



In A&E: DiCaprio portrays the eccentric Howard Hughes



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Women's soccer player honored

High Point's Ryan Hays has been named to the 2004 North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association (NCCSIA) All-State University Division women's soccer team.

Hays, a junior defender from Kernersville, collected eight assists during the 2004 campaign to lead the Big South Conference in the category for the second year in a row.

Hays is the Big South's lone representative on the squad, and one of just two North Carolina natives to make the team.

Six students to study abroad this spring

Six High Point University students will study abroad this semester at the Spanish American Institute in Seville, Spain and La Sorbonne, a university in Paris, France.

The students traveling to Spain are Hannah Lively, Bridget McGrath, Briana Warner and Paige Welch. Joanna Meade and Jacob Warner will study in France.

Dudley appointed to new position

Chris Dudley has been named director of community relations, President Qubein announced earlier this month.

Dudley's new role will include coordination of community events on campus and communication with various organizations in the city. An alumnus of the university, he is involved with several local organizations such as United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm honored President Qubein has selected me for this important position and I look forward to serving our university and its close affiliation with our city," Dudley said.

compiled by Andrea Griffith

King Day orator urges audience to combat ongoing social ills

By Shane Holman
Staff Writer

The speaker at the Martin Luther King Day ceremony challenged the nation and High Point University to continue to make good on the slain civil rights hero's dream.

On Jan. 17, Reverend Robert J. Williams Jr. raised the question "Is it victory or are we victims?", referring to race relations in America and the condition of African Americans in the city of High Point.

Are we experiencing triumph due to King's achievements or are we victims of what Williams called "so-

phisticated segregation"? The reverend explained that if all men were treated as equals, then why do we still have problems of social injustice and economic in-

when he asked the packed crowd in Hayworth Chapel whether academia is a victim or a victor when only three percent of professors in the United States are African American.

He called on the High Point University community to forge stronger ties with city organizations to solve the problems of substandard housing and illiteracy. He wondered aloud if this institution was sufficiently honoring King by canceling 11 a.m. class but not observing the full holiday.

In addition, he inquired about the recent resistance of HPU officials to a city coun-

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PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY
GENESIS GOSPEL CHOIR PERFORMS IN HAYWORTH CHAPEL AT ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

equity?

The senior pastor of Williams Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church brought his point close to home

New Year, New President



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

President Nido Qubein, who took office Jan. 3, poses with the Panther (Mike Tarara) outside of a Caribbean Meet & Greet that Qubein hosted for students upon their return from winter break. Along with many big plans for the school, Qubein pledged to raise \$10 million for the school in his first month in office.

Study abroad leads student to fabled guitars

By Justin Spinks
Staff Writer

For rock fans out there, how would you like to hold the last guitar Jimi Hendrix played in concert before his death in 1970? If you sign up for High Point University's study abroad program, then you may very well get your chance.

Junior Dan Carter sat in the Hard Rock vault in London and played Hendrix's "Flying V" guitar, which the master used at his last show during the Open Air Love and Peace Festival in Germany. Carter also strummed the Fender Strat of Duane Allman, another of his role models. It's the guitar Allman memorably played while he was in the supergroup Derek and the Dominoes with Eric Clapton, and it was used to record the original version of "Layla."

"That is probably the coolest thing I did while I was in England," Carter recalls. "It was like a dream come true. But the whole experience was really great."

Carter set out with nine students and faculty advisor Dr. Andrea Wheless to study at Oxford-Brooks University for the

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Staff Editorial

Some suggestions for our incoming President

A new year, a new semester, a new president. Things are feeling fresh at High Point University. With all the change comes an opportunity for the university community to evaluate where we've been and where we're headed.

Dr. Nido Qubein is the university's seventh president, and he's taken office with big ideas and grand plans. His arrival has created quite a stir—especially among the students. That kind of enthusiasm is refreshing. We can use it to generate further change. In its 80 years, this institution has come very far. Here are some places we, the Chronicle staff, hope it goes next:

-The university should exist, above all, for its students. Qubein has already made efforts to interact with the students. Here's hoping that camaraderie can continue, so that the students and the administrators can work together to determine the University's future. Students' opinions should be considered before plans for new programs, new majors and new policies are made.

-With this in mind, students carry a responsibility to become involved. Perhaps it's a given part of human nature, but too often, the same 50 to 100 students join various campus organizations and take the leadership role. Students should seriously consider this question that Qubein has posed: "What would the university be like if everyone were like you?" If your answer conjures images of a lazy, uncommitted student body,

consider ways to change.

-Security may be the most universal concern on campus. The university should consider hiring trained officers to supplement those that we already have.

-While the housing options on campus have undoubtedly improved over the past four years, many of the accommodations are in dire need of renovation. A positive living experience during the first year of college is key to maintaining impressive retention and graduation rates. For the price of room and board, students living in dorms should have access to nicer lounges (with televisions that would help promote hall unity), hall kitchens and renovated bathrooms.

-To compete with the ever-evolving academic world, the university will need to continuously add programs and facilities. Why can't we have the next great engineering school or student center? These improvements will lead to better recruitment.

-Because a university thrives or dies based on its student population, the university must more carefully choose whom it recruits and admits. We need people who will make a difference, people who are here to learn as much as they can and people who are dedicated to serving the school during their tenure here. High Point University is not Ivy League, but that doesn't mean po-

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Celebs: great on MTV, poor at the voter booth

Vote or die! That was what most young people were told this past November, as if P. Diddy was going to hunt you down and put his diamond-encrusted 9



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millimeter to your temple if you sat at home playing with an Xbox on Nov. 2.

Paris Hilton herself was also a spokesperson for this campaign, but if she really wanted to get 18-24 year-olds to the polls, she would have had to release a videotape for people to care. Why was John Kerry on stage with Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi—for fundraisers or for kicks?

When did Kerry become a Bon Jovi fan? Why do we care what Arnold the Governor or Jamie Lee Curtis say about endorsing Bush?

Because we the young people of the United States, who

joined to form a more perfect union, think that celebrities are the best thing since the internet, beer and MTV.

We crave celebrities. We love their stupidity, we love their money and we love their bodies. We love their secrets, we love their drama and we love their essence. We want to be them. We want

to be just like them. Celebrities are America's Royal Family.

Political views, in a mostly liberal Hollywood setting, will, of course, lean toward the Democrats. Yet does America's Royal Family think their endorsements will make a difference? I do not care what celebrities think about politics; let them say whatever they say. They have opinions, too, yet voicing them never does help a candidate. Think about it, has Britney Spears ever swayed your opinion on politics? What does she know about the topic, minus divorce law? Did Willie Nelson really help Dennis Kucinich when he endorsed him? Rhetorical questions aside, the answer is no.

MTV did not make its quota for 20 million young voters in the election, and voter turnout for the ages 18-24 is still the lowest bracket. If celebrities are be-

"Think about it, has Britney Spears ever swayed your opinion on politics? What does she know about the topic, minus divorce law?"

lieved to have so much buying power in business, then why does the same principle not apply to politics? In business, everyone wants P. Diddy's clothing, Paris's handbags and Michael Jordan's

shoes.

You might conclude that politics must be too boring to claim our attention. However, it might actually be that our age bracket does not really understand what goes on in the country during elections or

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PETA: terrorist hippies

Without question one of the wildest, most unpredictable organizations on this earth is People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Certainly



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PETA has the right to protest the "senseless killing of innocent animals" all it wants; the freedom to protest is a foundation of democracy.

However, not only do PETA's advertisements seriously cross the line of journalistic freedom, their 'protesting' often turns violent in nature.

Recently PETA president Ingrid Newkirk appeared on FOX News Channel's The Factor, featuring prominent conservative journalist Bill O'Reilly. New advertisements have been released by PETA linking the mass consumption of animals for food akin to the Holocaust. If this is not

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ridiculous enough for you, PETA earlier this month also condemned the fishing habits of former President Jimmy Carter after Carter admitted to late-night talk show host Jay Leno that he accidentally hooked himself while casting. PETA de-

manded Carter stop fishing immediately.

PETA's argument is that fish are intelligent creatures who feel pain. I seriously doubt they got any consideration whatsoever from the former president. After all, Jimmy Carter is the same man who was attacked by a 'vicious rabbit' in 1979 and beat it back with a canoe paddle.

The most troubling aspect of PETA's actions, however, is the apparent condoning of violence for their cause. No one questions the fact that we have plenty of terrorists to deal with already. Advertisements produced by the Center for Consumer Freedom (CCF), an organization promoting consumer responsibility and protecting consumer choice, expose PETA for funding, supporting and condoning arson and other forms of violence. For example, one spot exposes PETA's opposition to all uses of animals for medical research, including efforts to

find cures for leukemia, multiple sclerosis and AIDS. It also highlights the \$70,000 PETA gave to Rodney Coronado, a convicted arsonist who burned down a Michigan State University research lab. Newkirk referred to

Coronado as "a fine young man." Yet the CCF ads have footage of Coronado demonstrating to student activists how to build a firebomb, less than a year af-

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CROSSFIRE: King Day celebration sparks debate among *Chronicle* staff and writers

Williams inspires one student, motivates all *Senior P.J. Daniel, others touched by King Day ceremonies*

There was no extra credit for 21-year-old P.J. Daniel. No requirements to attend.



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Yet, for four years now, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, he finds his way to Hayworth Chapel to be a part of the ceremony. On a cloudless, sunny January day that was deceptively beautiful, the finger-numbing wind followed Daniel into the chapel. After 10 minutes of sitting down on one of the pink-cushioned pews a little towards the back, he finally took his black fleece gloves off and laid them at his side next to his toboggan. His fluffy Northface jacket coordinated with his gloves, his sneakers and the color of his skin.

He stuck a piece of Trident Cool Rush gum in his mouth and said, "What's up?" to a few friends as the prelude song "Holy Ground" was being played by the pianist. His long legs rubbed against the United Methodist hymnals rising from the wooden pouch on the back of the pews.

As the ceremony began, he flipped

through the program quickly, and as the SGA president told everyone to rise and sing, Daniel cleared his throat as if he was about to belt out his best for the hymn "Joyful Joyful." He moved his lips, but not even a whisper was heard.

The new president of the university said, "I'm privileged to be a part of a team called High Point University," to which Daniel nodded his head in agreement. "I like Dr. Qubein's approach," said Daniel, who feels Qubein is making the presidency more visible.

Genesis Gospel Choir then sang "Worthy is the Lamb" and "Marvelous Things." During the performances, Daniel tapped his fingers on his knees and mimicked the action with his feet. Every once

in a while, he'd move each finger as if he knew exactly what note he'd be playing if his knees were keys. His mouth poured out drum-like sounds. The people in front of him turned around in a questioning manner, but he didn't care.

The Reverend Robert Williams stood in the pulpit and told

the crowd to open their Bibles to Galatians 2:11. Daniel knew exactly where Galatians was and checked his neighbor to make sure he had the right verse. After Williams read it and everyone's eyes were on him, Daniel kept his face in the Bible for a moment, reading the passage a second time.

"Victory or victims?" questioned Williams, in a white dress shirt and a gray-

ish-brown suit. Williams' right hand was always waving or motioning, as if it belonged in the air just like a cross belonged in a church.

Halfway into the ceremony, Daniel looked at his watch, more out of curiosity than anxiety. Williams quoted King, "We must learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish as fools." The crowd seemed to simultaneously say, "Ummh," like a crowd does when something needs to sink in. But Daniel kept silent.

Daniel stood and applauded at a quarter till noon with the rest of the room as Williams ended his speech. "Overall, this is one of the better programs since I've been here," said Daniel, who grew up with pictures of King in his house. He remembers first learning in depth about King in elementary school.

Daniel feels he has a personal connection to the late activist, and said his favorite characteristics of King are his perseverance and determination. "I'm not a quitter," said Daniel. "Thanks to MLK I have a better chance to have a victory instead, and I won't let myself go around always feeling like the victim."

Credit doesn't always come from the classroom.



REV. WILLIAMS EXHORTS THE AUDIENCE AT THE KING DAY CELEBRATION IN HAYWORTH CHAPEL.

A disastrous invitation to accept victimhood *Day of hope hijacked by an irresponsible, defeatist message*

On Jan. 17, I attended what was supposed to be a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The world



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has a way of uplifting good intentions. The theme of Rev. Robert J. Williams' message was "Victims or Victory?" Now, given that

MLK's most famous work is the "I Have a Dream" speech, I would have thought this would be a message of hope. I was wrong. I have to admit a certain amount of trepidation in discussing this topic openly. While HPU has on paper that we are an open community, something tells me that a lot of people will think I have no right to speak on this subject. Think again. I know something about the history of our country and the politics that have largely run her course, and, as a religion major, I have a few opinions about how the message of the Bible is transmitted in public discourse.

I found many problems with Rev. Williams' message. I thought it was more driven by a personal agenda than either the Bible or the memory of Dr. King. Specifically, he brought up the street renaming issue that I thought was

dead a long time ago. Williams made many references to division in the community, but somehow it seemed like all the finger-pointing for that division was directed at the University. One of the low points was when Rev. Williams mentioned the high numbers of African-American athletes in college compared to the low numbers of African-American professors. When he stated, "You'll let us play on your teams but not teach your kids," I understood why I and some of my friends felt that Williams spent most of his time only speaking to one portion of the audience. I realize that when an institution invites someone to speak it is also inviting that individual's uncensored opinions; it is for that reason alone that I can overlook all of that and just dismiss the speech as being in poor taste.

I still cannot fathom, though, how someone celebrates a great man like MLK by telling African-Americans that they are victims. Are we still living in the 1940s? I won't deny that racism still exists in America. I don't see it often, but I'm not a minority and I'm not naive. What does not exist is the systematic disenfranchisement that was legal and acceptable throughout much of our history. So if

modern African-Americans are victims, Rev. Williams, what are they victims of?

I'll offer an alternative suggestion. Messages like those of Rev. Williams, Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton have practically done nothing to advance the cause of African-Americans in the days since Dr. King. In the place of men of vision, power and hope has come a generation of leaders who have not advanced that cause

but have exploited it. The fact that this group of leaders and others like them have been harping on the same issues for 40 years and have not effected any solutions is evidence enough of this. And when a man like Bill Cosby comes

along to offer an alternative answer, he is bemoaned as an Uncle Tom and accused of revealing African-American dirty laundry to a public that shouldn't be allowed to see it.

Do you think you are a victim? Even if it were true, would you want to embrace it? Victimhood is an absolutely crippling identity. Its very nature abdicates responsibility and denies the power of the individual will to carve out one's chosen life. America has stepped on a lot of people in the course of its history, I know this. But whether in America or elsewhere, no one

has ever achieved anything positive by identifying himself as a victim.

Do you think Dr. King considered himself a victim? He was, of course, to us; he was persecuted and died for the very cause that animated his existence. But that makes him a martyr, a hero to every American and not a victim. No one who wants to live a powerful and meaningful life claims that title.

Because the King Day celebration was held in the chapel and led by a minister, it must have been intended to be a kind of worship service. I don't want to know the God that died for me so I could call myself a victim; freedom in Christ transcends any kind of earthly bond or socio-political agenda. I am baffled as to how any man of the cloth could believe that feeding the lambs of Christ constitutes an invitation to embrace victimhood.

Words mean something. To be a victim is to have no claim over the direction of your life. Victory is achieved by those who aim for it, over and above any obstacles they might have. Harvey Fierstein, an actor and famous gay rights activist, once wrote, "Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself." College is a time where identities are often made and molded. I would suggest that there are few identities more harmful to the spirit than that of a victim. As you grow, I encourage all of you to embrace a vision of the person you are becoming that will take you forward, not hold you back.

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Child exploitation worsens following tsunami

Southeast Asia rampant with prostitution and other abuses of the innocent

Numbers. There are plenty of them: 80,000 dead in Indonesia, 29,000 in Sri Lanka, 11,000 in India and a total of 163,000, according to CNN. Nine on the Richter scale. Five-hundred mph waves. Thousands missing and millions homeless in 11 countries from Indonesia to Somalia.



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The numbers vacillate like the waves of the ocean, except they never recede. There are believed to be 35,000 orphans in Aceh province in Sumatra, 1,000 in Sri Lanka and counting. This easily raises the estimated 34 million orphan-count around the world. In the lands stricken by the tsunami, it is nearly impossible that the orphans will be adopted anytime soon because of the scare of the sex trade.

Child trafficking—a term that reduces the value of a child's life to a mere commodity, a way of making money—has been rampant throughout South Asia, even before the tsunami. But, like fishermen happening upon lucky spots in the water, predators are prospecting the lands hit by the tsunami for easy prey.

Thailand holds the title as the prostitution capital of the world, as many chil-

dren are used for sex tourism—an effective way of gaining money from other countries through the vacationing Americans and Europeans. And with plenty of children to pick from, child exploitation is hard to prevent.

The news show Dateline recently went undercover to Cambodia to call attention to child prostitution there. At one particular place, virgins were offered to an undercover reporter for \$600, for up to three days: some were 5-year-olds. In Cambodia where the average income is less than \$300 per year, sex tourism seems to be the best answer for a struggling family. Other children are forced into prostitution, and if they resist, they are beaten. Being offered jobs as waitresses, the children are trapped when they realize the restaurant is really a brothel.

Child trafficking brings in between \$7 to \$12 billion annually, third on the list of biggest businesses in criminal activities, preceded only by drug trafficking and illegal arms.

A relief worker for UNICEF, the United Nations Children Fund, came across a text message on Jan. 4 that offered 300 Indonesian orphans for sale. As quoted in the New York Daily News, the message said, "All paperwork will be taken care of. No fee. Please state age and sex of child required."

Authorities hope to find extended family members of the orphans before even thinking about adoption, especially from outside the countries. Not only is it difficult to find the relatives, but to find the true relatives. The adult victims of the tsunami have turned

into the perpetrators. National Public Radio news reports that there are many victims who are claiming children that are not their own in order to cope with the death of their own children.

According to the Save the Children website, "The most helpful thing for such children is to remain within the community they are familiar with and with people they know, to ensure their basic needs for food, water and shelter are met and to try to introduce a routine of normal activi-

ties back into their lives as quickly as possible."

Quick is no understatement. Numbers have become a tidal wave in themselves. In Cambodia alone, there are roughly 30,000 children involved in sex tourism. The UNICEF website says that 1.2 million children are trafficked each year. And according to the New York Post, 100,000 of those come from Southeast Asia. The tsunami has brought in numbers hardly believable. Sex tourism has its own set of disgusting figures. If only these numbers would wash away with the tide.

There's no easy equation for the reduction of such numbers. Awareness isn't the full answer, but it certainly is a start. Stay aware. Non-profit agencies like Save the Children and the International Justice Mission among many others are in the middle of the crisis, trying to recover the innocents stolen by traffickers. IJM uses undercover investigators, goes straight to the scenes of the crimes and rescues many children. Financial donations are the base of every non-profit's existence; but, information can be as powerful as money. Don't take for granted the information easily accessible to any college student. Don't let the numbers overwhelm you. Just sitting at a desk and staring at a math problem on the board accomplishes nothing. Step up to the chalkboard; even if you don't find the answer right away, you'd be one step closer than you are right now.

For more information on child sex trafficking and contributing to the rescue and recovery efforts, please visit the following:

www.savethechildren.org

www.ijm.org

www.UNICEF.org

www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4038249

Don't stop with pot, legalize all of it

Governments shouldn't make people take care of themselves

All illegal drugs should, without a doubt, be legal. When I say illegal drugs, I mean marijuana, cocaine, heroin, morphine, and a list of other outlawed substances. Most of you reading this prob-



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Staff Writer

ably have trouble believing that I, a card-carrying Republican, would argue this. Some would even say this is a liberal position. I beg to differ.

The notion that the government has no authority to protect individuals from themselves truly is a conservative position, even though it falls more on the libertarian side of the conservative spectrum. Many liberals will probably agree with me on this issue, but for reasons different from mine. Since the dawn of the 20th Century and the creation of the New Deal, the government has taken an approach resembling a decision maker and not a protector of freedom, individual rights and national security. Individuals need no Big Brother to assist them with their decision making. The highly active role taken by the government in protecting people from the decisions they make has created an apathetic, ignorant society.

Throughout the late 19th Century, marijuana, cocaine, and other drugs were in habitual use among the general population. The government did not regulate the drug industry as it does today because

it understood individuals know what is best for them. Only when the government began taking a more active role as decision maker did it see fit to ban these drugs and others, as we saw with the era of Prohibition when alcohol was constitutionally banned. The banning of substances such as cocaine and marijuana has now led to the problem we have with the drug trade, just as law enforcement had problems with organized crime during Prohibition. Legalizing drugs and heavily taxing the production and sale of them will inevitably discourage many drug peddlers from even producing the drugs because the appeal of astronomically large, completely tax-free profits will disappear.

My argument merely rests on the premise that individuals have the power to decide whether they want to harm themselves. If I want to use substances such as marijuana and cocaine, I should have the freedom to do so. My actions are valid only if I do not harm anyone else in the process. For those legal scholars reading this, harm will be defined as physical harm only. Penalties for irresponsible users will increase two-fold. A pregnant mother who causes the death of her baby while using substances will be punished for murder. A driver intoxicated by cocaine who crashes his car and kills a family will receive life in prison, if not the

death penalty. Law enforcement will convert from the ineffective task of prevention to the better suited task of enforcement.

The government's role as primary decision maker in our lives has grown, affecting all aspects of our lives. Today, the government wants to force every person to wear seatbelts because we cannot make that decision ourselves. As in the case of substance use, if I want to increase my chances of death while driving by not wearing a seatbelt, that is my choice to do so. I am harming no one except myself by making such a choice. The government also tells us what television shows we can and cannot watch and what we can and cannot do on our

own private property. Our lives are controlled by government bureaucrats who make every decision for us. And scholars today argue cluelessly over why the voting popu-

"My argument rests merely on the premise that individuals have the power to harm themselves. If I want to use substances such as marijuana and cocaine, I should have the freedom to do so. My actions are valid only if I do not harm anyone else in the process."

lation has become apathetic. Why vote when a bureaucrat, who has more effect over my life than a politician, will never leave regardless of who wins the election? We should not live under a government that operates in such a way. We must be free to choose. A song by the great country/southern-rock band Montgomery Gentry sums up my argument in one simple phrase, "You Do Your Thing, I'll Do Mine."

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how a group of people on Capitol Hill affects our lives in the here and now. Yet, what those men and women in nice suits do will affect each one of us in some way, and yet we in the lowest turnout bracket do not recognize this fact. You might want to listen at least to the underlying message of the celebrities: Get out and get educated on the issues, because the worst republic is an ignorant republic.

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ter his parole expired. Some fine young man he is.

Clearly PETA is a group of deranged people. Protest is fine; it's annoying, but it's a cornerstone right of the freedom on which our nation is built. When protest turns violent, however, those inciting the trouble are little better than the terrorists our men and women are currently confronting all over the world. Get a grip, PETA. They're animals! While we certainly shouldn't abuse or neglect them, they're simply lower in the food chain. Anyone for steak?

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tential students shouldn't be screened based on their past involvement. We want students who will become a part of the campus community. After all, these students will leave with a greater sense of pride for their university and will be more inclined to donate to their alma mater so that the future generations of students can benefit.

The school's leadership expands beyond the offices of its administrators. The new presidency marks a new beginning for all of us.

Life in Seville: Student studying abroad adjusts to her disorienting environment

Editor's Note: This is the first of several installments this semester that will document the author's trip overseas.

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Tuesday, Jan. 4

I leave for Spain in one week. It hasn't hit me yet. I feel like I'll be returning to High Point for a regular semester. I'm not yet excited or nervous, but it will hit and it will hit hard.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

I am flying over Ireland right now headed for Heathrow Airport in London. The problem with this flight is that there is an enormous loss of time. I left Washington, D.C. at 6:40 p.m. and I arrive in London at

6:20 a.m. Due to the time changes, that is only about six hours of travel time. I basically lost a night of sleep, though I did nod off for about an hour after dinner and a

movie. British Airways is extremely nice. Food was good...dinner and breakfast. All around I'm drowsy and mad because this pen just burst all over my hand.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Ten-thirty p.m. (Seville time, six hours ahead of Eastern Standard) I am finally in Seville. This has been the longest day of my life. It was great meeting up with Bridget McGrath and Paige Welch, two of the other High Point abroad students, in London. I slept through most of the flight from London to Seville, and when I woke up, the nervousness hit. The loud voice speaking a foreign language over the intercom added to my disorientation. The flight to Seville was 80 percent American students. They pushed us

quickly through customs which simply consisted of a man stamping my passport. We went to baggage claim and what do you know? No baggage for me. So that meant that I needed to proceed to the lost luggage desk with about 10 other students. They said I will have it in a day or two or 16. Luckily, I had a feeling that things wouldn't go as planned, so I packed an overnight bag. We were then placed in taxis to our homes. Luckily, Bridget is my roommate. Our place is a second story apartment with marble floors. It's small but beautiful. Bridget and I share a small bedroom and have our

own bathroom. We are living with Aurora, a widowed mother of two with a very cute dog. Both of her sons are grown, so it's just our mother and us.

Thursday, Jan. 13

It has been a long day. Right after we went to bed last

night fully exhausted, a man started knocking on the sliding glass door beside our beds, and he was yelling in a mix of Spanish and English. He was asking if he could come in, and he was saying that our house mother needed help. I thought I was going to die my first night there. We both ignored him for a while, but he didn't stop yelling. I finally went downstairs, and it turned out that my luggage came around 1 a.m., and our mother went down to get it and locked herself out of the apartment. The man on the balcony was our neighbor and she asked him to wake us up. Quite a first night in Sevilla!

We explored the city today. It reminds me of New York City with the sights, peddlers and especially the smells.

It is also always busy. I have never lived in a city, so I get excited being on the

out that we were in the wrong group, and we were dropped off at the other end of the city. So, that was our first lesson in finding our way back blindly.

We saw an amazing flamenco show this evening. The dance is so passionate and energetic. On the way back we had a bite to eat at McDonald's. Didn't take very long for us to crave American cuisine...if you want to call it that. They also have a Pizza Hut, Ben

& Jerry's, Burger King and KFC.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Seven a.m. hit hard this morning with classes starting. It kind of reminded me of this: You are walking down a quiet street in the summer; it's sunny; you are looking up at the beautiful trees and smelling fresh cut grass when suddenly you walk into a brick wall head-on and are knocked unconscious. I had literature, art and an intensive grammar and composition class today. They were taught in Spanish at a rate that auctioneers would envy. I feel lost, but everybody says that things will get easier.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRIANA WARNER
WARNER VISITED THIS CATHEDRAL IN SEVILLE



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: WARNER, FELLOW HPU STUDENT BRIDGET MCGRATH AND THEIR NEW FRIEND LAURA.

same block as a grocery store and two blocks away from a park. Wild orange trees grow on the streets here, and they are beautiful. You can't eat the fruit, though, because the trees grow with the help of the sewer water.

All the people dress extremely nice here. I stick out like a sore thumb in my Columbia jacket. Oh, well, I'd stick out anyway.

Friday, Jan. 14

We caught a tour of our neighborhood today and about halfway through the tour realized that we didn't recognize any of the students in our group. Turns

Thornton recalls life in Morocco as Navy spouse

By Elizabeth Rathvon
Staff Writer

As a young girl in Virginia, Donna Thornton, the office manager and secretary for the Behavioral Sciences Department, could only read and dream about traveling to other countries and learning about foreign cultures. Her dreams became a reality when she became what she calls a "Navy wife."

Thornton's husband joined the Navy in 1966, three years after the two were married. Growing up in Powhatan, Va., he had been her bus driver when she was in eighth and ninth grade. Also, they had attended the same church in Powhatan. As her bus driver, he was always yelling at all of the students.

"I didn't like him," she said.

Her feelings for him changed. At the age of 19, she married him and the two have been married for 41 years.

Her husband was a communication technician in the Navy, so there were only a few select bases where they could be stationed. Thornton enjoyed the travel opportunities which being a Navy wife offered her. She said, "I loved it. I loved traveling." They were first stationed at Pensacola, Fla. and Washington D.C. and were then sent to Morocco.

"I loved living in Morocco," said Thornton. "It had a beautiful countryside."

She found the beauty of Morocco in the ocean, the northern mountains, the constant warmth of the southern region and the people. She said that most of the people in Morocco were kind to her. Some would invite her to their homes for dinner. Thornton said, "They treated us with respect."

Shortly before they were stationed in Morocco, Thornton's daughter Tracey was born. Thornton did not find traveling with a baby difficult. She explained that Tracey was a well-mannered baby, and that made things easier.

During the three and a half years that her husband was stationed in Morocco, the scariest event for Thornton was when the Moroccan military seized control of the country and

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"We didn't know what was going to happen to us," said Thornton. The base was closed, so no one could leave. At this time, President Nixon was informing the U.S. that no Americans were in Morocco. Thornton speculates the reason it was kept secret was because they were doing intelligence work.

When Thornton's sister-in-law visited them in Morocco, they took her sight-seeing to Casablanca and

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fall semester of 2004. The group stayed on the Westminster College campus, where only about 600 students reside. Oxford-Brooks, however, has an enrollment of nearly 15,000.

"They have a different system in England, but it is fairly similar to ours," Carter says. "There are larger class sizes, but that's because it is a larger school than High Point. But our grades were based only on one paper or a few assignments, instead of many assignments like there are here. We did much less work." Carter, an English major on the media track, took mostly media-related classes, but also had some variety.

He said he established many good friendships during his stay. "I met a lot of cool people over there. I had good friends from many countries, one from Russia, another from Ireland, even one from Malaysia."

Carter also had the opportunity to travel and see more of Europe while he had the chance. "Edinburgh, Scotland was very fun. I got to see Amsterdam, too, which also was a real good time," he said.

Carter emphasized how interesting it was to experience different cultures. Although British life is similar to ours, there are some subtle differences. "Like slang in general is very different." However, Carter said he could provide no examples of the difference in slang, for fear of giving offense. He also noted how money was difficult to handle which he was in Europe.

"Currency is way different. You have to keep track of your change because it is actually worth money." Euros come in both coins and paper, worth equal amounts of money, and you have to learn to treat some coins as if they are in valuable denominations and not mere nickels and dimes.

Carter said his overseas experience has created memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks to the study abroad program, he was able not only to broaden his cultural knowledge and see new things, but to play the same guitars his heroes once held.

It goes to show that education comes in different forms.

Sager departs from Smith Library staff

By Kathleen McLean
Staff Writer

On Jan. 18, colleagues and friends said good-bye to Pat Sager, reference assistant, after 10 years of hard work at the Herman H. and Louise M. Smith Library.

Sager assumed her position here in 1994 following a stint as a teacher and librarian in Connecticut. When she stopped teaching, she was asked by a friend to work in the children's library part-time, which became full-time work in the main library as a reference and interlibrary loan librarian for the next 18 years. High Point University was her first academic library. "I felt comfortable right away," said Sager. "I had a feeling like I belonged."

While at High Point, Sager has found interlibrary loans for students and faculty, worked as a reference librarian and taught classes on library orientation, bibliographies and research.

Dr. Edward J. Piacentino, professor of English, stated, "She has provided valuable research instruction to my students, especially introducing them to useful electronic resources and websites."

Many professors on campus, including Piacentino, added that much of their research would not have been possible if it were not for Sager. She got them everything they required from books, jour-

nal articles and essays, some of which were in German, French and Chinese. Dr. Frederick Schneid, professor of history, said that he made Sager's job interesting with requests for obscure books, especially one on the history of Swedish military operations in the Baltic during the



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MCLEAN

FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS SAY FAREWELL TO SAGER (CENTER) ON HER FINAL WORK DAY.

Napoleonic wars. Dr. Peng Deng, professor of history, stated, "Pat could always find what I needed and give me an answer in a few days. Her leaving is a great loss to the University because people make a library, and the library is one of the most important parts of a university, like a heart."

Sager will be moving to New Bern with her husband to retire by the water. In the meantime, she will miss her co-workers, who have become good friends.

La-Nita Williams, who works in circulation services, said, "She is a super-nice person and always willing to help out. You couldn't ask for a better co-worker." Judith Hitchcock, director of library services, said that Sager was like the social director. She remembered all

or frustrated when trying to find a source, she didn't let her feelings get in the way of helping a student.

"She is very good with people," said David Bryden, head of reference services. "The students warm up to her quickly, but she never interferes. It's a good skill that takes a while to learn, and she's flawless."

Sager said that she will miss her co-workers, whom she said went to the "nth degree" to help others, and the students, who were always very appreciative. Sophomore Amanda Gillis has worked with Sager in interlibrary loan and said that she'll miss her smile. "She never stops smiling, even when someone gets frustrated with research or asks what they think is a stupid question." Sophomore Robin Sherman agreed and added, "She's easy-going and a person I could talk to. I'm going to miss her help and her smile."

Replacing Sager will be Mrs. Susan Burge, who previously worked in the president's office. Sager said that Burge is doing a great job, but Sager added that she had to keep reminding herself that "this is Susan's job." Burge said, "Pat is wonderful and I'm going to miss her. I didn't realize everything her job entailed; it's a lot. But I love finding out new things and looking for books and I am very excited about all of this."

"I've had a really good time and I would stay if I could," said Sager. "But I guess life is nothing but change."

Maintenance man reforms his life to become a friend to students and founder of a church

By Mary Mathews
Staff Writer

HPU's 6th Street residents know Danny Keene as their faithful maintenance man, but behind the tool box and friendly smile, he is a caring pastor who takes time to show students the importance of working hard at following their dreams.

Ever since Market Place Management appointed the 47-year-old Keene as the maintenance man last July, he can be spotted up and down the three new 6th Street apartments, smiling as he fixes almost everything. The student reaction to this new addition to the privileges of living in the apartments has been so positive that almost all of the Panthers there are on a first-name basis with Danny.

Two-year resident Kristen Frieberger says, "Danny is always around and willing to fix everything right when you ask him to. Seeing him work so hard at keeping us happy and safe, all with a positive attitude, I think puts a smile on all of our faces to know that he doesn't only care about our apartment but about all of us."

As the school year has progressed and there have been problems with disposals and dish washers, students have found that Danny's twists and turns through life have made him someone that they can learn from. Danny says, "I just got to be well rounded with a lot of things, getting to relate to people."

Born and raised in Buchanan County,

Va., Danny had to drop out of the eleventh grade to help support his family when his father was injured in a coal-mining job. For the next 15 years, Danny worked in coal mines as deep as 1300 feet; he compared such places to underground cities. He performed various jobs in the coal mining industry, gaining his coal preparation license, and now considers himself lucky to have that experience.

However, this positive outlook wasn't always in Danny's life. He categorizes himself as a bad boy whose nick-

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name "Snake" and bad reputation followed him around. From age 21, he had been having

trouble finding something substantial in his life. Although he didn't learn much about church when he was growing up, a friend of his invited him to a sermon. In the middle of the sermon, Danny walked down the aisle to the front and started to pray.

"Everyone probably thought that I was leaving. I can't even remember what I prayed, but I know that I gave my heart to the Lord then," he recalls.

Danny started to change his life. He stopped dating, and he started concentrating on serving the Lord, praying and wait-

ing for the Lord to send him someone. A year later, he met his wife-to-be, Becky, in church and has been married for 24 years. He got his GED at the age of 31 and has graduated from Colorado Bible College as a pastor. He and his wife now live in Trinity, south of High Point, and they have been blessed with two children, Josiah, 23, and Jessica, 22, and an 18-month-old grandson whom he calls "Pooh Bear." The child can often be found tagging along with and idolizing his granddad on the job.

Off the job here at HPU, Danny is fulfilling his dream by starting a church in Asheboro. As of now there is no name

for the church, but he plans eventually to turn it into a Bible college. As Danny waits for his church to develop, he thinks of his experience here as another part of his education.

"Most people categorize college students to be the same, but working with High Point students, I have found that it's not true. It has been a very good experience because it is so diverse, and I see that all the students' hopes and dreams are different," he observes. In turn, he has also become a learning experience to 6th Street residents every time they turn the corner and see the smiling man who never gave up and came out on top.

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cil proposal to rename College Drive to commemorate King—resistance that preserved the name of the street.

Achieving brotherhood, tearing down walls, advocating equality, embracing one another without attempting to change each other—Williams stressed the importance of these ideals expressed by King.

He added that he has not adapted to social inequality, that he was glad to be "maladjusted" when it came to accepting the unjust treatment of minorities. Williams' themes echoed King's memorable proclamation in his "I Have a Dream" speech that with

renewed effort "We will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a symphony of brotherhood."

Williams stated that a university is a place of exchanging and embracing ideas, a place of progress. He asked how the High Point community and High Point University can work to exchange and embrace the ideas of Dr. King.

Are we going to allow the continued victimization of "sophisticated segregation" to persist, or will we as a community work towards a society experiencing the victory of fulfilling King's dream?

Smith garners awards in poetry and short story categories at Phoenix Literary Festival

By Amanda Roberts
A&E Editor

The 34th annual Phoenix Literary Festival occurred last November, drawing submissions from the University's depths of literary talent while showcasing work from high school students around the state.

Receiving the Award of Excellence, senior Gena Smith won first place in the short story category and second place in poetry for the second year in a row.

