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University Highlands may receive tax refund from Watauga County

JUSTIN BOULMAY
Senior Staff Writer

University Highlands is accustomed to accepting checks from students, but soon the apartment complex may receive one from Watauga County, pending a decision from the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Watauga County appealed to the court three weeks ago, creating the next chapter in an ongoing lawsuit between the county and University Highlands as to whether the apartment complex should have to pay property taxes. No decision has been made as to whether the court will take the case.

"Our interpretation is we are automatically tax exempt. [The county] said, 'No, you're not. You're not Appalachian State University,'" Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Development Robert K. Feid said.

Feid is the vice-president of Appalachian Student Housing Corporation (ASHC), which owns University Highlands.

The refund would be approximately \$300,000 from property taxes paid from 2001 to 2003, Feid said.

Feid said if ASHC wins the

lawsuit, the money would be used to pay off the \$27 million bond used to build the apartment complex.

Some residents said they think the money could be used for other purposes.

"I think it could definitely go toward maybe putting more parking spaces in," David C. McHugh, a junior business management major from Winston-Salem, said. "Another thing, they don't maintain the rooms all that well. It seems like our walls have cracks. Parts of them aren't painted."

Michael J. Bowling, a senior biology major from Princeton, W.Va., said he understood the importance of paying off debt, but added parking was an issue that could be addressed.

"The visitor parking lot is entirely too small," Bowling said. On the weekends, Bowling said people wait in their cars in line for a parking spot to open up.

University Highlands Manager Ron Branch said it would be beneficial in the long run to use the money to pay the bond.

"We've been fortunate," Branch said. "We've had low interest rates, but they're not going to be low forever, so I would think [the] process would be, if we've

got money now, let's pay off some of the debt before the rates go up and it'll save us more money in the long run."

The issue of property taxes took flight in 2001 when Watauga County ruled University Highlands was not tax exempt.

"It comes down to a question of unfair trade advantage," Watauga County Manager Robert E. Nelson, Jr. said.

Nelson said it wasn't fair for University Highlands to have tax exemptions as they compete with other apartment complexes that pay the tax.

There is also the question of ownership, he said. Watauga County does not believe the complex to be a part of Appalachian or the UNC school system.

Feid said ASHC believes that because their purpose is to help Appalachian, they should be tax exempt.

"It was always the feeling of the ASHC that they would be tax exempt," Feid said.

The county commissioners upheld the county's decision, as did the North Carolina Property Tax Commission in 2002, Feid said.

The North Carolina Court of Appeals ruled in favor of ASHC in July.



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Watauga County could owe Highlands a check for property taxes.

New traffic policies around Boone

JASON SECREST
Staff Writer

Lower speed limits, one way streets, an increase in speed humps and stiffer speeding penalties are among changes made in attempt to alleviate traffic concerns Appalachian State University students will face this year

when driving through some of Boone's residential areas.

The changes stem from an ongoing concern with traffic in Boone's neighborhoods. Many residents have complained of increased traffic as well as speeding and reckless driving.

The areas of concern are divided into three study areas.

Study Area A includes the Stadium Drive area and neighborhoods in and around Horn in the West make up Study Area B. Study Area C is comprised of roads in neighborhoods which run along King Street.

Boone Police Chief Bill Post said the Stadium Drive area is the main concern for Appalachian State students. Students use Stadium Drive, Poplar Hill and Highland Avenue as a shortcut from Highway 105 to campus. Volume of traffic and speeding are the biggest issues.

"It's a problem that's gotten progressively worse," Boone Town Council Member Lynne Mason said.

Mason said a fair amount of property damage has been caused by drivers and the quality of life and level of safety is not what it should be in the neighborhoods. Residents are scared to let their children play outside and don't feel comfortable walking on the streets. "My biggest concerns are safety," Mason said.

Mason said problems on Stadium Drive are the most concerning.



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ASU students will see changes while driving through neighborhoods in Boone. These changes are aimed to make the streets safer in Boone.

SGA brings Chick-fil-A on board to sponsor Mountaineer Maniacs

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On the Chinese calendar, 2004 is the year of the monkey. For the Mountaineer Maniacs, it is the year of the cow.

