyan Arms Retirement Center, playing Bingo, where the hottest prize is a colorful box of Kleenex, once a month with 15 to 30 retired men and women. Every month, we tried to do something special; between having Santa come to give out gifts, having a Valentine's dance or celebrating Ms. Turner's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, the men of IFC have enjoyed spending time with the elderly in our community.

Although the fraternal world here at High Point has had some major setbacks, we are anxious for next year, which we plan on calling the "Year of the Greeks." We hope to arrange and sponsor a bunch of activities that show the community that we are more than dumb frat boys.

Next year's executive council will be Matt Gillard LCA as president, Jeff Wolfe QC as vice-president, Phil Shumaker QC as treasurer, Daniel Wolff QC as secretary and Damien Morrison LCA as attorney general. We would like to say congrats to the new officers and wish them well for the upcoming year.

### Theta Chi EA

The brothers of Theta Chi would like to congratulate Adam Canevazzi on earning the Outstanding Citizenship Award on Honors Day. We would also like to congratulate the brothers that are graduating this year and say they will be deeply missed.

at High Rock Lake. Our last fundraiser will be working for INFURNITURE during market delivering magazines and ad boards all around downtown. Our annual beach weekend was once again a blast. We made the 6 hour drive to Tybee Island, GA and enjoyed the luxurious amenities of "The Happy Holiday Motel." Pictures from the trip on the website along with several other updated photo galleries.

This year has definitely been a crazy one for us and we are already looking forward to next year. Congratulations and good luck to all the graduating seniors and we'll see you underclassmen back here in August.

### Alpha Gamma Delta ΓH

Congratulations to our new sisters. We love all of you. We would like to congratulate all of the other sororities and fraternities on their new sisters and brothers. This last month of school is going to be a very busy, month especially for our seniors. We have an Olympic mixer coming up on April 23 with the men's soccer team. This will be a great night with many creative outfits! On April 24, we will be having our annual Rose Bowl in celebration of initiation. We can't wait to spend this awesome night with all of our sisters as this year ends. On April 29, we will have our Senior Sendoffs. This is to recognize all of the dedication and amazing memories our seniors have put into Alpha Gamma Delta. We are going to miss all of them so much. Thank you to the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha for a great mixer. We always have a blast with you. With only a few weeks of school left, the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta will be spending lots of treasured time together building our bonds of sisterhood even stronger. Good luck to everyone on their final exams and we wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer.

The brothers also are deeply heart broken due to the recent loss in intramural softball. Years will be needed to heal the wounds.

The brothers would also like to wish everyone a fun and eventful summer. All of those approaching life after college, good luck finding a job that makes you plenty of cash.

## Baseball team struggling to find rhythm as season winds down

By **Bethany Davoll**  
Staff Writer

With 36 games played in the season, High Point University's baseball team has continued to have a disappointing year. Unable to hold opponents down in the late innings, the Panthers have gone 6-30, 1-11 in Big South play.

In the Panthers' most recent game as of press time, they played Gardner-Webb on April 15, losing 7-1. Gardner-Webb scored all seven of runs off home runs coming in the first, fourth, seventh and ninth innings. Phil Leake pitched eight innings for High Point, giving up eight hits, four earned runs and six all together, while walking one and striking out eight. John Wanger relieved in the ninth, giving up a solo home run. Abraham Gonzalez pitched a complete game for Gardner-Webb, allowing only one run on six hits

while striking out 12 and walking one.

For the High Point offense, first baseman Seby Renta went 3-4, Mark Shorey went 2-3 with an RBI after coming off the bench to replace Corey Stang in left field, and right fielder Chris Draska was 1-3 with one run scored. The Panthers picked up their lone RBI when Draska received a one-out walk in the seventh and advanced to second on a single up the middle from Renta. Shorey then doubled to left center, scoring Draska and advancing Renta to third; they would be unable to capitalize further, however, as the next two HPU batters popped out and grounded out respectively.

High Point played a three-game series against UNC-Asheville April 9-10 and picked up their first, and so far only, conference win 4-1 in the second game of the series. Matt Kniginzky went the distance from the mound for HPU, pitch-

ing nine innings giving up one run on four hits while striking out 12 and walking six. The Panthers got their first run in the third off a sacrifice fly to centerfield from Matt Keever which scored Justin Pinyan, who reached base on a single to left. Pinyan stole second and advanced to third on an error by the catcher before scoring the unearned run.