"The Bridge" tells the story of a girl remembering a relationship fondly. While she and a boy were dating, they would always walk to the bridge, look at it, but never cross it. He leaves her abruptly, staying away for two years, and she, now working as a

waitress, still does not know why. When she receives a note on a napkin, stating

"Meet me at the bridge," she believes that he has returned. She arrives to find him there; he does not explain his absence, and they finally walk across the bridge.

"This piece has sentimental value. It's close to my heart and it came from my heart," Smith said. "I didn't think it would win. The piece I wrote last year, about a homeless man, has more value to me. It took more effort

and imagination. Everyone experiences relationships, but I've never been in the position of a homeless person."

Winning first place in poetry this year was junior Rebecca Fleming with her poem "Walter Blythe, 1915." It finds its basis in L.M. Montgomery's "Rilla of Ingleside," which is set during World War I. In the poem, Walter Blythe

explains to his sister why he is leaving to fight in the war.

"I didn't like the way Walter handled the whole situation of explaining why he enlisted — so I took the creative license to change it a little in my

ing Poetry class.

"I wrote deeper poems when I was in that class. It showed me that there are drafts of poetry, like there are drafts for

stories. Hodge pressed us to fix out poetry to be the best," Smith stated. Smith did not write "Drought" for the poetry class, but Fleming wrote her poem under a "looming deadline" set by Hodge.



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

DR. JOHN MOEHLMANN WITH WINNER GENA SMITH AT PHOENIX FESTIVAL AWARDS CEREMONY

2004 Phoenix Literary Festival Winners

Short Story Category:

First Place: Gena Smith

Second Place: Justin Spinks

Honorable Mention: Emily Miles

Poetry Category:

First Place: Rebecca Fleming

Second Place: Gena Smith

Honorable Mention: Lauren Croughan, Trevor McDonald, Derek Shealey, Rebecca Fleming

poem," Fleming said, citing that as her source of inspiration.

Smith, winning second place with her poem, "Drought," contrasted writing in academic subjects with creative writing.

"It's like swimming when you're used to running. You work more muscles than you ever thought were there," she said.

Both women said they drew inspiration from Dr. Marion Hodge's Writ-

Fleming writes poetry because of a love of words. "The feeling you get when a line or two- or four - come together in just the right way, the words falling in line perfectly," inspires her and keeps her writing.

Junior Justin Spinks won second place for his short story, "Stay or Leave," and sophomore Emily Miles received an honorable mention for her story, "Love."

In poetry, Lauren Croughan, Trevor McDonald, Derek Shealey and Fleming received honorable mentions.

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Marrakech. In Morocco there are many beautiful hand-carved gates. Before they left to go sight-seeing, Thornton told her sister-in-law not to tell any of the locals to move out of the way to take a picture. Ignoring Thornton's advice, her sister-in-law wanted to take a quick picture of a gate so she told the children and men standing in front of the gate to move to the side. The children and men began spitting at her and throwing stones at her and the car.

Moroccans did not like their picture taken. Thornton explained that they believed, "A picture would mean that you had captured their souls."

The men did not like a woman telling them what to do.

"Women couldn't do anything; they belonged to their husbands and that was it," said Thornton.

After living in Morocco, Thornton's husband was stationed in Puerto Rico. During that time, Thornton had to return to the U.S. because her father had a second disabling heart attack. She and her husband were separated for seven years because she felt it was her duty to stay in Virginia and care for her eld-

erly parents.

After 20 years of service, Thornton's husband retired from the Navy in 1986 and went to work for Lea Industries in Richmond, Va. (Lea Industries became Ladd and was then bought by Lazy Boy).

After his retirement, Thornton was still able to experience different traditions within the U.S. The company her

husband worked for required them to move from Richmond to Waynesville, N.C., to Kenbridge, Va., to Martinsville,

Va. and finally to Greensboro.

Thornton felt an added stress being a Navy wife.

"You worry about your family," she said. She explained that she very seldom saw her family because it was expensive to fly. The navy would not pay for flights to see family.

Thornton still hopes to continue traveling. She said that one day she would like to go back to Morocco and see some of the friends she made while living there.

She also said excitedly, "I want to go to Australia someday."

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'The Aviator' brings an American giant to life

DiCaprio shines as the eccentric Howard Hughes

By **Andrea Griffith**
Editor in Chief

Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator" may not provide many insights that explain the various idiosyncrasies of Howard Hughes, but the film avoids the formulaic approach that many biopics employ, making for a refreshing piece of cinema.

The film depicts the life of an American giant—an aviator, a filmmaker and a playboy. But little time is spent exploring Hughes' childhood; in fact,

only one scene, at the film's opening, is dedicated to the first 20 years of his life. From there, the film covers the landmark years of Hughes' life, from 1927 to 1947.

The audience, in effect, revisits the headlines of Hughes' day. The film's beginning reveals Hughes incessant work ethic as he creates the World War I air epic "Hell's Angels." From there, the film chronicles the many adventures of Hughes as he purchases Trans World Airlines, sets speed records as a pilot, designs stronger and larger aircrafts, survives a horrendous plane crash, woos famous actresses like Ava Gardner and Jean Harlow, and battles Sen. Owen Brewster who accuses Hughes of stealing from the government. Hughes' parents do not play starring roles, and we do not see his final reclusive years. Instead, the film follows Hughes to the pinnacle of his success and uncovers the beginnings of his downfall. We see Hughes' most public years, just like the general population of his time.

By heavily focusing on the most important segment of Hughes' life, the film avoids the predictable approach of revealing a character's life from beginning to

end. We learn that Hughes is an obsessive-compulsive germ phobic, but we don't really learn why. Somehow, it doesn't matter.

The film does not try to accomplish too much. The filmmakers realized that both a synopsis of Hughes' feats and a

psychological analysis of his personality could not be accurately portrayed in three hours. Forced to pick a solid direction, they opted for the synopsis. In



DICAPRIO AND STEFANI IN 'THE AVIATOR'

2005, when many people may not be familiar with Hughes' name, the filmmakers recognized that it was more important to highlight Hughes' life and resurrect his glory years than to attempt a behind-the-scenes look that few would understand the significance of.

Leonardo DiCaprio gives a convincing performance as the stammering perfectionist Hughes. But the standout performance comes from Cate Blanchett, who provides a spot-on imitation of actress Katharine Hepburn. In a parade of stars in supporting roles and cameos, the film also features Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda, John C. Reilly, Gwen Stefani and Jude Law, who has given a contribution to just about every successful film this year.

The film's three hour running time seems a guaranteed gate to boredom, but the time is short as Hughes' eccentricities accumulate and his sanity withers.

In a year that has embraced the biographic film genre, "The Aviator" proves that reality can sometimes captivate more than many imaginative works of fiction.

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'Kinsey...' receives no conservative acclaim

Conservatives decry movie, stating data accumulated for movie affected laws relating to sex crimes

By **Sam Shepherd**
Staff Writer

The movie "Kinsey, Let's Talk About Sex" offers an unofficial biography of Dr. Alfred Kinsey, who some say "saved America from the Victorian tyranny of sexual ignorance." The researcher is praised for founding the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University and for his books on the sexual behavior of Americans, which shocked and enlightened readers in the mid-20th century.

Both the film and Alfred Kinsey himself have come under furious attack by conservative commentators who maintain that the doctor was a pervert. This review is based primarily on evidence from those sources.

Many agree that Kinsey's work benefited science and medicine at a time when doctors could not even answer

questions from married couples with sexual problems. But they question the scholar's motives, contending that it was Kinsey and his wife's own sexual problems that prompted his research.

Conservative scholars have complained that the movie does not show the true Kinsey, nor does it reflect that Kinsey's conclusions have been proven false during the past decade. Liberal lawyers and the Kinsey Institute have praised the movie, referring to Kinsey positively as the "father of the sexual revolution."

The film presents Kinsey as a hero

of young married couples with sexual problems. Yet many law enforcement agencies would consider him a criminal, and some in the science community call his work biased. The movie shows

Kinsey and his team interviewing average citizens such as teachers, housewives and factory workers. However, right-wing commentators insist that Kinsey relied on statistics from pedophiles, sex offenders, pimps, and prostitutes, referring to them as average Americans.

Dr. Judith Reisman, author of "Kinsey, Sex and Fraud," has stated "Kinsey and his associates...encouraged the rape and molestation of children in

the name of science." The movie pictures Kinsey interviewing a man who had a journal of thousands of sexual activities. It does not mention that the man was Fritz Balluseck, a Nazi pedophile later arrested for the rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl in 1956. According to conservative scholars, Kinsey's data led to the elimination or reduction in penalties for sex offenders, including rape and child abuse. The American Legislative Exchange Council reported that "52 laws designed to protect women and children from sex crimes were over-turned or watered down."

James Jones' biography, "Kinsey: a Public/Private Life," depicts Kinsey as a "sodomasochistic bisexual, who used his study of sex to justify his homosexuality and promiscuity." Jones claims Kinsey's books contain biased information pushing his agenda to create a "sexual utopia," whose influence has harmed the nation.

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'Pi' spurns reality, surprises readers

"Life of Pi" by Yann Martel. Harvest Books, 2001. Paperback, 319 pages.

By Josh Farrington
Staff Writer

A deadly 450-pound Bengal tiger, a savage hyena, a matriarchal orangutan, a wounded zebra, and an Indian boy; these are the main characters of Yann Martel's novel, "Life of Pi." All five are the sole survivors of a shipwreck in the middle of the Pacific, and all five are stranded onboard a single lifeboat. Martel manages to make this wildly implausible scenario become real to even the most skeptical reader. However, Martel is even bolder in his claim that this story will make the reader "believe in God."

Pi Patel is the son of a zookeeper and has a soul that yearns for God. In his search for God, Pi often prays to the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ, Allah and Vishnu, believing them all to be paths to God. Pi's father, upset with the domestic politics of India, decides to move to Canada. The Patel family, along with their animals, boards a poorly kept Japanese cargo ship in hopes of a better life. In the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the ship has a mysterious internal explosion and quickly sinks to the bottom of the ocean. Hours later, the only evidence the giant ship had ever even existed was a tiny lifeboat with one boy and five wild animals aboard.

Initially, the unconscious tiger has little influence aboard the lifeboat, and the hyena dominates the small vessel, killing both the zebra and the orangutan. Once the tiger awakes, however, he quickly devours the hyena, cutting the list of survivors to two: one tiger and one boy.

The rest of the novel brutally details Pi's struggle to survive with not only little food and water in the middle of a salt-

water desert, but also his constant struggle to escape becoming the next victim of a hungry tiger. Pi is constantly on the verge of death, but is also constantly on the receiving end of countless miracles, ranging from a school of fish jumping right into the lifeboat, to a miles-long floating island of nutritious algae. However, this is not a just a story for those with big imaginations who can image a floating Garden of Eden made of algae. The vast majority of Pi's time aboard the lifeboat is spent surviving perilous weather, hunger and thirst, and, when Pi is lucky, eating "food" that would make even the bravest winner of "Fear Factor" wince.

The concluding chapters of the novel starkly contrast with Pi's struggle aboard the lifeboat. In fact, they provide a "surprise ending" that leaves even the most astute reader somewhat shocked and transforms the work from a mere story of survival to somewhat of a modern parable that attempts to prove the existence and necessity of God.

Not many novelists claim to have written a story that will make their readers believe in God. Yann Martel's "Life of Pi" boldly pronounces from its preface to its conclusion that it is a novel that will make believers of us all. After reading such a remarkable claim in the first five pages, I expected a powerful, moving novel that would reaffirm my own faith in God. What I actually received was a powerful, moving novel at odds with my faith in God. Although I was initially disappointed by Martel's ultimate conclusion, which essentially reduced God to mere fantasy and human conjecture, I found the "surprise ending" to be a profound statement for the necessity of God in an evil world. Unfortunately, the God that is needed isn't the "God" offered by Martel.

Rice a rare jewel in overproduced industry

By Andrea Griffith
Editor in Chief

Singer-songwriter Damien Rice may have released his album *O* in 2003, but Mike Nichols' film "Closer" has recently brought further attention to the critically acclaimed Irish artist.

Rice's haunting ballad "The Blower's Daughter" is played in its entirety at the beginning of "Closer" and again at the conclusion. The song's conveyance of obsession fits perfectly with the film's theme of predatory lust as two couples become engrossed in infidelities. "Can't take my eyes off of you/Did I say that I loathe you?/Did I say that I want to leave it all behind?/Can't take my mind off of you," Rice sings, his fervor growing as the verses progress accompanied by a simple cello arrangement.

Rarely has a movie trailer captured the attention of weary television-viewers like this.

Rarely has a film been so enhanced by a single song.

And that's only the beginning of Rice's talent. His entire album is a tribute to the days when music was a true form of expression, before it became a vehicle to stardom and wealth.

Rice is the antithesis of the music industry's increasing tendency to move

toward the overproduced. He recently expressed his disapproval of the industry's standard of booking studio time in advance to record albums; Rice

recorded *O* at home.

Rice proves that, more often than not, less is more. He dazzles and captivates with just the basics: his passionate voice as well as that of soprano Lisa Hannigan, simple guitar melodies and stirring string arrangements.

The album would be far less incredible without the work of Vyvienne Long on the cello. Rice's formula makes for beautiful folk songs of raw, emotional intensity.

The entire album could serve as a movie soundtrack—it's soft enough to keep the focus on the actors on screen, but powerful enough to punctuate great movie moments. It's quiet background music, but its passion makes it captivating enough to cut through all other noise in the room. The dark obsession in Rice's voice is palpable as he moves from breathy desperation to screaming exclamation. His songs are dramatic works, with soaring highs and desperate lows.

If only the rest of the music industry could rise to this level of brilliance.



DAMIEN RICE'S SONG "THE BLOWER'S DAUGHTER" WAS USED IN THE MIKE NICHOLS' FILM "CLOSER," STARRING JUDE LAW AND NATALIE PORTMAN.



New Eminem album controversial; Green Day deserving of its Grammy nominations

"Hot Fuss" Grammy-bound, Gwen Stefani solo album reeks of shameless self-promotion

By Lauren Croughan
Staff Writer

Pop

Gwen Stefani
Love. Angel. Music. Baby

The music gods need to hit the smite button on the lead singer from No Doubt, as this travesty of an album needs to be boycotted, and to get flashed across the screen using that emergency broadcast system we hear so much about. This album was shameless self-promotion for her clothing line L.A.M.B. that is also the title, as well as mentioned frequently. "Rich Girl" is catchy, and "What You Waiting For" is a party tune; otherwise the album has no redeeming qualities. Even the social



protest song "Long Way to Go" recorded with Andre 3000 from Outkast was half-hearted. This was probably one of the worst albums I have listened to since William Shatner. F

Hip Hop/Rap

Eminem
Encore

Not surprisingly, Eminem has created more controversy with his new album. While I am not a huge fan of him, he has earned my respect in the music scene. "Like Toy Soldiers" absolutely blew my mind, and "Mosh" sent chills down my spine. This album has some politically motivated songs and features 50 Cent, who has an

album coming out next month, as well as D-12 and Dr. Dre. There are 20 tracks on the CD, which rather surprised me, and it is accompanied by a three-track bonus CD. This was a good album and I believe it deserves an A-

Hard Rock

Green Day
American Idiot

If anyone deserves to win a Grammy or seven, the number they are nominated for, it is this band.

Green Day has paved the way for most modern punk bands, and even though everyone including the immortal Billie Joe is almost 33, they still are hot and their music still rocks. The music was stunning, the lyrics were powerful, and they showed

they had something to say. This album is one of my favorites. A

Rock

The Killers
Hot Fuss

I heard "Somebody Told Me" over a year ago when I fell in love with this band. Santa may have redeemed my faith in him when I received this album for Christmas. This album, reminiscent of The Strakes, has catchy tunes like the

recent hit, "Mr. Brightside" and interesting lyrics. I found not a bad song on the CD, and some of the songs reminded me of 1970s-1980s music. The Killers are nominated for a Grammy or two and have taken the music scene by storm. A



SGA Vice President hard at work with plans for spring semester

By Mandy Kuhn
Staff Writer

Showing pride in HPU, accommodating student's opinions and bringing all organizations together are what drives Nicole Armer to do her best as vice president of SGA. Dedication and time management help her to achieve her aspirations as an officer and fellow Panther.

"I was always really involved in SGA in high school, and I wanted to continue to be a leader in college," said Armer. As a freshman in 2001, Armer was a class officer and student senator, helping her to become more involved with the school and students. In 2003, she was elected vice president and has now been an active leader for two years. Past goals she has reached include successful Family Weekend programs and new student orientation in 2004, which is remembered by many freshmen and staff members as the most successful orientation ever.

"I spent two months on designing the staff orientation shirts because I wanted to please everyone and make them feel like they were part of the Panther family," she said. The shirts were a vibrant kelly green with palm trees on the front and back. The message on the back of the shirt read, "You've got questions, we've got answers," followed by orientation staff 2004.

All students who have ever attended the Homecoming dance have seen Armer's enthusiasm and hard work. From

the confetti and centerpieces on the tables to the good food and bus rides back to campus, Armer is recognized as being an excellent social event planner.

"The Homecoming dance is for all students and alumni to show their pride and support for their school," said Nicole.

Armer's Advice:

"Remember to be organized, responsible, and don't feel bad if you don't always get recognized."

Another dance Nicole plans every winter is Snowball. This year the 4th annual Snowball will be held Feb. 19. She wants to get more people to attend. "I want students to see that Snowball is just as big an event as Homecoming except for that it's a dance for the students, not the alumni," she said.

Nicole has many goals in store for spring 2005. Armer stated that, "In April I'd like to hold a campus and community wide fundraiser to raise money for kids with terminal illnesses." The event will be called "Cards for a Cause" and a poker tournament will be played throughout the day followed by a kid's carnival, various campus-wide competitions and a concert

by a well-known band.

"I hope it will be the biggest charity fundraiser to hit High Point. It will bring everyone together. Greeks will work alongside independents, and college Republicans alongside Democrats. Everyone will be working for the same cause," said Armer.

As a leader on campus, Armer has to work with her fellow officers. "The HPU senate is made up of a lot of people who hold important leadership roles, but those roles come with strong opinions. It's hard to please everyone, so you have to please the majority while trying to accommodate to the minority," said Armer. In the past

SGA has wanted to have groups such as Outcast perform for Homecoming, but the school lacks funds. Armer stated, "We are a small school, so we don't have as much money to have huge concerts."

Nicole has one more semester to serve as vice president and wants to offer advice to the student who fills her position: "Remember to be organized, responsible and don't feel bad if you don't always get recognized. As vice president you will do a lot of behind-the-scenes work. Remember that you will be representing the entire student body and not to take everything personally. You can't please everyone. Most importantly show pride in your school and have fun!"

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Gamma Delta would like to welcome students back to school, hoping everyone had a happy holiday! We would like to wish all sororities and fraternities good luck on spring recruitment, as we are looking forward to the opportunity of meeting new potential members this week. We are installing new officers, which places Nicole Harper as our new president for this calendar year. Alpha Gamma Delta would like to wish Sister Paige Welch a wonderful semester abroad as she travels to Spain. Good luck, Paige! A couple of our sisters can be seen around campus this next week working hard. Sarah Dixon is taking on the role of "Papa," and Keller Lindler is working as technical director in High Point Theatre's production of "Hansel and Gretel." We hope that you can come and see Sarah in one of her many upcoming shows. Alpha Gamma Delta hopes that everyone has a great first few weeks in this spring semester and prays for warm weather to come.

Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is holding Rush week for the 2005 Spring Semester the week of Jan. 31. The kickoff event will be held Monday the 31st with pizza and fellowship. Alpha Phi Omega is a co-ed service fraternity that is involved with many campus service activities like paper recycling and outside service like Habitat for Humanity and working with the Red Cross. For more information or any questions, please contact Ashley Jessup at Jessua04@highpoint.edu

Kappa Delta

After a much-needed winter break, Kappa Delta Sorority is heading into spring with a lot of anticipation of the many things that are planned. We have been busy preparing for formal rush and look forward to meeting all of the girls who will be participating this year. We wish all the sororities luck during the stressful but rewarding week.

February will bring our annual Crush party at Triangle, so, boys, be ready to break out those ties! The entire month will also be spent organizing both this year's 50th Anniversary celebrations and our annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run. The sisters are looking forward to our White Rose Formal this year, which will observe our 50 years here at High Point. All are excited to meet alumnae from years past, including our first initiate! Fundraisers for this event are being planned for the next couple of months, and any help would be greatly appreciated!

Our Shamrock Event will be held on April 2, so mark it in your calendars now! This annual 5K run brings both the campus and the community together to raise awareness for Prevent Child Abuse America. A lot of hard work is being put in by our chair Connie Wicks, and we are grateful for everything she has done. Please come out and offer support!

Meanwhile, Kappa Delta is enjoying the indoor intramural soccer season, going to the basketball games, having a few mixers here and there and gearing up for the amazing semester ahead.

Sport and Physical Education Club to hold Movement for Heart event for Heart Association

By Bethany Davoll
Sports Editor

On March 23 the Sport and Physical Education Club (SPEC) will be putting on an event to raise money for the American Heart Association. For the past three years, High Point University has won an award from the AHA for its fund-raising efforts including the 'Most Dollars Raised, College' award for the past two years.

The effort began in 2000, when HPU was the first university or college to hold a fund-raising event for the AHA. Led by senior Mirva Maenpaa who was doing the fund-raiser as part of a case study for her senior seminar project, \$150 was raised through a Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart event. With more experience for the following year, Misti Ward took over the cause for her senior seminar project, expanding the venture to Movement for Heart and raising \$800. HPU won its first award from the AHA that year, the 'Highest Percentage Increase' award and would use many of the new ideas to continue to

strengthen the Movement for Heart program on campus.

In 2002-2003, Eric Staples took over the organizational efforts and enlisted the aid of other campus organizations to help make the event an even bigger success and raised \$1,000.

Eleven hundred dollars was raised in

"So far, we have not been beaten by another college or university. Hopefully we won't be beaten this year."

-Dr. Martie Bell

2003-2004, when the event moved over to the graduate school where the Sports Studies program

put on the fund-raiser and introduced door prizes, which helped make the Movement for Heart the biggest success yet with almost more door prizes donated than they could give out in the event.

Dr. Martie Bell has overseen the fund-raiser, which has grown from its first year of \$150 to last year when it raised \$1,100.

Says Dr. Bell, "So far, we have not been beaten by another college or university. Hopefully we won't be beaten this year."

This year SPEC will be running the event with the help of the Sports Studies graduate program and looks to continue its trend of raising more money than the previous year.

The event will take place March 23, and students can pay \$5 each to walk laps around the Millis Gym, with the chance to win door prizes including t-shirts, water bottles, gift certificates and more.

Organizations are encouraged to contact SPEC president Sarah Haak if they would like to participate and help raise money for the American Heart Association.

The funds raised will go to the AHA, which puts much of the money back into North Carolina to help support cardiovascular research. The pace-maker was invented in North Carolina by funds given from the AHA, and HPU hopes to continue its award-winning efforts to raise money for the cause.

T. Blanton
(Expectations and what I want to accomplish)

College Republicans

The College Republicans would like to welcome everyone back to school. We hope that everyone had a restful break.

This is going to be an exciting semester for the CR's. Our inauguration party celebrating the re-election of President Bush was outstanding.

On Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Room, we will be hosting a short video viewing to honor and celebrate Ronald Reagan's birthday. Pizza will be served!

Also, we will be hosting a lecture by Reginald Jones titled, "Betrayal: Sold Out by the Civil Rights Movement" that will take place on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. We will inform you of the location at a later date.

Everyone is welcome, so mark your calendars for these must-see events! Help us support President Bush for four more years!

Zeta Tau Alpha

The girls of Zeta Tau Alpha are beautiful, classy and intelligent. Their contributions are not only towards HPU but also to the community of High Point.

As with any sorority or fraternity these girls are closer to one another than you can imagine.

Before Fall Break, I had an opportunity to interview the president of ZTA-Katie Martine.

Katie named some of the community programs that her sorority participated with in the Fall, and gives us an idea of what to expect in Spring 2005.

She said, "Our organization including others on campus participated in service projects, wherein she said "we went to local high schools, and spent two hours helping and mentoring disabled kids."

In addition, she said in October 2004 they painted the street path, in an effort to raise money for Breast Cancer Association.

In the Spring, they will be hosting their annual golf tournament, which will be sponsored by local businesses and HPU families.

She indicated their academic standard is very good, and that the best thing about their organization is "we are very diverse... I mean every sister has their own individuality that they bring to the organization."

When she mentioned diversity, I decided to ask her about ethnic diversity. She said "We are open to all people with different background and ethnicity."

She mentioned that being a member of ZTA will give you an opportunity for leadership in their executive council.

Also pledges instantly gain friends, a good resume and most importantly the possibility of a scholarship. Their last scholarship was given to Angela Garvin.

Katie's advice to those who wish to rush in the Spring semester is "every organization on campus is outstanding and unique in their own way, therefore it will be better to pick a sorority that is good for you or one that you fit into, and you connect with."

-Mo Kamara

Theta Chi

Theta Chi Fraternity would like to

welcome all the students back from break! We hope that everyone enjoyed the time off and the holiday. As we rapidly approach Recruitment Week for Greek Life, Theta Chi encourages anyone interested to attend the rush events. Find out what Greek Life is about for yourself, not from others. See you there!

We would like to congratulate our new executive members of Theta Chi;

President: Dan Wolff; Vice President: Joshua Jackson; Secretary: Chris Conlan; Treasurer: Teddy Gamache; Marshal: Josh Shiflet. Theta Chi would also like to congratulate all the other newly elected positions being held; we know everyone will do a great job.

Recently, Theta Chi had a fundraising car wash for the Tsunami victims and we've raised nearly \$300 for the cause. Help support us, along with other organizations on campus in raising money.



THETA CHIS HOLD CAR WASH TO RAISE TSUNAMI FUNDS

Panther in the Spotlight: Katie O'Dell is excelling

By Bethany Davoll
Staff Writer

When junior Katie O'Dell takes the floor on the basketball court, you know who is in control. The 5'10" All-Big South Conference guard represents both herself and her family when she takes charge during the game, showing an aggressive and consistent style of play that has earned her accolades all throughout her ball-playing career.

Katie O'Dell was born in Bristol, Tenn., and grew up in Sullivan County, on the outskirts of Bristol. O'Dell started playing organized basketball when she was four years old, on a YMCA team, where she first started to dominate on the basketball court. She also participated on baseball, volleyball, track, cross country and softball teams, and in high school she was an All-Conference volleyball player to go along with the numerous accolades she won as a basketball player. For O'Dell, family has always been an integral part of her playing career, and a close-knit family is one thing she takes with her wherever sports carry her.

When she was growing up, O'Dell shadowed Andy, her older brother by 18 months, saying, "Playing with him in the backyard, I always wanted to be like my brother...He had a lot to do with how rough and how aggressive I am today." O'Dell often shares stories of the fights and pranks she and her brother, a former athlete himself, would get into when they were children.

The aggressive style brother Andy

pushed upon O'Dell is a main reason why she is an All-Conference player and why she continues to be a player opposing teams focus their defenses on. O'Dell was named the first Big South Conference Player of the Week of the season and is currently averaging 16.3 ppg and 9.0 rpg, both second in the Big South. Although O'Dell is under 6' she doesn't let that stop her from pulling down tough rebounds and leads the Big South in offensive boards per game with 3.29.

O'Dell's father also played a large part in her style of play and perseverance. "My dad taught me to be hard on myself, to always strive to do the best I can," she says. "Even though I did get criticized a lot when I was younger, looking back I realize he was doing it for the best. It took about 10 years to figure that out, but I wouldn't be the player I am today without my father."

O'Dell knows not to take success for granted and continues to work hard. Her mother makes sure of that. O'Dell recalls that "(she) taught me to be a good example for those who watch me, especially the younger ones...to not curse and be mouthy. She also taught me to not take my athletic ability for granted, to thank God for everything...You never know, one day it could be taken away."

With the guidance of her family members, Katie O'Dell continues to train hard and improve her skills. "I've always had a lot of pressure on me from the very beginning. I've always been expected to go out there and play my best," she says. And as this All-Conference guard has shown, with the help of your family and perseverance, great things are sure to come.



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KATIE O'DELL

'Tis the season for football

By Rebecca Fleming
Staff Writer

Caution: The following scenario may be shocking and/or disturbing to some readers.

It is a chilly Sunday afternoon, and a family is gathered in its living room. From the outside, they look like a "normal" family—a mom and dad, a sister and a brother. Oh, and a couple of cats. There is a book in the girl's lap, open but unread. I want you to watch the girl for a moment or two. Everyone is looking toward the television, and in the next moment the girl snaps to attention and the book slides to the floor.

"Go baby, go baby, go! Throw it!" she exclaims. Now, for an interjection by the omniscient narrator. What you have just "witnessed" is a scene from my own life. Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the fall and winter find my family crashed on the floor and in the chairs of our living room. The object of our devoted attentions? Football, baby.

A professed girlie girl, I am also an enthusiastic fan of football. This interest often surprises people, as I am not athletic by any stretch of the imagination. I'd much rather curl up with a book and one of my kitties than participate in a game of pick-up ball. I'd rather play the piano than go jogging. In short, I do not do sports or other events of athletic proportions.

The question arises: why football? What is it that makes me squeal and clap and groan as my team labors on the field? Even I cannot answer that question completely. However, I can trace the growth of this love.

Three years ago, my dad started teaching at a local high school. He had several football players in his classes, so Friday nights found us at the games cheering on "Mr. Fleming's boys." At first I was only mildly interested, finding it more amusing to give mental makeovers to the people around me. As the season continued, I began to watch with more interest—asking questions about plays, calls and rules. By the last game, I was well on my way to a new appreciation and enjoyment of this thing.

The years since have found me watching every football game that comes on my TV. I keep up with high school games—pulling for friends' schools and sometimes against them. College games are always fun: the Volunteers, Gators, Seminoles, "Dawgs" and Auburn are frequent favorites. And the NFL? I catch every Panthers game I can. I also pull for the Colts, Falcons, Bucs, Titans and, depending on whom they're playing, the Patriots. If my team-selection seems a bit random, it is. I would attempt to explain, but my sports-fanatic friends would shake their heads in despair. Right now, they have hope I might amount to something, and if I were to reveal my selection process, well, it wouldn't be pretty. Instead, I will give them something to hold onto and remember the next time they see me giggling about a dress or some other girlie-thing: This girlie girl is a die-hard football-girl who can keep up with stats and miscellaneous trivia facts. She will cheer her chosen team on its way to the Super Bowl, and she has been known to call a penalty before her armchair-announcer dad.

Men's team starting to live up to expectations

By **Jake Lawrence**
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team entered the season with lofty expectations, as various publications chose them to finish first or second in the Big South Conference. Through the first five games of the conference season, they have matched all expectations. After enduring over 10,000 miles of travel and a sluggish non-conference start, the Panthers have fought back from a 3-8 record and won six of their last seven to push their record to an even 9-9, as of Jan. 21.

The conference season began Jan. 3,

and High Point celebrated the new year with three straight home wins over Liberty, Birmingham Southern and UNC-Asheville. As many remember, Liberty was the team that thoroughly embarrassed HPU last year in the conference championship, and Birmingham-Southern was the only other school picked to finish above High Point this year. The Panthers welcomed them all appropriately and sent all three back home with a loss after running them out of the gym.

The team then took off for a two-game swing against Charleston Southern and Coastal Carolina and came away with a 4-1 record in the Big South, with the

one loss coming to league-leading Charleston Southern. They rebounded two days later against Coastal Carolina and defeated the Chanticleers 79-64, led by Mark Wilson's 21 points and Titus Byrd's seven assists. The Panthers also made 13 steals on their way to forcing 25 turnovers. They held Coastal Carolina, the league's most efficient three-point shooting team, to only 4-20 from behind the arc and just 36 percent shooting for the entire game.

That stingy defense is a growing trademark of this year's team, as it has enjoyed numerous double-digit victories in recent weeks, although that was not the case in the first part of the season. Back then, the team struggled as it endured one of the toughest schedules in the Big South. They did not play against a Division I opponent until they arrived in Anchorage, Alaska to participate in the prestigious Great Alaskan Shootout, where they opened the first two rounds against Oklahoma and Utah. They left a week later with three losses, including a one-point defeat to the host school, University of Alaska-Anchorage. After it was all said and done, the Panthers had played three games in 39 hours due to the tournament brackets and scheduling of games. They then came home and promptly flew to the Midwest for another six-day road trip to challenge Creighton and Michigan. The result was two more losses, the effect of the traveling having a deep impact on the outcomes of those games.

The team returned from Christmas break rejuvenated, cohesive and as hungry as ever to prove to people that they are even better than advertised. Jerry Echenique, one of the Big South's most underrated low post players, provides a giant target inside, and often draws double teams in the post, leaving shooting guard Zion White, who is sinking over 43 percent behind the arc, open in the corner to knock down the three. And of course, Danny Gathings, the Big South's reigning Player of the Year, often draws the opposing team's best defensive player, but is still averaging 14 points and seven rebounds a game. Important contributions are also coming from starting point guard Titus Byrd, post player Issa Konare and the rest of the Panther squad.

The Panthers have entered conference play as one unit and continually strive to improve and play unselfish basketball. In what might also be the deepest team in the league, Akeem Scott, Chris Meeks, Pat Hillman and Landon Quick all provide assistance, with all four averaging more than 10 minutes a game—a stat that is uncommon on many teams. Mark Wilson, a transfer from North Texas, has also proved to be a tremendous spark off the bench after sitting out the first semester due to NCAA transfer regulations.

The casual fan would think all this playing time leads to friction among the players, but the recent results have proved otherwise. For the moment, it seems to be the magic formula for a team that could not buy a win a few months ago.

Panthers' fan finds other teams to root for against the Patriots

By **Amanda Roberts**
A & E Editor

I don't want to watch Super Bowl XXXIX. But I will.

When the Carolina Panthers lost seven games in a row, I almost stopped caring about football completely for the season. The Panthers are my team; I've followed them for 10 years. When they made their run to the Super Bowl last year, I was disappointed in their loss, but that close defeat fueled my dislike for the Patriots.

The Patriots are a good team — no, they are a great team. There is a good possibility that the Patriots with Bill Belichick and Tom Brady will be remembered as one of the great dynasties. We could be seeing history in the making.

But to get to that point, they have to make it through the Philadelphia Eagles with Donovan McNabb. This marks the fourth time Philly has been to the NFC championship in the past four years, but its sole victory came in this title game against a strong Atlanta Falcons team spearheaded by Michael Vick; any team that can stop Vick deserves to be in the Super Bowl.

Vick played as McNabb had in previous championship games. The frigid temperatures, snow and wind gusts affected his ability to play like himself. Vick ran over 1,000 yards this season — on Sunday, only 26. Last season, Vick broke his leg and the Falcons' performance was abysmal. The team has made a 180 this year; by going to the NFC championship game, they will be expected to perform as well, if not better, than this season.

Last year, I detested the Philadelphia Eagles. Now, they're the only team left standing in the way of another Patriots Super Bowl ring. It's not that I'm going to be cheering for them; it's more that I'm rooting against the Patriots.

Terrell Owens could prove a key to the Eagles offense. If he plays, he has the possibility of reinjuring the ankle he broke Dec. 19. Without him, the Eagles have won each of their games — bringing him back into the mix could foul up the team dynamics that have built up over the past six weeks. His presence on the field

could boost morale, but what if they play cautiously against the solid defense of the Patriots?

The experienced teams dominated the championship games on Sunday.

Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers had an amazing first season. His quarterback rating was 98.1, fifth in the NFL; of the teams who made it to the divisional games, only McNabb had a higher rating. While Brady had more passing yards and more touchdowns, his rating was 92.2 for the season.

The Steelers sparked my interest this season. Watching them while fretting over the fate of my poor Panthers, brutally wracked with injuries, brought me to realizing that there are other teams in the world of the NFL worth watching.

Now, the Packers... that's one team I've liked for a long time, except when they were playing the Panthers. And you know, I don't think it's the team I like, it's Brett Favre. How many quarterbacks can throw the football 70 miles per hour? I'd hate to be on the receiving end of that ball.

Back to my precious Panthers... they made a valiant effort the last half of the season. It seemed like once they realized that Stephen Davis and Steve

Smith were not coming back this season, they started working to win, making ways to win without those two on the offense.

The improvements astounded me — they made amazing plays, utilized the rookies and second (and third) string players. John Fox, in his third season, did not give the fans a winning season; however, with the development of the players, my hope for next season is high — the difference between this year and last is that I will not go around boasting of the Panthers, saying that they'll make it to the Super Bowl. I learned that lesson watching the seven straight losses, the loss to the Falcons and the excruciating loss to the Saints. If they had won that one game, they would have been in the playoffs. I'm not bitter. At least, not yet — if the Patriots win the Super Bowl again, just don't talk to me for three days; I'm going to need the time to sulk.

Next season, I won't boast. In fact, I'm not boasting until the Panthers wear their Super Bowl rings. Go Eagles!



Women's hoop season full of ups and downs

By **Bethany Davoll**
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team faced high pre-season expectations, and although they struggled early in non-conference play, they currently sit at 2-1 in the Big South after victories over Coastal Carolina and Winthrop and a last-minute loss to Charleston Southern.