Last week the new Chick-fil-A restaurant, opening on Blowing Rock Road next Thursday, agreed to sponsor the Mountaineer Maniacs this year. Owners Bing and Terese Oliver collaborated with both the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Department of Athletics to form this partnership.

"We wanted to find a way to get involved in school spirit," SGA Director of Student Affairs Matthew D. Whisenant said. "There were some needs that the Maniacs had that we thought we could contribute to."

Over 600 students signed up to participate in the Mountaineer Maniacs last year, Associate Director of Athletics Mark R. Dreibelbis said.

The Mountaineer Maniacs were formed seven years ago to create student involvement specific to basketball, he said.

"The purpose [of the Mountaineer Maniacs] is to create a

home-court advantage and an environment that the students can come and enjoy," Dreibelbis said.

Whisenant spoke to Dreibelbis about the idea of a corporate sponsorship to give more money and benefits to students involved, Whisenant said.

Whisenant then worked with Director of Marketing for Athletics Ann Brett Gillespie Strickland to put together media packages for several restaurants.

"Athletics is so excited that Chick-fil-A is coming," Strickland said.

"This is a real boost to the Maniacs, and we look forward to a great year."

Out of courtesy to Chick-fil-A, the exact monetary amount donated will not be disclosed, Whisenant said.

"We will say that [the amount of money donated] solidly supports the Maniacs - we won't need another sponsor," he said.

"The need for sponsorship is not only monetary but [also] community building," SGA Vice President Nick V. Albu said.

"The role of SGA in all this is ... promoting school spirit."

In addition to providing mon-

etary support to the Mountaineer Maniacs, Chick-fil-A will give away coupons and other free items at games and the Chick-fil-A cow will make appearances at both football and basketball games, Unit Marketing Director and Co-owner Terese R. Oliver said.

In return, Chick-fil-A will have 30-second commercials at sporting events and receive an advertisement in the football program, she said.

SGA will continue to assist the Mountaineer Maniacs by helping with T-shirt sales, advertising and promotions, Whisenant said. This year both groups hope to push the start of T-shirt sales up to mid-September instead of late October, he said.

"We want to encourage students to wear [the shirts] to school, to football games, anywhere to put on some school spirit," Whisenant said.

The first Chick-fil-A restaurant opened in 1946, and today the company boasts 1,125 restaurants, according to the Chick-fil-A Web site.

Oliver said Chick-fil-A is very much about getting involved in

Police stay busy during first weekend

LORI FOX
Staff Writer

With approximately 2,550 freshmen experiencing their first weekend on the Appalachian State University campus, the Appalachian State Police Department kept busy last Thursday through Saturday overlooking campus move-in and the first weekend nightlife.

In addition to the eight Appalachian State Police Officers on duty last weekend, four Alcohol Legal Enforcement (A.L.E.) Officers as well as eight to ten Boone Police Officers offered outside assistance for the premier weekend partying.

According to the Appalachian State Police Department Daily Media Log, the following infractions occurred last weekend: a drug violation at Gardner Residence Hall, a DWI on Locust Street, a larceny charge at Raley Hall, a trespassing violation in

the Raley lot, and minor traffic citations.

Specific areas of Boone that posed major problems with drinking festivities were Howard Street and various apartment complexes within campus walking distance, Foster said.

"There was so much underage alcohol consumption that there was no way to issue everyone a ticket," Sgt. Johnny Brown of the Appalachian State Police Department said.

The number of drinking tickets issued by Appalachian State Police was less than a dozen. The Appalachian State Police cannot investigate a scene unless they are called in or have reasonable suspicion, Foster said.

The Appalachian State Police have several different ways of determining if an alcohol citation should be warranted. If a student (under 21 years of age) exhibits

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Lifting and loading



Peter Larkins | Chief Photographer

Junior elementary education major Samantha A. Bennert and Michael A. Beahm, a sophomore journalism major, help with freshmen move-in, lifting the belongings of students into Frank Hall.

NEWS

News briefs

Walk for Awareness to take place Sept. 7

The 14th annual Walk for Awareness will be Sept. 7 at 9 p.m. on Sanford Mall. The walk attracts students, professors, staff and area residents that wish to emphasize each individual's responsibility to make Appalachian State University a safe and caring community. Each participant will walk silently through campus. The walk began to honor the memory of Jeni Gray, a university employee abducted and murdered in 1989 while walking through town.