In the sixth inning the High Point bats finally came alive to produce three runs on four hits. Chris Ramirez singled to left field with one out, followed by another single to left by Chris Draska. Seby Renta then doubled to right, scoring both and giving High Point a 3-1 lead. Renta then advanced to third on a passed ball from the catcher; Nick Thompson singled, followed by a walk to Matt Richardson, and Renta scored when Corey Stang drew a bases-loaded walk. After a pitching change for UNCA, all three runners were

left stranded in the inning when the new pitcher got the next two HPU batters out on fly balls. Draska, Renta and Richardson each picked up two hits in the game.

High Point lost the other two games against UNCA, the first one 9-3 and the last game of the series 10-9 in an eight inning contest that was scheduled to go seven but would need an extra inning. In the last game of the series, High Point absorbed the tough 10-9 loss when UNCA scored two runs in the eighth to go ahead 10-8.

The Panthers have 18 more games in the season, including match-ups against Wake Forest and Duke at home. Hopefully, they will be able to combine good hitting and good defense to string together a few more wins before the year is over. The remaining games will be played for pride and experience toward next year.

## Individual performances highlight championship

By Melissa Caudill  
Staff Writer

The men and women's track and field team finished up their regular seasons, each with 7<sup>th</sup> place finishes in the Big South Conference meet held April 15-17 at Charleston Southern University.

There were many outstanding individual performances. Jemissa Hess, a freshman, won both the 1500 and 800 meter run--the only High Point athlete to win multiple events, and one of four in the entire meet to win two events. Her times of 2:13.23 in the 800 and 4:34.84 in the 1500 were both school records.

Also scoring for the women were Angel Diamond in the high jump with 5<sup>th</sup> place, Nicole Garner 5<sup>th</sup> in the hammer throw, Melissa Caudill 7<sup>th</sup> in the 10,000 meter run, the 4X100 meter relay team with 6<sup>th</sup> place and the 4X400 meter relay team also with 6<sup>th</sup>.

For the men, Keiron Guishard was 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter dash; Alex Baikovs was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 meter run. Derek Naklusi and Jesse Slowikowski each scored in the 1500 meter run with 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishes. Matt Goodale finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3000 meter steeplechase. Tommy Evans and Bubba Hill were 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 5000 meter run, and Hill was 4<sup>th</sup> in the 10,000 meter run. Eugene Galloway was 8<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump, the 4X100 relay team finished 4<sup>th</sup> and the 4X400 relay team finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next up for the Panthers is Penn Relays, held this weekend in Philadelphia.

## Editor reflects on four years at High Point

After four years of writing for the Campus Chronicle, I have decided that it is time for me to leave this University in search of many of life's answers...mainly a regular paycheck. I've had my highs and lows here, just like everyone else in my graduating class and would not trade any of the lessons learned here for anything I might have learned going to another school.

Some might ask what I will do after leaving this campus. My reply is that you know about as much as I do. The best I can do now is save the memories that I have earned since enrolling at school.

I'll always remember the first time I visited my brother when I was a junior in high school and he was a sophomore at HPU. At 16, I met some of the friends that I will still have long after I take that walk across the stage to receive my diploma. I met my brother's suitemate, Jon Hentz, who became the sports editor before I even wrote an article and, more importantly, my roommate and big brother in my fraternity.

I remember visiting the following year for Presidential Scholarship Weekend and seeing more people that I will never stop talking to, including Boss Hog (Kevin Harrison). Anyone outside of this year's freshman class had at least heard the loudest man on campus be-

fore he graduated last year. I knew, by the time I stepped back into my parents' car for the ride back home, that there was no other school in the country that I would rather go to.

I remember walking to my first class in Hayworth, or Haworth, I didn't know. They were, and still are, side by side. All the same to a dumb, 18-year-old kid trying to find his first class at college. The first party I went to still makes me laugh. I was living on the couch in my brother's house that I now live in while the school was finding me a room to stay in. Contentedly enough, the first party of the year, of every year, was right outside that room with the couch.