On Jan. 24, the team traveled to Myrtle Beach to take on the Lady Chants and came away with the 18-point victory, 65-47. Freshman Raven Truslow scored 16 points and pulled down 6 rebounds while junior Katie O'Dell (16.4 ppg, 9.2 rpg) added 15 points and 6 rebounds to help lead HPU over Coastal Carolina. Truslow has moved her way into the starting lineup and has continued to show improved play, while being nominated numerous times for Big South Freshman of the Week honors. Although the Panthers were only up by three at halftime, 23-20, they went on a 42-27 tear in the second half to put the game away. Candyce Sellars had nine points in the game, while senior Emily Mills helped to shut down the Coastal Carolina post players defensively and cleaned up on the boards with nine rebounds.

In their only conference loss of the season, Katie O'Dell, Shorty Martin and Raven Truslow all scored 11 points to front the effort in the 53-50 loss to Charleston Southern. Truslow also added a career-high seven steals, while O'Dell pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds in the game. The Panthers

struggled to get on a roll in the game, unable to find a consistent pace on the offensive side which has been a problem for much of the season. HPU led by as many as seven in the second half, but Charleston Southern went up by one with 57 seconds left in the game and would convert a layup with eight seconds remaining on the clock to seal the win.

Sophomore Candyce Sellars gave the Panthers an exciting 62-61 win at home over Gardner-Webb when she converted on a running jumper with one-tenth of a second remaining in the game after the Bulldogs had just drained a wide-open three-pointer on the previous possession to give them the lead with five seconds remaining. Sellars had 15 points in the game to go along with five rebounds and three steals, while Katie O'Dell added 22 points and two rebounds. Point guard Shorty Martin (12.9 ppg, 2.5 apg) had six assists and five points in the game as well.

The Panthers will be looking for Raven Truslow, Candyce Sellars and Emily Mills to continue to score points and take some of the pressure from opposing defenses off of All-Conference players Katie O'Dell and Shorty Martin. The team will need to have more balanced scoring and better shooting in order to finish where they hoped to be at the beginning of the season—atop the Big South Conference standings, finally putting Liberty out of its nine-year domination in the Conference Championship.



In Sports: Martin leads women's basketball team



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Campus raises tsunami funds

The American Red Cross received \$1,000 toward tsunami relief that the university raised at the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Jan. 29. The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Aramark. In other relief efforts, Theta Chi raised the most for relief funds, collecting \$277.

In addition, the Campus Crusade for Christ raised \$2,637 for Save the Children. The Save the Children Fund has helped refurbish a school, scraping away waist-high layers of mud from classrooms and cleaning up playground equipment outside the school. Save the Children provided boots, shovels, sand, paint, paint brushes and other equipment to support the clean-up effort.

American Red Cross relief workers faced unprecedented challenges in delivering Red Cross aid to tsunami survivors. As of Feb. 8, the American Red Cross had distributed relief items to over 100,000 tsunami survivors in Sri Lanka — reaching just over half of their initial goal. The Red Cross expects to continue distributions for another month.

By Sam Shepherd

Two new staff members come to campus

Kay Meekins, former editor in chief of BizLife Magazine, has been named director of communication on campus. Meekins is the first to hold the position, which was created when Nido Qubein took office as president of the university Jan. 3. Her responsibilities include coordinating marketing, advertising, public relations and external communication for HPU. Meekins has spent more than 20 years in the corporate communications world, holding positions with major U.S. companies, including Magnavox, Sara Lee and Lucia Ladies Sportswear. She joined the staff of BizLife in 1999, after six years of operating her own freelance copywriting business and two years as director of marketing at the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce.

Linda Schumacher has been named new marketing coordinator for the Evening Degree Program. Schumacher is responsible for promoting EDP by organizing special events and creating marketing materials. Schumacher is a 1983 graduate of Appalachian State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in communications. She was previously employed in the Triad at Guilford Technical Community College, American Express, Branch Banking and Trust Co. and First Citizens Bank.

Compiled by Andrea Griffith

'He never complained about work': Relatives give loving tribute to Aramark employee 'FoFo' Fulford

By Gena Smith
Staff Writer

"Jimmy had his own style," said his niece Benita Pierce, 32, whom Jimmy "FoFo" Fulford always called "Bee."

That style was imprinted all over his house. It's in the silver and black patterned couches, the ceramic ducks and elephants, a dinosaur from Jurassic Park in a frame next to the "Footprints in the Sand" story written on a background of the ocean. Seashell decorations hang from the ceiling, and there's a blue plastic clock on the wall.

Jimmy's trademark shades were another sign of his stylin'.

"It was hard to find any pictures without those sunglasses on," said his sister, Frances Pierce, 57. "He always had to look good for the women," said Bee. "That's why he wore those shades...It's like he never left 25." But FoFo was 30 years older than he thought he was. And on Jan. 29, 2005, FoFo died of a heart attack at High Point Regional Hospital.

For the first time in 10 years, FoFo's couches are missing a piece of his style: the plastic coverings. His relatives took them off to host the number of visitors

since his death. The two black sofas look brand new. To those who knew FoFo well, it feels almost wrong to sit on them and sink in comfort. Cassandra, one of FoFo's nieces whom he called "Suki," sat down, looking at the couches. "His picture fell down upstairs, and we swore it was his ghost yelling at us about the plastic coming off the couches," she said.

Even his answering machine had style.

"You have reached Jimmy FoFo, better known as Big Daddy Grip...leave a

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Qubein unveils strategic plan, raises \$20 million

By Andrea Griffith
Editor in Chief

President Nido Qubein raised \$20 million in his first 29 days in office, doubling the goal he set on Jan. 3 to raise \$10 million in 30 days.

Qubein announced the fund-raising progress before student leaders, faculty, staff, major donors, trustees and community leaders at a gathering on Feb. 3, where he outlined plans for the future of the university.

"Working together, we can make good things come to be," Qubein said.

Qubein's plans included the construction of a business school where Memorial Auditorium now stands and a student fitness center where Harrison Gym now stands. He also discussed his intention to renovate dormitories, Slane Center and Cooke Hall, so that it can house the graduate school.

In addition, Qubein said he plans to build a communication/education school, Steele Field Center and one or two parking decks.

Acknowledging that his plans paid more attention to buildings than academic

programs, Qubein said, "I'm not losing any sleep about our academic programs."

He said he was concerned with security on campus. "That's my No. 1 priority... You ought not be afraid when you walk across this campus."

Another concern for Qubein is the number of students receiving non-funded



QUBEIN ADDRESSES CROWD IN PAULINE THEATRE FEB. 3

scholarships. Eighty-five percent of the 392 freshmen entering last August received some form of financial aid—a number that Qubein wants to lower by recruiting more students who can pay full tuition. He cited

the admissions process as the university's biggest challenge, saying that students must be more carefully chosen based on their grades, character and their ability to pay.

Qubein said he intended to go forward with all of his plans now. He said he viewed the university as a product that must be sold, so that it can compete with other universities and emerge as an institution of instant recognition.

"At the end of the day, we must market this product," he said.

Alumnus becomes IT director

By Nick Hammer
Staff Writer

Wellington Oliveira DeSouza, director of the Information Technologies department, has a face that may be new to students, but it's familiar to faculty who remember him completing his undergraduate degree here. Regardless, both students and faculty need to know Wellington DeSouza and the goals he has for the IT department.

It may not be apparent, but there is a piece of IT in every building on campus. For example, Slane is now a wireless building, which means that the Internet is accessible without a computer's having to be plugged in to anything. It is DeSouza's goal to make every building on campus wireless.

His larger scale goals for the IT department.

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Letter Box

The real deal on hippies, their lifestyle and culture

To the Editor:

Last month's issue featured an article criticizing PETA and its sometimes illogical efforts to protect animal rights. While the article did not pose a problem, the headline which deemed PETA members "terrorist hippies" struck me as somewhat inaccurate. "Hippie" has become a word used so freely that no one seems to know what it refers to anymore, and most people only care about the subculture that has been created around it rather than about the movement itself.

True hippies composed a counter-culture movement in the 1960s based primarily on political views that renounced corporate nationalism and stood against the Vietnam War. Corporate nationalism is a political and economic philosophy centered on the belief that private enterprise works for the national good rather than for profit maximization and that national policies should be made in the interest of large corporations rather than individuals. Corporatization is a large part of corporate nationalism and was perfected in Italy under the rule of Mussolini.

Opposition to the war in Vietnam was a result of most hippies' feeling that the war was destroying Vietnamese independence or that it was a foreign war of which the US should have no part. The deaths of American troops (eventually reaching almost 59,000) and the high loss of civilian life in Vietnam angered many and sparked huge protests, including one during the Democratic National Convention of 1968.

In addition to their political views, most hippies chose to embrace aspects of

Eastern religions and culture, primarily Buddhism and Hinduism, also taking aspects of Native American culture and incorporating those beliefs into their lives. They were against what had become the norm and put themselves at odds with traditional middle-class values. They were anti-establishment, seeing the government and traditional social mores as part of a created institution which ultimately had no legitimacy in their own lives.

Today, many neo-hippies exist, and part of the Bohemian sub-culture still remains, but it is not found in PETA members who applaud arsonists and terrorists. Nor is it simply people who are proponents of marijuana or those who wear tie-dyed shirts and follow their favorite jam bands on tour. While this does not exclude anyone from the hippie or neo-hippie movement, it does not automatically include anyone either.

To minimize such a defining part of American history into mere stereotypes and generalizations based minimally on fact, if at all, is to feed into the very system hippies were against. Hippies wanted to break the norm and go against the pattern, not create a new pattern to follow. They wanted to move away from what was mainstream and challenge the idea of a paternalistic government. The commercialization of their movement destroyed it in many of their eyes, or at the very least made it harder to tell who was following their convictions and who was following a crowd.

So who's following the crowd now?

Sincerely,
Megan Powers

Pres. Qubein responds to staff suggestions

To the Editor:

First and foremost, I am deeply grateful for the warm reception that you, the students, have extended to me as your new president. Your smiling faces and words of encouragement have made my first days here joyful. I remain mindful that this university exists for the sole purpose of education – your education – and I commit to the vigilant pursuit of that goal.

The opinion column in the last issue of the Campus Chronicle was genuine and direct. It asked some very pertinent questions ... and you deserve answers. The following response is written from my heart to the entire student body in hopes that we can establish and continue open two-way communication.

1. Security. Several steps have been taken to address security.

In this issue of the Campus Chronicle is the first in an ongoing series of campus crime reports. This report is issued by our security department in an attempt to keep students informed of any activity that might affect life on campus. It will be accompanied by timely tips on how to maximize your safety and comfort.

Emergency call stations have been updated to be more visible and easier to operate. Additional stations are being installed in various locations. Video cameras have been installed at several locations across campus and are monitored by our security department. Several ad-

ditional locations are currently being equipped with cameras. In the last weeks, additional lighting has been added to Roberts Hall, Finch Hall, Millis Hall, Wrenn Building, the Chapel garden and various parking lots. We will continue to upgrade lighting across campus and welcome your suggestions regarding other areas that need attention. Various trees and shrubbery have been removed or trimmed to increase visibility and security. Much more is being done to improve safety, and we will keep you updated.

2. Housing. Without question, adequate housing is a challenge. I have seen the problem firsthand and am working hard to find solutions. You have my word to remain serious about this.

3. Programs & facilities. Through the generosity of many donors during our recent fundraising campaign, we are currently developing plans for additional programs and facilities. We will keep you informed as specifics are finalized.

4. Admissions. We recognize the need to recruit top-notch students. We are looking at ways to fine-tune the admissions process to identify and more aggressively recruit students who are committed to the values and attitudes of involvement, committed service and growth. There are many, many changes taking place at High Point University ... some you see immediately, and some which are less obvious. For instance, I hope you have enjoyed the addition of

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PETA not the true threat

To the Editor:

I read an interesting article in the last issue of the Chronicle with the headline "PETA: Terrorist Hippies." It caught my attention almost immediately. I read it over and over, thinking to myself, "This has to be sarcasm. No one could seriously believe these things." But it turns out that this opinion is shared by quite a few individuals. I was even told by another staff member that the Chronicle has published three PETA-bashing articles.

PETA was referred to as "one of the wildest, most unpredictable organizations on this earth." I find it quite curious that anyone could possibly think this true. I mean, recent events (9/11, Patriot Act, Anti-Homosexual Marriage Amendment attempt, a war based on lies) should at least indicate that there are far more dangerous and radical groups in this world than a group which feels that we overlook animal rights more than a little. And how can anyone dispute that? Modern society, and especially Western society, has been brainwashed into thinking that our inherently unsustainable way of life is the only way of life. We've bred apathy into our species, a quality that certainly shouldn't be as celebrated as it is. Even worse, the prices our society is willing to make the Earth pay for just a small amount of comfort are extremely disturbing.

As it stands, humans are the most destructive force this Earth has ever seen, competing with world-changing events (the Ice Age) in the number of deaths and extinctions we cause. Scientists have reported that humans have caused the ex-

tinction of 24 percent of mammalian and reptilian species, 20 percent of amphibian species, 30 percent of fish species, 12 percent of bird species, and countless plants. Our destructive nature has increased exponentially in the past 50 or so years, and we are bringing the Earth to its knees.

The problem lies in the way society views the world. We call an organization like PETA dangerous, but how so? Oh, no, they condone property damage! I'm sure you can be happy with all of your material things while your children walk a wasteland that we created through our inaction. Yes, our inaction, the apathy that I wrote of. The startling fact that we could bear the slaughter of millions of animals to make a new lipstick. The frightening realization that humans would rather have scores of living creatures suffer behind closed doors than to go without extra flavor in their food.

I salute PETA with pride. Just because we think of a creature (or even a person) as lower than we are doesn't make it so. They are trying to get people to understand something simple: What hurts one of us hurts all of us, even if we don't see it at first. That doesn't just apply to humans or to animals. Every living thing on this planet is part of a delicate web. You can only pull so many "insignificant" threads before the planet is destroyed. And, despite Dubya's claims, it cannot be rebuilt. By anyone.

Sincerely,
Trevor McDonald

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Crossfire: Chronicle Editor and writer sound off over professor's controversial documentary

Dr. Isaksen's 'The Birth of a Nation: Take 3' draws both praise and criticism

'Take 3' is out-dated at best, irrelevant at worst

Recently the university held a viewing of Dr. Judy Isaksen's documentary, "The Birth of a Nation: Take 3." The film Isaksen criticized in her documentary was D.W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation."



Jonathan Miller
Staff Writer

Without a doubt, Griffith's 1915 film is racist because it glorifies the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and contains vicious stereotypes of African Americans.

I have no doubt that "The Birth of a Nation" assisted with the revival of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s; however, the film is 90 years old. If we were living in the 1960s when segregation ruled the day and racism reached all-time highs, I would say criticizing this film was pertinent. Today, the Klan is disorganized, membership has reached all-time lows and racial segregation has been expelled from the books. Equal protection under the law and equal rights for every citizen rule the day. Yes, racism still exists and always will. However, continuing to browbeat a time in history that has long passed us will never help cure society of racism.

Before the documentary began, Isaksen stated that the effects of slavery can still be seen today. I can only speculate as to what that vague statement meant because no time was allotted for questions, which disappointed me

greatly. My perception about her comment assumes that Isaksen still believes we are living in the time of D.W. Griffith. A quick glance at our campus proves such an idea is nonsense. All ethnic and racial groups are welcomed here, including African-Americans. Black and white students intermingle without a second thought. In today's society, more blacks attend college and own houses than ever before. Their standard of living continues to increase, and more blacks hold positions of great social status than previous years. African-Americans currently serve in the president's cabinet, on the Supreme Court and in both houses of Congress. If Griffith and others quoted in Isaksen's documentary had their way, I would not be speaking of the great achievements of our black citizens.

Probably the most disturbing aspect of Isaksen's documentary involves her use of two "respondents" to Griffith's film, W.E.B. DuBois and Malcolm X. These two men represent the same ideology as D.W. Griffith. Both DuBois and Malcolm X were racial separatists and segregationists who promoted violence to spread their hatred. These so-called "respondents" should more accurately be labeled "advocates" of the racist hatred espoused by D.W. Griffith. DuBois expressed racism toward whites and even opposed Martin Luther King Jr. Commenting on King's non-violent tactics, DuBois stated, "I do not pretend to 'love' white people. I think that as a race they are the most selfish of any on earth." DuBois even argued in favor of segregation, saying, "I fight Segregation with

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Questions raised about America, past & present

Her documentary is the result of true inspiration, determination and creativity. We should all take notice.

Dr. Judy Isaksen, who joined the English faculty in the fall, happened upon a performance by hip-hop's DJ Spooky last September in Winston-Salem. She had heard of him and



Andrea Griffith
Editor in Chief

was curious to see him in person. He had been troubled by the racist 1915 D.W. Griffith film "The Birth of a Nation," so he remixed it, adding musical sounds to the medium of film as a form of protest and performed it that night.

Over the next few months, Isaksen would create her own multi-layered documentary that would use commentary from Griffith's critics and African-American protest music to refute Griffith's claim that the abolition of slavery led to social disruptions and the justification for the creation of the Ku Klux Klan. According to Griffith, "the bringing of the African to America planted the first seed of disunion."

Isaksen just saw Griffith's silent film for the first time this fall and described it as a "painful, sickening experience." "I just couldn't shake those images away," she said as she presented her project on Feb. 8 in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. Those images portrayed members of the KKK as heroes and Southern blacks as villains and violent rapists.

Perhaps even more disturbing than the images was the fact that when Griffith's film opened 90 years ago, it was a blockbuster, despite the fact that it charged a heavily inflated admission price of \$2 per ticket. It was the first film ever screened in the White House, and President Woodrow Wilson reportedly said, "It's like writing history with lightning. And my only regret is that it is all terribly true." Griffith was hailed the father of American cinema. Even years later, in

1998, the film was voted among the top 100 American films (it ranked No. 44) by the American Film Institute.

What does it say when we, as a society, honor a film like this today? It says that the struggle is not yet over. White supremacy still

exists, and anyone who says our world is free of racism lives in true denial.

"It's dangerous, if not immoral, to deny slavery's effect on us to this very

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What would Dr. King tell us today?

By Derek Shealey
Staff Writer

Forty-two years ago, Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech electrified millions because his words were a poignant battle cry directed towards the injustice and racism of the times. Now, as we enter 2005, Americans can take notice of the changes that emerged in the aftermath of the Civil Rights Movement. King's dream has become a reality in many ways.

The number of black homeowners in this country is at all-time high. Minority enrollment in the nation's best universities has increased dramatically. The re-

opening of the Emmett Till and Freedom Summer homicide cases, two major crimes from the '50s and '60s that generated much outrage but a complete lack of justice for the victims, seems to suggest that this country is willing to confront its

racist past. This is a very encouraging sign of the progress we've made in accepting our differences, as people and recognizing true humanity.

With all this in mind, I still can't help but wonder what King would have to say about the America of today, with its promising aspects and more troubling social trends. It's not fair to call King the great-

est civil-rights icon who ever lived, but he was the most universal. Whenever activists and politicians, of all colors, debate moral and social matters, they frequently attempt to use King's philosophy. Suspend, if you will, your disbelief and imagine that King had

not died, but had survived a close assassination attempt, recovered and continued to be an active champion of social reform.

Here's my version of King's "extended" dream for a better America. First, King would encourage blacks to become

involved in their communities and work to decrease crime and violence by providing young people with all of the vital resources that build motivation and self-confidence. I think that he would reach out to the hip-hop world, which is filled with great talent, and challenge more artists to use their gifts to produce songs that have messages of hope and respect, instead of the more common themes of animosity and materialism. Finally I think King would try to bring together prominent world leaders and create a conference where the participants meet to conceive new, innovative ways of promoting peace without resorting to war. These, however, are only my ideas. They are solutions inspired by King's vision. I like to look at the world with optimistic eyes, but optimism can also suggest a desire to bring about change. This generation has to face old fears and struggles, as well as new ones like AIDS and terrorism. If we allow them to, these things will divide and destroy us in the same fashion as racism. When we think outside of the box, and do it in the spirit of love, we come much closer to eradicating modern problems and keeping King's dream alive and strong.

"...King would encourage blacks to become involved in their communities and work to decrease crime and violence by providing young people with all of the vital resources that build motivation and self-confidence."

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live music during the dinner hour at Slane Dining Hall. This is just one small way in which we have tried to emphasize quality of life. It's also likely that you noticed the addition of several flags throughout the Greensward. This is done in an attempt to celebrate our diversity and to add some color and excitement to our campus.

In closing, there are very exciting days ahead at High Point University. With the recent announcement of \$20 million in fund-raising gifts, we now have the resources to make things happen. We have a vision; we have enthusiasm; we have a team of staff and faculty dedicated to High Point University. It is my pleasure to join with them — and with you — to journey forward together.

Please continue to ask the tough questions. I promise to listen, and will answer as quickly and completely as possible ... because I care. Because I'm here as a steward. And because I love you. Together, we can transform High Point University into America's finest.

Thank you for all you do.

Nido Qubein
President

Christianity marred by divisive right-wingers

Christianity brings out both the best and the worst in people. It has the power to cross national and ethnic boundaries and unite diverse social groups behind a single cause, and it has the power to further divide an already divided world.



Josh Farrington
Staff Writer

Jesus preached the philosophy of selfless love for all, but his modern day followers often follow the philosophy of moral superiority and exclusion. And, as is apparent following the recent elections, the once radical, revolutionary religion has found its home in the conservative movement.

Of course, probably most Christians do not see themselves as members of this fundamentalist, evangelical wing of

Christianity.

However, this far-right evangelical movement has become one of the most vocal and active forces in modern politics. Sadly, it has gained its platform through the shrill cries of moral outrage by leaders such as Jerry Falwell, James Dobson, Pat Robertson and the countless pastors across America preaching the same sermon of division.

Dobson has gained publicity as of late for his wild claims that SpongeBob Square Pants is gay and is indoctrinating our children with pro-homosexual ideas. Moreover, in an interview with The Daily Oklahoman, Dobson claimed that Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy "hates God's people" for his attempts to block Bush's judicial nominees. Following the 9/11 attack, Jerry Falwell claimed that feminists, homosexuals and "pagans" were to blame and has recently described the Prophet Mohammad as a "terrorist." Of course, neither Dobson nor Falwell is representative of all evangelical Christians, but they certainly are the ones with the loud-

est microphone, and many of their followers have the same divisive political and religious orientations.

I say all this not as another "God hater" or "secular humanist," as many fundamentalists tend to describe their critics, but as a Christian who grew up in a Southern Baptist church. The Church is too sacred an institution to be scarred by the venomous rhetoric of some members of its far-right wing. Christians should be worried about far more crucial issues than SpongeBob's sexual orientation and judicial nominees. World hunger, poverty, the

diseased and war-torn areas of Africa and countless other tragedies have all been addressed by evangelicals, but are overshadowed by the constant focus on the so-called "culture war." There is no "poverty war" or "war on hunger and disease," but only a war on SpongeBob, feminists and secularism. If fundamentalist Christians shifted their focus away from these trivial issues of "culture" and became preoccupied with the far greater issues of poverty, hunger and disease, then the Patrick Leahys of the world would have nothing left to criticize.

The State of our Union is tragically Republican

The symbolism was powerful. Emotions were high as the Iraqi woman and the dead soldier's mother embraced and cried together in front of the nation. President Bush had water in his eyes. The women showed the solidarity and maybe the utter irony of the situation; the son that died so that woman could vote. But it wasn't only those two people shedding tears



Lauren Croughan
Staff Writer

over the State of the Union address; Democrats like me were probably crying, too.

The President is cutting 150 programs, 45 of them in education, to try to reduce the deficit by 2009. Yet he did not release the specific cuts during the address. After the fact, he increased the Pentagon's funding and raised eyebrows when he promised \$350 million to Palestinians to try to build peace. President Bush said he wanted to create community health centers in the poorest areas to help the lower class get good medical care. He said that he was going to increase the availability and funding of Pell Grants for college students and improve America's community college system. He said that the state of the union was "confident and strong." However, that is only what he said.

What a politician says and what he does are two different stories. He wants to crack down on "frivolous" asbestos suits, but asbestos is a high-level carcinogen and affects many people even to this

day. He mentioned that Syria and Iran needed to stop aiding terrorists, as if he was hinting at action. The speech was also full of tidbits of arrogance such as railing against "activist judges," then winking at the Supreme Court, and saying he is going to build the "moral character" of the country as he renewed his commitment against Gay marriage. He even had the audacity to quote Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he was talking about mangling social security by privatizing it.

It made me cry to realize that we elected Bush to a second term, and now he repays the nation by upping the military's resources while forgetting about schools. When he is not upsetting the order, he is making empty promises to a nation of sheep.

Random Sightings during the State of the Union:

1. A nun sitting in Laura Bush's box
2. A girl sitting behind the First Lady and wearing fishnet stockings was quickly moved.
3. There was a member of Congress doing a crossword puzzle, someone unrecognizable after research.
4. Dick Cheney was looking at something to his left almost at all times.
5. The Speaker of the House looked like he had had either too much Vicodin or too many shots of Tequila.
6. When the emotional moment between the Iraqi woman and the mother of that dead soldier came, the Iraqi woman's necklace fell off.
7. Why were the Afghani and Iraqi Muslim women wearing makeup and jewelry? That goes against their religion.
8. People's fingers were colored black to show solidarity with the Iraqi voters, but when they raised them to President Bush, it looked like a fascist salute.

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Segregation."

Throughout most of Malcolm X's career as a spokesman for the Nation of Islam, he considered Caucasians to be evil. He urged blacks not to turn the other cheek to abusive whites. However, after a revelatory trip to Mecca, where Malcolm X saw all races harmoniously mingling, he dropped his separatist stance and drew closer to King's dream. Isaksen's inclusion of racists W.E.B. DuBois and Malcolm X leads me to believe she advocates the use of hatred to stop hatred. In other words, two wrongs make a right.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, another program regarding race will occur on campus. The College Republicans are hosting Reginald Jones, a black conservative

who speaks about the failings of the Civil Rights Movement. He offers a unique vision for the black community. Jones' optimistic plan represents a refreshing change to the outdated rhetoric of Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. He recognizes that we have moved beyond the days of rampant racism, and the only way blacks will continue to prosper is through self-promotion and personal initiative. Blaming problems on racism no longer remains a viable option. We must never forget the burden racism placed on society in the past, but obsessing over the past will never lead to progress in the future. Thanks for opening the dialogue, Dr. Isaksen, and please attend Reginald Jones' lecture. Opposing viewpoints are always welcomed.

As May 7 draws nearer, reality begins to set in

One senior reflects on her ambivalence about life after her impending graduation

Is anyone else scared about the future? Anyone?! I skipped writing for the



Erin Sullivan
Staff Writer

previous issue of the Chronicle because I felt I couldn't keep up with the stressors of applying to grad school, passing senior seminar and keeping up with the rest of my classes. As a senior, I am constantly faced with unanswered questions. "What do you want to do with the rest of your life?" "Do you have a budget plan worked out?" "When are you going to get married?" and "Did you take out the garbage?" OK that last question came from my roommate, but that's almost more of a decision than I can handle. It seems like my future is just a moment away, and I'm faced with this notion when I wake up every morning. I can't be the only one who feels this. It's that feeling that you want to graduate, but at the same time, you don't. Moreover, you want the classes to end, but you don't want this experience to end.

I'm applying to graduate school. I'm waiting for a greeting to an interview to be, "Welcome to grad school. Enjoy your slow and painful death." I realize the next four to six years will be devoted to training for my career. However, I have to say I'm going to miss the times I spent with my friends in the middle of finals, playing beer pong as a study break. I'm not saying it's not time to grow up; I'm saying it's hard to let go of the past four years of my life.

Over the next three months, I aim to spend time with my friends, help anyone who needs me and absorb the college life in general. I suggest to all those that aren't quite seniors to do the same. This experience will be over before you know it. Sure, you may be complaining about something miniscule right now (i.e. cafeteria food, relationship problems, gaining the freshman 15), but you won't ever think about these things when you're a senior. All you're going to want to do is go on to your future, but stay here at the same time.

I don't expect all of you who aren't seniors to understand. All I can ask is that you keep this in the back of your mind until it's time for you to leave High Point. This is the time when the cliché "we all have to grow up some time" rings true. But, that doesn't mean I'm ready to say goodbye.

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day," Isaksen said. "Slavery in America has existed longer than freedom."

Isaksen, who specializes in race and rhetoric, was a self-proclaimed amateur when she began the project, which she titled "The Birth of a Nation: Take 3." Her knowledge of filmmaking was practically non-existent. Yet she used the resources around her and help from her friends to create a powerful documentary. Imagine if we all persevered to change the world in such ways, in spite of our limitations.

Isaksen acknowledges that great

progress has been made in America when it comes to race relations, but says there is much more to be done. That agenda should include ending de facto segregation in our neighborhoods and churches, eliminating unequal sentencing for equal crimes in our courts and making a massive commitment to reform in our public schools.

Black History Month serves as a great reminder of the remarkable achievements of African Americans. Let us also be reminded that there is much work to be done.

Diary from Spain: Warner visits cities of Ronda and Granada while away from class schedule

By Briana Warner
Staff Writer

Jan. 24- Today's cultural activity was visiting the Parque de Maria Luisa—by far the most beautiful place I've ever been. Avenues lined with palm trees lead you directly to the Plaza de Espana, a huge palace that was used as the Spanish pavilion during the Iberian-American Expo of 1929. Part of the most recent Star Wars movie was also filmed there.

Today we also visited Triana that is a section of town across the river that is known for its ceramics. Triana is also where the World Exposition of 1992 was held. Many huge buildings were created for the Expo, and today most of them are abandoned. We were there on a Saturday afternoon, and it was like being in a ghost town. We did not pass one person or car on the road. Apparently, the builders believed that they would be able to rent these huge arenas after the Expo, but that has not been the case.

We ended up in downtown Triana hopeful that we would get to look at some ceramics, but we hit it during siesta time, so nothing was open.

Jan. 26- Today the school took us around to some restaurants to sample local tapas or hor d'oeuvres. Every restaurant will post a list outside its door of all the tapas that they offer for lunch and dinner. We sampled pork in whiskey sauce, olives, Spain's version of potato

salad, fried calamari and chicken with pesto. All were incredible. In Spain, you have the option of standing at the bar to eat or sitting at a table. If you sit at a table, you pay around 20 percent more.

Jan. 30- This weekend was our trip with the school to Granada. After a three-hour bus ride, we were greeted by below freezing temperatures. I still don't know how to convert centigrade to Fahrenheit; maybe I should learn that. Anyway,

Granada is beautiful because it is at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Skiing was an option, but I decided not to go because I had a cold. I realize now that I should have risked death or the flu just to say, "I have skied the Sierra Nevada."

Friday we toured The Alhambra, Granada's main attraction, which is a 13th century Moorish palace. The Alhambra is far above the city, and there are amazing views of the area. Saturday, instead of skiing, we were true tourists and took the sight-seeing two-story bus around the city. We also walked through the cathedral and shopped a bit.

The street gypsies in Granada were especially bad. We have them in Seville, but they aren't nearly as aggressive. They are ladies who hold up sprigs of rosemary and tell you that you are beautiful, hoping that you will take a leaf. As soon as you do, they proceed to read your palm and then ask for money. I saw one of the

gypsies stick some rosemary down a woman's fur coat. The woman definitely did not give the gypsy money.

Feb. 4- Class is class here. We definitely need our siesta break after waking up every day at 7 a.m. for our 8:15 intensive grammar course. I enjoy my art class because we take field trips to different places in the city to look at different styles of architecture. Our first round of tests is in two weeks.

Today we went on a day-trip to Ronda. The city is about 40 miles outside of Seville and is up on top of a huge hill. The city itself is separated into two parts by a deep gorge, and they are connected by a bridge. While there we visited a small palace with a panoramic view of the fields below and the mountains in

the distance. We also visited the oldest bullring in the world still in use. It was small with only 5,000 seats. Apparently there is a bullring in Mexico with 50,000 seats. Seats at the ring in Ronda cost anywhere from 65-600 euro, depending on whether you sit in the sun or in the shade and whether you buy them from a scalper or not. Bullfights run every day in Seville starting in April, so I'm sure we will get to see one.

Feb. 9- This evening we went to an Ash Wednesday mass at the main cathedral. It was an amazing experience. The cathedral in Seville is the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the third largest in the world in general. The largest is The Vatican in Rome, and the second largest is San Pablo Cathedral in London.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRIANA WARNER
WARNER VISITED RONDA, A CITY OUTSIDE OF SEVILLE

Campus Crime January crime statistics

Each month, the Office of Public Safety will publish campus crime statistics for the previous month. Following the statistics, tips will be provided to help students, faculty, and staff protect themselves and their property from criminal activity.

Safety/Security Tips:

- Always lock your vehicles at all times and do not leave valuables in plain view.
- Do not hide spare keys in and on vehicles.
- Display parking decals and permits to alert officers that the vehicle belongs on campus.
- Lock dorm rooms at all times.
- Do not let strangers into your dorm room.

January 2005 Crime Statistics

Arrests: Alcohol	0
Arrests: Drug	0
Assault	0
Burglary	2
Drug Violation	0
Hate Crime	0
Larceny	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Murder	0
Referral: Alcohol	0
Referral: Drug	0
Referral: Weapon	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Offense (Forcible)	0
Sexual Offense (Non-Forcible)	0
Weapon	0

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message...arrivederci, sayonara" recited both Bee and Suki, rhythmically swaying and pretending they were FoFo.

"You're old, Jimmy," said Bee to him one time.

"I ain't old," he replied. "You're mamma's old, but I'm not." Her mamma is two years older.

FoFo moved to High Point from Lake City, S.C. when he was 15 with his five siblings and his mother. Before working at High Point University—or College when he first came—FoFo worked at High Point Memorial Hospital in the operating room. "He just got tired of seeing the people he knew die," said Bee. "So he stopped working there. He never complained about work. We'd be sitting on the porch—we nicknamed it the beach, and we'd be complaining about our jobs, but he'd never complain about his."

Gardening, painting, sports and cooking were FoFo's hobbies. So, even though the living room is now covered with baskets of flowers from the funeral, it's not altogether foreign to how his home was before. Flowers always decorated the outside of the apartment in front of the beach, and if anyone stepped in them, they would deal with FoFo's

wrath. He would get hot if someone broke one of his ceramics as well, but even broken, he wouldn't throw them away. He was a packrat, and after his ceramic elephant was broken, he turned it around so the broken face couldn't be seen and left it up as a decoration.

FoFo played basketball and football. Everybody at the High Point recreation centers knew him, and while he was at Andrews High School, he was featured in the sports section of the newspaper many times. He first got his nickname

"He first got his nickname FoFo from school ball games where the announcers would pronounce his name wrong... Gardening, painting, sports and cooking were FoFo's hobbies... 'He loved cookin' and he loved to fatten you up.'"

FoFo from school ball games where the announcers would pronounce his last name wrong. No one ever could get the name right, so everyone just started calling him FoFo.

FoFo knew how to cook. "He loved cookin' and he loved to fatten you up," said Frances. Suki still remembers one Christmas where FoFo made a barbecued

turkey. "It was so moist and tender," she said shaking her head in reminiscence.

All three relatives recall a time that some of FoFo's friends came over and asked them if they had any of his homemade "FoFo biscuits."

"He wouldn't ever give us any," said Frances, as they all laugh. "They were only for his friends."

But family was big in FoFo's mind, too, with or without biscuits. He moved in with his mother about 15 years ago

so he could take care of her. "She was his 'boo,'" said Bee. His mother is in the early stages of Alzheimer's and still expects him to come home and doesn't completely understand why he's not there.

"I don't think she wants to understand," said Suki. "He was still trying to make her young," said Bee.

"No! [You] did not buy grandma some leopard print sheets!" Bee once exclaimed to Jimmy. FoFo answered, "She's still got it. Ain't that right, boo?"

Summer nights were always for the beach. He and his extended family would sit out on the porch and talk and laugh. One time Bee and her mother got up to leave, and FoFo scolded, "If you don't stay longer than this, don't come at all." They had to stay there until dark, and after complaints about being eaten by the mosquitoes, FoFo bought Citronella candles to make them stay longer.

He had his own style in giving presents. Scotch tape just wasn't for FoFo. At Christmas time, he would wrap presents in masking and duct tape and newspapers and brown bags. He came bearing presents from "Santa's big black bag."

Frances said she'll miss all the fun they had, and of, course, his bald head.

"Fo, do you have any gray in your beard?" asked Frances once.

"You'll never know," said FoFo.

Just as Frances, Suki and Bee knew he plucked out the white hairs in his beard, maybe somehow FoFo will know how much he is missed.

Brave act: Two Panthers work to resuscitate Fulford upon his collapse

By Andrea Laing and Gena Smith
Staff Writers

It was a Friday, so many students looked forward to relaxation. For some, there would be massive amounts of alcohol, a little unnecessary small talk that would never be remembered and a hook-up. But Andrea Moller and Chris Hooks were different, and this Friday would be one of the most significant of their lives.

At lunch-time, Andrea, a freshman, entered the caf. For her, eating there was less a pleasure than a means of survival. She had her I.D. scanned, took a tray and got in line. Jimmy "FoFo" Fulford awaited her behind the counter. He was a popular cafeteria worker, but his six-foot, 275-pound stature and rapid way of inquiring about one's food preferences could be intimidating. Andrea enjoyed his talk, how he often "cracked" on students or gave them compliments. She liked his deep Southern accent, pimp-style walk and shades. The beads of sweat on his forehead came from his hard work and sometimes from putting up with the snotty attitudes of a few students.