Boone police work toward safety

Appalachian State University and the Boone Police are working towards pedestrian safety on Rivers Street and Hardin Street. The Boone Police have added a radar trailer to deter speeding on Rivers Street. Information is being sent out through e-mails and on the Appalachian State University Police webpage to alert drivers to yield to pedestrians.

ASU's The Big Sale raises money

The Big Sale, sponsored by Appalachian and the community, took place on Saturday, Aug. 21, and raised \$5,300. Benefits go toward Mountain Alliance, New River Earth Institute and two non-profit organizations in Watauga County.

Legends to host Barn Dance tonight

Legends will host a Barn Dance with the Fever City Boys tonight at 8 p.m. It is free for students and \$1 for guests.

Legends to host back to school jam tonight

Legends hosts a back to school jam party with DJ Diaz of Power 98 on Aug. 28th from 10 p.m. through 2 a.m. Tickets are \$2 at the door.

Parrothead Party to perform Friday

A Parrothead Party featuring the Jimmy Buffet cover band Captain Cook and the Coconutz will be held Friday, Aug. 27 at 9 p.m. at Legends. Tickets in advance are \$5 for Appalachian State University students and \$7 at the door and for guests.

Clawson's one-man performance cancelled

"Say It Again Sam," the one-man performance by Wayne Clawson, has been cancelled. Clawson was originally performing in Valborg Theatre on Friday. His performance will be rescheduled for a later date.

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New traffic policies around Boone

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dium Drive became much worse since University Highlands opened. Residents see a steady stream of traffic at the top of each hour during the day when students are going to class, she said.

Post said the number of traffic accidents in these areas is not up, but the quality of life has been affected.

As a result of these concerns, the speed limit on Stadium Drive has dropped from 25 mph to 20 mph and a zero tolerance for speeding has been issued.

"A lot of it is a law enforcement

issue," Post said.

Post said police officers will aggressively write speeding tickets in residential areas. Stiffer penalties will result from violations.

"The court will look less favorably on plea negotiations that will reduce insurance points for drivers cited for excessive speeding in neighborhoods," Boone District Attorney Jerry Wilson said.

Although students do cut through these neighborhoods, specifically Stadium Drive, Post said the problem is not solely caused by students. Mason said it's a mix of all people living in

Boone and that Appalachian State students are not targeted.

Mason said she hopes the changes in the residential neighborhoods will help, but common sense and courtesy will make the biggest difference.

Students are discouraged from using neighborhoods as shortcuts and are asked to drive the speed limit if they must drive through residential areas.

Mason said better communication among all parties involved with traffic concerns is also key.

"We need to be in dialogue with the university," Mason said.

Police stay busy during first weekend

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a sloppy demeanor, glassy eyes, or emits a strong odor of alcohol, the police can use an alcohol sensor or Breathalyzer to determine blood alcohol level.

Any sign of a potential party or large gathering of people allows police to inspect the situation.

Drinking tickets warrant the largest number of citations and judicial referrals on the Appalachian State campus.

Liquor law violations have jumped from 498 judicial referrals in 2001 to 704 referrals in 2003, according to the Appalachian State University Police Department records.

Certain penalties are enforced on the Appalachian State campus for underage drinking. If issued a drinking ticket, students must face the Appalachian State University Judicial Board. The first offense

penalty is probation and a \$50 fine to attend an alcohol abuse class.

Future offenses result in harsher punishments including possible suspension or expulsion.

Major Larry C. Foster, assistant chief of the Appalachian State Police Department, said this year's first weekend went extremely well in regards to students moving into residence halls and the number of citations issued.

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the community.

"This is a really great opportunity to work with the college," Oliver said. "We were real excited that they sought us out, and we were honored that they wanted us to be [the Mountaineer Maniacs'] sole sponsor."

Oliver and her husband have waited two years to open this particular Chick-fil-A restaurant, and from the beginning they knew they wanted a relationship with Appalachian, Oliver said.