After three years of living off campus, I still find it hard thinking back to the old days in Finch--dealing with the rules and trying not to get caught breaking the rules that I didn't think applied to me. Of course, those rules were real, and many of my friends dealt with the consequences I was lucky enough to avoid. I'll never forget the thousands of reasons why I should never take an 8 o'clock theater class. Entirely too early for chipper teachers asking me why I look so tired.

Sophomore year was a trip that I really can't take again. It was the first year I moved off campus into that house I have already brought up. It was the last year where I really had very little direction about what I wanted my future to be. I

still attended class, by that point, where all of my classes are now, in Cooke Hall. My personal education center. I knew I wanted to become a business major but at this point, I had no clue in what field. This year, just like any other, I met more friends that will be my friends for years to come.

My junior and senior year nothing much changed. I settled down and took two majors. I became close with a few teachers and advisers that helped direct me and shape me into the strapping young graduate I am. Maybe strapping isn't quite the word you would agree with, but it's my last article.

In these years the Orioles lost a lot, the Terrapins won a national championship in basketball and gained respect in football, the 49ers crumbled, the *Bullets* (not Wizards) followed the Orioles' lead, and I never watched hockey. All told, it could have been worse; I could have been a Tigers fan. Sorry, Mr. G.

What did I enjoy the most about High Point University? It wasn't winning the ultimate Frisbee championships or any other intramurals. It wasn't the parties that I spent most of my time at. It wasn't the classes, the fun at the Caf, the school work, the bars, the meetings or anything else that you can think of that's an event or place. After all these years, I realize it was the people here, whether they are advisers, students, workers, professors or my brother. The individuals that I became friends with here are why this school is in a league of its own.



**Kenny Graff**  
Sports Editor

## Swedish twins balance school and athletics

By Taylor Humphreys  
Staff Writer

You go to English class and meet a 5-9, blonde-haired girl from Sweden. Class ends and you start walking back to your dorm from Cooke Hall, and you pass another girl that you swore you just met in your English class.

Up until fall semester, the Svensson twins, Anni and Lena, were hard to tell apart for those who didn't know them well. Lena dyed her hair, and now many people know the twins. What many don't know is their grueling year-round schedule with CIS classes and both soccer and golf practices.

Anni and Lena are extremely busy with a schoolwork load that includes a math minor and a CIS major, soccer practice and games in the fall and golf matches throughout the spring semester. Both girls started playing soccer when they were 7 years old.

"In Sweden, you start young and play with the same club team your whole life. Right now our club team is in the 'Elite soccer' division, and there is only one division higher than what we play in back home," Anni said. Lena

added, "When we started so young, it was fun, but now it is extremely competitive." Five years later, the twins took up golf. "Our parents played it, so it was natural to start playing, and all our siblings played as well," Anni commented. Lena, who noted that they also swam competitively for a short while said, "Golf in the beginning was more of a hobby; it was laid-back, so I think that is why we enjoy it so much."

Booth the twins noted that soccer is



LENA ANSWERS QUESTION DURING NCAA SELECTION DAY

and there is nothing like being together and building a team that will win games," Lena said. Anni likes the different aspect of both a team sport and a more individual sport: "I like how the sports complement each other. You depend on your teammates to help the team win, but golf, although a team sport as well, depends on individual success for the team to succeed." Lena agreed with her but enjoys

the big team. "I love the group of girls we have because it makes practice, the season and road trips fun as well," she said.

But managing two sports, homework in a demanding major and even a social life can be hectic. With all the practices in soccer and golf, it is hard to fit everything in. "You have to prioritize to fit everyone in your daily schedule," Anni commented. She also added how "the social aspect comes with the teams; I think it's worth it because you meet new people from other schools." With golf, the tournaments are scheduled awkwardly, which means lots of missed classes. Anni said, "This past week, we were gone on a golf tournament and we missed three days of classes. It was hard to do work when you're away because it is harder to focus."

Being twins also means trying to outdo your sibling. The competition is there, but it is more friendly than aggressive. Lena said, "It's not aggressive, but I always want to do better than Anni." Along those same lines, Anni added, "We push ourselves against each other, but we push each other in all aspects of life whether it be in sports or academics, so it provides a good competition."

Anni and Lena are competitive in both soccer and golf, and it shows in their outstanding ability to win. The twins push each other to another level that shows in their match play in golf and in team competition on the soccer field. Be on the look out for the blonde and brunette on both the academic and playing fields.

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