When Andrea reached FoFo, they passed the time of day, and she received her food. It was the last time she would see him standing. Andrea got up for more food and saw some panicked-looking students and workers. "I wasn't sure of what was going on," she recalls. "I saw people

running in and out of the cafeteria, so I decided to check it out for myself."

FoFo had fallen outside. He lay unconscious on the concrete between the cafeteria loading dock and the post office. He had been working there in the 30-degree weather when a heart attack flung him down. His shades rested against his motionless body.

Andrea and Chris Hooks, a resident director on campus, were both certified CPR assistants. They rushed to FoFo.

"We raced through the kitchen, jumped off the platform and notified the others there that we knew CPR," Andrea says.

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"It was my first time ever having to perform CPR. I wasn't scared; it was just something I had to do. Preparation kicked in," says Andrea.

"Andrea didn't hesitate," says Chris,

who is one semester shy of being an official paramedic. "I would have done mouth-to-mouth if Andrea wasn't there, but I wouldn't have wanted to, probably because I knew [he would] throw up."

Andrea breathed life into FoFo while Chris pounded compressions upon his chest. After four cycles, there was no pulse. Then arriving firemen relieved Andrea and Chris. Andrea disappeared, and some of the firemen recognized Chris and knew about his training, so he stayed until the ambulance came.

On the way to High Point Regional Hospital, the paramedics stabilized a pulse

long enough for loved ones to visit FoFo. Back at the cafeteria, "The serving line was crying and upset," says Chris. "I went in, washed my hands and started cooking French fries and grilled cheeses, along with other Student Life staff."

Andrea describes her fight-or-flight situation as a humbling moment. She was filled with regret, but she also "felt God had given me peace about what I had done. It was weird...I did what had to be done."

Chris says, "When it was done and I was washing my hands, I was like, 'wow,' thinking back on what just happened." He rides in an ambulance 160 hours each semester and is surrounded by these experiences everyday. This was the first time he had found someone unconscious and not breathing without his preceptor (mentor) next to him. But he wasn't scared.

"It's what I'm trained to do. It's no different than people who are trained to build houses," Chris says.

Not until a week later did Chris and Andrea meet again. On an Outdoor Activities Club ski trip, the two were casually talking, not realizing who the other was. Somehow Chris mentioned that he was studying to be a paramedic, and Andrea said, "Oh, you're Chris!" to which he replied, "You're Andrea!"

The day was like no other Friday. Their response to FoFo's attack happened so fast, but the impact will last so long. Andrea and Chris received many phone calls of gratitude.

They and so many others will never forget the man whose life they helped to prolong.

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partment are to enhance the lines of communication with the rest of the university.

DeSouza said, "One way I am doing that is working more closely with the SGA." He makes an appearance at the SGA meetings to get a feel for the student body's compliments and complaints with the technology they have access to.

The IT department is also responsible for supplying the computer paper, which is free for students, to the computer labs across campus. To give an idea of how much paper that is, one lab in Cooke directly across from the IT department uses about 47,000 sheets a month. DeSouza hopes that we can learn to conserve the paper and better use the electronic resources.

Also, he wants to teach instructional technologies to faculty. He said that the average time for a professor to get his technology ready for class is about five minutes. That means it takes up a significant portion of class-time to boot up a computer and access the programs or websites needed. He hopes to get that down to 30 seconds with the proper training.

Norton Hall is the latest and greatest of buildings on campus not because it is the newest, but because of the high-tech electronics it houses. Thanks to the IT department, there are top-of-the-line computers, which manage everything from the lighting to the environmental controls. Students and faculty can even videoconference with ease in this facility.

Wellington's keyboarding skills are not limited to the computer. During his stint at HPU, DeSouza was playing keyboards, for Deep Water, a blues-based jam band that used to exist on campus. In fact, it was music that brought together the group of friends he lovingly refers to as his family.

His passion for music and friends has taken him all over the United States. DeSouza recalls the pact which he and his friends made years ago stating that if jazz pianist Herbie Hancock ever played a venue close enough they would all go to see him play. They made the pact come true recently by driving up to New Jersey and catching the maestro's act at the Kimmel Center. Another venue took Wellington to California to see the last two Phish shows before the band's temporary hiatus.

DeSouza is no stranger to traveling. Born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, he makes the pilgrimage back home about once every two years. DeSouza said, "Let's say (if) I went back home, I would miss my family here as much as I miss my family in Brazil right now."

When asked what he liked the most about this institution, he quickly responded, "I love the faculty at High Point University."

And it is obvious. He enjoys his lunches with Dr. Michael McCully, loves to read and discuss Dr. Marion Hodge's poetry and to talk about jazz with Mr. Michael Gaspeny. He even got direction in life from Dr. Roger Shore.

DeSouza imparted his final thoughts with confidence from his own experiences: "If students took the time to enjoy their education, knowledge and resources at High Point they would be very successful. High Point University prepares you to become a full citizen."

Volunteers are key to winning war on terrorism, according to CAP leader

By Rebecca Fleming
Staff Writer

The war on terror is not easily won, and it does not appear to be ending anytime soon.

Major General Dwight H. Wheless, national commander of the Civil Air Patrol, spoke on this subject Feb. 3. His lecture, "Volunteers in the War Against Terrorism," was not a boring spiel defending the actions the U.S. has taken thus far. Rather, it was his attempt to make us "grasp the concept of the future of America."

He shared statistics from a government council's findings regarding the future of terrorism in the world. As global population continues to increase, there will be greater chances of terrorist attacks – even cyber attacks. "The face of tomorrow's terrorist is a mirror," Maj. Gen. Wheless said to emphasize his point. In the future, terrorists will come from all corners of the earth and will not necessarily fit the stereotypes we have today.

As terrorism changes, so also must the means of deterrence. The Civil Air Patrol works with the Department of Homeland Security to protect the citizens of the U.S. Its highly sophisticated imaging systems are able to capture accurate images from 2000-foot elevations, even of objects as small as two and a half inches. These imaging systems can be used to find specific targets as well as to

take pictures of disaster areas.

CAP planes were the first non-military planes allowed in the air after 9/11 and were responsible for taking the first pictures of the horrific aftermath. When the hurricanes hit Florida last fall, CAP pilots flew 486 sorties and had 813 flight hours. Most of the images the American public saw of the damage came from CAP cameras.

The Civil Air Patrol – formed just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor – was established to defend America's coastlines during World War II. All military personnel were stationed overseas, leaving only civilian pilots to fly patrols. CAP planes flew along the coastlines, looking for – and eventually bombing – German submarines. Their job was to protect the nation and prevent a German invasion.

CAP was successful in World War II, and its success is now carried over into

emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education. Thousands of young people are involved in the cadet programs – learning how to be good citizens and stewards of their country they call home. CAP is responsible for the

publication of aerospace education books taught in schools across the nation. And FEMA relies heavily on CAP to run disaster relief and search-and-rescue missions after a natural or man-made disaster.

Maj. Gen. Wheless urged students to get involved. There are hundreds of volunteer organizations doing good works for

the benefit of society. He stressed the importance of being part of the good things being done and of playing an active role in the care of our nation. Volunteers are just as important as paid officials – and it is our civil responsibility to do all we can to benefit and protect our homeland.



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MAJ. GEN. WHELESS IS THE BROTHER OF PROFESSOR ANDREA WHELESS

Crossfade soars; McKnight's perfect for a date

By Lauren Croughan
Staff Writer

Pop/Mainstream

3 Doors Down--*Seventeen Days*

This band has had deep roots into the rock scene since its conception. However, since the public has welcomed 3 Doors Down with open arms, they do have a mainstream streak. This album, featuring the hit single "Let Me Go," is no exception. While using heavy guitar and bass, they seize the attention of people who listen to pop stations and keep them there for their heartfelt lyrics. This album is well done overall, despite a plain vibe. They have kept the same sound,

lineup and type of music. It seems to work, but it is beginning to sound boring. Final Grade- B

Rock

Crossfade--*Crossfade*



High-energy guitars wailing, the lyrics are not that angry compared to most rock bands and overall mos pit, insanity clearly defines this album. "So Cold" has been getting much radio play, and their rendition of Lynryrd Skynyrd's "Simple Man" graces local rock stations. This awesome album has uplifting songs and deep lyrics that really are becoming more common in rock land. This album truly is genuine and it gets my highest honor. Final Grade A+

R&B

Brian McKnight--*Gemini*

Released just in time for Valentine's Day, this sweet album with lots of soul is almost the perfect thing to dance with your honey to. Full of smooth love songs, lyrics full of love, it truly is something one might consider anytime to bring on a date. There tends to be a bit jazzy hint to the vibe, but Brian's voice makes the listener feel as if he is singing to you. Beautiful and romantic, this album is good to add to any collection next to Barry White. Final

Grade- A-

Punk

My Chemical Romance--*Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*



Out for a month or two, this album deserves special props, as this band is igniting the charts like a pyromaniac with a lighter. "I'm Not Okay" is the first single, and it is quite popular. The album is a bit angry but not in the high school 'emo' way, and talks about life and experiences. The vocals are astounding, as the listener cannot figure out how the lead singer still has his voice. Final Grade- A-

Smith charms audience; screen chemistry sizzles

By Amanda Roberts
A&E Editor

What happens when you get an irresistible Alex "Hitch" Hitchins (Will Smith) to aid the hopeless, lovelorn investment counselor Albert Brenneman (Kevin James)?

A hit, especially on a Valentine's weekend.

The opening scene shows average Joes attaining their dream girl with the help of Hitch - whose motto is: "Any man has a chance to sweep any woman off her feet. He just needs the right broom."

Hitch gives excellent advice to the men who are referred to him, and it generally works. He holds to certain standards when giving advice - no sleazeballs should come to him for advice; he will not help men just so they can get in bed with a woman.

Smith gives a light-hearted, charismatic performance in this romantic comedy, which is a change from the action genre he so excels in. James has a tendency to steal the scene with his spastic dancing and clumsiness as he slowly courts and wins the affection of the beautiful Allegra Cole, played by supermodel Amber Valleta.

Smith and James make a good pairing with their mentor-student relationship - and as often happens, Smith learns from James a little something about love towards the end of the flick.

Of course, the date doctor himself has to fall in love - and who better than gossip columnist Sara Melas (Eve Mendez), who follows the lifestyles of the rich and famous, including that of Allegra Cole, who seems to top the list of New York City's most eligible bachelorettes. When Cole is seen with the none-too-famous Brenneman, Melas is determined to find out how it happened - and so ends up investigating the mysterious, nameless date doctor.

Mendez plays the commitment-phobic woman who is in no rush to settle down; her career comes first. And Smith is the one who cannot do anything right when it comes to this girl. On two dates with her, he manages to ruin the date in some way - once by an allergic reaction to seafood.

Now, if you know you're allergic to something in a way that makes your face blow up - do you eat it? Well, if you're so distracted by the girl you're with, you won't even notice what's going on. When Hitch is doped up on Benadryl, we see him let down his barriers to Sara, always an endearing scene in a movie.

Sara's barriers come down; when she sees a couple in love, a soft smile comes over her face, lighting it up. The banter between Mendez and Smith is strong, and the screen chemistry comes across well - for the most part. There are some scenes where it seems very contrived.

The flashback scene in which we see why Hitch is the man he now is does not further the plot. Sometimes the transitions between scenes are not smooth, and the lighting too dark. And yes, sometimes the lines feel forced. But they're excellent lines. Any girl would want to hear them herself.

"Hitch" is one of the best movies I've seen in a long time - romantic comedy or otherwise. It's by no means perfect, but it's perfect for the season. Smith is probably the only actor who could have pulled off that role - and he does it amazingly well. By the end, the movie seems to drag, but it's worth watching the last fifteen minutes, if only to see the smooth, suave Smith fall flat on his face.

Hollywood has found a great date movie at the time when all of the recent ones are unredeemable, with little plot, no action and bad actors of the week.

Phi Mu

The sisters of Phi Mu are very happy to announce our largest Phi (pledge) class that we have known. Congrats to Stephanie Beano, Jackie Bonsper, Melissa Clark, Kelley Donohue, Ally Eckart, Amber Hayes, Pam Holley, Lyssa Jacobs, Julie Johnston, Gillian Keller, Meg Kennelly, Marling Martinez, Leah

Mitchell, Ashley Neilson, and Amanda Roberts. We look forward to this breeze of fresh air through the Phi Mu lounge. We hope all the other sororities were as pleased with formal recruitment as we were.

"Phi Mu Rocks My Socks!" Amanda Roberts, Phi.

Student Activities Board

Students at High Point University are never without action or a place to go because the Student Activities Board (SAB) is always ready with a plan. If you like bingo, SAB has two bingo nights planned for you; the first is Feb. 20 at 8 p.m., and the second is March 30 at 8 p.m. Both bingo nights will be held in the Slane Center. The board is also sponsoring a "Movie Night" on March 18; you must sign up and pay \$3 in the Student Life office. The movies begin about 7 p.m.; the bus will leave Slane Center around 6:45 p.m. The Skate Excursion is another event hosted by SAB, and it will be Feb. 25 at 7:45; again you need to sign up and pay \$3 in Student Life office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Do not forget the Snowball Dance is

this weekend; it is being sponsored by Student Life. The tickets are \$5 in Student Life office and can be purchased between Feb. 14 and 18 or for \$10 at the door. The Dance will be held on the 19th at the Radisson Hotel from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dress will be semi-formal.

Interested in additional events? Visit the Student Life office or its web site at <http://www.highpoint.edu/campuslife/> and click on the activities calendar for times and locations of the men's and women's basketball games, the Hansel and Gretel performances and other activities.

Most important, keep your eye on the Spring Break schedule; it's right around the corner.

International Club holds fourth annual Food Fair

By Miki Ikeda
Staff Writer

Each year in the fall during family weekend, the International Club holds an International Food Fair. This year was the fourth time the International Club has had the fair which was held Nov. 6. The weather was exceptionally beautiful for that month as it has been on all previous occasions, and the international cuisines were delicious.

International students enjoyed preparing some of their native foods for the International Food Fair and displaying their traditional garments like the Japanese summer clothes, *Yukata*, and traditional Pakistani apparel. More than 400 people enjoyed themselves by having plenty of international food like grilled Italian sausage; lasagna; spicy, well-seasoned Japanese curry and rice; Chinese egg rolls with mellow dog sauce; Mexican saffron rice; sticky, sweet Greek baklava; French crepes which people could build by choosing the fillings; home-baked German apple pie; Spanish flan that is ring-shaped pie full of crème caramel; and cream puffs. Also, many people got excited at seeing Japanese letters (*Kanji*, *Hiragana* and *Katakana*) and native African letters; some got their names written in those foreign languages while enjoying lunch.

The International Food Fair had many

activities in addition to the foods. Some Japanese students taught how to make cranes, frogs and boxes with colorful Japanese paper-origami. The fair offered international music, face paintings, a Latin dance lesson without regard to age (everybody, even little kids, enjoyed it), a raffle and tables full of little items creating a free market-like. The International Club also sold Christmas and New Year's cards and advent calendars with German chocolates inside.

Dr. Barbara Mascali, the faculty advisor of the International Club, said, "We were very happy to see so many people come and enjoy themselves alongside international students. The International Food Fair is our way of saying 'Thank you' to the campus for welcoming international people."

Over the years, the International Club has appreciated great support for the Food Fair from the SGA, Student Life, the Modern Language department, International studies, the cultural events committee, the Business department, the Athletics department and the Multi-Cultural Club.

The International Club is planning to have an International Treats Fair on April 28, the last day of the class. The International Club welcomes all students, faculty and staff to this feast for all the senses.

Men's team pressured to make final games of regular season count

By Jake Lawrence
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team found a much-needed win against Coastal Carolina over Presidential Scholars weekend and hope they can continue to add to the win column in the final four games of the season.

Led by Jerry Echenique's 20 points and nine rebounds and freshman Arizona "A.Z." Reid's first career double with 10 points and 12 rebounds, the Panthers were able to finally win a game decided by single digits. The Chanticleers, led by freshman standout Jack Leasure with 23 points, kept it close throughout the second half, never allowing the Panthers to blow the game wide open. But when it came to the final minutes, High Point was finally able to do what it hasn't been able to do the past three weeks—get defensive stops.

While the team is in the middle of yet another tough stretch, playing five games in nine days, it has been a pattern to fall apart in the closing minutes in games against Charleston Southern, Radford, Liberty and UNC-Asheville. This time there was not even a hint of another meltdown as the Panthers finally showed the heart to go along with their talent, diving on the floor, getting the key rebounds and showing clock management. Throughout the game players slid

across the floor for the loose balls, and they outrebounded Coastal by gathering 50 boards as opposed to 38 for the Chants. This also marked the first time in the team's history that HPU has swept the season series against CCU.



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JERRY ECHENIQUE

This win came less than 48 hours after the team returned from Birmingham, where they lost a hard-fought contest to Birmingham-Southern in a game broadcast on Fox Sports South. However, instead of blowing a lead late in the game, they battled back and cut BSC's nine-point advantage to one before the buzzer

sounded. While they walked off with another defeat, they held their heads high afterward, knowing that they finally put together a performance in which they knew they played for a full 40 minutes and not just 33. They displayed that same kind of attitude against CCU, and with

four games to go, HPU fans may have reason to believe that this team can go to the NCAA's.

With two home games remaining against Charleston Southern and Radford and two road games left to be played at Winthrop and at VMI, there is still no way to tell where HPU will finish in the standings. The only things that are certain are that Winthrop will win the regular season and enter the tournament with the No. 1 seed, and VMI will finish last and not participate in the conference tournament. After that, nothing is clear.

With four teams tied for third and seven teams still able to reach second place, it is going to be a wild finish. HPU will likely finish in the top four, which allows them to host at least one Big South Tournament game, beginning on March 2. In case you have forgotten, in the Big South, the tournament games are hosted by the higher-seeded team. This year Winthrop will host every game they play. If HPU finishes second (like it did last year), they will host at least two home games and then likely travel to Winthrop for the championship. If the Panthers finish third or fourth, then we host at least one home game and will likely have to travel to the rest of the games.

The road is something that has not been kind to the Panthers this season, but their past few performances hint that they are finally learning. While it has been an up-and-down season, this team is still more than capable of meeting expectations come March.

Track team excels at Va. Tech

By Kevin Scola
Staff Writer

The High Point Indoor Track and Field team competed in the Virginia Tech Challenge at Blacksburg, Va. on Feb. 12. The team was led by sophomore Jemissa Hess, who won the mile in a time of 4:46.1. Her time was good enough to earn her a provisional qualification to NCAA Indoor Nationals. Hess also broke her own school record, set three weeks ago, by over two seconds.

In the women's 800 meters, freshman Cathy-Anne Docteur finished in 8th place, running a time of 2:16.62. Also on the women's side, Angelique Diamond and Casey Gillingham tied for 11th place in the high jump, both leaping 1.58 meters.

The men's squad was led by junior Ishmael Josiah, who set a school record in the 400 meter dash with a time of 49.65. Josiah placed 15th in the event, followed by teammate John Young in 50.17. Young also placed 15th in the 200 meter dash, running 22.24. In the men's 3000 meters, both junior Matt Goodale and senior Derek Nakluski achieved personal bests, with Goodale running 8:25.28, finishing in 4th place. Nakluski finished seven spots behind him in 8:30.88.

The long jump was led by Chuck Cooper's jump of 6.77 meters, good enough for 11th place. He was followed by Kishaun English in 13th place, who jumped 6.75 meters. Gene Galloway doubled, finishing 23rd in the long jump and 12th in the triple jump, with jumps of 6.45 meters and 14.03 meters, respectively. Other results included Stephen Knight who placed 26th in the 55 meter high hurdles, running a time of 7.86 seconds, Matthias Ewender in the mile (17th place, 4:22.91) and Jeff Fairman in the mile (4:24.16).

For the women, Cheryl Guiney placed 23rd in the 3000 (10:48.60). She was followed by Jaime Vetten (28th, 11:11.69), Melissa Caudill (30th, 11:15.50), Tracy Warring (11:30.14) and Kate Atkinson (11:33.65).

This meet was the team's last tune-up before the Big South Championships, which will also be held at Virginia Tech. Both teams hope to improve on last year's finishes. Afterwards, several runners will continue their quest to qualify for NCAA Indoor Nationals, to be held March 11-12 at the University of Arkansas.

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Gamma Delta would like to congratulate all of the other sororities and fraternities on campus on your newest members. Congratulations to Jennifer Ford, Natalie Ragan, Shannon McKenna, Autumn Callison, Nina Licketto, Kelly Price, Leanne Chinn, Brittan McCluskey, Shanah Fahey, Tiphani Kuhl, Tabitha Wilson, Michelle Tallman, and Helena Harris, as our new members of AGD. We are excited to welcome them to our close family! We are currently planning on some philanthropic fundraisers for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, supporting Juvenile diabetes research through carwashes, community walks and campus clean-up days. After the death of FoFo, the sisters of AGD would like to pray for his family and friends at their time of loss.

Women's basketball team bags two Big South Conference victories

By Bethany Davoll
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team continues its roller-coaster ride season with its latest stretch of conference games. The Panthers' record is 10-11 overall, 5-3 in Big South Conference play which leaves them tied for second place with UNC-Asheville, whom they square off against on Saturday, Feb. 19.

High Point is coming off two conference wins, the latest against Charleston-Southern at home, 60-56. The game was an example of how the Panthers have been playing all season, up-and-down, with a lack of consistency.

In the second half High Point was up 40-20 with 17:10 left in the game, but CSU would go on a 19 point run before the drought was broken by a jumper from Shorty Martin at the 10:27 mark.

Charleston-Southern continued to fight back, and went up by two, 47-45, before High Point regained control of the game at 48-47 and led the rest of the way. The Panthers were led by Martin who had

21 points to go along with four assists and freshman Raven Truslow with eight points and two assists. Katie O'Dell pulled down 12 rebounds, while sophomore guard Katie Ralls was 4-of-5 from the foul line in the final minute of the game to help seal the win for HPU. Sophomore Timberly Jones had a good

game off the bench, contributing five points, seven rebounds, and five blocks.

Against Radford on Feb. 9, the Panthers came away with the 75-61 win, led again by point guard Shorty Martin with 24 points, five assists, five steals and five rebounds. Katie O'Dell contributed 15 points, Candyce Sellars had 11, and Raven Truslow tossed in 10.

The Panthers again had a large double-digit lead in the second half, 53-35 with 16:43 left to go, but couldn't bury Radford, who pulled to within eight points with 8:47 left in the game, at 59-51. High Point pulled things back together however, and held off the Highlanders to win by the final margin of 14.

Earlier in the month, starting sophomore guard Candyce Sellars was named



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CHARLENA MARTIN



In A&E: 'Hostage'-- Better than your average action flick



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Congressmen to speak on campus

Two former congressmen will speak to students about their lives as public servants on March 21 and 22.

Earl Hutto, a Democrat and former Florida representative, and William Zeff Jr., a Republican and former New Hampshire congressman, will speak March 22 at 11 a.m. in Hayworth Chapel. They will also meet with political science classes during their visit.

Both Hutto and Zeff retired in the 1990s. Their visit is sponsored by the Congress to Campus program.

Jon Shain to perform March 23

Singer/songwriter Jon Shain will perform March 23 at 8 p.m. in the Pauline Theatre. Shain is known for his improvisational style on the acoustic guitar that combines Piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing and ragtime.

He has shared stages with the likes of Dave Matthews Band and David Grisman as a member of the Chapel Hill-based rock group called Flyin' Mice. He is now a solo artist who has performed with Robert Earl Keen and the North Mississippi All Stars. Admission to the performance, which is sponsored by Student Activities Board and Student Government Association, is free.

Maintain e-mail accounts regularly

Fellow students: With the arrival of spring, it's time to do some very important housecleaning. The Office of Student Life reminds students to take the time to manage their e-mail accounts so that important notifications about upcoming campus events reach all intended recipients.

Ewing named EDP assistant dean

Shelley Ewing has been named assistant dean of the Evening Degree Program.

Ewing has served as assistant registrar and academic adviser since June 2002. As assistant dean, Ewing will evaluate transcripts for EDP students, interview prospective students and help plan graduation activities.

As one of her first duties as assistant dean, Ewing traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., recently to participate in the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference, which featured workshops on a variety of topics ranging from preparing for the next generation of college students to creating successful open house programs.

Compiled by Andrea Griffith

Rudy Giuliani announced as speaker for May 7 graduation

By Andrea Griffith
Editor in Chief

Rudy Giuliani, the famous former New York City mayor, will deliver this year's commencement address.

Crystal Cathedral minister Dr. Robert A. Schuller Jr. will deliver the baccalaureate address.

Graduation will take place May 7 on the lawn in front of the Wrenn Building. Evening baccalaureate services will be held May 6 at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

"Our students and their families deserve the best speakers in America, and our fine university deserves recognition from border to border and coast to coast and countries beyond our shores," said President Nido Qubein, who will be overseeing his first commencement since assuming

the president's post Jan. 3.

Giuliani's leadership and determination guided New York through the despair of 9/11 and placed him in the international limelight.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAY MEEKINS
RUDY GIULIANI, THE FORMER MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY

During Giuliani's time spent as mayor, New York was recognized by the FBI as the safest large city in America. New York's law enforcement strategies have become models for other cities around the world, particularly the

CompStat program, which won the 1996

Innovations in Government Award from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

He was named Person of the Year by Time magazine, knighted by the Queen of England, dubbed "Rudy the Rock" by French President Jacques Chirac and presented the Ronald Reagan Presidential Freedom Award from former first lady Nancy Reagan.

Schuller can be seen on the televised "Hour of Power" and currently serves as the co-chairman of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries.

He delivers approximately 20 messages annually to international television audiences of more than 20 million viewers.

As part of commencement, Qubein will also address graduates and guests.

While graduation ceremonies will not be open to the public, they will be available for viewing on the university website at www.highpoint.edu within 48 hours of the events.

Plans for campus radio station await approval

By Justin Spinks
Staff Writer

Finally after nearly a year and a half off the air, 90.3 WHPU seems to be shaking off the dust and coming slowly back to life. However, the radio station will not be following the same footsteps of its predecessor, but instead taking a step in a new direction.

Since October 2003, when Hurricane Isabel damaged the transmitter on the tower that sits on top of the Slane student center, 90.3 has been nothing but a memory, but thanks to fresh faces and energy, efforts to not only restore the radio station but create a much better station are underway. A committee spearheaded by Dr. Judy Isaksen, associate professor of English, has been plotting the new route the radio station needs to get back on the air.

"I love the medium," says Isaksen. "It's the theater of the mind."

When Isaksen joined the faculty last fall and discovered HPU's non-functioning radio station, she immediately took

interest. As a volunteer at WMNF in Tampa, Fla., she has had experience with radio before. Though she has no technical radio background, she is very excited to be involved in crafting the future of WHPU.

"There's a really great radio station ready to be set up," Isaksen says. "Our goal is to be up and running by August."

Members of the radio committee include Mrs. Elizabeth Vidrine from the media services center, director of campus activities Roger Clodfelter, vice president of administration Dr. Don Scarborough, Wellington DeSouza and Stephen Devoid from the Information Technology department and chair of the English department Dr. Jane Stephens.

Stephens sees the loss of 90.3 WHPU as an opportunity to start fresh with new ideas to better campus radio. "We want to go forward rather than just prop something up," she says. "It was getting to the point the radio station could only be heard if you drive around Cooke Hall."

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Student juggles schoolwork and family duties

By Pamela-Montez Holley
Staff Writer

With a sharp eye, a speedy hand and an attentive ear, a young-looking woman wrote down anything Dr. Akin Akinade said or wrote on his dusty chalkboard.

She perfectly answered every question Dr. Akinade asked. Her hair was all in curls, she had a petite figure, beautiful bright brown eyes, flawless brown skin and a bright smile. She blended in

with all of the other students in the World Religion class.

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CRYSTAL LOGGINS

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Letter Box

'Birth of a Nation' critique erroneous, short-sighted

To the editor:

Recently in the Campus Chronicle, columnist Jonathan Miller shared his disagreements with Dr. Judy Isaksen's documentary, "The Birth of a Nation: Take 3." Miller stated that Isaksen's film is outdated and irrelevant at worst. Well, I have plenty of disagreements about many of the things that Miller said.

Miller seems to think that the Ku Klux Klan is disorganized and membership has reached all-time lows, when, in fact, membership has reached all-time highs. The Ku Klux Klan has members all around the U.S., mainly in the south. The Klan has an organized website (www.kkk.com) with news and an racist internet show, now beginning its fourth season. "The knight's party" produces professional videos that Klansmen, Klanswomen and supporters, or anyone else can obtain, as well as a monthly magazine called the Crusader and its own public access channel. To top it all off, the KKK website has the numbers of all U.S. immigration departments so its members can report illegal immigrants. Does this seem like your typical disorganized Klan? I think not.

Then, Miller says that "Equal protection under the law and equal rights for every citizen rule the day." In what world? In this world minorities aren't treated equally, if so what about my fellow African-American Rodney King being beaten by the LAPD, or fellow Afro-American Devin Brown who was 13 years old and gunned down on Feb. 10, 2005 by white police officers because they thought he

was stealing a motor vehicle; a week earlier, a young black male was beaten to a pulp by white police officers with their flashlights. And let's not forget James Byrd Jr. who was dragged to death in Texas from the back of a pick-up truck. Miller calls this equality? I think not.

Another thought of Miller's that I disagree with is that a quick glance at our campus proves that the effects of slavery can't be seen today. I can count numerous times when I've been stopped by police and security because I look like a suspicious person walking the campus. I wonder why. Miller says that all ethnicities are welcomed here, and, yes, that may be so, but the minority students are here because they are athletes, with the exception of very few. There aren't many minority professors or minority advisors, and there are no black history courses or black fraternities. Now President Nido Qubein wants more students who are able to pay the full tuition without scholarships, which I fear will eliminate the majority of minority enrollment into High Point University. No, our High Point University is not really working to the advantage of minorities.

The most disturbing aspect of Miller's article is his labeling Malcolm X and W.E.B. Dubois as representatives of the same ideology as D.W. Griffith. Malcolm X did oppose Martin Luther King Jr.'s non-violence tactics, but it was

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"Miller understandably and unfortunately is speaking out of ignorance..."

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Isaksen responds to Miller's recent editorial about her film

To the editor:

In the last issue of the Campus Chronicle both Andrea Griffith and Jonathan Miller reviewed my Black History Month lecture and documentary film entitled "The Birth of a Nation: Take 3." I'd like to thank them both, once again, for taking the time and energy to respond; their reviews were engaging and tastefully written. While Ms. Griffith found merit in my project, Mr. Miller flatly panned it, with his headline declaring it "out-dated at best, irrelevant at worst." I'd be lying if I said such words didn't disappoint me, but as the old Hollywood saying goes: "A bad review is better than no review."

Since that publication date, Mr. Miller and I have had several e-mail exchanges, all of which have been enthusiastic, kind and informative. Based on our minimal relationship, I find him to be a passionate and intelligent young man. And yet despite our mutual graciousness, I still disagree with his position on matters of race and I imagine he would state the same toward me. I feel compelled to respond to Mr. Miller's critique, not to start a one-upmanship volley, but because I believe in Dr. Martin Luther King's sentiment that to remain silent is to tacitly condone a problematic position, and I can't stand by and let that happen. Thus, what I'm about to express is not necessarily a direct attack on or rebuttal to Mr. Miller's views, but rather a counter position to what has become, I fear, a prevalent belief among many Americans, of all ages, and Mr. Miller, I suspect, might fall into this group.

A broad slice of our American populace—and it's primarily a white slice—has bought into the neoconservative belief that we now live in a "color-blind" society. This has been quite an appealing ideology, for it appears to affirm equal opportunity and an equal playing field; moreover, it appears to focus on individualism, giving credence to meritocracy. On the surface level, such a tack is ostensibly honorable, for it ad-

vocates racial equality; in fact, it *assumes* racial equality for all. We no longer have to deal with matters of race because in a "color-blind" society, everyone is equal, right? Wrong.

In reality such a sensibility is no more than a subterfuge—a trick—that allows for denying—literally turning a blind eye to—the salience of racial differences and the material racial inequities that still live on, despite the successes of Condi and Oprah. Buying into the color-blind sensibility not only relieves the white race of any responsibility for understanding the history of our country and working to create equality in all facets of our society but it also preserves white privilege by denying racial differences. Indeed, this ideology appears race-neutral, but it ultimately and silently reinscribes white supremacy; in other words, it's racist.

Another interesting but disturbing aspect of this ideology is this: the rhetorical spin—that racial equality has been achieved and we now live in a color-blind society—has to be continually reinforced for it to appear natural and institutionalized. And it has worked—it is working. The sensibility has become so unconsciously engrained in the belief system of so many Americans and the emotional investment is so deep that when people do speak out favorably for racial equality, they undoubtedly face having their views attacked, as were mine.

To say that our society is "color blind" is to white-wash, with one broad stroke, any race that isn't white. This racism-no-longer-exists rhetoric simply isn't true. Ask any African American, including Condi and Oprah. Equally important, taking such a stance will prevent us from enjoying, understanding and merging with the vibrant colors, cultures and ethnicities that make up our society. And I for one am not willing to miss out on all that richness.

Dr. Judy Isaksen
Dept. of English and Communications

Cheap shots taken at Bush's State of the Union address

To the editor:

Last month's issue featured an article that criticized President Bush's State of the Union Address. To read the article puts the address to shame. The author obviously missed the overwhelming theme of the address that freedom is advancing around the world and that America is strong at home. Democratic elections were held in Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Ukraine. At home the economy is on the rise, more people own homes, the unemployment rate is down and more people participated in this last election than ever before.

The author spoke about irony in one of the most moving moments I have witnessed on TV. The true irony of that speech is the fact that the Democrats continually complain about the size of the deficit but when President Bush offers to cut 150 programs to save the nation from more wasteful government spending, the Democrats cry foul.

I am disappointed at the author's

"random sighting" referring to the purple paint on the fingers of some of the Republican members of Congress as "looking like a fascist salute." Millions of Iraqis participated for the first time in any true democratic election. For many, their lives were at risk just for voting. We should applaud the Iraqis' courage to vote instead of comparing a simple gesture to a "fascist salute."

The author stated President Bush was going to "mangle social security by privatizing it." President Bush quoted numerous Democrats who had said that reforming social security was needed. President Bush said all ideas were on the table and all he wanted was a voluntary system for younger workers to invest a portion of their social security.

President Bush's State of the Union gave depth and detail to his positive agenda and our state of the union is truly "confident and strong."

Jason Walters

Confessions of a proud member of the 'Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy'

Regardless of all the imperfections of our political system, Americans are still obligated to participate in it. This rule applies as much to the HPU community as it does to American government: if you do not contribute, you do not have the right to complain. And despite the messages of campaigns such as "Vote or Die," merely voting is not enough to count oneself as a responsible citizen. Informed voting should instead be our aim; with that in mind, I am going to inform you. What follows is why you, as a *potentially informed potential* voter, should vote Republican.



Drew

McIntyre
Opinion Editor

After 9/11, I believe national security to be our top priority, and thus it is my first consideration as a voter. This is actually no contest. A Democratic president hasn't been strong on national security since John F. Kennedy, who today would be a moderate Republican. Can you see Bill Clinton, Al Gore or John Kerry standing up to the Soviet Union? Reflect on the fact that Jimmy Carter, Mr. Human Rights himself, was utterly powerless to rescue our hostages from the radical Iranian regime during his tenure.

The fact that this humiliation ended literally the hour that Ronald Reagan was elected should tell you why ours is the party that takes foreign policy seriously. Republicans can have effective foreign policies because they aren't afraid to take a stand, right or wrong; the only time Clinton would take military action was when he got a phone call from the U.N.'s Kofi Annan or when news about a certain blue dress was about to break. Instead, in a strange twist of fate, Republicans are now the idealists when it comes to international relations. We see torture chambers and rape rooms and think something can and should be done to such evil. Weapons inspector Hans Blix doesn't end despotism. In places like Afghanistan, Iraq and now Lebanon, democracy has a chance to take root in a region that most of our educated elite deemed impossible. The Republican Party is now, more than ever, the party on the side of hope and freedom.

I believe we have a monopoly on sound domestic policy as well. Decades ago, JFK made a very conservative statement when he extolled Americans to "Ask not what your country can do for you." Republicans traditionally advocate small government because, in the tradition of the Founders, we believe individual citizens are best left to govern themselves.

This translates to fewer and lower taxes, an emphasis on personal liberties and a limit on government entitlements. Make a note to yourself not to listen to whiny liberals (or Pat Buchanan) who say Bush is not a 'true conservative', because this would be like letting The Joker tell you that Batman isn't a 'real' superhero. The Joker is just angry because Batman beats him all the time. Economically, Republicans are largely business-friendly. This is because conservatives recognize that businesses employ our citizens and fund what is still the arsenal of democracy. The Left has become the enemy of industry and enterprise because, at its core, the liberal movement despises the free market system.