"I'd like to say that Matt Whisenant did a very profes-

sional job of pursuing us and presenting the case for the Mountaineer Maniacs," Oliver said. "[The Mountaineer Maniacs] sounds like a good club...a good thing for people to be involved in and something to give them a sense of belonging."

Banks brings compassion to ASU

STEPHANIE MARSHALL
Staff Writer

Dejon J. Banks combines passion and heart, hoping to spread understanding throughout Appalachian State University campus.

The newly appointed Assistant Director for Multicultural Education, Banks comes from Wake Forest University, where she was a coordinator of multicultural admissions. She hopes to continue to educate people in diversity and multiculturalism at Appalachian State.

Graduating from Wake Forest University with a double major in anthropology and sociology, Banks' special relationship with diversity started long before she came to college.

Starting as early as childhood, Banks has embraced different cultures due to being brought up in a diversified neighborhood.

"I was born and raised in Houston and that is a very diverse place. My church had a number of Hispanic persons, my neighborhood was predominantly black and the students at the school I attended were primarily white," Banks said. "In order to get to and from school from my house I had to travel through areas that were traditionally inhabited by Jewish and Asian people. The street signs and languages on the buildings were constants I drove across town. Living among various cultures and celebrating differences has always been a part of my life."

Luckily for Banks, she was able to combine her passion in life with her career.

"The amazing people that I choose to associate with and be-

friend serve as my driving passion. My friends are so vastly different. I guess this passion has always been inside of me," Banks said. "I started traveling abroad when I was in high school. I have been to over nine different countries. In high school I was voted most likely to be traveling abroad again. Learning about others has always been intriguing to me. How wonderful it is when you can join who you are with a job that you love doing."

Wright said Banks brings a thirst for getting to know the students and finding out how she can assist students in becoming stronger, better informed, better motivated and better involved student leaders.

"Dejon has a passion, which is something I always look for in terms of my colleagues, for diversity and multiculturalism. She brings a great wealth and knowledge on multicultural populations from her work at Wake Forest University. Something that really struck us about the work Dejon had done there was she spread and engaged herself beyond the office of admissions," Director for Multicultural Student Development Tracey L. Wright said.

Wright said Banks was very actively involved in planning programs that help address issues of retention for special populations at Wake Forest as well as planning programs that helped target and educate the entire campus community on information, issues and concerns about various multicultural populations.

Banks views her job as assistant director in two different points. One, she is providing a network guidance community for current

minority students here that helps retain those students. Also, to expose and educate the masses.

"I think the only way people can get along, break stereotypes and get anything productive done is by working with each other regardless of differences. Often times we have so many commonalities that people fail to see because all they're looking at is different hair, skin color and choices of how to worship or not to worship," Banks said.

"Dejon has already stepped in and hit the ground rolling in terms of picking up programming efforts and will continue to take our multicultural programming and propel it to the next level," Wright said.

"The previous Assistant Director for Multicultural Education, Anwar Cruter, had done a wonderful job in terms of taking the program where it was when he first arrived and moving it ahead. It's really exciting to have someone who understands the need to come in and continue that process."

Chair of the Black Student Association Rebecca E. Carew expects Banks to bring a strong presence to the multicultural office.

"Her enthusiasm and willingness to share as well as learn will definitely help her meet and surpass what is expected of her," Carew said.

Belk library to expand stock car collection

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Staff Writer

Belk Library races to promote and expand their stock car collection with the help of a \$7,346 grant they recently received.

"I am really excited about the stock car collection," University Librarian Dr. Mary Reichel said. "Racing is such a major economic factor in North Carolina so it is a natural evolution for the library to have the collection."

According to their mission statement, the collection is preserving racing history for future generations by building a wide-ranging collection of stock car racing materials.

"This is something that could bring very good publicity to the university and at the same time fill a research gap that exists so it will help the scholarly community as well," Collection Development Librarian M. Suzanne Wise said.

Five years ago the university offered a new class focusing on the history of stock car racing. Wise said the class was very popular, filling up every semester, but she noticed that there was a limited amount of material for those students to use when researching and writing papers.

Although the compilation began informally it has grown into a formal mission and commitment of the library to acquire and preserve stock car materials.

The federal Library Services and Technology Act grant that the library received was one of 153 grants awarded to North Carolina libraries totaling more than four million dollars. According to a press release from the Appalachian News Bureau, the grant program's purpose is to fund projects that support learning and discovery for children and teenagers, achieve equity in library service and create a climate for innovation and change.

"I am thrilled about getting the grant," Reichel said. "We are looking for a way to promote so people will use the collection. We are also looking for donations and support to build up endowment in order to obtain more materials and find staffing for the collection."

The library plans to use its

portion of the grant money for promotion and marketing of the collection.

"We want people to know about it and be able to use it," Wise said. "There is no point in having the material if nobody is using it."

The collection intends to hire a professional graphics designer to create a distinctive logo to be used on promotional materials such as brochures, bumper stickers and polo shirts. The collection will also redesign the webpage for the materials and a newsletter is also in the works for the spring.

As of now, the material is spread throughout Belk Library but as soon as the new library is completed the collection will be housed on the fourth floor in the special collections section along with the Appalachian collections and the archives.

The collection is made up of a variety of books, videos, periodicals, racing programs, trading cards and media clippings.

"It's awesome," Appalachian alumni Aaron M. Whitener said. "You can imagine that some schools might think it's redneck, but I think it is cultural diversity at its best and it keeps the tradition of this area and the areas this school connects alive."

The library is looking for donations from the public that are appropriate for the collection.

"A lot of the materials that we receive are from fans who have kept things for years and years and their spouses are telling them to clean out the basement or else and we encourage them to send things to us," Wise said.

Recently Linda Petty had donated a large collection that she had kept on her husband Richard Petty including personal letters, programs from places he was honored, photographs, scrapbooks and even family Christmas cards. "You never know what will be valuable to a researcher down the road," Wise said.

In the future, the library hopes to expand the collection to add memorabilia like personal letters and business correspondence.

Anyone looking for more information on the collection or interested in making a donation should contact Suzanne Wise at 262-2798.

Correction

The information printed for the Asian Student Association in the Aug. 20 issue of The Appalachian was incorrect. The

organization's president is Anna Gibbs, not Serah Chavda and Bobbi Dayalani. The Appalachian regrets this error.

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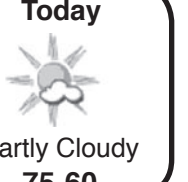
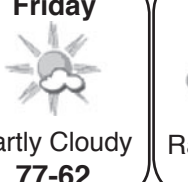
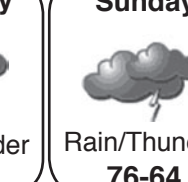
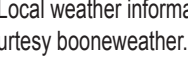

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ENTERTAINMENT

Laura Blackley Band preforms Saturday night at Canyons

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Staff Writer

Now that school is in session and students have migrated from near and far to start a new year in the mountains, Boone's music scene has come back to life.

The Laura Blackley Band opens the new semester with a live performance Saturday at 10 p.m. at Canyons Restaurant in Blowing Rock.

Based out of Asheville, the Laura Blackley Band is comprised of singer-songwriter and guitarist Laura Blackley, drummer Julie Couch and bass guitarist Tony Harp. The trio has made several appearances in the High Country in its past five years of touring.

"I believe pretty firmly on the whole basis of concentric circles," Blackley said of the band's repeated decisions to include the neighboring Watauga area in its tour. "You build [a fan base] really slowly like you would a business."

The group will exhibit its newest album, "Liquid Courage," which was released in July. The record

showcases Blackley's live raw, folk-rock style accented by Couch's 70s funk background and Harp's hard rock influences.

"Ever since I started making records I wanted to capture what we do live," Blackley said.

While Laura Blackley Band's discography includes records "When a Woman" (2002) and "Intentions of Mine" (2000), "Liquid Courage" is a departure from the group's previous efforts.

The band recorded the CD with musician/producer Michelle Malone on the independent SBS Records label. The album exposes what Blackley calls the band's "primal energy."

"I feel like my songwriting has improved and everyone's musicianship has improved," Blackley said.

"Songs are living, breathing organisms. I happen to be blessed, coming from a family where all the women in my family are talented storytellers," Blackley said.