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core, the liberal movement despises the free market system. Republicans recognize that the jobs our economy relies upon are provided by small businesses. Thus, the party tends to advocate pro-growth policies such as decreasing the capital gains tax. My parents were small business owners for most of my life. When they sold the business and cashed in on years of hard work, the government got to take a little over 20 percent of what they received; lowering this would constitute what John Kerry called "tax cuts for the rich." [Note: to a Democrat,

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High court reconsiders execution

The recent Supreme Court decision *Roper v. Simmons*, which overturned the death penalty for minors, is a step in the right direction for America, but it was a step taken for all the wrong reasons.



Josh

Farrington
Staff Writer

In the majority opinion, Justice Kennedy cites immaturity and international law as the basis for the decision. Simmons, the minor involved in this specific case, robbed a female neighbor for a mere hand-

ful of dollars, and then tied her up and threw her bound body into a river—while she was still alive. Kennedy's opinion minimizes this genuinely evil act by implying its cause was mere "immaturity." Furthermore, our entire legal system is based on the Constitution, not international opinion and foreign laws.

However, it is due time the U.S. abandon the medieval "eye for an eye" punishment associated with the death penalty. I don't deny that most murderers deserve

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First Lady sets trends; fashion goes ladylike

By Rebecca Fleming
Staff Writer

Spring is slowly creeping into town — stealthily rounding the corner, almost as if she were ashamed to show her face. Winter stubbornly resists the advances of his little sister, but he is slowly losing ground. And aren't we all thankful! Signs of spring are appearing everywhere: from the deep purple crocuses in my flowerbed to the lingering dusk in the evenings. Perhaps the most visible and practical sign of spring is the arrival of the season's clothing in stores.

Gone are thick, cozy wool sweaters, knee socks and corduroy pants. If you look hard enough, you may be able to find some on clearance, but it'll take some looking. Instead, racks and shelves are filled with the garments of warm weather: shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, capris, even bathing suits.

I've spent several days at the mall this month, and as I've shopped, I've noticed a trend in ladies' clothing. Feminine is back! Hurrah! OK, I'll stop cheering and explain. The boyish grunge look is fading into fashion history as delicate detail work and ruffles move in. While I welcome this move with a glad heart, my especial joy comes when I look over the new skirts and dresses. It is there that this fresh wave of feminine detail is most apparent. As if the light, airy fabrics that swish and swirl were not enough, the cut of these skirts and dresses is flattering and delight-

fully girly.

At this point I would like to interject a hypothesis of sorts. The change in ladies' clothing is not necessarily "sudden." It started four years ago when First Lady Laura Bush moved into the White House. Suddenly America had a First Lady who dressed like a lady! What a novel concept. After eight years of Hilary Clinton and her pantsuits and rather "anti-lady" clothing choices, the change was drastic. The fashion world was so shocked that it's taken this long for it to catch up with her — thus the arrival this spring of tailored, classy looks and ultra-girly dresses.

Please understand, I'm not saying this just because the First Lady is my hero; I'm saying it because it's an idea that I believe contains some truth. Take a look around; take a look through history books. You'll find that the fashion regularly reflects the personal tastes of the powers that be. In areas where monarchs rule, the queen is generally the leader of ladies' fashion; since America is a democracy, the First Lady fills the role of queen for us. Her personal tastes are reflected in what we wear.

Dolly Madison was a popular First Lady, and her empire-waisted, floor-length dresses were admired by American ladies. Of course, she was First Lady at a time when the population that would actually be able to "copy" her style was minimal. Jackie Kennedy was another style-setting First Lady. Her look was one

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Qubein recaps exciting campus developments

New flags, lighting among improvements

Students —

Welcome back from Spring Break! I trust that you enjoyed visiting with family and friends and are energized to excel as the countdown begins toward summer and our spectacular graduation ceremonies.

Anticipation is high after the announcement that Rudy Giuliani will serve as our commencement speaker and Dr. Robert A. Schuller will deliver the baccalaureate address. Having such prestigious speakers on campus will raise the world's view of our university.

Graduation isn't the only excitement on campus. Staff and faculty have been working hard to raise the student experience at HPU through a wide variety of campus improvements and future planning. Here's a brief overview of the improvements going on around campus:

-20 new emergency towers will improve campus safety

-Lighting has been enhanced in parking lots, streets and to the fronts of several campus buildings

-State and HPU flags are being added to the campus to complement the international flags in the greensward

-Benches have been added to the greensward

-Patio tables and umbrellas are being added to the Slane patio

-Fountains are being constructed in both circles and in front of the library

-A disc golf course has been added to campus

-Landscaping efforts have enhanced the campus and improved safety

-Continuation of the brick and iron fencing has begun to the perimeter of campus

-The field house has been emptied in preparation for demolition to accommodate the Steele Sports Complex

-A portion of the soccer stadium will be demolished to accommodate the Steele Sports Complex

-Our e-mail spam system has been updated

-Suggestion boxes are popping up everywhere

Exciting things are happening on campus. And it's just the tip of the iceberg. This summer, major construction will begin, and improvements will multiply. Your experience here is of utmost importance, and we approach this task with great joy and anticipation.

In closing, consider this: "Competence leads to confidence. Confidence leads to commitment. Commitment leads to excellence." At High Point University, we are committed to excellence ... in all areas. Join us in the commitment. Together, we can accomplish great things.

Dr. Nido Qubein

Hersh article reveals strategy for Iran; Bush's motives questioned

By Justin Spinks
Staff Writer

Now that Saddam Hussein's regime has been overthrown and Iraq has had its first democratic elections, our troops' engagement with the Middle East will be finished once political order is established in the new Iraq, right?

Wrong.

Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh maintained in January in the New Yorker that the Bush administration has secret plans to invade Iran, neighboring country to Iraq, which is allegedly engaging in nuclear enrichment programs. The article, "The Coming Wars," accuses the Pentagon of conducting secret missions in Iran to find evidence of these nuclear activity outside the knowledge of the C.I.A. Hersh writes that "the President and his national-security advisers have consolidated control over the military and intelligence communities' strategic analyses and covert operations to a degree unmatched since the rise of the post-Second World War national-security state."

Hersh is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist famed for revealing the abusive practices in the U.S. military's Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq last year, so he is definitely to be taken seriously; but how much publicity has the article received? Very little. The Pentagon responded by claiming that Hersh's report is riddled with inaccuracies. However, army offi-

cials did not deny that U.S. troops have been on the ground in Iran.

The nation does not seem too concerned with the administration's plans for their future engagement with Iran. However, what if an invasion of Iran meant the reinstatement of the draft? Would the subject interest you as college students and potential U.S. troops?

During their visit to High Point University, I asked Woodrow Wilson Fellows, famed journalists and Middle East experts Rick Davis and Deborah Amos,

"...with our troops' engagement in Iraq, we lack the resources to invade Iran, which is three times the size of Iraq."

to respond to Hersh's article. Amos stated that Hersh's sources were indeed reliable; however, just because there is a plan, does not mean it will necessarily be acted upon. Take, for example, Iraq. The Bush administration had plans to invade Iraq before 9/11, but there may not have been enough support to follow through.

Davis said with our troops' engagement in Iraq, we lack the resources to invade Iran, which is three times the size of Iraq with much more unified support. However, should the administration gain support for an invasion of Iran, then "a draft would be inevitable," he said.

Hersh's article suggests that the plans for invading Iran are underway, as troops have been there for at least a year searching for evidence of nuclear enrichment facilities. The plans have been

modified since our occupation of Iraq. He says that before the Iraq invasion, the only way to invade Iran would be by sea, but now that we have troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, we could easily launch a full ground and air invasion of Iran.

Is the president playing a chess game with the Middle East? His pieces are positioned in Iraq and Afghanistan. Is he awaiting the right opportunity to seize the king piece, Iran, and then checkmate?

What about peaceful negotiations to halt Iran's nuclear enrichment programs? The European Union has attempted to persuade Iran to dismantle its nuclear machinery to no avail. The Union has been begging the U.S. to join in these negotiations, because it needs the leverage that only the U.S. can provide, but President Bush refuses. He would rather sit idly by and watch the negotiations fail, and intervene at the last minute and say, "All right, we have no choice but to bomb."

Bush needs more evidence this time, though, than he did for Iraq, because the Americans won't go for another "Weapons of Mass Destruction" ploy. That is why troops are currently engaging in search operations in Iran. But even if it's found that Iran can produce nuclear weapons, it will not be for another three to five years given their current resources.

Hersh claims that the U.S. government has pardoned a known activist in the nuclear black market, Pakistani A.

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No death penalty for under-18s

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death, but following the same logic, don't convicted rapists deserve to be raped, rather than face mere imprisonment? Call me a weakling, but the idea of state-sponsored execution just doesn't appeal to me.

Fox News pundit Bill O'Reilly, who's not exactly an idol of the left, has long argued for the abolition of the death penalty. O'Reilly's vision of punishment for convicted murderers is imprisonment in hard labor camps and guaranteed sentences of life without parole. I'm not sure how practical these camps would be, but they certainly are more appealing than execution.

The problem with the death penalty issue is that most conservatives focus too much on what the criminal deserves based on the ancient notion of Old Testament justice. Most liberals are afraid to even call murderous acts evil but are sometimes quick to call the death penalty evil. Like most issues, this will never be solved without a compromise by both sides. The left needs to acknowledge that people like Mr. Simmons are evil and must be dealt with severely and not allowed to ever even have the chance to commit an equally horrendous act on an innocent citizen. Conservatives need to acknowledge the logical inconsistency in punishing killing with killing and acknowledge that life in prison or life in a labor camp as suggested by O'Reilly are viable alternatives to the death penalty.

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because he was fed up with the white man's brutality and hatred towards blacks. Malcolm says, "I believe in the brotherhood of man, all men, but I don't believe in brotherhood with anybody who doesn't want brotherhood with me. I believe in treating people right, but I'm not going to waste my time trying to treat somebody right who doesn't know how to return the treatment." I don't think this mirrors D.W. Griffith's ideology at all.

As for W.E.B. DuBois, he acted in support of integration and equal rights for everyone regardless of race, but his thinking often exhibited a degree of black separatist-nationalist tendencies because he, too, was frustrated with racial oppression. Overall, Griffith supported violence because of his hatred of blacks and quite conversely, Malcolm and DuBois supported violence in our defense against violent whites; they reacted to aid our quest for freedom and equality, not out of hatred for whites.

Dr. Isaksen's documentary isn't saying that we live in the same time as D.W.Griffith but that we live in a time where racism is tragically evident and alive. Miller understandably and unfortunately is speaking out of pure ignorance; he just doesn't know because he can't experience what it's like to be a minority. For Miller to even think that slavery hasn't affected our world today shows how misinformed he is. Dr. Isaksen was trying to inform, but it obviously didn't register to Miller.

Travar Hoyle

Reginald Jones' message more of the same divisiveness and labeling

"If we're not in jail, we're on our way there. That's how they look at us," said Reginald Jones in a shiny green, snake-skinned pattern suit, addressing a crowd in Norton Hall Feb. 22.

Jones is a Republican, and his speech was to express how conservative thought and black skin can come together. However, it was one of those "we" versus "they" speeches, and every we meant black people; every they, whites.

I suppose I will continue asking this question for as long as I live, but can someone tell me why the color of our skin is so definitive of who we are? Jones sees the current black community as one that has lost its focus. There are more sports professionals and entertainers than there are black teachers and professors. Swoosh. But after such a good point, the rest of the game was a let down.

Jones said that people on Black Entertainment Tonight "are more readily accepted as black" than he is. People's perception of who black people are flows straight from the media, according to

Jones. Media plays a huge role, but BET isn't the only medium. When I was in Nicaragua, the people there were fascinated by me because I didn't look like Britney Spears. They questioned me if all Americans were like her. Up until their interaction with an American, their definition of an American was skewed; and certainly I am no measure of a "normal" American because such a person does not exist. Ignorance lies in the hands of he who questions nothing. And therefore if someone's true perception of a black person is only what he sees from BET, fault is not in the black man's hands.

When Jones was traveling first class on an airplane, a white woman leaned over and asked, "So what team do you play for?" The fact that she was so sure he was an athlete only emphasized to Jones the role black people play in our society. But as a listener, I hear a story like that and I focus in on the ignorance of the woman rather than the role of the black man. Ignorance has no specific targets, it hits all ages, races and sexes.

"People who look like me paid the price so dreams could come true," said Jones. It seems as though in this journey to step away from the differences of race and become a more unified America, race becomes its own stumbling block. What purpose does a comment like that have? It only divides. Automatically when Jones said that my mind reverted to my grandparents who are white Italians and how

they paid a price in coming to America to chase their dreams, in essence, so their children's dreams could come true. Those words pierced me, and in trying to mentally reply to them, I assumed the defensive position.

The same defensive mode went through my mind when Jones said that he feels he has a tremendous advantage over his white competitors, who were born in the suburbs. "I didn't have a rich daddy, and when I graduated, I didn't get a Mercedes. I didn't eat caviar," said Jones.

Jones doesn't like the generalizations made of blacks because he is one of many exceptions to those generalizations. But then he stoops to the same level. My suburban butt would bet my 1990 Volvo—I swear it's a Ferrari under the hood—that not every one of his "competitors" (whoever they may be) got a Mercedes or the like upon graduation.

Step back from your political party. Step back from being black or white, Italian or German. We all have labels, and we're going to live with them whether we want to or not. I support Jones for trying to communicate that not all successful blacks are in sports. But if anyone is ever going to prove that labels don't define a person, he can't do so by putting his audience members in categories they don't fit into. Assumptions often pave the path for ignorance.



Gena Smith
Staff Writer

In Kenya, rays of hope shine through the dark

Senior columnist shares her experience as a visitor to AIDS orphanage

By Gena Smith
Staff Writer

It was as though an elephant sprayed the contents of a thrift store on them. The random, dirty clothes that decorated about 50 orphans from ages 2 to 8 were direct reflections of the effects of AIDS on the economy—and the future—of Ebusiekwe Esibila Bunyore, a village in western Kenya.

In the dirt-floored sanctuary of New Hope Outreach Ministries, where the rafters and beams are raw tree branches that hold up a tin roof, the children greeted the six visiting Americans—seniors Andrea Griffith and I; Judy Isaksen, associate professor of English; John and Jean Corey, who are living in Kenya while their adoption process goes through with two Kenyan babies and Katie Holland, director of Amani Children's Foundation, a non-profit with a mission to help orphans in Africa. As we poured out of the van, the children showered us the songs "Welcome to Kenya" and "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made." They jumped, stamped and danced to the beat of homemade drums, and they honored us with poetry and Bible verses as well as their self-produced, comedic play "Illiteracy is a Disease."

Their round, dark faces beamed as bright as the 95-degree sun, and their clay-soiled, bare feet were almost camouflaged

by the dirt floor. Because the children were filled with pride in themselves and us, I fell in love over and over within the hour and half we were there.

New Hope Outreach Ministries was founded by Bishop Thomas Imende 12 years ago with a plan to help the indigenous people of Kenya, South Africa, Sudan and Tanzania.

Imende has close ties to the Triad area. All four of his adult children have graduated from local schools, including Wake Forest University, Salem College and University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, is an adjunct professor in the English department.

In Kenya, Imende has planted about 20 churches. The purpose of the outreach is holistic: to meet the needs of the community spiritually, economically and physically as well as to build full-fledged churches, hospitals and schools with dormitories. Many of the orphans have no official home but stay with members of the surrounding community. One 79-year-old man houses eight of the children himself.

"We don't just teach them God and then leave them on an empty stomach," said Imende. It is hard for the outreach because there are so many hungry mouths to feed. "They take the Word of God literally when it says in the Lord's Prayer, 'Give us this day our daily bread...' Some



SMITH GREETED BY ORPHANS AT NEW HOPE CHURCH

PHOTO BY ANDREA GRIFFITH

[of the orphans] go for days without food. They have to trust God for the next meal," said Imende.

To these tribal children, we are the sun, even if only for a moment. Treating us like dignitaries, the pastor's wife gave us Fanta Orange soda and Coca-Cola and set out plastic plates of banana bunches. In a dry and thirsty land, they thirsted more so we, with full stomachs, wouldn't thirst.

Funerals are a daily activity in the

villages of western Kenya due to AIDS. "People die like no man's business," said Pastor Geoffrey Emisiko, the main pastor of the village church. Death is just as common as the banana trees growing throughout the countryside. "The government doesn't care," said Imende. "The church has to do something now... We need to break the spirit of poverty."

In addition to the orphans, New Hope

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Respect the military; let recruiters do their jobs

As I write, my 23-year-old brother, a soon-to-be drill instructor, prepares to lead a flight of basic military trainees across the parade grounds at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The green recruits have drilled and marched for the past six weeks in preparation for this day. Each anxiously longs for the end, but each knows that one final task awaits them. Completion of the parade march signals the conclusion of basic military training and the beginning of active duty military service. Graduation for most of these recruits culminates with the reception of the first "stripe," unless the recruit has participated in a ROTC program. One stripe on the uniform denotes that individual's rank as Airman, thus giving the new recruit official status as military personnel.



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Staff Writer

With all the anticipation and anxiety present, these young men and women perform with a professional calmness usually witnessed in chiseled veterans. Yesterday my family and I observed the future Airmen participate in a ceremony known as retreat. The squadrons march onto the parade grounds to honor what they will defend, the American flag. A band plays the national anthem as well as the Air Force anthem. The ceremony lasts roughly 20 minutes, and then the

recruits disperse to greet their families for the first time in six weeks. Though only a short ceremony, nothing is more impressive.

The squadrons march in perfect step as the drill instructor calls the cadence. The young recruits walk so smoothly and in such beautiful rhythm that their footsteps barely make a noise on the hard pavement. Marching of such caliber can only occur through discipline, training and dedication. All these characteristics embody our nation's military.

Watching those young men and women makes me not only proud of our great country but proud of our awesome military. Recently, anti-military groups have protested the presence of military recruiters on high school and college campuses. Though these people have the right to protest, more respect should be granted to our nation's armed services. Military personnel make such protests possible through their sacrifices.

These protesters claim they merely want to inform people about all their options before joining the military, yet their actions signal a position that attempts to frighten people from signing up. They hover around recruiters, shouting chants and hoping that people will stay away from the recruiters. These protesters also claim that recruiters lie to students wishing to join, but they spread lies about the men and women serving in the military, claiming that racial and sexual discrimination run rampant, that only barbarians who seek to kill everyone join and that signing up for the service constitutes the signing of your death certificate. Noth-

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GOP is far from perfect, but Dean spells disaster

Recently former presidential candidate Howard Dean accepted the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee. Among his promised reforms, the former Vermont governor has vowed to rebuild the Democratic party in the most conservative regions of the nation, return to grassroots politics by developing state and local organizations and allow Democrats on Capitol Hill to form party policy.



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Certainly Dean has his work cut out for him. Since the 1996 election when the Republicans gained control of Congress, the Democratic party has appeared to spiral downwards, culminating in the 2004 defeat in the presidential and congressional elections. Former Republican Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich even went as far as describing Dean as the perfect leader for the Democratic Party if they had a "death wish." Dean, however, welcomes the challenge, stating, "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to prove Newt wrong."

Despite the growing strength of Republican support and increasing number of red states, especially in the South and West regions, the GOP is not without fault. Since the Republican reign began in 1996, federal power has increased tremendously. As a result, many unfunded

federal mandates are forcing the states to compromise policy initiatives to finance the new laws. This is just one of the many examples of an expanding central government, an idea that stands in direct contrast to a hallmark value of the Republican party: stronger state governments.

Additionally, the Bush administration has practiced anything but conservative economics. Despite the general assumption, echoed by Dean, that Republicans create deficits, an idea springing from the Reaganomics of the 1980s, conservative economics seek to cut spending and lower taxes. The Bush administration, however, has only done part, cutting taxes while increasing federal spending. In all fairness to the current administration, much of the current deficit is due to the prolonged War on Terror, and war under any administration, Democratic or Republican, tends to cause a budget deficit. However, several of Bush's other programs, such as "No Child Left Behind," the administration's educational reform, are also responsible for the deficit.

Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not suggesting that educational reform is a poor way to spend tax dollars and funding war is the best. Rather, I feel there are other ways to finance such programs other than increasing the skyrocketing deficit. For example, most conservatives would argue for a thorough reform of our welfare system, lending a helping hand to those who honestly need it, while eliminating the derelict and the sluggard who simply live off the system since that's easier than getting a job. This again is just one example. Many federal programs are

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Teacher recalls leaving Africa to attend college in North Carolina

By Amanda Meadows
Staff Writer

Ms. Elizabeth Imende does not find happiness through material blessings, but rather through a strong sense of self which she shares freely with others.

The adjunct English instructor was born in California, but at age six her parents moved to Nairobi, Kenya. Her father was raised in Kenya, and her mother grew up in Uganda. Both parents were educated in the United States but decided to return to Kenya to raise their family. In Kenya, most people are poor. Referring to the lack of material possessions in Kenya, Imende stated, "It was so tempting for my parents to stay in the U.S." By moving back to Kenya, they instilled in their young daughter the values of a broad education and following your heart.

In America wealth is outwardly apparent, but in Kenya wealth is hidden within the people's spirit. Imende explained that "when you have so little, life as well as relationships with family and friends becomes important."

After high school in Kenya, she pursued her dreams by accepting a full scholarship to Wake Forest University at the age of 18. Leaving Kenya with \$83 in her purse, Imende arrived in North Carolina

to find her appointed guardian, Dr. Jane Stephens, waiting at the airport for her. Stephens is now the chair of the English department at HPU.

Imende described arriving at Wake Forest as a culture shock, and said that "it took time to grasp the notion of material

inequality in the world." Imende stated, "I just remember being so amazed at what students had at the ages of 18, 19 and 20. Most people I knew in Kenya with cars were 40 years old. At Wake Forest there were students driving SUV's."

Wake Forest became a two-pronged educational experience, involving aca-

demics and learning about American culture. Imende believes that Winston-Salem was the perfect place for her transition to American culture, because, as a medium-sized city, it wasn't overwhelming. While the atmosphere was helpful, Imende admits that friends made in college helped her adjust the most.

Though she enjoyed hanging out, eating fast food and soaking up American culture, Imende's college education became her major purpose in the United

States. She graduated from Wake Forest with a bachelor's degree in English. She then turned to educating others, teaching English at a high school. That path led her to High Point University, where she works part time.

Asked why she chose this career, Imende said she felt there was a lack of humanity in other professions, where the employee works with a computer, memos or charts all day. "As a teacher you work with hearts and minds," Imende stated.

There is never a day when Imende enters her workplace feeling bored. She realizes that each class and each student bring something new to the text. Describing the university as a think tank, she said, "It is the university's job to shape or produce what the rest of the world does."

Dwelling in the possible instead of the impossible each day, Imende opens her students' eyes to the world within and around themselves. She stresses the importance of learning about people's differences, describing literature as "a non-threatening way to learn about ourselves." Imende believes that literature becomes a way of keeping us in touch with being human. Each day, Imende reflects on her experiences and the places she has been for her classes. She often makes students form a circle with desks and leads open discussions asking students to pull experiences from their lives which could apply to the reading for that day. Imende understands the importance of education, but also acknowledges the learning done outside the classroom.

She focuses on where she has come from, as well as where she is headed, to open her students' eyes to all the possibilities in life.



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ELIZABETH IMENDE

Feb. crime statistics

Arrest: Alcohol	0
Arrest: Drug	0
Assault	0
Burglary	0
Drug Violation	0
Hate Crime	0
Larceny	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Murder	0
Referral: Alcohol	9
Referral: Drug	1
Referral: Weapon	0
Robbery	1
Sexual Offense (Forcible)	0
Sexual Offense (Non Forcible)	0
Weapon	1

Visit the U.S. Dept. of Education website (<http://ope.ed.gov/security/index.asp>) for reporting requirements and definitions. Crime statistics for all colleges and universities receiving financial aid from the department are available from this website.

Visit the university website (www.highpoint.edu/campuslife/publicsafety) for more information concerning federal mandates, identity theft, campus crime stoppers and parking regulations.

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Stephens believes that the former media/communications track the English department offered limited the radio station. However, she believes the new communications major "makes a great fit."

The radio committee has decided that to fix the old tower and restore the former radio station would be a lost cause. The prototype for the new station will be one that broadcasts entirely via internet. The disadvantage to this format is that WHPU can only be heard on a personal computer or laptop, but there are several benefits. To broadcast on the web, an FCC license is not needed, which is quite costly each year. Also, there is no end to the extent of the broadcast. People in Antarctica could listen to High Point radio if they can plug in a computer. Parents could hear their children's programs no matter where they live, and alumni could tune in no matter where their careers take them.

As for whether WHPU will be back on traditional radio airways, both Isaksen and Stephens feel that it may not be necessary. "We'll just wait and see how the technology goes," Stephens says.

A digitally modified version of former radio adviser Greg Brown's proposal has been sent to the administration requesting the funds to make WHPU digital and to furnish the currently empty radio station with up-to-

date technology. The proposal awaits administration approval. However, the ideas and format for the new WHPU are ready and waiting to be sprung.

Isaksen wants to put more emphasis on written radio shows instead of just strictly music shows with some improvised dialogue as has been the trend in the past. "It's bizarre, but it makes sense for the station to be under the English department because it's another form of rhetoric," says Isaksen. Her goal is for next semester to offer courses focusing on writing for radio as well as a radio practicum and an audio broadcasting course which would be open for anyone interested in writing for radio or anyone who just wants to do a music program.

"We want this to be as much about the music as it is about the word," she says.

Stephens says of Isaksen, "This would not be possible if it wasn't for her energy." Another boost to the station, she says, has been the visit of Woodrow Wilson Fellows Deborah Amos and Rick Davis, who said during one of their speeches, "If there's one medium to pay attention to, it's radio."

The radio committee would also like student feedback, so next to this article is a survey created by Isaksen to access what you would like to hear on the up-and-coming radio station. Please take some time to fill out the survey; it's all for you.

HPU RADIO SURVEY

In anticipation of the return of our campus radio station, via webcasting, we want your feedback.

Please check off everything below that you'd like to hear on-air.

<input type="checkbox"/> World Beat	<input type="checkbox"/> Sixties Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Techno	<input type="checkbox"/> A Request Line
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock n' Roll	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk Shows
<input type="checkbox"/> Rap	<input type="checkbox"/> Poetry Readings	<input type="checkbox"/> Live interviews
<input type="checkbox"/> Hip-Hop	<input type="checkbox"/> Story Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Comedy Hour
<input type="checkbox"/> Classic R&B	<input type="checkbox"/> Irish/Celtic	<input type="checkbox"/> Country
<input type="checkbox"/> Neo-Soul	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Reggae
<input type="checkbox"/> Funk	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Music
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian rock	<input type="checkbox"/> French music	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean-salsa
<input type="checkbox"/> Jam Band Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian music	<input type="checkbox"/> Gospel
<input type="checkbox"/> Blues	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> Folk & Acoustic
<input type="checkbox"/> Alt Rock	<input type="checkbox"/> Bluegrass	<input type="checkbox"/> Gothic
<input type="checkbox"/> Trip-Hop	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal
<input type="checkbox"/> Classical	<input type="checkbox"/> Bebop-Swing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily HPU Announcements		<input type="checkbox"/> News

Topics for Talk & Interview Shows:

<input type="checkbox"/> art & music	<input type="checkbox"/> sports
<input type="checkbox"/> environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/> politics
<input type="checkbox"/> health & wellness	<input type="checkbox"/> race, gender, & class issues
<input type="checkbox"/> technology	

Suggestions for other shows:

Cut & Return to Professor Judy Isaksen English Dept Box 3111

Students, professors witness the effectiveness of New Life Home during recent trip to Kenya

Founders Clive and Mary Beckenham to visit HPU April 7

By Andrea Griffith
Editor in Chief

Baby Hans waves his arms as he sits in his wooden crib as if he is about to address a crowd of top diplomats from around the world. It seems impossible that only six months ago, he faced almost certain death as an orphan in Kenya.

Hans is just one of 670 infants who have been rescued from an incomparable crisis by New Life Homes, which cares for babies who are abandoned in hospitals and pit latrines as a result of the overwhelming AIDS epidemic. New Life is unique in that it admits young infants—from one day old to three months. Many arrive looking skeletal and lifeless, but with nourishment and medical care, they become healthy babies in a matter of days and weeks.

"If a baby gets to us on time, then we

just have to do whatever it takes to make it through," said Juliet, a young Kenyan woman who helps manage the home.

The program that began as Christian missionary work in 1994 by Clive and Mary Beckenham of Britain has become a model for orphanages in Africa. Three New Life Homes already exist. The Beckenham



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BABY NATHANIEL IS ONE OF THE TODDLERS AT NEW LIFE HOME IN NAIROBI

hope to eventually build one home in each of Kenya's eight provinces so that they can continue to improve the outlook for the country's 1.8 million orphans. The Beckenham will speak at HPU at 7:30 p.m. on April 7 in the Pauline Theatre.

The sophisticated home is sustained with the help of 40 employees and between 50-75 volunteers per day, who run a tight regimen. Each baby eats, sleeps

and plays on the same schedule.

Over spring break, the schedule stayed on track despite the many visitors coming and going, including Libba Evans, secretary of cultural resources for North Carolina; Jane Stephens, English department chair and proud mother of two Winston-Salem kindergartners who are former Kenyan orphans; Gena Smith and myself, both seniors at HPU; Katie Holland, director of the Amani Children's Foundation in Winston-Salem; and Judy Isaksen, associate professor of English at HPU. The 10-day excursion to Kenya was sponsored by the Amani Children's Foundation, which works to create educational opportunities in the U.S. for awareness about African orphans while aiming to support sustainable care for them. Student Government sponsored the students' trips.

"It's become a tradition ... When Amani visits, they go back with babies," said Juliet, laughing. Following this

summer's Amani-sponsored trip, Stephens' cousin and sister decided to adopt from New Life Home. After uprooting their American life, they are staying in Nairobi, anxiously awaiting their adoption hearings so that they can take babies Robbie, Maya and Eva home.

Seventy percent of New Life's infants have been adopted. The home has changed many of the country's perceptions about adoption, said Holland, who studied the home through her undergraduate and graduate work at Salem College and Harvard University. Traditionally, adoption has been a taboo topic in Kenya as it was viewed as a threat to tribalism. But in the wake of the AIDS crisis, Kenyan families have adopted 80 percent of New Life's babies.

"New Life is a model that is not only sustainable but could also be replicable at the national level," Holland said. "It's already changing society here."

Republicans hold a monopoly on ideological diversity, not the DNC

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"rich" describes anyone that actually earns enough income to be taxable.) Republicans are not business-friendly because we are a party of and for the rich; we are business-friendly because we believe people should get to keep what they earn and because taxing productive citizens and companies to death is counter-productive to a healthy national economy. The Democrats' solution, as proposed by John Kerry, is to increase taxes on the "wealthy" and redistribute their earnings in a Marxist fashion via government entitlements and programs.

Socially, Republicans tend to be traditionalists. Only recently has the term "traditional" become a negative, but that is a subject for a different day. The idea that marriage is an institution between a man and a woman is controversial now; traditionalists such as myself are repeatedly confused at being labeled "close-minded" and "intolerant" by the same people who think Michael Moore loves America and chant, "Bush is a Nazi." Here is an area where Republicans possess something that liberals do not value at all: intellectual diversity. Republicans span the gamut on gay marriage, from advocating a Constitutional Amendment to ban the practice to approving civil unions to complete legalization. There is even an entire group of gay Republicans called the "Log Cabin Republicans" that you have probably never heard about, because Republicans are only portrayed as homophobes by the elite liberal media. Republican positions on many other issues, such as drug legalization and abortion, also show a similar diversity that is found only rarely in the DNC.

This is by no means an exhaustive discussion of why you too should be a conservative or of the issues that differentiate us from liberals (or "progressives", as they usually prefer). The reason that I believe the Republican Party is winning every election in sight is because we are truly a "big tent" party; though I am a card-carrying mem-

ber of the Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy. I am also proud to say that my party welcomes a variety of people and ideas. Reflect on the party conventions from last year; the speaker's lists tell the story. Which is more diverse and balanced, the RNC ticket of Bush, Cheney, Giuliani and Schwarzenegger or the DNC's Kerry, Sen. Clinton and Al Gore? Reflect also that the party placed Michael Moore next to Jimmy Carter in the presidential box, and that Howard Dean (whose wife confirms that he is indeed a screamer) is now chairman. This makes it obvious where the Democrats now are: trapped in the '60s, angry at having lost their stranglehold on the American political system, a "National Party No More" that is determined to slander Bush and America in an attempt to regain control. The fact that moderate Democrats like Joseph Lieberman have no place in the party leadership is also indicative of the recent hard-left turn.

Politics is not everything, but it is undeniably a vital part of our social fabric. Republics such as ours only work if its citizens vote and vote well; this is all I ask. America is only a democracy to the degree that we participate in the system. The political state of affairs right now is a bit unfortunate. A large number of us are apathetic. For those of us who are not, it seems that civil political discourse is nearly impossible. I think the media's term is "polarization". I do believe this is a critical time for America, as we face both unprecedented peril and limitless possibilities. If our nation fails, it will be because we have failed it. Let us all make our voices heard in the ongoing conversation that is the great American experiment. We are still the greatest nation on earth, but we will not remain so automatically. With dedication, hope, and perseverance — and voting for candidates with the letter "R" next to them on the ballot — the United States will remain a light to the world for centuries to come.

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But something set her apart. Twenty years ago, Crystal Loggins entered Winston-Salem State University as a freshman but later decided to drop out. "I just didn't like WSSU," said Loggins. "I went because my sister who is ten months older than me went. My dream was to work in the Air Force, but my grandmother encouraged me to go to WSSU, but my heart wasn't in it, and everything I did to get into that school was last minute. I got accepted at the last minute, I got my room at the last minute and I didn't even have a major." Because her heart wasn't in it, she decided to quit school and get a job.

Over the next 20 years, Loggins got married, had two children and worked, worked, worked until one day she decided to make some major changes in her life. "I was in a position where I wasn't getting anywhere. I was working at a home fashions plant and I just felt like I was in bondage," she explained.

Loggins decided to go back to school. "I really felt out of place when I got here. I just felt like I didn't belong. I really felt out of place in my religion class because there are so many kids in it. But I knew that I had to stay focused," Loggins said.

Coming back to school after so long sure wasn't easy. Not only did she have to try to fit in with the people surrounding her in her classes, her home and family life would also change. "When I started school, my family life was really disrupted. I also worked ten hours a day, so when my family came home, there wasn't any dinner on the table. But my kids as well as my husband stepped up.

We all had to make sacrifices," she said.

After some readjusting, things at home began to smooth out, and the girl who didn't even know what she wanted to do in college became a self-assured woman who knew just what she wanted to do with her life.

"When I got here, I started majoring in psychology, but it was nothing but work based upon work, and everything is just business. Then I decided to become a religion major and I just felt so comfortable there. I formed close relationships with the teachers in the department, and they are just some warm, caring people."

Akinade quickly took notice of Loggins and began to admire her for what she has accomplished. "I'm very proud of Crystal. She's an intelligent woman and she will go far in whatever she decides to do."

Loggins is set to graduate this May. So what plans does she have for after graduation? "Because my heart is in religion, I want to become a counselor for our youth. My 17-year-old son is on his way to college, but I also want to come back to school to get a degree in psychology because I only have four more courses to go. I also want to get my master's degree because times are getting hard and a bachelor's just isn't enough."

It has been a long journey, but Loggins believes anything can be accomplished if you're driven to be successful. "I want to encourage all students to go as far as you can. If you look over the generations, they are getting better, but life is also getting harder. Leave the parties for the weekend and get your work done. But most importantly, don't let anyone distract you from your goals. Follow your own intuition and just get your education while you're young," she said.

"When I started school, my family life was really disrupted...but my kids as well as my husband really stepped up. We all had to make sacrifices."

Jones deplores Civil Rights Movement as a gateway to victimization, criticizes Democrats

By Amanda Roberts
A&E Editor

Reginald Jones claims one of the most significant events of the twentieth century – the Civil Rights Movement – betrayed the very people it was to help.

The College Republicans and the Young America Foundation sponsored this speaker, billed as an entertainer, entrepreneur and lecturer, Feb. 22. Jones deplored the victimization as presented by the media, the Democratic party, and those who advertise for Black History Month. "There's nothing about the great (African-American) inventors, those who built things we take for granted today – traffic lights, lamp posts, even open-heart surgery," Jones said.

Jones attacked the Democratic party heavily, claiming that Democrats never mention taxes unless in the context of tax cuts for the rich. "Al Gore and Bill Bradley, two of the whitest white guys were trying to out-black each other at the Apollo Theatre during a debate in 2000," Jones stated. "They see us as victims or protestors; that's it. We can't stand on our own two feet, can't think for ourselves and have no contributions to society except for sports."

Bill Clinton has been hailed as the first black president and was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. "Clinton signed a death warrant on a retarded black man and there was no media uproar. Bush was asked to pardon Garrett

Byrd for his killing another black man. It is the media's job to make us think a certain way," Jones said. "If a Republican had done what he [Clinton] had done, he'd be run out on a rail."

Jones spoke about the first time he flew first class. He describes people looking at him, doing double takes, other black men nodding at him as in recognition, and one woman sitting next to him, leaning over to ask him for which team he played. He complained, "She never thought to ask about how I use my brain. I'm five-eight, 180 pounds soaking wet."