She also contributes much of her songwriting inspiration to reading books from a very young age.

"Liquid Courage" is a compila-

tion of the many different stories that Blackley has to tell.

"I tell myself I'm going to leave it alone, take what little I have left and then just move on."

The lyrics of "Never Been" encapsulate the feelings of heartbreak that we all know so well.

"Deep River" is another popular tune on the new record, recounting an old North Carolina ghost story.

The storytelling aspect of the Laura Blackley Band captures all kinds of listeners.

"We have everybody from granddaddies to little kids," Blackley said of the band's audience. "There's a big variety and that's what we're going for."

The band's originality hits a high note with its fans.

"You're certainly going to feel like you just went to a show," Blackley said. "And we hope it really rocked your world."

The group's front woman is quite matter-of-fact when it comes to what is in store for listeners next.

"We're in the process of conquering the world one fan at a time," Blackley said.



Reading books at a young age inspired Blackley's songwriting. She tells a story through each one of her songs. Special to The Appalachian

APPS holds welcome back events this weekend for students

ELIZABETH ASHFORD
Staff Writer

For anyone who is feeling bored this week, Appalachian Popular Programming Society (APPS) may have the remedy. Starting tonight, APPS Appalachian Heritage Council will bring a Barn Dance for anyone interested in square dancing, circle dancing and doing the contra.

"If you like to dance, there's plenty of it and if you don't know how to dance, they tell you just what to do. It's a great traditional

Appalachian experience with real mountain music," Appalachian Heritage Council Chair Mark C. Freed said.

Alex Hooker and the Fever City Boys will be playing old time string band dance music and Beth Molero will be the caller, Freed said.

Freed said Molero will start out with easier dances for beginners and then call more advanced moves later on in the evening.

The Barn Dance will be held Thursday night at 8 p.m. in Legends. Admission is free with an

APPCard and will be \$1 without an ID.

Freed said the Heritage Council meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Watauga River Room of Plemmons Student Union.

APPS Stage Shows will bring Captain Cook and The Coconutz, a Jimmy Buffet Party Band, to Legends on Friday night.

"You should come to the Jimmy Buffet Cover Band Hawaiian Beach Party because it's going to be a lot of fun. It's going to be music, there's going to be a lot of people, and pina colodas, getting caught

in the rain, and 'Cheeseburger in Paradise,' APPS Stage Show Chair Andrew T. Sarda said.

Hawaiian dress for the show is optional but is encouraged, Sarda said.

"I know everyone has their secret Hawaiian T-shirt hidden in their closet somewhere. Friday is the night to bring it out," Sarda said.

The show will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Legends. Tickets will be \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Information Desk in the

Student Union, Sarda said.

Saturday, APPS Council for Cultural Awareness will bring DJ Diaz from Power 98 for a back to school hip-hop party. The party will be held on Aug. 28 from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. in Legends with a \$2 cover charge, Campbell said.

"Compared to other cities, Boone is quite different and unique ... particularly in the entertainment department. There are no clubs and that type of thing where people can go and actually can just dance to have fun, like period just to dance and enjoy

music. That's what we're going to provide and not only at this party but throughout the whole entire year," CCA Chair Niesha T. Campbell said.

Campbell said the party would be a good way to meet new people and see who is back from last year. She especially encouraged freshmen to come in order to meet people.

"Sometimes it takes people a long time to adjust to college life and when you know people it kind of eases the process," Campbell said.

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SPORTS

Field hockey looks to win conference

BRAD NORMAN
Senior Staff Writer

A season after winning a share of the NorPac East Division Championship, the Appalachian State University Field Hockey team anticipates taking the next step this fall.

"We didn't accomplish everything that we wanted to last year," junior goalkeeper Kate Ryno said.

"Last year we tied for first in the division, but we did not win conference. We are looking forward to winning conference this year."

The team will have to win conference without their two best players from last year, however. Nara Brookes and Bridgette Burkhardt graduated, leaving behind a large void on the field.

Brookes led the league in goals last season with 20, collected eight assists and was the NorPac Player of the Year.

Burkhardt led the team in assists with 12, was a co-captain and was selected to the NorPac first team. However, the other nine starters from last season return.