"I tend to be a lot hungrier and work harder because I don't have a rich daddy or a trust fund. I was either going to succeed or starve to death. I wasn't going back there. I didn't get a Mercedes for graduation; I was told to get a job and get out of here [his home]. The most powerful card in my pocket is my Barnes and Noble discount card."



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN MILLER
REGINALD JONES SPOKE AT HPU ON FEB. 22

Discussing the future of children, Jones said, "God forbid some young black children get ideas to make something of their lives. When they hear music on the radio, the image being sold is that of the tough, angry man, famous for surviving after being shot by another black man. The message is that they have to have street 'cred' and many of them are dying. A black life is as cheap as a quarter."

"Is there anything that says a child born in the ghetto can't learn as well as a white or Asian child? In the early nineteenth century, people expected black men to be good at science and technology. Why don't teachers expect more of students these days? Social promotion is setting children up for failure."

Jones posed the question: "What if five years ago Nick Lachey and Justin Timberlake had been murdered?" He continued, saying that their murderers would have been found; however, the murderers of Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls roam at large to this day. "Courts pass hate crimes even though nine out of ten black men murdered are murdered by fellow black men," Jones declared.

Greenwood Street in Tulsa was called the black Wall Street by Booker T. Washington; this area had the best theatres and schools. Jones stated that once integration occurred after Brown v. Board of

Education of Topeka, Kan., the people who had built the area up went elsewhere to conduct business, which led to the dilapidation of this once renowned section of Tulsa.

Jones complained of being told he acts and talks white. "Is trying to be white being courteous, standing up when a lady enters the room? To be black, do you have to speak terrible English, kill a few of your own, make babies, sign a [NAACP] card you receive in the mail and vote Democrat?"

"I hate the word 'diversity.' We tried affirmative action already and got Vanilla Ice and Eminem. Integration and affirmative action are not empowering," Jones said. "When you see me, see a black man, that's what I am. We need to get over political correctness. I don't want to get pity, I want respect and admiration."

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ing is so blatantly false.

The recruits I saw were a mix of black, white and brown. Females and males intermingled, and many drill instructors were female. I did not see any recruit who resembled Adolph Hitler or Joseph Stalin. People join the military for the gratification of serving their country and to hold a meaningful job with great benefits. Lastly, young people are more likely to die in a car accident or commit suicide than be killed while serving in the military.

The actions of the anti-military groups are disrespectful and despicable. People willing to join the armed forces should receive our utmost respect. Military service is the most noble activity any American can do. I know of no person who regrets their service to the United States. A person only grows better because of it. The protesters see themselves as bearers of good will; however, scaring a person from a life-improving choice serves no one. We all should seek to promote those who defend our freedom. That is our service to those who have served and to those who have paid the ultimate price.

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out of control.

The bottom line, however, is this: if nothing else, the Republicans are trying. A perfect example is Bush's proposed reform of Social Security. When the program started, 16 workers paid into the fund for every beneficiary. That number has dwindled to three and continues to decrease steadily. While Bush's reform may not be the exact answer, at least he's bringing light to the situation and attempting to address the problem.

For the last several elections, the Democratic Party has failed to establish clear and fixed party values, simply standing in opposition to Republican proposals and offering few or no other suggestions. Dean claims Democrats don't create deficits, but he fails to mention that they often increase the tax burden to stay in the black. Dean says the key to revamping the party, especially in the red states, is "to show up and say what you think." If that's nothing more than a condemnation of the Republican platform, the Democrats again will fail.

Anonymous student describes struggle with eating disorder

By Alexis Winning
Staff Writer

Crystal Smith (fictitious name) remembers every bite she takes, the smell that seeps out of the food, the texture on her tongue and the feeling of being full. After a cigarette, the guilt kicks in, and she runs to the bathroom to get every bit of food she was savoring out of her body.

It wasn't until Smith's second semester as a junior here that she realized she had a problem. "First it started out that I ate too much," Smith said. "Once it (purging) became a routine, it really didn't change anything." Smith throws up after every meal or snack, but she continues to eat more, particularly from the menu of a local chain restaurant. She still eats the two things she loves the most, egg rolls and chicken nachos. "It's always depressing to throw up \$14.14, because that's how much it costs," she said.

She has seen enough Lifetime movies to know what bulimia is and to know that what she is doing is a clear sign she is afflicted with what can potentially be a life-threatening disorder. But Smith feels she isn't like the girls in those Lifetime movies featuring eating disorders and said, "Those girls don't have back-fat." What Smith doesn't see is how similar she is to those girls in those girls in the movies. Her body type is one many girls would call skinny. Smith no-

ticed the stars with the same problem would run immediately to the bathroom to purge. She said, "I knew people would catch on if I ran straight into the bathroom. Instead I looked for a way to get around people finding out. I would finish eating, smoke a cigarette, then do it."

Smith was much more careful when she lived in the dorms. "When I first started doing it, I was a sophomore. I was living in the dorms and it was easy to hide from my roommate," Smith said. She would check under every stall before using the hall bathroom to give in to her disorder. Her first college room-

mate, and friend from high school, didn't catch any of the clues Smith thought were more obvious.

"My roommate also didn't notice that I brought my toothpaste and toothbrush into the bathroom every time I did it," she said. When her second college roommate discovered her secret, she felt embarrassed but continued giving in to her obsession.

She isn't trying to fit in with the other girls; she has plenty of friends. However, Smith does want to look like them. "I started doing it because everyone was getting skinny, and my birth control was making me fat," she said. Much of Smith's motivation was her unhappi-

"It's gotten to the point where I don't even have to stick my finger down my throat anymore."

ness with her body, even though she has nothing to be unhappy about. She feels guilty about what she eats and how much she eats, and because of this she has become obsessed with purging. Smith also thinks when this disorder began to take control she was eating in the cafeteria more often than usual. She agrees there has been a tremendous positive change in the food being served in the cafeteria. "It made it easier when (the food) wasn't healthy; not that what I do is either."

Smith's disorder is a permanent part of her day. "It doesn't really matter to me that what I am doing is bad for me," she said. Luckily, for Smith, this obsession has not threatened her health. She schedules times after meals to go to the bathroom to eliminate any food. Smith said, "It's gotten to the point where I don't even have to stick my finger down my throat anymore."

Bulimia is an eating disorder common among young females, characterized by binge eating that is followed by guilt or depression that leads to self-induced vomiting, fasting or dieting. As many as 10 million females in the United States are diagnosed with an eating disorder, such as bulimia. Ninety-one percent of women surveyed at one college campus have attempted controlling their weight by dieting. For help with an eating disorder, please visit: www.nationaleatingdisorders.org.

Spanish culture emphasizes strong family ties

By Briana Warner
Staff Writer

Over the weekend we travelled to the Canary Islands, and before I talk about the fact that we rode camels, I want to talk about the atmosphere of community that I experience here in Seville and in Spain. Spanish culture is inherently based on the strength of family and pride in their culture. It kind of reminds me of the opening theme song to "Full House." You know it, go ahead and hum it to yourself. What DID ever happen to the milkman? We all know that the world has become more complicated, more fast-paced and hectic. I realize now that though society has progressed in a similar fashion here in Spain, it has kept some crucial elements intact. It has shown me that sometimes we just need to go back to the basics.

I guess I have more time to notice this element of community now that I have the time I would be spending watching "The Apprentice" and "American Idol" free. But, it's more than a visual observation - it's a feeling. When we were in the Canary Islands this weekend, the town of Masapalomas had its yearly carnival. Such festivals are taken very seriously here, and it's not because of a national holiday, but because people are so incredibly proud of the place that they live

that they want to show everyone. Every person from the town it seemed participated not because it was expected, but because they all enjoyed it. It was amazing to see so many people get excited about the same thing.

As I sat there watching the parade,



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BRIANA WARNER RODE A CAMEL AS PART OF HER ADVENTURE OVERSEAS

which lasted six hours, I realized that U.S. cities rarely have such events that bring people together. Sure, we have town parades and cook-outs for the Fourth of July, but this was something different. All in costume, people old/young, black/white, straight/gay, arrived ready to have the best time they would have all year. The best part for us was the free lunch.

Speaking of dining customs, families here eat together every day. Every single day our señora's 30-something son comes to lunch, not because he has to, but because he wants to spend time with

his mom. I can't imagine being 30 and going to my mother's house every day to eat lunch, but I really admire this.

I've talked before about the ritual of the siesta, but talk about going back to basics. Why should only 5-year-olds get naps during a school day, and why does it have to be on a mat? Why shouldn't everyone have a nap in their own bed? Students and businessmen alike all have a one-to-three hour break in the afternoon, and if they don't return home for a nap and lunch, they will gather outside at restaurants or bars to socialize with co-workers, family and friends.

Americans work more hours and take fewer vacations than almost any prosperous people. A nap-break would be laughed at in the U.S., but think about how much more productivity would result from one! I'm pretty sure that Spaniards live longer than Americans, and if not, at least they are rested and less-stressed when they are living.

I'm not saying that Americans are wrong or that I'm going to become a Spanish citizen, but simply that we should think about the basic things in life that make us happy like family, friends and love. America is so diverse and all people's opinion/beliefs play into one culture and maybe that's the big dif-

ference, but we should still just think about why eating with parents every day would seem so odd. And about those naps...

I promised I would talk about the camels, but the picture I've sent speaks a thousand and two words. Hope you enjoy!

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Q. Khan, in return for his government's cooperation in providing the information concerning Iran's nuclear activity.

So is the Bush administration really fighting a war on terror, or is this all just an excuse to gain control of the Middle East? What is really at stake here, and how many more lives will be lost? All President Bush needs is an excuse, and before you know it, the U.S. will be invading Iran and you could be right there with them.

To read Hersh's article, go to: http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/050124fa_fact

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cares for about 25 widows. "We don't have enough room for them all," said Pastor Florence Kuya, dressed in her own version of a thrift store's finest, "[but] we thank God for them."

Despite death being all around, Imende looks at the children as the future leaders of Kenya and the world. "The people who have been great leaders have come from rough homes," said Imende, "I see a different Kenya after these kids grow up. They will ask, 'Where did I come from? Why was I helped?' The questions are coming." But it's not just the blacks who should be asking the questions. To Imende, these types of projects are "knitting together the white race and the black race like a piano. You can't just play the white keys."

The sun is one, but it has many rays. Each of these children is a ray, and they are what I can't get out of my mind. I want those children to have a story of grace all their own. And the right story, the story they deserve must be a piano melody played by both black and white fingers.

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of "sophisticated casualness" - an effortless attainment of beauty and grace, while still managing to be human. American women longed to be Jackie, so they imitated her dress.

During Hilary's stint as First Lady, ladies' clothing became more professional in the sense that it resembled the businesslike dress of power-players. Pants were "it," and if you wanted to dress down, go for it! Laura Bush stepped into the picture and brought us back to traditional Southern charm - refined and ladylike at all times.

So as spring arrives in full-force and you go about your way, take a look around. Look at what people are wearing. Remember springs and fashions past. These changes toward the traditional ladylike look are due to the taste of our First Lady. For a few more years these looks will be around, and then, when we get a new First Lady, they'll change again. I wonder how.

Wilson Fellows present testimony about Iraq

By Elizabeth Rathvon
Staff Writer

A lecture on Feb. 16, given by Woodrow Wilson Fellows, Deborah Amos and Rick Davis, gave listeners a detailed account of the recent elections in Iraq from the unique perspective of foreign correspondents.

Deborah Amos was the main commentator. She began covering the war in Iraq in May of 2003. When she arrived, reporters could go anywhere and stay in hotels. Now, however, as a result of the increasing danger, reporters must live in houses with bodyguards and high walls to prevent people from seeing into the area. Amos said, "I'm getting much more nervous about doing this (job)." In fact, she must dress like a Muslim woman to protect herself in the streets.

Of the 7,000 candidates for the Iraqi election, one third were required to be female. Amos met a woman who operated a water treatment center and also ran in the Iraq election. The woman did not know anything about the party she was representing. She told Amos that the party had called and asked her if she wanted to join because they needed more female members.

Many of the parties in the Iraqi election were set up in the same manner. Amos said, "For the most part, those 7,000 candidates were invisible," because they feared being killed by insurgents. Only 35 of the candidates in the election were known to voters. Because these candidates had bodyguards, they could go out in public. In reference to the candidates, Amos said, "You were asking to be assassinated if your name was known."

The election in Iraq was centered around religion, not personality. People voted according to which branch of Islam they subscribed to. The Friday prior to the election, a sermon was broadcast through one city supporting the 169 party, also known as the candle or the clerics' party. The announcement claimed that people would go to hell if they did not vote for 169. Amos said the mosque lead-



AMOS SPEAKS IN HAYWORTH CHAPEL

PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

ers told the people, "I remind you, no one knows when you will die. How will you explain to God you did not vote for the cleric party?" These religious leaders denied promoting a particular party because they never specifically said, "I support the cleric party."

On the day of the election, people were scared to vote because they were afraid they would be killed. Amos spoke of a dean at a law school who sat his family down and told his sons that they did not have to vote the same as he. The family decided to walk to the polls together

so they would all die together if anything happened. Most people Amos spoke to had made calculations like the dean and his family. Others voted separately to ensure that there would be a survivor to care for the children.

Amos said, "None of us had any idea what was going to happen in those polling areas." Many families came together to vote. "I saw three generations coming together to vote in the first free election," said Amos.

Security was heavy at the voting sites. Each person was required to walk through three lines of heavily armed guards and was then separated according to gender and scanned for weapons. In Baghdad, a suicide bomber tried to walk into the polls; however, a police officer stopped him and embraced him so the two of them would die together without killing anyone else.

The Sunnis boycotted the election and any Sunni caught voting would be punished. Voters marked their ballots by dipping their fingers in ink. Assaultants cut off the fingers of some of those voters. Amos said, "People were scrubbing their fingers with bleach" to avoid detection.

Many Iraqis demonstrated their patriotism on election day. The people showed the strong relationships they have with their families. Amos said, "On voting day, I was truly moved."

Suspense and comedy seeks, finds perfect balance in Foer's debut novel

'Everything is Illuminated' reveals Holocaust horrors juxtaposed with life's innate beauty

By Greg Smith
Staff Writer

"Everything is Illuminated," the debut novel by Jonathan Safran Foer, is a fearless attempt to expose the atrocities of the Holocaust while simultaneously revealing the beauty of life.

This novel, which has many layers and lessons, is wildly lyrical and written with an innocence that would turn even the most stoic cheek pink. The basic outline of the story concerns a Jewish American, also named Jonathan Safran Foer, who wishes to go to the Ukraine with the aid of a travel agency run by three generations of men named Alex, and in the company of a decrepit dog named Sammy Davis Junior Jr. Foer the character's goal is to find a woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis.

The novel, unlike the traditional method, is not linear in context, but consists of three different angles of interpretation as the story is not told from Foer's (the character) perspective, but through bits and pieces of the author's imagined creation of what shtetl (village) life would have been like for his ancestors commented on by the youngest travel guide, the teenager Alex Perchov. What makes this compelling is the broken English Alex uses and the confession he sets himself up for in the end.

Beginning with the first of a series of letters exchanged between Jonathan and Alex, the reader is given a snapshot of not only the ease at which Foer manipulates language, comparable only to Anthony Burgess' masterpiece "A Clockwork Orange," but also the friendship that develops between Jonathan and Alex.

Between the prodigiously realistic

account of shtetl life that leads up through generations to the birth of Jonathan and the letters exchanged between Jonathan and Alex, there is the account of the search for the woman, told through the alternating perspectives of Alex and Jonathan. On this journey, they stumble on answers that have tremendous meaning for Jonathan and great consequence for Alex to deal with concerning his own family and what

he was led to believe.

Foer finds the perfect blend of suspense and comedy to keep this novel impossible to put down. From cover to cover, with the best conclusion I've ever encountered, Foer continuously crosses lines and raises bars in his dauntless effort to change writing into perfection and reading into experience.

Storytime at High Point



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

"Hansel and Gretel" heralds the debut of the Panther Storybook Theatre, the theater department's commitment to performing a play each year directed specifically toward elementary school students. Freshman Sean Scurlock and sophomore Jennifer King star as Hansel and Gretel. The physical humor, audience interaction and improvisation create the atmosphere for an enjoyable experience, described as having a "Looney Tunes" feel.

'Hostage' utilizes multiple plots, strong lead for an unpredictable conclusion

By Drew McIntyre
Opinion Editor

Action movies that try to have a heart tend to be either sappy or laughable. In this regard and others, "Hostage" is a better-than-average film for its genre. Bruce Willis almost single-handedly carries this film, which could be hokey and numbingly ordinary if not for his presence. Directed stylishly by a relative unknown, Hostage combines multiple plots in a unique and entertaining manner and leads to a conclusion that is less than predictable but more than we are used to.

Willis stars as Jeff Talley, a former LAPD SWAT officer who has moved to the suburbs, taking a job as chief of police in a small town to avoid the stress that comes with Los Angeles. He responds to a burglar alarm at a house owned by Walter Smith, (Kevin Pollack), a wealthy widower sharing his high-tech mansion on a hill with two children, Tommy and Jennifer. Pollack, known best for his roles in "A Few Good Men," "Grumpy (and Grumpier) Old Men" and "The Usual Suspects," plays a concerned father well. Smith's house is taken over by three juveniles who initially only want to steal an Escalade.

Plans change, however, when the police are alerted and the youths cannot escape. A standoff begins in the traditional movie manner, with negotiations, flashing lights and high adrenaline. Chief Talley hands over command to the better-equipped county sheriff's office and starts to return home, but then the plot twists. A mysterious man in a black ski mask turns the tables and takes Talley hostage, threatening to murder his kidnapped wife and child if Talley does not help them retrieve an item from the house. It turns out that Walter Smith is in business with some potentially unsavory characters, and if Talley wants to see his family live, he will have to bend or break the law, all the time trying to also end the standoff before two other children are murdered. All of this unfolds masterfully and unconventionally.

Director Florent Emilio Siri, who previously has done a couple of foreign films and two Tom Clancy-based video games, deserves a great deal of credit here. Nothing is superfluous. We get to know the characters just enough so that we care about them, but enough is also left up to the imagination to keep one guessing. Willis isn't quite at his best here, though that is more a statement of my bias than of his skill as an actor. I think quintessential Willis is the Bruno I love from the

"Die Hard" trilogy, "The Last Boy Scout" and even the "Fifth Element." Any movie that does not utilize Willis' devilish sense of humor is missing a big part of what makes him fun to watch. In "Hostage," though, humor was not called for and wouldn't have been proper. The same was true of another of Willis' recent films, "Tears of the Sun," which showcased his ability to turn off the charm and just play it hard.

"Hostage" is similar, except Bruce is more vulnerable and human. At the end of the day, like many police officers I expect, Talley just wants to go home to his wife and kids. Willis deserves much of the credit for the success of this film, as he is able to play both hard and human, a combination that reveals weakness in many action/adventure stars. Here, Willis stands above most of his peers by making Chief Talley work as a family man, pushed to the edge, who has to risk everything for the chance to see his wife and daughter again.

Do yourself a favor and see "Hostage" and then look for Willis next in the graphic novel adaptation "Sin City," and (if Santa got my letter) soon in a fourth installment of the "Die Hard" series.

'Rebirth' is mediocrity at its finest

50 Cent maximizes celebrity pull and The Mars Volta is psychedelic

By Lauren Croughan
Staff Writer

Pop

J Lo. *Rebirth*

Upon this day, March 9, 2005 I crown thee, Jennifer Lopez, Queen of Mediocrity! (Applause goes here) Some people get famous for actually being good at something, and this new album from J Lo is indeed proof of her newly bestowed title. Her music is mostly hip-hop inspired pop, but there's even one song with pure Celine Dion formula, choirs and choirs which sing better than J Lo. Her love songs are sweet. "I would pawn my ring just to feed you," says one of the lyrics from her album. He would be better off eating the ring then owing anything to this wannabe diva. I was highly disappointed as I gave her majesty the benefit of the doubt, but she proved again that being famous means that you can do anything, badly and still make tons of money off it.

Final Grade: C-

Hip-Hop

50 Cent *The Massacre*

He's back! With Eminem, Dr. Dre and himself as the producers of this album, you can bet that the beats are contagious, the lyrics are thug and the star power is huge. Guest starring on this album is now Oscar award winner Jamie Foxx, Eminem and a girl who sounds a lot like Ciara named Olivia. This 21-track CD set plus one bonus song, has the typical 50 Cent formula that made him a star to begin with. It is fairly well done and is great album to chill to.

Final Grade: B+

Rock

Jack Johnson *In Between Dreams*

This former surfer turned singer/songwriter comes back with an album full of faux indie style music. The vocals are not bad, and the lyrics are interesting in the lighter sense, as there is a song named "Banana Pancakes," and full of warm summer rhythm that might be a hit if the weather here was not so bipolar. The music will melt you out of the winter and make you want to put on your flip-flops. It's typical Jack; he is not new in the business, and old fans will be satisfied.

Final Grade: B

Hard Rock

The Mars Volta *Frances the Mute*

And I thought this article was going to be a wash-out! This album is superb, like Belgian truffles. The album has a unique layout, in an outline style with a central theme, with heavy guitar and drums and absolutely amazing vocals. Some songs are like mini horror movies, while others are a return to rock's roots. There is one song with the jazz sax. Psychedelic in its approach, this album has to be one of the best I have heard in awhile. Beautiful!

Final Grade: A

Phi Beta Delta

By Miki Ikeda
Staff Writer

The induction ceremony for Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars, occurred Feb. 22 in the Westminster Room of Slane University Center. This was the first meeting of the High Point University Chapter of Phi Beta Delta.

Five international students were recognized and received a bronze medal and certification from Dr. Barbara Mascali, president of Zeta Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta. Also President Nido Qubein congratulated the inductees. Many faculty members attended the ceremony and offered their congratulations for the students' outstanding academic achievement. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed German lunch and punch.

Phi Beta Delta was founded at California State University in 1986 to recognize scholarly achievement and leadership in international education and exchange. Membership in Phi Beta Delta is extended to junior and senior undergraduates who are studying in the United States on a student visa. The inductees here had to achieve at least a 3.0 grade point average and had to have studied at High Point University for at least three consecutive semesters.

Provencher and Bozman named 2005 Snowball Queen and King

By Sylvia Harwood
Greek Editor

For the ninth consecutive year, High Point University's Student Government Association hosted the annual Snow Ball dance on Feb. 19, a night where the attire was semi-formal but the atmosphere was all fun. Upon arriving at the Radisson Hotel in downtown High Point, students, faculty and guests were brought into a winter wonderland, a theme decided on by the dance decoration and design committee, co-chaired by senior Ashley Cox and Rans Triplett, director of residential life. Penguins and glittery blue snowflakes adorned the tables where guests sat to rest their feet after dancing or to grab a bite to eat from the appetizers offered. Midway through the festivities, Virginia Provencher and Jay Bozman were crowned this year's Snow Queen and King. Both are seniors and very active on campus.

This year's Snow Ball dance was the fourth and final event planned and prepared for by Cox and SGA Vice President Nicole Armer.

"They have consistently worked hard and have been amazing considering the



VIRGINIA PROVENCHER AND JAY BOZMAN DANCE AT SNOWBALL 2005

work load and commitment it takes," said Triplett.

Their dedication proved to be successful as everyone had a great night mingling with friends, shaking it on the dance floor and running down the hall to take the occasional picture either with dates or large groups of friends. President Nido

Qubein was seen having a good time dancing and socializing with the guests. Though the dance was filled with decorations reminiscent of winter, students enjoyed a warm night packed with memorable occurrences and can only look forward to another enjoyable Homecoming dance in the fall.

Acclaimed actor dies

By Derek Shealey
Staff Writer

One highly influential black American passed away recently. Actor Ossie Davis was found dead Feb. 4 in a hotel room in Miami Beach, where he was filming a movie. The cause of death was natural. Davis was 87 years old.

Davis was a highly-acclaimed performer best known for his roles in a series of Spike Lee-directed films, including "Do The Right Thing" (1989), "Jungle Fever" (1991) and "Get on The Bus" (1996). His career dates



OSSIE DAVIS

back to the 1940s and performing on Broadway, where he met his wife, actress Ruby Dee.

Davis was closely linked to the Civil Rights scene, maintaining friendly ties with Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. He performed the eulogy at Malcolm X's funeral, and it was re-recorded for use in the 1992 movie.

Davis and Dee appeared together in numerous films, some race-related, others not, and devoted much of their time and money to a variety of educational and social causes. They received many awards and were inducted into the Kennedy Center last year for their work in the arts. Davis will be remembered as a talented actor, tireless activist and a humanitarian.

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Items needed for U.S. troops stationed overseas

By Sam Shepherd
Staff Writer

The College Republicans invite the student body, faculty and staff to help us celebrate "Support the Troops Day" on Wednesday, April 6. From April 4 through the 6th, at Slane Center, we will be collecting an array of items that have been requested by our troops to make their service in Iraq and Afghanistan a little easier.

FOOD ITEMS

Nuts
Crackers
Beef Jerky

Snack Bars
Packs of Gum
Pudding Packs
Sunflower Seeds
Fun size candy bars
Canned Fruit (with pull-tab tops)
Gatorade or Lemonade powder mix
Cookies
Hard Candy

HYGIENE ITEMS

Floss
Lotion
Chapstick
Toothpaste
Baby Wipes
Hand Sanitizing Gel

Shampoo / Conditioner
Bug Spray (non-aerosol)

PERSONAL ITEMS

DVD's
Batteries
Footballs
Magazines
Envelopes
Comic Books
Pads of Paper
Disposable Cameras
Paperback Books

We ask that students and faculty purchase one or two items listed above and drop them off in the Slane Center at the

points located beside the cafeteria and in Java City. On Wednesday, there will be a vehicle in front of Slane to transport the packaged items. Anything that you may want to add that's not on the list above will be welcomed.

We will have visitors from the U.S. Armed Forces, including veterans of Iraqi Freedom and other conflicts, to answer questions and to speak to the student body. We encourage you to thank them for their service and to thank the troops overseas by signing a thank-you card that we will provide for you during lunch on April 6th.

Panthers finish season with success in Big South tourney

By Kevin Scola
Staff Writer

The men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Big South Indoor Conference Championships on Feb. 18. Four women and five men were named to the all-conference team.

The women's team was led by sophomore Jemissa Hess, who was named the Performer of the Year for the Big South. Hess finished first in the mile in a school record time of 4:46.5 and also won the 800 in 2:12.64.

Hess was followed in the 800 by teammates Cathy-Anne Docteur and Sumiyya Hunter, completing the sweep for HPU. Coach Al Barnes said of Hess' race, "Running the times that she did is hard enough in a tight race, but to go out there and lead from gun to finish makes her accomplishments that much more impressive. Her winning the Women's Track Athlete of the Meet was well deserved and

well earned. The neat thing is, I think we're just beginning to tap her true potential. I think we'll see some even greater things from her soon."

Hess finished fifth in the finals of the mile run and was named an NCAA All-American over spring break at the 2005 NCAA Indoor Track & Field National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. She became the first Panther All-American track & field athlete at an NCAA national event placing ahead of runners from Brigham



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JEMISSA HESS

Young, Idaho, Washington, Stanford and Villanova in the 10-person field.

At the conference championships,

Derek Nakluski led the men's team, finishing second in the 5000 in a personal best of 14:16, and third in the 3000 in 8:35.32. He finished just behind teammate Mattias Ewender who ran 8:34.48. The 3000 was one of the highlights for the men's team, as Jeff Fairman and Danel Slaydon joined Nakluski and Ewender in placing four HPU runners in the top six.

"Doubling back in the 3000m after running a personal best time in the 5000m is difficult enough but to garner another All-Conference spot in the event speaks volumes about DK's fitness, drive and determination," Barnes said.

"Matthias Ewender ran a very smart race in the men's 3000m., biding his time for a late charge at a top two spot. All the men in the 3k performed very well and the 23 points we earned in that event alone made up one-third of our total team score."

Stephen Knight and Gene Galloway each added a third place finish for the Panthers. Knight's 8.33 earned him third in the 60 meter hurdles. Galloway leapt 14.09 meters to place third in the triple jump event where he was joined by teammate Kishaun English, who finished sixth.

Baseball team holds its own against ACC and NCAA teams

By Wayne Watterson
Staff Writer

The High Point Panthers continue the rebuilding process this season, led by Coach Sal Bando Jr. in his third season.

Coming off of an 11-win season, Bando and the Panther's recruiting team hit the market hard in the off-season, and brought in some of the nation's finest recruits. *Collegiate Baseball* ranked this year's recruiting class as 43rd best in the nation.

Bando says about the new talent, "Without question I think we have a talented freshman class that we believe will become the core of our program. Standouts are pitchers Eammon Portice and Matt Schlanger, and infielders Randy Schwartz and Bobby Brown. I think all of the freshmen bring something to the table, but these four will contribute immediately."

Despite the changes in schedule this season to include 11 NCAA opponents in addition to five ACC games, the Panthers have got off to a promising 6-10 start. High Point began the season with a three-game series against Miami, ranked No. 4 last year by *Baseball America*. High Point played the Hurricane tough in a 7-6, 11th inning loss in a road game in Miami.

In the Extra-Innings newsletter, Bando says, "Some people will say we are crazy to be playing against Miami, but the young men in our program don't see it that way. They'll see it as an opportu-

nity, and we want to go where they have been."

On March 2, the Panthers once again nearly pulled off a tremendous upset, taking Wake Forest into extra innings at a game in Winston-Salem. The Panthers have shown early on that they can compete with some of the best opponents in baseball.

In addition to giving ACC teams tough competition, High Point has had some enormous wins this season. The first blowout came on Feb. 20, when High Point beat NC A&T on the road 18-3.



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JOSH COTTON ON THE MOUND

Perhaps the most impressive victory of the season came at home against a very tough Campbell team. Eammon Portice showed exceptional potential from the mound giving up two earned runs in seven innings of work. Also pitching well for High Point is Brandon Moore, with a 2-0 record and

a strong 1.0 ERA in 9 innings pitched.

The super-fast High Point offense, ranked 14th in the nation last year in stolen bases, has picked up some new talent as well. The biggest offensive addition in the off-season was third-baseman Randy Schwartz. Randy was rated the fourth best player out of Canada, and is a

tremendous acquisition for the baseball program. Schwartz hasn't been able to return to third base since having surgery on a torn labrum on May 28, 2004, but should be 100 percent by playoff time. Randy says on why he chose High Point, "I've been on many teams that have done the 'worst to first' thing, and I am not afraid of being the underdog. This year we come in with a fresh squad who want to win ball games and do whatever it takes and that's something that is very common to winning teams, regardless of the sport."

Schwartz is batting .333 as the designated hitter. Other players having solid years at the plate are Chris Ramirez, who is leading the team with 23 hits, and freshman Bobby Brown who has started the season with a strong .368 batting average. Anchoring the offense for his final season as a Panther is Josh Cotton, who is leading the team with four home runs and a solid .333 batting average.

It certainly appears that the ingredients are in place for the Panthers to put together their first winning season since 1990. I asked Bando what his thoughts are on competing for a championship in the next few years and he said: "I think this team and hopefully future teams will be able to compete for a championship. However, our focus has to be on playing aggressive, fundamentally sound baseball one day at a time. Wins, losses and championships will take care of themselves."

There's a baseball saying, you can't steal first base ... That's our approach." Coach Bando did mention two important factors for success to keep an eye on this season—Randy Schwartz getting healthy enough to return to third base and Josh Cotton continuing to be a force in the middle of the lineup. Look for this High Point team to make some noise in the Big South Conference this season. Conference play begins this week.

Football missed during off season

By Kevin Scola
Staff Writer

I consider myself a well-rounded sports fan. I will watch almost any sporting event, at any time (sorry, I still hate soccer). But above all else, I'm a football fan. A full-out pigskin junkie. And while I love watching basketball, both college and pro, the first couple weeks after the Super Bowl are always depressing, and not just because I'm an Eagles fan.

Football provides something that I don't get during the rest of my life: hitting. I'm one of the millions of guys that enjoy nothing more than seeing some poor quarterback (preferably a Cowboy) getting blindsided by a blitzing linebacker (preferably an Eagle). The John Chaney "goon" incident aside, basketball just doesn't provide the brutality of football.

I have tried to fill that void, usually with hockey. This was made even easier by the fact that my team of choice was the Philadelphia Flyers, once known as the Broad Street Bulies. In truth, the Flyers and their fans do care about what the final score is, but most of the time, it seems that they're much more concerned with how much they beat up the opposing team.

Boxing has helped too. Any time Arturo Gatti steps into the ring, you know you're about to see one of the greatest shows in sports.

Gatti's fights with Ivan Robinson and his amazing trilogy with Mickey Ward are some of the greatest contests ever, in any sport, and have made many an NFL offseason go by just a little quicker.

And maybe I'm too hard on basketball, because I do enjoy the game. A well-played basketball game is a thing of beauty. However, my idea of well-played tends to differ from those around me.

I consider a Penn-Princeton game with a final score of 38-35 to be one of the best, most exciting games around. Most people call that boring. I, on the other hand, have great difficulty watching a game in which both teams turn the ball over 18 or more times.

So where does all this leave me, the football fan?

Back where I started. While the NFL does have some intriguing off-season stories (Will the Patriots break up? What will Bill Parcells do with Drew Bledsoe? Who will be the No. 1 pick? Will Jake Plummer shave?), I am stuck just waiting, enjoying the NCAA tournament, missing the Stanley Cup Playoffs and watching baseball start up. And then, in July, just when it looks bleakest, right after my beloved Phillies have taken themselves out of contention *again*, the NFL starts training camp. And all is right with the world.



In A&E: Toccatones record album, prepare for concert



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Column One News

Women's golf team excels

The women's golf team shot a final-round 305 to capture the biggest win in the program's short history last month at the Northern Illinois Springlake Invitational at the par-72, 5,850-yard Springlake Golf Resort in Sebring, Fla.

The Panthers (311-305-616) bested Creighton by seven shots and Mercer by nine strokes. Other teams finishing behind HPU included Illinois, Bowling Green, St. John's, Appalachian State, Gonzaga and Old Dominion.

The following week, the team finished fifth out of 14 teams at the 54-hole Shamrock Invitational at Tega Cay Golf Club in Tega Cay, S.C.

Alum Martin wins Fulbright Scholarship

Alumnus Justin Martin, class of 2002, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and will study in Jordan during the 2005-06 academic year.

Martin's political commentary appeared in the Chronicle and his poetry in Apogee.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers opportunities for recent graduates, postgraduate candidates, and developing professionals and artists to conduct career-launching study and research abroad.

Following graduation from HPU, Martin earned his master's degree in journalism from the University of Florida. He plans to pursue his doctorate in communications at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has received an all-inclusive fellowship.

Smith Library to extend hours during exams

In order to make studying convenient for students, Smith Library will offer the following extended hours during exam week.

Friday, April 29 (Reading Day) - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Saturday, April 30 - 8 a.m. to midnight

Sunday, May 1 - 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Monday, May 2nd through Wed. May 4 - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Good luck on your exams!

compiled by Andrea Griffith

Bryden assumes Hitchcock's post as director of Smith Library

By Kathleen McLean
Staff Writer

On March 31, David Bryden, head of reference services, took on the responsibilities of Judith Hitchcock, former director of library services.

Hitchcock's contract was not going to be renewed for the next school year. Dr. E. Vance Davis, vice president of academic affairs, declined to comment on the situation. And although she appreciates students' concern for her, Hitchcock cannot make a statement, either. She no longer works at the library.

Hitchcock first came to High Point University in 1984 from Alabama to be a reference librarian. She served in that position for three and a half years and was promoted to director in 1988 when her predecessor left. "There was no active interlibrary loan program. There were only print indexes to aid in

research, and it was a relatively small library," said Hitchcock.

Hitchcock, with the library staff, led the way in improvements. In the early 1990s, the system became fully automated and integrated

to include online catalogues and databases accessible to students and faculty. "I feel like I turned it around with the help of my staff," said Hitchcock. Electronic books also became available, and the library's volume increased from under 100,000 to over 300,000. Smith Library was also the first building on campus to have e-mail.

Elizabeth Vidrine, media resources librarian, said that Hitchcock fought to

improve the library. "A lot of people might think that being library director would be an easy job, but it's not because of the balance you have to keep between departments, people and staff," said Vidrine. She also mentioned that Hitchcock worked to get professional development funds that allow staff members to receive training and attend conferences.

Many members of the library staff agreed that Hitchcock was a good boss and person. La-Nita Williams, circulation services, stated that Hitchcock was responsible for the computers, electronic resources and leisure collection. "If it was good for the library, she worked to get it," said Williams. Julia Kendall, evening circulation supervisor, added that although she had little contact with Hitchcock, Hitchcock always treated her with respect. "She was very sensitive to the needs of the staff," said Kendall. "And there were a few times when she recognized the night

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Graduation information revealed

By Andrea Griffith
Editor in Chief

Before the excitement of graduation begins, students should first be aware of all the details surrounding it.

Those details include securing tickets to two commencement events. The commencement luncheon, to be held in the Millis Center on May 6 at 11:30 a.m., will feature President Nido Qubein as a speaker. Each graduate is permitted three tickets for this event—one for the student and two for guests. Seating is limited and will be provided on a first-come basis. Tickets can be picked up during normal office hours from April 25-May 3 at the Office of Student Life, the Evening Degree Program Center and the North Building on the Madison Park Campus.

Faculty and staff who wish to attend the luncheon should also secure tickets in advance.

Due to space limitations, faculty and staff will not be granted tickets for guests.

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Down with the old, up with the new



PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

The field house was demolished on April 6 in order to make room for the Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center. The new 24,000-square-foot facility will include training and weight rooms, locker rooms, an indoor practice area for golf, an academic services room, offices for athletics administrators and coaches and a conference room. Construction on the facility, which will be named for two former HPU coaches, is expected to be completed by the fall of 2006.

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Staff Editorial

Superb job, Dr. Wray!

Godfather. That's what we called him at the Chronicle office.

Dr. Morris Wray always sensed what we needed before we did. Renovated office? He waved his wand and the hideously mismatched orange carpet and walls and the ramshackle furniture were transformed into a cool workplace. Newspaper racks? They simply materialized. Good will? It was always there in abundance. A spirit of reconciliation? In our clashes with the administration, he treated us with respect.

But the Wray touch radiated far beyond Slane Center. The truth is that he played godfather to every student here during his 13 years as vice president for internal affairs. He worked his magic behind the scenes, in a gentlemanly style, never calling attention to himself, always deflecting praise in the direction of others.

Here's a partial list of his achievements. He brought better food to the caf and Blimpie's to the Point. He conceived the Indigo Room and Java City. He improved the student handbook, orchestrated the Cultural Enrichment Series, lured such luminaries to campus as Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts, Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking" and the Oxford debating team. Almost singlehandedly, he created a full-fledged Orientation program. He established the relationship between HPU and the Woodrow Wilson Fellows program so that cutting-edge reporters like NPR's Deborah Amos and Newsweek's Eleanor Clift spend five days

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OAC's kayaking expedition leads to sun, waves and wild horses

By Wayne Watterson
Staff Writer

On an Easter weekend hampered with a forecast of heavy rain and thunderstorms, I asked myself if I should peel myself away from March Madness and go camping with the OAC or stay at good ol' HPU and watch the highly anticipated Sweet 16. A monster of a decision to say the least, but in a game-time call, it was off to Beaufort, S.C.

In a way this trip was like a good 8-9 seed match-up; it could go either way. If the forecast was accurate, the campers could be tent-bound all weekend seeking refuge from thunderstorms, but, on the other hand, with a little help from nature, it could be a great weekend of kayaking and enjoying the outdoors.

The first day in Beaufort we drove down to the Inter Coastal Waterway, located in the heart of the Croatan National Forest. It was a sunny 65 degree day with not a cloud in sight, and I have to say putting on sun-screen never felt so great.

After brief kayaking instruction, we were in the water, paddling upstream against the wind. After 30 minutes of kayaking through the waterway, trip coordinator Kelly Norton spotted some dolphins. Our group of twelve, which had been stretched out by about the distance of a football field, paddled together to observe the dolphins, as they dove and rose and seemed to enjoy the sunshine. I have seen dolphins before in aquariums, but it was most fascinating to see them in nature.

Later in the afternoon, we stopped on Carrot Island to eat and rest, and then we split up to explore. Carrington Dahmer, whom we were forced to call Crocodile Dundee because of his yellow bandana and cowboy hat, led three of us to a spot where he had found a massive gathering of thousands of soft-shell crabs.

After hanging out with the crabs for a little while and getting some funny video, we continued around the back end of the island. We walked a little way, and at the other end of the island, we saw what appeared to be a group of wild horses.

As we got closer, we realized it was indeed a gathering of at least 20 of them.

I assumed that the island horses would flee as soon as they saw people, but, sure enough, they didn't. Heidi Waibel, Gena Smith, Carrington and I made our way to the bank, getting as close as possible without spooking the horses. They didn't seem to mind us being there at all and even began to interact with us as they watched us closely, some coming within feet of where we knelt. The horses appeared tame. I felt inclined to try and ride one, but my better judgment kicked in, and so I just watched and enjoyed the

moment because you couldn't help but feel a connection to nature. I believe Heidi said it best: "I don't care what happens for the rest of the weekend; this made it worth coming."

Kayaking back to the van with the wind and water direction in our favor made it much easier and more enjoyable, and we made it back in half the time. At the campsite, we built a fire and roasted marshmallows. I was so caught up in the jokes and fun times around the fire, the events of the world of sports had slipped my mind entirely.

Thank God for cell phones.

Several people complained about having trouble sleeping the first night under the stars, but after a day filled with the great exercise of the kayak, we were soon out like lights.

Sunday morning came, and with the sun beaming through the trees, the notion of bad weather seemed a thing of the past. Some of us got together for an Easter Service at the campsite, and then we took our last paddle on the calm, brackish waters of the White Oak River.

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CARRINGTON DAHMER

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End-of-the-semester blues emerge in April

By Rebecca Fleming
Staff Writer

With final exams looming before me, I am reminded that Commencement is just around the corner. Last year, that told me I'd finished my first year of college. This year, it tells me I'll soon be saying goodbye to some really great people and even better friends. I'm not looking forward to that. The end of the semester also serves to remind me that when I come back to good ol' HPU in the fall, things will be very different – and I don't mean finding freshmen in my friends' seats.

Fall 2005 will mark the beginning of President Qubein's first full academic year here. That holds a lot of promise. We've all seen the changes taking place on campus since January. Just think what it will look like when August arrives. I can't wait to see what else he does. So I have reasons to look forward to next semester.

But, I still have a case of end-of-the-semester blues. This year has been great for me. I met a lot of people, made a lot of friends, had a lot of fun and did a lot of work. The flip side is half of my new friends are seniors who graduate May 7. I get lonesome thinking about it. Sure, I'll have my non-senior friends, but there's something sad about saying goodbye to people who've walked, talked and studied with you for a year.

And yet, I keep remembering the

changes awaiting me. Not only is the campus going to be undergoing changes, but I will be, too. In the fall, I'm going to be coming back to a campus I belong to. I'm more involved today than I was this time last year. In the fall, I'll get to keep expanding my circle of activity, I'll meet more people, make more friends and do more things. I'll also have a lot more classes – but I'm actually looking forward to that; all I have left are major classes. A lot of my graduating friends I met in my major classes. History and English majors rock!

As I begin to plot my Finals Week study-strategy, I brace myself for the goodbyes that will come. I remind myself when those last few papers are due and pray that May 7 is sunny so I can attend Graduation. I recognize that I cannot keep the semester from ending, even as I admit to myself that I wouldn't want it to keep going indefinitely.

I want to take this chance to offer a huge "Goodbye!" to all graduating seniors. You've worked long and hard, and you deserve your degrees. Kudos to you. We'll miss you, but I promise not to snarl at innocent freshmen that sit in your seat. They can't help it; they weren't here to know. But remember: You're the ones who are losing the most. We, the "un-seniors," get to witness and experience the changes that President Qubein will bring about.

Congratulations, Class of 2005!

Veteran editors offer parting thoughts

Final words from the old guard

Graduation opens up a world of opportunities

This part of my journey is almost at an end. High Point has been good to me; I've learned a great deal both about the



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w o r l d around me and about myself. I hope that, in some small way, I have been able to add a little bit to a university that has given so much to me already. I left politics for the last issue; my life and my time here have been defined by much more, and thus I want my last column to reflect that.

How does one sum up four years of a college experience? I doubt it can adequately be done on so few pages. Yours and mine are probably different; I do hope that all of you reading this have had as much fun here as I have. While at HPU, I've seen a president, twice, shaken

hands with congressmen, explored Highland castles (and malts), given more campus tours than I can remember, won some great poker games, and—most importantly—been blessed with the friendship of more people than I deserve.

But college, like everything, is not all smiles and laughter.

I've also squandered opportunities, missed classes, procrastinated, lost friends and disappointed or angered more than a few people who deserved better from me.

The good news is that God grants us second chances. We have run this race to the finish only to begin a new one. Each mistake we have made here is only a mistake if we do not learn from it. And that is what college is about: learning to live to the best of our ability. Your coursework merely ensures you have the proper base of knowledge to pursue your vocational goals; the college experience itself teaches us to be more fully human.

High Point, I believe, does a better

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'We are the future': the challenge of tomorrow

By **Katie Estler**
Assistant Editor

"We are the future"—an idea that has been pushed on us since we are little, and it was only recently I realized how true that phrase was. Now you may just think I am getting nostalgic in my senior year, and you are probably right, but I want you to think for a moment how scary that phrase is.

That's right: The guys hammering down beer bong, the girls dressed like 'naughty school girls' headed up to the frat houses and the kids that came to class once or twice drunk for kicks are about to become the driving force in America. That's right: In only a few years the doctors, elementary school teachers, politicians, lawyers and business leaders of our country will have been the kids that sat next to you in a general education class trying to 'b.s.' the quiz on the book they forgot to read.

I have seen soon-to-be teachers 'b.s.-ing' a paper and tilting dangerously close to that fine line of plagiarism and

also skipping classes for the worst reasons. Seen the future religious leaders so dead drunk they could not stand or walk five steps. I've seen the next age of actors at their most basic and sometimes painful level of performance. My name should also fall into several future politicians' hush money lists because the stories I could leak to the press could make George "W" look like a bookworm in his college years. I've seen the next masterminds of the business world argue over whose turn was next with the video game controller.

I will try hard to bite my lip against laughing, as I watch my college friends try and persuade their children against underage drinking, sleeping over at boyfriends' or girlfriends' places and in general dumb stunts. As my own kids roll their eyes, because I never was their age and never knew what it meant to be young, I'll laugh to myself because I know I will be able to put their childish antics to shame with the amount of fun

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Chron improvements come courtesy of superior staff

In many ways, this issue of the Campus Chronicle marks the end of an era. Many of our senior staffers have been a part of the newspaper since they arrived on campus, and the publication has been



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Editor in Chief

vastly improved by their dedication. When I returned to school in August to work on this year's first issue, I outlined a list of improvements our staff wanted to work toward. I purposely published the list knowing that the more public our goals were, the more committed we would be. Looking back, I think we've made great strides.

We called for fewer errors, more liberal opinion, more features, more attention to campus and student issues, more focus on international students, an improved Greek and organizational news page and more art. We've seen improvement on all counts.

No issue of this year's Chronicle has been perfect, but we've been pretty error-free for the most part. The contributions of columnists including Lauren Croughan, Justin Spinks, Megan Powers and Derek Shealey have helped balance our opinion section by countering arguments of veteran conservative columnists including Drew McIntyre, Jonathan Miller and Joel Stubblefield.

A healthy supply of feature stories,

which helped readers become acquainted with alumni, professors, students and staff, contrasted with some serious news stories that addressed campus issues.

Indeed, the events of the year led to some tough assignments for our staff—but from campus crime to delays in the rebirth of the campus radio station to mourning the loss of a beloved food service employee, our unrelenting news reporters had it covered.

Our coverage of international students improved with stories written by Ada Hernandez and Miki Ikeda. Our Greek page featured many news stories—not just briefs—that highlighted the work of campus groups. Our photography significantly improved in the hands of Beth Anthony and our editors who gained a better understanding of photo placement and sizing.

But it's certainly been a labor of love. We've had our share of complications—mostly those inevitable and pesky technological ones.

As I reflect on my Chronicle contributions, I hope that HPU will continue to embrace this vital part of campus life. Nurture it, so it can continue to flourish. As this university continues to change, I know that the Chronicle will also, and I see great changes in its future—a more frequent publication schedule, capabilities to view our writers' stories online and a bigger staff. I look forward to witnessing this transformation, even if it is from afar.

But the Chronicle wouldn't be in that position for growth without our entire staff and the active readers who provide us feedback. So as my time as editor expires, I say thank you. It's been an honor.

Straight talk from President Qubein

Exciting changes on the horizon for 2005

My dearest students:

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is in sight. It's been an exciting semester ... and more is yet to come. With the many physical changes happening on campus, the announcement of speakers for the upcoming Commencement events and preparation for major construction, we are entering a time of great transition and great anticipation. Let's collectively celebrate the fact that we're part of a dynamic family here at HPU, and recommit ourselves to excellence as we spend the summer as ambassadors of High Point University.

When you return to campus this fall, several new buildings will be under construction, including:

- Jerry & Kitty Steele Athletic Complex
- Business Building
- Communication/Education Building
- Wellness Center
- Renovations to Cooke Hall
- Fountains
- And more ...

There will be completed improvements, as well, including a totally wireless library and interactive security poles. For those planning ahead to next year's coursework, I will teach a special seminar on Life Skills that will help students prepare for a wonderful future even beyond college.

Friends, we are in the midst of great momentum which has not gone unnoticed by the world. Last month, the Michigan Daily—the newspaper of the University of Michigan—responded to

the announcement that their commencement speaker is John Seely Brown, (alumnus and former Xerox scientist) saying, "Some schools with less prominent reputations boast speakers who are household names, including High Point University in North Carolina (former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani) ..." The world is watching us, and we must show them what we're made of.

In closing, it has become more and more evident to me that students are the pulse of this university. Over the past weeks, I have been contacted by several parents of potential new students, expressing the same sentiment: "We toured your campus recently, and were overwhelmed at the enthusiasm, hospitality and friendliness of your students." Personally, I have had the great honor to hear some of you speak to potential new students and their parents, and nearly burst with pride at the mature and professional way in which you handle yourselves. You make the difference. I am so very proud of each one of you.

While I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer, I do so with some sadness that the energy you bring to campus will be gone for a season. But August will be here before we know it, bringing our upperclassmen back to campus, along with a brand new freshmen class.

To our graduating seniors, we will miss you, and send you into the world with our prayers for a life filled with both success and significance.

Sincerely,
President Qubein

Conservatives not tolerated by the radical left on university campuses

By Jonathan Miller
Staff Writer

"Conservatives need not apply" should brand signs hanging from the halls of academia. Study after study shows that few conservatives teach at colleges and universities today. The most recent performed by Smith College, George Mason University and the University of Toronto states that only 15 percent of college professors label themselves conservative, while 72 percent say they are liberal (1,643 full-time faculty at 183 four-year institutions were surveyed). A similar study performed by three students here at High Point University, myself included, found strikingly comparable results.

How does this affect the classroom and the overall learning environment? At Bowling Green University in Ohio, a Spanish professor dedicates 10 minutes of every class to a "political parenthesis" or a tirade against anything Republican or conservative. On the day Pat Buchanan was scheduled to speak at Western Michigan University, a woman's studies professor stole posters advertising the event and then pushed a student when the student asked for the posters back. The professor even encouraged students to swipe the posters; and the hostile environment she created resulted in a student throw-

ing salad dressing in Buchanan's face. Lastly, I need to only say the name, Ward Churchill. If his tirade did not prove that college campuses overwhelmingly lean hard Left, then nothing will. How does a Ward Churchill get hired at the University of Colorado and become chair of a department if colleges are not teeming with liberals?

One might maintain that these are merely isolated incidents occurring under very extreme circumstances and do not represent typical professors. Yes, Ward Churchill is an extreme case, but not rare by any means. Just read the book, "Welcome to the Ivory Tower of Babel" by Mike Adams, a professor at UNC-Wilmington who documents the antics of his "progressive" colleagues. Even High Point University is not immune to such extreme Leftist behavior. My friends and I have witnessed professors step on their liberal soapboxes wasting crucial class-time. Some have even been threatening toward students wearing military t-shirts. I have even

tested a professor on grading technique. I wrote a paper from a conservative viewpoint and received a "C," and then wrote a paper from a liberal viewpoint and received an "A." No college is free from liberal bias.

I see no end in sight to liberals dominating campus faculty. Thomas Reeves of the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute has said that "conservatives are discriminated against routinely and deliberately" in faculty hiring.

Again, our campus is no exception. As long as college curricula continue requiring "multicultural studies," which is a politically

correct for indoctrination, conservatives will be brushed aside because how many conservatives are "race theorists"?

Maybe the tolerant Left would allow for affirmative action hiring of conservatives, since diversity is their mantra? Sorry, the re-education camp refuses to be an equal opportunity employer. Only those open-minded enough to believe in homosexual marriage, abortion and global warming need apply.

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News of graduation roadblock stuns senior

By Erin Sullivan
Staff Writer

I was thinking, "I have a little over a month left 'til I graduate. I'm ready to coast." As senioritis kicked in, I embraced it with open arms. I had worked my butt off for almost four years and I was ready to reap the benefits.

"Erin, your advisor wants to see you," said one of my psychology professors, pulling me out of my trance.

An hour later, as I sat down in the mahogany chair in my advisor's office, a train hit me. "Bad news," she began. My heart stopped. "You're two hours short of graduating." Breath ceased inside my chest.

"Umm," I began, intelligently. "Umm," and the intelligence continued.

I felt like she punched me in the gut. Actually, I would have preferred that. She went on to tell me that a mistake had been made and I needed to take another class to be able to graduate in May. I felt like I just entered hell. Actually, with the mention of taking yet another class, I felt like I was in hell and then asked to wear a sweater, as if it wasn't hot enough.

"Luckily," my advisor said with a sympathetic smile and matching eyes, "the night classes for the last session just began."

Oh, yes, I thought, lucky me. I've taken a night class and I wasn't a huge fan. Cramming a semester's worth of work into half of a semester three nights a week made me have a new respect for evening degree students.

"Or you can take a directed study," she said. Anything but actually going to class was appealing. I wouldn't have to go to class, but I would still need to read

the book and take the tests.

"Anything to get me across the stage in May," I said, with a reluctant smile. I thought of my family, which has already purchased plane tickets and made hotel reservations for the ceremonial event. Somehow I don't think they'd be too thrilled to spend all that money and then find me sitting next to them instead of with the other graduates on May 7.

I thought this would be my biggest hurdle before graduating. But as it turns out, leaving is the hurdle. I found myself wallowing in my problems when I was interrupted by my roommate.

"All we have in the pantry is maple syrup and trash bags. Which one do you want for dinner?"

These are the things I'm going to miss. All of the relationships I've created in the past four years won't be the same after May 7. It's nice to think that they will, but they won't. I won't see these people every day, plan spring break trips with them or skip class with them just because it's raining outside. Next year I won't be able to discuss weekend plans with them or share stories about what people did, or can't remember doing, the night before.

I almost wish my advisor had told me, "You're two years short of spending time with your friends. You can't graduate until those years are completed." I think I would have been OK with that.

I always thought that the hardest part about college was the classes. In a sense, that's partly true. But really, it's everything else. College is about all of the ties you make. Two hours short of graduating? No big deal.

Democrats also value morality

By Megan Powers
Staff Writer

In recent years, the dividing line between political parties has grown wider and wider, and the image of both parties has changed dramatically. Many have claimed the Republican Party to be the moral right, with Democrats targeted as immoral, irreligious liberals. However - I am a Democrat because of my morals not due to a lack thereof.

The Democratic Party seeks to give equal opportunity to everyone. Democrats do not give the unbalanced advantage to big business as the Republicans do, and they do not reward the wealthy at the expense of the poor. They want to keep as many jobs here as possible, allowing for more Americans to get work and stay off of welfare. They seek to limit spending and control the deficit, rather than increase it. Overall, they work for the benefit of a majority rather than a minority.

Socially, they uphold the rights of the individual. While views such as supporting a woman's right to choose may seem immoral to some, that view is not saying that all Democrats agree with abortion, but rather that they agree that a woman should be able to make her own choice. I think abortion is wrong, and those who make that decision will have to deal with the consequences for the rest of their lives, but it is not my decision to make for anyone but myself. As far as civil unions are concerned, I feel that a committed monogamous couple should be allowed the same Constitutional rights regardless of

Schiavo an unnecessary loss of life

By Joel Stubblefield
Staff Writer

Through the entire Terri Schiavo situation, many of us often found ourselves struggling to form an opinion. I usually have no problem forming an opinion on practically anything, but this situation proved especially difficult for everyone. There are, however, some certainties about this confusing fiasco.

First of all, the United States Congress had no business in this. I agree the situation was devastating for the family members and that the courts were of no help. However, Congress has a duty to the nation to make laws and debate national issues. As caustic as it may sound, Terri Schiavo should have never become a national issue. It's extremely disheartening that Congress can assemble from all over the nation in a matter of a single day to discuss the Schiavo situation. In reality, truly meaningful legislation hasn't passed the halls of Congress in the past decade, and yet most members of Congress are content to travel throughout the nation on fundraising trips or other excursions for the benefit of their constituents. Certainly Congresspeople should be accessible in their districts, and fundraising is an important reality in elections today. National policy, however, is far more important and yet appears to be anything but a top priority.

As for the two factions: it was tough to decide whose side to take. On the one side were the mother and father, pleading for the life of their daughter. There are countless examples of people throughout the nation that are sustained by feeding tubes and respirators. Skeptics immediately question the quality of life for such people, but family members are usually quick to defend their decision for life. On the other side was Michael Schiavo, whose morals are suspect. He claims that Terri's wish was for the tube to be pulled, that she confided her final wishes in him and desired death over life as a vegetable. The problem, however, was that Michael had a serious conflict of interest, with another woman and his children by her waiting for him. Yet, despite the pleas of Terri's parents, the Schindlers, Michael refused.

Further contributing to his suspect status, Michael refused to let the Schindlers visit their daughter in her dying moments. Despite their efforts through the court system, they were unable to secure power of attorney from Michael and were forced to stand idly by as their daughter starved to death. Now in the wake of her death, Michael has announced that the Schindlers will not be allowed to attend Terri's funeral, saying through his brother that they wouldn't come "in peace" and that he did not want a media circus surrounding the services.

Clearly the decision is a tough one - respecting the supposed wishes of a patient or acknowledging the conflict of interest and answering the pleas of that patient's parents. As the president said regarding the situation, perhaps we would have done better to err on the side of life.

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Crossfire: Do the media have a liberal bias?

Iraq war coverage sparks heated debate

Biased reporting in Iraq neglects positive news

By Sam Shepherd
Staff Writer

A letter to the editor in the News & Record headlined "Media should report good and bad in Iraq" caught my attention a few weeks ago. This was the first time I had heard the public speak out for our troops directly to the media. Little information has been published about the good that our troops and our government have provided to Iraq. A friend of mine, Staff Sergeant Aaron Whitty served in Iraq for over a year before being injured. He wrote to me, "Only about 20 percent of their [media] stories are right." He later wrote, "I see the news and wonder where these media people get the stories they tell the American people... It makes me mad."

In addition, Sergeant First Class Ray Reynolds, a member of the Iowa Army National Guard who recently returned from Iraq, wrote, "Don't believe for one second that these people do not want us there. I have met many people from Iraq; they want us here. They say that they will never see true freedom we talk about, but they hope their children will. We are doing a good job in Iraq."

Bad news from Iraq usually ends up on the front page, while any good news that is reported is on the back pages. At times both the good and bad news have been skewed by reports as our soldiers have documented above. Furthermore, some information about the good that has been done in Iraq has not been presented

to the public. Here are some examples: School attendance is 80 percent higher from the levels before the war, and girls are now allowed to attend schools, most of them for the first time. Over 1,500 schools have been renovated and rid of the weapons once stored in the classrooms. Saddam Hussein is no longer propagandized in the textbooks and curriculum.

In addition, 4.5 million people now have clean drinking water for the first time in their lives. In one year, 400,000

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kids received updated immunizations. A report provided by SFC Reynolds, indicated 100 percent of the Iraqi hospitals are open and fully staffed,

compared to only 35 percent before the war. In the schools, students are being taught sanitation skills to prevent the spread of germs and bacteria. Yet most of the stories covered by CBS, NBC and other news outlets only point out the political arguments, the accusations of bullying and the Abu Ghraib prison torture scandal.

I wish to end with a quote that an Islamic friend provided me; he is half Iraqi. In the Koran (9:11) it is written, "The wrath of the Eagle would be felt throughout the lands of Allah and lo, while some of the people trembled in despair still more rejoiced; for the wrath of the Eagle cleansed the lands of Allah; and there was peace." Many Middle Easterners have associated that eagle with America and our bald eagle as the symbol of our freedom.

Sam Walton's empire: exploiting the masses, both at home and abroad

By Trevor McDonald
Staff Writer

As I listen to the latest news stories on some random Clear Channel-supported radio program, I realize that many of us are concerned only with the sins of a few individuals. I suppose it makes it easier to give evil a face if we're confronted with a picture of the latest burglary or murder. We're so afraid of what one guy might do to us that we're completely blind to the sins of corporations that exploit us daily. One of the greatest offenders is Wal-Mart.

Plenty of Americans shop and work at Wal-Mart. How many of them are unaware that they are contributing to the downfall of our economy?

Perhaps "downfall" is too strong of a word. But Wal-Mart's low prices must come from somewhere. In fact, most of the goods that one finds in Wal-Mart have been imported from China. Workers in China can be exploited easier for much lower prices than in America, where there are little nagging things like minimum wage and child labor laws. Then Wal-Mart

abuses the free trade agreement with China to bring these goods en masse to stores in America. With the refusal to pump money back into local economies, Wal-Mart has given China a great many of our assets. It is predicted that China will have the most powerful economy in the world within the next 20 years, due in no small part to Wal-Mart's actions.

Wal-Mart workers are exploited as well, though not to the degree of the Chinese. They work long hours for low wages. Worse than that, Wal-Mart makes it practically impossible to gain benefits and raises. To earn benefits, you must work a full 40-hour week, but managers will allow you to work only 39 hours per week. Moreover, Wal-Mart has fired people just months short of retirement.

Why don't these exploited employees find new jobs? There simply aren't any. When Wal-Mart finds a suitable spot to open up business, it will expend any resources necessary to crush all local competition. Now they've got an army of people with no jobs that will work for minimum wage for as many hours as they can get. Wal-Mart creates dependence for

Mass media a pawn to Bush and the right-wing

By Justin Spinks
Staff Writer

To my surprise I have heard several voices claiming the media have a liberal bias. This opinion, increasing in popularity, probably originated from popular TV news anchors such as Dan Rather, Peter Jennings and Tom Brokaw who have dominated broadcast news for over 20 years and are liberal. However, with heated issues such as the war and elections in Iraq, not to mention the CBS-Dan Rather snafu about President Bush's time in the National Guard, the alleged liberal bias in the media has become a hotter issue.

It all takes me by surprise because I have never found the media to be dominantly liberal. Rather when I think of biased news, Fox News Channel comes immediately to mind. Most Fox anchors would proudly admit that the majority of their stories do include their own opinions, and they are usually conservative ones. This has simply become an accepted fact. So the rest of the American media is liberal? I find this not to be accurate at all.

Consider the initial coverage of the war in Iraq. Who could give me an example of liberal media during that period in history? If by liberal, I mean people who either did not support the war or the way the Bush administration was handling the war, then I seriously doubt you could find any. The major networks, ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, all acted like cheerleaders for Bush's war. Well-known newscaster Connie Chung on Oct. 7, 2002 scolded Democratic Representative Mike Thompson for criticizing President Bush's claim that Iraq was

an immediate threat to the United States. So our newscasters were insinuating that to disagree with the president would make a person a Saddam Hussein supporter or a terrorist. Where is the liberal bias in this? Voices in the media have since become more critical during the war's controversial outcome; however, as a rule the liberal voice is largely underplayed in the media. Take Seymour Hersh's article in the New Yorker on the possible American invasion of Iran. How many of you had even heard of that story prior to my March piece in the Chronicle? Not many, I'll bet, because the major networks underrepresented dissenting voices concerning how this administration handled the situation in Iraq.

Take Deborah Amos and Rick Davis, the Woodrow Wilson Fellows who recently visited the university. They were correspondents in the Middle East for many years, and they believe that the elections held in Iraq were a great step forward. As Amos said, "I was truly moved." But both, especially Davis, have criticized how the president has handled post-war Iraq and what he plans to do in the future.

So the question comes down to this: Is any attempt to criticize the commander-in-chief objectively as a journalist viewed simply as liberal bias? I'll let you answer that question for yourself, but before you do, bear this thought in mind: Perhaps Americans, and not just news people, should learn to think more critically and not be ruled by personal biases.

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As the trip neared its end, a bald eagle soared over us, carrying a branch for its nest - a perfect conclusion.

With a little help from nature, this turned out to be an amazing weekend. The Outdoor Activity Club will most likely be doing this trip again in the fall, and for \$20, you can experience the great outdoors. I would recommend this trip to anyone.

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on campus every year. Perhaps, more importantly, it was Wray who, year after year, ceaselessly campaigned for the new communications major. In addition, he was deeply dedicated to the welfare of international students.

Few people know, however, that he sometimes made loans (read: gave money) to students who could not have returned to school without his generosity.

This summer, Wray, 63, will enter semi-retirement. In typically selfless fashion, he is returning to his native Virginia to care for his elderly parents in Emporia and perhaps to do part-time work for a lucky college in the Old Dominion.

We will deeply miss this kind, caring, unfailingly optimistic man. No one here has ever done so much good for so many students.

Business professor seeks thrills by riding motorcycles, skydiving

By **Brandon Wright**
Staff Writer

Financial management professor James Dunham has not allowed success to slow him down or keep him from doing what he loves. He is a man of great character, integrity and dedication. But first he had to find his way.

At first glance, Dunham may look like just another older man teaching at HPU. But when you talk to him, you find out that this assumption is incorrect. Mr. Dunham is an oddity among older men. He is a thrill-seeker.

At age 17, Dunham was a high school dropout living in his hometown of Galetown, Pa. He lacked direction, but he found it in the United States Army. "The Army made a man out of me," Dunham said. If it hadn't been for the Army, he doesn't know what would have become of him.

Dunham achieved the rank of captain, earned a Bronze Star and became a qualified parachutist and helicopter pilot. "They taught me how to jump out of airplanes," he said lightly. But obviously, this is not all that they taught him. He also spent one year in the fierce combat of Vietnam and some enlisted time in Germany. Dunham said that the Army built his sense of responsibility. The fact that he had other people's lives in his hands forced him to mature. The Army gave him leadership skills he could not have attained anywhere else.

After the Army, Dunham allowed the lessons he'd learned to carry over to his professional life. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati at age 32 and hit the ground running. His first job was as an accountant for a steel company. It

would pale in comparison to his other career choices.

Dunham rapidly advanced in the business world and went on to work under the title of corporate cash manager for both Hammermill Paper Company and In-



DUNHAM JOINED THE HPU FACULTY IN 1985.

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ternational Paper. "I was responsible for the investing and handling of three billion dollars each year," he said. He had this job from 1980 to 1991, until he pursued his true passion, teaching.

"You guys are my fix," Dunham said, as he spoke about his students. That's why he comes to class every day. "I don't have to work. I'm retired," he stated. Dunham is truly passionate about his teaching and, above all, his students.

Dunham started teaching here in 1985 as an adjunct professor. He was not able to be a full-time teacher because of his business schedule. Once he was able

to teach full-time, he was able to use his experience as a business leader and U.S. Army captain to mold himself into a great teacher.

But his most impressive characteristic may be his dedication. "My life is wrapped up in teaching. It's what I like and so I do it," he said. He is a dedicated husband and father of two: Laura, 33 and John, 36. He is also grandfather to one child, and another is on the way.

Many teachers suffer from stress on the job. Dunham escapes this by using his spare time to seek freedom riding a motorcycle. "Every job has stress. Stress doesn't overcome me," he explained. He does a lot to get his other fix, being challenged by dangerous situations, for instance, as a skydiver. He also goes to the mountains nearly every weekend to relax.

Dunham does not find it hard to get through his days of teaching because his students seem to give him the energy he needs to get through the day.

"You kids are a lot more important to me than any of you would ever think," he said. He loves to watch those whom he seems superior to go on to be smarter than he is. That is what he worked to do in business, and the same can be said for his teaching career. He may not realize, though, how much his students truly enjoy watching him, "at work," in class.

Dunham said that the one lesson he'd like his students to leave with is that, "everyone is important and everyone matters, from top to bottom." He'd also like them to pursue as ethically and morally correct a life as possible.

Shoeboxes collected for troops in Iraq

By **Mo Kamara**
Staff Writer

Neither Kim Soban, director of counseling, nor Robin Lindsay, director of student health, has a relative fighting in Iraq, but they believe that the soldiers in Iraq are there for a mission and this community needs to support them.

They recently acted on that belief by initiating a campaign to show troops that HPU cares. They collected shoeboxes filled with toiletries, cards, snacks and a variety of other items. Kim said, "Shoeboxes were from students, faculty, staff, alumni and family members." She also said, "The university family is very giving." One hundred and thirty shoeboxes were collected, and Student Life paid for postage.

The shoeboxes were mailed to SPC Michael R. Barnhart who is stationed in Iraq. In his thank-you e-mail, he wrote that he distributed the boxes to his fellow soldiers. Barnhart also wrote that "personally, I think the thought and act of you all doing this is priceless." Some students received personal letters from the soldiers who received shoeboxes. They greatly appreciated the efforts, thoughts and prayers that the university community extended to them.

The original idea for the shoeboxes for troops can be credited to Robin Lindsay. After watching "60 Minutes," she learned that the support of our troops abroad was decreasing due to the Tsunami disaster. She mentioned that "as a community, this is the best time for us to show our troops that we love and care for them." Kim Soban agreed to work with Robin after a staff/faculty meeting.

The two women are pleased with their work and promised that programs like this will be seen frequently on campus.

Graduation, continued from front page

Graduates who are unable to pick up tickets in the manner listed above should call 841-9130 to arrange special delivery.

Graduates should attend commencement rehearsal, which will be held May 6 at 2 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium.

Baccalaureate, featuring guest speaker Dr. Robert A. Schuller Jr. of Crystal Cathedral Ministries, will be held May 6 at 6 p.m. in Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

This service is not open to the public. Tickets are not required. Attendees will be seated on a first-come basis.

Graduates should arrive for Baccalaureate at 5:15 p.m. dressed in full academic regalia. Guests should note that flash photography and video cameras are not permitted inside the church during the service.

The graduation ceremony, which will feature guest speaker Rudy Giuliani, former mayor of New York, will begin at 9 a.m. on the Roberts Hall Lawn.

Tickets will only be needed if the ceremony is moved to the Millis Center due to inclement weather.

Decisions regarding the rain plan will be made by noon on May 6 and will be announced at

www.highpoint.edu/commencement. In the case of bad weather, students will be permitted a maximum of two guests who must have a rain-only ticket for entry.

Like the luncheon tickets, these tickets can be picked up during normal office hours from April 25-May 3 at the Office of Student Life, the Evening Degree Program Center and the North Building on the Madison Park Campus.

Chris Dudley, director of community relations, said that this year's rain plan would have involved the same

ticket policy even if Giuliani hadn't accepted the university's invitation to speak.

In the past, two ceremonies have been held in Millis Center when it rained, but Dudley said that this scenario left many feeling cheated.

According to Dudley, university officials decided to pursue Giuliani and Schuller as speakers because they felt the graduates deserved to be rewarded for

four years of work.

"Hopefully, graduation will be a day you'll never forget," he said.



DR. ROBERT A. SCHULLER JR. WILL SPEAK AT BACCALAUREATE ON MAY 6

Dudley said that the Greensboro Coliseum and Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum were also considered for rain venues, but using these facilities would require changes in the ceremony's scheduled date and time.

"There wasn't an ideal situation at any of these spots," Dudley said. "Knowing everything that we know, having it here is the best scenario."

Rain or shine, the ceremony will be broadcast live via closed-circuit television at the Hayworth Fine Arts Center, Hayworth Chapel and Memorial Auditorium. Tickets will not be required at these locations, which collectively seat about 1500 people.

The graduation breakfast will be held at 6:30 a.m. in the Panther Commons on May 7. Graduates should line up for the ceremony on the International Promenade at 8:15 a.m.

Guests are encouraged to take a shuttle to the ceremony. A shuttle will continuously run from Oak Hollow Mall to Roberts Hall beginning at 6:30 a.m.

More information concerning commencement can be found at www.highpoint.edu/commencement.

Furniture capital of High Point sounds off on competition as Vegas holds inaugural market

By Melissa Caudill
Staff Writer

"Furniture capital of the world" is synonymous with High Point. Every student, who enters HPU is bombarded with that phrase. Those who have never heard of High Point before coming here know within their first few weeks of that fact.

Twice a year, the city of High Point has around 80,000 visitors – buyers, exhibitors, manufacturers, retailers and members of the press. Students compete each October and April for jobs at Market. The hours are long, but the pay is good – and sometimes it is not even taxed.

Some carry heavy boxes of furniture, lighting, rugs and accessories up flights of stairs and unpack boxes for showrooms to be set up. Others stand on a street corner for 10 hours passing out magazines or flyers. And some stand in the street directing traffic and monitoring parking. Whatever the job, students are assured of one thing – money!

With 11 million square feet of showroom space, High Point has the largest wholesale home furnishings show in the world. Now, there's a new market in town. On July 25 -29, Las Vegas will host its first market at the World Market Center. Five million square feet of showroom space is available this July in permanent and temporary locations. On April 1, expansion plans were announced with total showroom space to reach 12 million square feet by 2015. The new Las Vegas Market will rival High Point's already established market.

"The Las Vegas market is definitely being watched by people in High Point. It has gotten some people concerned," said Denise Becker of the News & Record. The effect Las Vegas will have is impossible to predict. The ripples could take five, 10, even 20 years to be felt by High Point.

With all the attention and antici-

tion, the inaugural market in Vegas will probably have more attendance than what you'd expect from a trade show. "People are going to be curious," said Becker. "Our original projections were approximately 35,000 attendees representing all buying channels," said Dana Pretner, director of marketing and public relations for the World Market Center. "This attendance figure is expected to increase significantly now that we have expanded the scope of our show."

The newly released plans have eight phases over a 57 acre sight in the heart of Las Vegas. "Our growth plans are a result of buyers' and exhibitors' avalanche of support for the Las Vegas Market. The industry strongly believes in our long term vision of a world-class market in the world-class city of Las Vegas, bringing together all facets of the home furnishings industry," said Co-Managing Partner Jack Kashani.

"We continue to be approached by multiple segments of the industry and are continuing our efforts to address the needs and wants of the industry. Based on extensive input from the industry, we are certain a diversified mix of products located within a convenient, integrated campus represents the way of the future."

Las Vegas has some obvious advantages over High Point. Vegas offers more hotel rooms and a better rate than High Point's sky-high market rates. There is also an abundance of free parking along the Vegas strip, a perk which High Point lacks. Transportation to and around the market in Vegas will be simple – monorail (under construction), taxis, rental cars and a free shuttle service provided by the

WMC. And Vegas is known as the "Convention Capital of the World" with an international reputation for entertainment. The nightlife Vegas is famous for includes many casinos, restaurants and bars that stay open all night. "Those strengths mirror High Point's perceived weaknesses," said Becker.

So what chance does High Point stand against the Sin City? For starters, its name. Over nearly 80 years, High Point has established itself as the Furniture Capital of the World, a title which won't be easy to shake. "If you're going to be anyone in the market, you have to go to High Point. Las Vegas isn't going to shake that in one year," said Becker.

Despite the size of the WMC, it currently doesn't reach the 11 million square feet capacity of showroom space here. The first Vegas market will be one-fifth the size of High Point. And the many furniture companies invested in High Point won't be able to just pick up and leave. Furniture companies own showrooms in High Point, but at the WMC only leasing options are available. "It is not easy for someone like Natuzzi to just pick up and go to Vegas. They have an investment here," said Becker.

To some, the busy nightlife of Vegas could be seen as a distraction to the buyers and manufacturers, who are there to work, not play. HPU senior Alexis Winning said, "Once the buyers at the Vegas Market go out and lose all their money in the casinos instead of purchasing furniture, they'll come back to High Point."

Another challenge the Vegas market faces is the heat. Vegas in July can be stifling. WMC plans to offer misting hoses and hassle-free shuttles to alleviate the discomfort of market-goers.

The furniture world's ties to High

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Point are not as strong as they once were because many companies moved their production from the Triad area to overseas locations. Nevertheless, it won't be easy to shake the title of Furniture Capital of the World from High Point. The new expansion plans for Las Vegas create more reason for High Point to improve and update its market.

Pretner said, "All of the national and regional markets have their unique characteristics and features, and as long as they deliver a unique purpose to the buyer, such markets can co-exist. High Point has been an important national market for the last 100 years, and there is a significant amount of showroom buildings and ownership in High Point. Our aim in Las Vegas is not to duplicate or replicate what already exists. Rather, we are focused on seizing the opportunity with respect to building a world-class, comprehensive, state of the art complex for the 21st century. One campus. One management. All segments. In the world's most dynamic trade show city."

Students to teach in China

By Miki Ikeda
Staff Writer

An organization called Camp China came to school and called for students who want to teach English in China. The candidates had to be Christian and had to have at least one year in college. They would spend a week in California to get training, then leave America for China. Khou Xiong, a freshman, and Paul Hannam, a sophomore, have been accepted by the program and are going to China to teach English.

Khou is Hmong born in Laos. He came to the U.S. when he was three in 1989. While his ancestors were Chinese, he's never been to China. His relatives are not the only reason he has an interest in China. He loves kids and teaching. "I want to influence people, make a difference in people's life, so that will be a great opportunity," he said. He hopes that his Chinese students will learn not only English, but also how American culture is different from other cultures.

Paul Hannam is from Jamaica and has been in the U.S. for seven years. He is the one who introduced this matter to Khou. He has traveled many places around the world but not to China. He loves kung fu movies that spark his interest in China. Like Khou, Paul loves to teach. He said, "I want to be a doctor in the future, but if the occasion arises, I won't miss the occasion to be a teacher." From his experiences in foreign countries, he knows that is very important and interesting to get to know about other cultures and their languages. Of course, he wants his Chinese students to learn new things while they're studying English.

Both Khou and Paul are excited about going to China, but it will cost them \$3500 each. They're trying to call people for donations and also selling egg rolls and beautiful Japanese Origami works made by Japanese students to help pay their expenses.

NBC News producer speaks about challenges of broadcast media

By Nick Hammer
& Alexis Winning
Staff Writers

Murray Schweitzer, a producer for NBC News in Washington D.C., stressed the importance of storytelling in broadcasting during a speech in Norton Hall March 28.

Schweitzer has done media work since 1968, including the last 23 years with NBC. He said, "I have never seen my business in so much trouble," citing such scandals as CBS's use of false documents in a report about President Bush's National Guard experience and New York Times reporter Jayson Blair's fabricated stories about soldier Jessica Lynch.

Schweitzer called for TV news pros to reinvent their product, scrapping predictable formats and giving viewers a menu of stories to watch at any time of day. He may not be happy with his industry, but he does enjoy his job as a consumer investigative producer. He said, "The role people like me play is to make important stories interesting." So many things are required to get a story

on the air. After Schweitzer showed a recent news story he produced about Blockbuster's 'No Late Fee' policy, he said, "I counted 13 elements that it took

just to get that thing up there." Among other things, he wrote the copy that was heard, the tag that was seen, transposed the words when somebody was talking unclearly and ordered the Blockbuster commercials that were used as part of the report—all for a story that lasted two minutes and forty-five seconds.

Schweitzer's lecture was filled with insight on how to break into television, the most crucial skills to have and how storytelling is the quintessential element in all journalism. He also included five

broadcast segments that he produced to illustrate his work. Being an off-air reporter was hard to explain to some of his family. He related a story about how

his grandmother always asked him about why she never saw him on the broadcasts. "I'm the behind the scenes guy," Schweitzer told her.

"You cannot be on TV if you can't write," Schweitzer emphasized, calling writing the most important skill in broadcasting, on or off camera.

Schweitzer is most proud of creating "Does it Really Do That?", a segment that appears three times a year investigating products advertised on infomercials. After presenting a hilarious segment about the Perfect Pancake Maker, a contraption that claims to make the perfect pancake every time, Schweitzer laughed and said, "On my tombstone it will read I was the creator of 'Does it Really Do That?'"



MURRAY SCHWEITZER

Two students disprove stereotypes about home state

By Erin Sullivan
Staff Writer

While they recognize that their home state isn't extremely progressive, two Panther women feel the need to dispel the myth that people from West Virginia are less intelligent than those from other states.

"Because I am from a small town in West Virginia, to many I meet I am assumed to be dumb, toothless, shoeless and incestuous," said Andrea Griffith, a senior English major from Lewisburg.

Griffith pointed out that she is just as intelligent and ambitious as people from other states.

"I want to do a lot of different things," she said, citing magazine and newspaper work, speech-writing for politicians and becoming a non-profit director.

Griffith holds a GPA of 3.86 and has served as editor of various campus publications, including the Campus Chronicle. During her junior year, she held five jobs at once, ranging from giving campus tours to serving as a public relations specialist for the school.

When asked about her workhorse attitude, she recalled helping her parents run their bed and breakfast when she was a child.

"Among other tasks, I would take down reservations on the phone," she said. "When the guests arrived, they couldn't believe they were speaking to a seven-year-old at the time."

Fewer than two million people live across 24,000 square miles in the Mountain State. Griffith finds this fact comforting since it allows a commonality for its inhabitants, whether it is knowledge

of a town or a shared acquaintance, like a family member, friend or neighbor.

"We all stereotype," she said. "But stereotypes that surround a place like West Virginia are accepted in society. West Virginia jokes are among the last accepted forms of discrimination."

Kristen Kelps, a senior biology and math major and fellow West Virginian, shares a similar frame of mind. Kelps wants a Ph.D. in pharmacology, combining the skills and knowledge she had acquired by being a double degree student. She noted that she could have graduated in three years had she only studied under one major.

Kelps was valedictorian of her high school in Ravenswood. "I always did well in high school," she said. "But, I just thought, 'Well, it's just a small school.'"

After attending classes at High Point, she found that she was just as intelligent as her fellow classmates. She found the fact that she attended a small high school to be to her benefit, since the majority of High Point's classes contain under 30 students.

Kelps is a Presidential Scholar, with

her entire tuition covered. She holds a GPA of 3.97, landing her a spot in the top 10 percent of her class.

Along with winning the chemistry Cardinal Award, she was accepted to two competitive internship programs during the past summer, ultimately choosing a program at the University of Georgia. She was one of 15 people chosen out of 200 for the Fungal Genomics and Computational Biology

internship program.

With everything she has accomplished, she still feels hindered by the West Virginia stereotypes. She recalled fresh-

man year, when along with all of the tribulations of being a freshman, she also worried about what others thought about her background.

"When I'd meet someone new, the worst two questions to get were 'What year are you?' and 'Where are you from?'" she said.

She said she would always receive a joke about being a freshman and then another joke about being inbred.

"There are definitely times when I

think, 'God, it would be so much easier not to tell people I'm from West Virginia,'" she said. However, she has never lied about it.

According to High Point University's web site, West Virginia residents have one of the highest graduation rates at High Point University. In May, Griffith and Kelps will add to that number, helping to prove the West Virginia stereotypes wrong.

"I don't think it's where you're from that determines how successful you're going to be," said Kelps. "It's the opportunities you decide to take."



GRIFFITH AND KELPS

PHOTO BY ERIN SULLIVAN

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staff and our contributions to the library in appreciation of our efforts."

Hitchcock stated that she will miss working with "such fine people," but will also miss the students. "To me, an institution is made up of both students and faculty," said Hitchcock. "That's our whole reason for being there and that's what I loved the most. And I liked working with the students because working with people that age keeps you young."

Students express similar sentiments. Juniors Rebecca Fleming and Daniel Holland, who also work in circulation, remember Hitchcock as a good boss and nice person. "She always seemed to be happy," said Holland. "It was rare to see her without a smile on her face."

Bryden will also miss working with Hitchcock, but is eager to start changing and improving the library. Bryden will be taking on dual responsibilities as he will continue his work as head of reference services. "It would be disappointing if I couldn't work with students," said Bryden. In addition to teaching classes on research and citation and working in reference, he will be in charge of coordinating and organizing staff, purchasing electronic sources and printed materials and giving guidance to the goals of the library.

Bryden came with his family to High Point in 1958 when his father came to teach at the college. Bryden was hired in 1990, but previously held positions in business. "Working in retail was a real help in library work," said Bryden. "If you don't treat the customers right, they don't come back, and here the students are the patrons. They are the ones who are footing the bills."

Williams stated that Bryden will make a good director. "He'll look to the needs of the students and he's already asking for suggestions," said Williams. Sheri Teleha, serials and cataloging librarian, added, "He'll be a good director and he'll bring in a new perspective."

Bryden is considering extending library hours to fit the needs of the students since many study during late evening and early morning hours. "There are not a lot of places to study on campus that are quiet, and I would like to get more students to walk through our doors," said Bryden. Plans are being made to make the library wireless, and Bryden hopes to expand the journals and electronic resources to suit the needs of the various departments on campus. He also hopes that students will offer suggestions as to how the library can be improved.

Inside the life of a homeless woman

By Gena Smith
Staff Writer

Four pairs of gloves and two toboggans. Those were her Christmas presents last year from well-wishers driving along Main Street.

Not far from the old Gulf gas station, about 100 feet behind a furniture show room and within 50 feet of a residential area, lies a little wooded area near Business 85, and the campsite where Patricia Lester, 51, lives.

Her tanned and aged face, long, uncut brown and grey hair and her dirty fingernails tell the story of street life. Among her friends the word "homeless" doesn't really exist; and she wished it didn't exist in the public's vocabulary, either.

"The worst thing that can happen is to let someone know I'm homeless, because immediately their attitude changes," said Lester. "You can't get over, under, around or through to anyone that you are just another person in need of assistance."

Since 1994, Lester has lived on and off at this well-established campsite. Everything there was found from a dumpster. Lester has a shower - an upside-down bucket with a pulley system and a white tarp stretched across a triangle of trees for privacy. "Taking a shower is like killing a chicken; first you

have to catch the chicken," said Lester.

Once a man asked her if he could use the shower. She told him he could if he fetched the water, which you have to find jugs to carry it in, built the fire, which you have to find firewood and matches for, found a towel and a wash cloth, which are not always available as you dig through a dumpster. She told him that by the time he gathered everything needed, a year would have passed by.

To the left, there is a camping tent that houses jugs of water, all of which

"Homelessness is no fun. The worst thing about it if you do it well, is it's far too easy to stay homeless. It has a certain amount of security because you have nothing to tie you to society's standard...It can be addictive."

Lester has retrieved herself. In the center of the grounds, there lies a small table with oil, an old bathroom cabinet mirror and other collected items from

the trash.

The kitchen is to the right of the shower, and a line of about five pans hangs on a bar between two tree posts. There's a pile of trash on the ground of the kitchen. There's a pile of aluminum cans - mostly beer - near the center; there's a pile of healthy green and red peppers on a small tarp across from the water jug tent. And there are clothes hanging from every line of rope there is, almost like a fence, to the left of her room.

Lester said drinking problems caused her homelessness, her divorce and her los-

ing custody of her children as well as an affluent lifestyle.

"Homelessness," she said, "is no fun. The worst thing about it if you do it well, is it's far too easy to stay homeless. It has a certain amount of security because you have nothing to tie you to society's standard. There are no bills to pay. It can be addictive."

People offer to help Lester every once in a while. But "their idea of helping is to go to Bojangles and buy you a dinner. They think one roll of toilet paper lasts you six months."

She doesn't like the conventional shelters in High Point and Greensboro because they have too many restrictions. There is a shelter she knows of in Georgia that takes people in without any drug or alcohol screening and gives them food stamps. If the people do not get up on their own two feet after that, they can never return to the shelter.

"I've heard horror stories about the shelters here. People have to sleep with their clothes tucked under their head," she said. "It's enough to make anyone who is trying to come off alcohol go right back to it."

A person can't just go through the shelter and its alcohol program and suddenly be cured. "He has to learn to function in society again," she said.

Lester wouldn't wish homelessness on anyone. "It's very, very lonely. I had pneumonia last week and I could have died; and no one would have cared...It's not safe. I sleep with a reef hook, with a pitch fork, with knives - and I don't sleep well."

A look back at High Point through the years

No mistake, that is a real High Point College football player. (left) Who would have guessed there was once a women's field hockey team (below)?



Gart Evans during the mustache years (above). The Hayworth Chapel much different than how we know it now (left). An actual High Point University track (below).



Now only the seniors remember a time when Theta Chi lived in a house and not in an apartment complex (above). A blast from the '80s KD style (below).



Ever notice how much the Greenward resembles a street, back when it was (above)? A more '70s stylin' Haworth Science (left). Dr. James Stitt circa 1980 (right).



The fashions may have changed but at least the atmosphere at school dances hasn't changed with the times (top). Our school Panther before his much deserved makeover (right). Back when the '90s grunge ruled (far right).



compiled by Katie Estler

Toccatones record first CD, tour East Coast

Two remaining original members to graduate May 7

By Amanda Roberts
A&E Editor

Four years ago, the Tocatones burst onto the High Point University scene. The time: the talent show. The prize: first place, \$150. Of the original five members, two remain, Mike Maykish and Josh McAfee; this year, they're graduating.

Maykish, McAfee, Chris Holmes, Adam Canavazzi and Baron Heinemann brought the Tocatones to life, a dream uniting the five guys. The style of music and a desire to perform led these guys to form an a cappella group. "It's hard to say how it began, but it did begin," Maykish said.

The Tocatones found their inspiration in Todd Owen Carter, former director of the music department. It had been his dream to start an a cappella group on campus. He contracted cancer and died in 2001, before Maykish and McAfee entered as freshmen. "We used his initials and found a music term to fit," McAfee said.

"At the beginning, we only knew one song," Maykish said. "The talent show was the first place we sang before an audience. We won, and we thought it was pretty cool."

That victory led to appearances at Orientation and Presidential Scholarship weekend and in the chapel. Last spring, they held their first concert. The fall semester, they performed with an Appala-

Troy and Joe Zito.

The boys practice about two times a week, no more than three hours a week. Recruitment occurs most often by Maykish or one of the other members,

New Jersey, concluding their trip with recording the first two thirds of their album. "Our first stop was supposed to be Bob Haviland's house," Maykish said. "However, Bob didn't know how to get to his house. We spent three to four hours trying to find it."

"I tell the guys, 'Don't think about it, just sing,' when we perform," Maykish stated.

The Tocatones have bonded as friends as well as singers. Over spring break, they performed with Chapel Choir at Carnegie Hall, having fun by dancing during their routine, most notably, "The Robot."

"The Tocatones is a good outlet for being able to get away and have Tocatones time. I've been here since spring 2003, and the practices have gotten more organized, and we have received more notice," Duncan said.

"I love the Tocatones because the ladies love the Tocatones," Haviland said jokingly.

The group will release its CD on April 30. Many styles of music, from traditional doo-wop to classic rock, choral music to a Mozart fugue, appear on the album. Their spring concert is April 30, in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center at 8 p.m.



TOCCATONES PERFORM FOR AN ADORING CROWD

PHOTO BY BETH ANTHONY

chian State a capella group, "What's Yer Pleasure?" and this spring, in addition to their concert, they will be releasing their first CD.

This year's Tocatones lineup includes Nick Adams, Adam Duncan, Bob Haviland, Gabe Herlinger, Daniel Horney, Dane Jackson, Maykish, McAfee, Adam

pulling other guys they knew could sing and would be dedicated. "We've had auditions in the last two years, with about four guys showing up at each. Some of them are now members, which speaks highly of the quality of the performers we have," Maykish said.

Last fall, the Tocatones toured

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Beck scores another alternative rock hit

Thrice, A Static Lullaby good rock albums; Smith switches over to music (again)

By Lauren Croughan
Staff Writer

Blige.

Final Grade- B

A Static Lullaby- Faso Latido

Beck- Guero

Well, the Loser is at it again. Classic Beck sassiness, mixed with a bit of a Spanish flavor, makes this album incredibly interesting to listen to. The alternative rocker has some alternative lyrics and some definitely alternative summer beats. Ingenious and genuine, Beck is one of the foremost artists of our time. Savor him.

Final Grade- A

Will Smith- Lost and Found

With his continually switching career, Will Smith moves back into the music scene with his new album featuring a contagiously danceable song called "Switch." The album is surprisingly clean in content, compared with some other artists, and he delivers a commendable performance in his own way. I had the feeling going into listening to the album that it was just a marketing tool, but it actually was worth the time. The album features Snoop Dogg and Mary J.



Rock, in its ever-changing form, has found another great band to discover. A Static Lullaby, a new band who rose from the

underground of St. Louis, Missouri, has many a good quality in its music. It is energetic without being deafening, but the singer's vocal chords have to be strained.

The powerful lyrics and guitar definitely could raise your spirits.

Final Grade- B+

Thrice- The Artist in the Ambulance

Now this is rock that sings from the heart. This popular band's new album is full of well-written, from-the-inner-sanctum lyrics and guitar from the soul. The album reminds me of most rock bands in the mainstream section, but there is something about Thrice that stands out to me; and I am not sure what that thing is. Thrice makes great music, and *The Artist in the Ambulance* is further evidence.

Final Grade- B+



Graduating Greeks leave behind a legacy

By Sylvia Harwood
Greek Editor

On May 7, all seniors will be closing the chapter in their life known as the college years. For Greek seniors, this end can mean so much more. As soon as they receive their diplomas, they are no longer active chapter members. They are alumni which means they no longer attend meetings, pay dues or attend mandatory philanthropy events.

To those who have spent four years doing so, these duties will not be missed. But it is not only these things that the seniors no longer participate in. Themed mixers, formals and date parties, random sisterhood and brotherhood events, specific tables at lunch, the "rock," fraternity apartments and Millis dorm, houses on O.A. Kirkman, car washes, nights at Tri-angle, Ham's, Chumley's and Cleary's,

rush parties, millions of photo ops, beach trips and spring breaks, Greek Week, Derby Day, the list of things which will now become memories goes on and on.

Throughout their college careers, these students have given all of their hard work to make their chapters the best of the best.

The dedication and commitment go beyond the simple duties of being a brother or sister; the feeling is a deep connection that derives from knowing that they were part of something special and exclusive. These seniors hold the knowledge and experience of Greek life, and even though they will soon move on into the real world, their influence on each chapter and on the High Point campus will forever remain.

From all of the underclassmen Greeks, we wish you the best, and assure you that you will all be missed.

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and number of bad decisions I made in college.

Does this mean impending doom for our future as we know it? With that melodramatic question aside, college is one of our last chances to be a kids. College is a world of its own where we have the freedom to do what we want but not have to suffer the consequences we would in the real world—one last hurrah, you might say. We can go out and get hammered one night and still manage to make it to our test the next day. We can indulge in as much bad behavior as we want and still barely pass classes.

College is the time to make the

memories that years from now you will tell to friends and won't be able to believe yourself what you were willing to do in college for a good time and a laugh. And though I will miss it here, it is a good thing college is only four years long because I don't think many people could live their life at the pace of life we live here. College is the chance to live your days with disregard to how it will affect you the next day, but it also gives you the chance to figure out how you can manage that next day.

College is chance to live and have fun like you never will again in life. I've had my fun and am ready to go on and grow up, but I will always have some

Drew, continued from page 3

job of this than most universities. Why? Because HPU is a community. I'll grant that it is a community not without its squabbles and inconveniences, but these are far outweighed by the caliber of individuals that attend class, work and teach here. If my word isn't good enough, the example set by our new president should be enough to assure anyone that HPU prepares us to achieve whatever goal we have the courage to pursue.

I would not trade my experience at HPU for anything. If you are willing to get out of your dorm room and diligently seek opportunities for growth—both social and intellectual—you will never be idle for lack of something edifying to do. I refuse to believe anyone that says HPU is a boring campus. If you're bored here, then it only means you are unwilling to step out of your own small box; you are blind by choice. HPU is not a place to be if you want to get lost in the crowd and spend all of your time killing brain cells in new and innovative ways. Such people deserve to stagnate.

Now is a time of great excitement concern for many seniors. I don't know where I am going to be this time next year. Many friends have not had all of the opportunities they wished for come their way. But life has a way of opening and closing the right doors. Sometimes Providence has to take the wheel if we are not driving in the right direction; this is especially true in an age when most people do not know what they are here to do.

George Washington Carver once wrote, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it with-

out leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." For most of the big questions and aches that we have in this life, especially at this stage, the answer usually has something to do with knowing what we are here to do and how to make that happen. It is easy in college to just try to make it from one weekend to the next, having a good time. Many of our greatest thinkers remind us, however, that life is not about being happy; happiness is a fleeting emotion, and living for nothing else puts you on a roller coaster, constantly seeking new thrills but never getting anywhere. Life is, instead, about finding what you love and pursuing it with passion.

This is not the end, but it is an end. Surely whatever we lose in leaving this place we will gain back, and then some, in the next stage of our lives. These four years have been faster than any others, and this year has definitely been the fastest.

To everyone that has ever extended a hand in friendship, shared a laugh or a dram or taught me, I sincerely thank you. Each of you has added to my life in some way.

Seniors, we can no longer pretend to be carefree. Let us run our races with purpose and passion, and hopefully our paths will cross again. I leave here excited about what is to come for all of us, but sad about leaving what has been home for the last four years.

For those of you not graduating, I say that HPU is already a great place, and it is about to be taken to the next level. I suggest you get on board, and I promise that it will be one hell of a ride.

College Republicans

Thanks again to everyone who came out to Support the Troops Day and Conservative Coming Out Day! We certainly appreciate all the support and we hope you enjoyed both events!

The College Republicans enjoyed a very fine semester and year. We helped deliver President Bush for the state of North Carolina, aiding in his overall re-election; we assisted with Richard Burr's successful U.S. Senate campaign and we hosted two fine speakers, Daniel Flynn, conservative author, and Reginald Jones, a black conservative who addressed the campus during Black History Month. We also held a wonderful Women's History Bowl competition to celebrate Women's History Month.

We look to continue our successes during the next academic year being led by newly elected Chairman Wayne Rampone. Jonathan Miller, the current chairman, stepped down after two years at the helm. We wish him the best of luck as he travels to Scotland to study abroad at the University of St. Andrews.

The College Republicans would also like to extend a sincere thanks and best wishes to six fine seniors and one solid advisor. Jason Walters, Drew McIntyre, Denise Sealy, Chris Michener, Joel Stubblefield and Audrey Cecil were dedicated CRs who definitely impacted the organization for the better. Good luck to you all!

Finally, we would like to thank our advisor, Dr. Larry Simpson, for being such a terrific advisor. He graciously accepted our offer, and we are eternally grateful for his kind deed. We certainly needed a professor as solid as Dr. Simpson to take the role.

Farewell to all the graduating seniors, no matter if you're Democrat, Republican and any other political persuasion. The best of luck with whatever path you may choose. To everyone else, enjoy your summer and please join the College Republicans in the fall!

Alpha Phi Omega

On March 18th, the brothers of the Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega welcomed in excess of 100 of their fellow brothers from Section 79 to their conference for the weekend, held at High Point University. That night, fellowship and preparation took place in the Pauline Fine Arts Center for the following day. On Saturday March 19th, approximately 100 brothers in Alpha Phi Omega walked the Greenway to Kirkman Park Elementary school at 9 am. For the next 3 hours, the brothers divided up and took on several tasks; picking up trash, planting and gardening at the front of the school, but most importantly miraculously placing, nailing and hammering together a 96 foot long bench. This bench is currently still at the elementary school and is to be hailed the Western Hemispheres longest bench. The Mu Xi Chapter would like to thank the sections in attendance for their hard work and dedication, the task could not of been completed without them. Also, the chapter would like to give their great appreciation for the Student Government Association, High Point University faculty and staff, Kirkman Park Elementary and all those who provided support for their conference.

Kappa Delta

As the year draws to an end, the sisters of Kappa Delta would like to thank everyone who has helped us out and supported us throughout our fundraisers and philanthropy events. Our Shamrock 5k fun run was successful once again, once the rain cleared and the blue sky arrived. We will be proud to present generous checks to both Prevent Child Abuse America and the Hallelujah House. Many thanks go to Connie Wicks for all of her time and energy.

The 50th anniversary of Gamma Gamma chapter was an amazing event filled with many years of sisterhood and memories. It was exciting to meet both the first initiates and our national president. The last few weeks of this semester will be spent mixing with a few of the fraternities and trying to spend as much time as possible with our KD seniors. Girls, you will all be missed greatly, but we know you all will be successful in every aspect of life! Good luck on finals, everyone, and have a great summer!

Alpha Gamma Delta

Being that this is the Gamma Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta's 50th year here at High Point University, the sisters of AGD have celebrated throughout this year with many sisterhood activities, philanthropic events and campus-related activities. We recently had an advisor appreciation dinner at Liberty Steakhouse and Brewery that we won from participating at coach's night. Alpha Gam supported Juvenile Diabetes by walking and donating funds at Paramount Carowinds in Charlotte on Saturday, April 9. Immediately following the walk, we headed to sunny South Carolina for a sisterhood retreat for the remainder of the weekend. Earth day is on April 22, and we are planting a tree in the chapel garden as well as enjoying the wonderful day by taking the cafeteria outside on the greensward. Come by and see it!

Roseball this year is going to be extra special for our retuning alumae for our 50th anniversary at String and Splinter. All the sisters of Gamma Eta are looking forward to reminiscing with them when they return. Congrats to our graduating seniors, Nicole Armer, Beth Baker, Maureen Delauter, Connie Gyflakis, Jenna Hill and Mandy Kuhn.

We will miss you!! Congratulations to Nicole Armer and Hillary Cole for nominations into Order of Omega. Also to Hillary for the seat of executive vice president of Student Government Association 2005-2006! Alana Esposito, Caitlin Stroczkowski and Laura Wolf are preparing to study abroad in Oxford. Have fun, girls! Hope everyone has a safe and happy summer! Love, the Alpha Gams!

Phi Mu

The sisters of Phi Mu are proud to announce our new additions: Ashley Stanfield and Mo Kamara.

Best wishes to our graduates: Katie Estler, Trish Mitchell, Kelly Brown, Kelly Rushin, Emily Stillwell, Virginia Provencher, Clark Henderson, Megan Brown, Kristen Via, Amanda Troy, Heidi Bitler and Lindsey Blanco. They leave the chapter in good hands.

Thanks to all who supported our volleyball tournament, we had a great turnout. The proceeds went to Children's Miracle Network.

Baseball team contends for Big South playoff spot

By Wayne Watterson
Staff Writer

With a little over a month remaining in the '05 baseball season, it is a shootout to the finish for playoff position, and for the first time in years, High Point is a major contender in the conference. As of April 8, the Panthers were 15-18 overall, and 4-5 in the Big South. Considering the ACC giants High Point played and nearly toppled earlier in the year, being on the door-step of a winning record is not a bad location.

Conference play opened up this season with a series against the three-time defending champion Coastal Carolina. Hurler Eammon Portice was sharp in game one and held the Chanticleers to a single run in eight innings. High Point was unable to capitalize, took a 1-0 loss and went on to drop the next two against Coastal Carolina.

The Panthers would win six of their next eight games. On March 22, following the Coastal series, an invigorated High Point team handed Elon an 18-0 loss. Bubba O'Donnell pocketed the shutout and got great run support from third-baseman Seby Renta who went 4 for 5 and freshman Bobby Brown who drove in 5 runs.

High Point went on to take one of three from Liberty in a home series and then come from behind to beat a tough Wofford team. Brett Lazar got things going with a two run single in the eighth inning.

Most recently High Point played a three game series against UNCA. After winning the first two games, High Point found itself down 2-1 in the ninth inning,

when Randy Schwartz stepped up to the plate. "Big Canada" delivered a solo shot over the right field wall to tie the game and start the Panther uprising. Schwartz said after the game, "When I stepped up to the plate, I knew I needed to do something big, and I knew I

could. When my home-run started a ninth inning rally that resulted in a win, it was more than a home-run; it was a feeling of accomplishment. It was one of the best feelings in the world, but again it's confidence and situation; you never doubt your abilities." High Point would go on to complete the series sweep of the Bulldogs.

Any way you slice it, the Panthers have come a long way from last year's

11-win season. When asked what positives will come out of the year, Coach Sal Bando Jr. said, "The most obvious positive from this year is the improvement in

wins and losses. The improvement made is in large part due to our pitching staff. At this time we have three freshmen in our four-man rotation. While that may be scary from time to time, it also makes the

future look very bright. Other positives are the emergence of freshmen Brett Lazar, Randy Schwartz and Bobby Brown, and the improvement guys like Chris Ramirez, Josh Cotton and Matt Kniginyzky have made from last year to this year."

Enough can't be said about how instrumental the seniors have been this season. Josh Cotton is in 4th place in the Big South with 7

homeruns, and Chris Ramirez has 41 hits on the year, only 5 shy of being the Big South leader. Chris said about winning the hits title: "Leading the conference in hits is defi-

nately something I'd like to do but it's hard to anticipate doing it because you can't control exactly how many hits you get. One day you could hit four line drives and go 0-4 by hitting it right at someone." "Remi's" hitting has improved substantially from last year's .280 average, and a complement to his hitting is Chris's ability to get the extra base. Ramirez leads the conference with 14 steals.

It doesn't get any bigger than when the Big South tournament arrives May 25-27 in Conway, S.C. The double-elimination showdown has been dominated by Coastal Carolina which has taken the title the last three seasons. This year, however, the Panthers have proven they have the talent to knock off any team on any given night. A major weapon on the mound is freshman Eammon Portice, arguably the best pitcher in the Big South. Portice is 5-1 on the season, and is 2nd in the conference with 57 strikeouts. It has been years since High Point has had a true ace to bring out in the big game, and Eammon always puts his team in a position to win. Randy Schwartz said about the young man: "Portice is one of the most dominating pitchers I've played behind, and it's a different feeling when you are in the lineup while he is on the mound. As a teammate he's encouraging, more by actions than words; he leads by example. He treats every game with the same intent and the same intensity. The whole team feeds off his energy and fierce competitiveness on the mound; you feel it and you can't help but be involved."

Regardless of the outcome of the tournament, without question 2005 has been instrumental in the rebuilding process. This Panther unit is stacked with talented freshmen who will continue to improve and take this program a long way in the years ahead.



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CHRIS RAMIREZ IS SECOND PLACE IN BIG SOUTH FOR NUMBER OF HITS

Fan makes early Fall Classic predictions

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The last time an out meant anything, Doug Mientkiewicz was leaping into the air and the Boston Red Sox were world champions. A lot has happened since that time, not that long ago, last October.

Since then, players have been dodging questions on steroid use. Mark McGwire was dragged out of retirement to face high and tight questions from United States Senators; Washington is back, it seems, not just in the standings but also in the game itself. Sammy Sosa, the other guy from '98, long-time loser with the Cubs, gets a fresh start in Baltimore. He bolsters the always potent Oriole lineup, featuring Miguel Tejada and alleged Steroid Man number three, Rafael Palmeiro. Unfortunately, Baltimore figures to be on the wrong end of many 11-8 scores as its pitching remains an abysmal trial by fire misadventure like something out of a Stephen King horror novel.

Barry Bonds, the biggest and most tarnished name in the game, is seriously contemplating not even taking a swing this year, due to surgery and media scrutiny so intense that the reclusive Bonds may well leave the country and hide out, maybe even go to Japan to try and set home run records on two continents, the biggest star of America's Pastime being driven from the Land of the Free because the owners and player reps wouldn't buckle down on the steroid issue.

When an institution turns its back on a problem, is it fair to punish those who take advantage of the situation?

Jose Canseco thinks so. So do many high-powered movers and shakers of the American Political Machine.

But, enough of this foul exploration of the devious nature of professional athletes. The Boston Red Sox are the defending champions for the first time since Babe Ruth was a regular pitcher and the home-run record for all of baseball was less than the average team total from one year ago. With the curse out of the way, the new hurdle for the Red Sox is figuring out who can pitch. Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe, two longtime and popular Bostonians are gone, Martinez to the Mets and Lowe to the Dodgers.

Are the Mets a serious contender? It's hard to take them seriously. They've tried the money game and lost; they've tried pitching and defense and lost; now they're throwing around Yankee-style money in a last-ditch effort to compete with the team from the Bronx. The rotation is vintage 2000 with Pedro and Tom Glavine anchoring a competent and veteran staff. As long as Kris Benson's wife doesn't sleep with the team, as she has threatened in the past, it's hard to see any serious clubhouse problems, but it's hard to bet against the Atlanta Braves who have won the division for more than a decade consecutively. The Braves once again have a stacked rotation featuring former starter, then closer, now starter again John Smoltz and the man from Oakland Tim Hudson. The latter may not be all he's advertised to be (he's never been a big-game pitcher in the playoffs), but then again when have the Braves ever done anything in the playoffs? Their fix is the regular season, and they're very good at what they do—win

95 games and then fold like hockey in October.

You can't look toward October without factoring in the New York Yankees and their Third-World GNP payroll. After failing to win the World Series yet again, the Bombers imploded the pitching staff, dumping Javier Vazquez on the Diamondbacks for the ultra-dominant Randy Johnson.

Carl Pavano joins the staff from Florida and first baseman Tino Martinez brings his Yankee uniform out of mothballs as he tries to resurrect his career; and what better time for it than Easter season? The big question mark, however, is Jason Giambi, whose 2004 season is the definition of just what steroids can do. In Giambi's case, the nightmare will be setting foot on the road as his tumultuous stint in the Bronx enters its next and possibly final chapter.

When the smoke clears, the gig is done and playoff insanity returns with autumn, who will be left standing?

Look for the Yankees, Red Sox, Twins (with Cy Young winner Johan Santana baffling opponents all year) and Rangers in the American League. In the senior circuit the Braves, Cubs (the return of "No-MAH" to the big time), Dodgers and Reds. The Reds are simply an impulse selection; in the World Series how about the Yankees and the Cubs, with the team from Chicago taking it in six.

If the Red Sox can do it, why not the Cubs? They certainly have all the pieces, a potent lineup and dangerous pitching. It's a risky pick, but there's no use in going conservative now, right?

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the sexual orientation of that couple—again, it is not moral support, but rather a belief in one's rights, liberties and freedoms.

Democrats believe in protecting our most important resource—the environment. I would like for my children to still have forests and clean waters, and without environmental policies that protect these resources, that won't be a possibility. If that is considered immoral...then I don't know what moral source you are relying on.

This is a country built on freedom and independence from strict, controlling rule, and it is also a country often considered a melting pot because of its immigrant composition. With the variety of cultures, religions and beliefs represented among the population, I can't support a party that wishes to make everyone the same. The Democratic Party allows for differences and encourages freedom rather than attempting to contain it.

I don't expect everyone to agree with me, because without differences and dissent, we would never make progress. The political party system allows for a forum for these differences and encourages intellectual and political discourse. I, however, know that I will always remain on the same side of the fence.