"Losing two [players] is a pretty small number, but I think that the two we are losing were big presences for us," head coach Mandy Latz said.

"They were phenomenal leaders, but we are creating a new chemistry, a new dynamic, and we're moving forward."

Being counted on to fill the void offensively is senior Caroline Smith.

Smith finished second on the team in total points last year with 10 goals and four assists, and the team will need more of the same this year.

As a co-captain this season, Smith looks to the example set by Brookes and Burkhardt last year.

"Their character and personalities kept us positive and they were excellent role models," Smith said.



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First string goal keeper Kate J. Ryno, a junior secondary education mathematics major, blocks a shot from a team member in practice.

"I look up to the way they were there for us and I hope that I can be like they were as far as filling that [leadership] role."

Sophomore Erica Mushcamp also returns and will play a larger role in the offense. Mushcamp was the team's youngest offensive force last season, finishing third in goals and total points.

Despite nine starters coming back, ASU also recruited five talented freshmen to complement the experience already returning.

"One of our strengths this year is that we have depth at every position and everybody has a chance to play," Ryno said, "The [freshmen] have the ability to step in and play right away."

Coach Latz said her squad is so balanced that everyone will be able to see some playing time this year, "I'm going to have a very difficult time making the starting line up because we have a lot of

excellent people contending for spots," Latz said.

Everything appears to be in place for ASU to have a successful season: a nice mix of experience and youth, a tough out-of-conference schedule to help them prepare for the conference slate, and, perhaps most importantly, the desire to build off last year's success.

"We know how hard we worked to get there [last year], but we have to work even harder this year to get to where we were last year," Ryno said. "We tasted success but we have so much further to go."

"I think, as of this point, we've started something and we are going to build on it. From 2002 to 2003 we saw a big improvement and we're going to have to work just as hard this year to see a small improvement. I think we set of standard of success and we're going to build on that," Latz said.

Volleyball ready for record setting year

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For the first time since the 1995 campaign, the Appalachian State University volleyball squad enters the season with the chance to win the conference championship for the second straight year.

Although the team must replace three departed seniors, including conference first-team member and team MVP Katherine Dean, ASU still has the depth coaching to make another serious run at the title.

Much is expected of senior Amber Mangrum, who enters the season with a chance to break the all-time assist record at ASU.

Mangrum had 1,419 assists last year, second most in school history, and needs 1,341 more this year to break the record held by Joanne Myers.

Mangrum's intelligence on the court is fueled by her performance in the classroom. She achieved a 4.0 GPA for the entire year, one of only 48 athletes to achieve such

a feat.

Appalachian remains deep at outsider hitters, where Samantha Giudici, Kali Rumberger and Rebecca Sorensen all return.

Also returning is Chrissy Finch, who missed 2003 with a knee injury. Finch stayed in volleyball shape by playing club volleyball while rehabilitating.

"I am extremely excited about the experience and depth we have at outside hitter," second-year coach Chad Callihan said in a statement. "It is a talented and athletic group that will push each other in practice to become better everyday."

If there is a chink in the armor, a position that is not as strong as other positions on the floor, it is middle blocker.

ASU lost two seniors, Dean and Jackie Jennings, and the only returning player at that position is Stefanie Panzer. Panzer may not be 100 percent when the season starts she had off-season surgery on her left foot.

Callihan said the success of his

team largely depends on the health of Panzer as well as the development of freshmen middle blockers Cali Cooper and Dianna Thomas.

"[All of the freshmen] should catch on quickly," Callihan said in a statement.

"The biggest adjustment for a newcomer is getting used to the speed of the game."

Although Appalachian won the conference title last season with a 13-5 conference mark, they finished the season at 16-17 overall, going 2-11 in out-of-conference play.

The non-conference schedule does not get any easier this year, with games against Liberty University and perennial SEC-power University of Tennessee.

The team also won an award during the off-season. The American Volleyball Coaches Association awarded the team the 2004 AVCA Team Academic Award, an award that goes to volleyball teams with a cumulative 3.3 GPA. Only 46 Division I programs received the award.

Alumna Morrison wins gold medal in Olympics

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Appalachian State University alumna Melissa Morrison won her second Olympic medal Tuesday, earning a bronze in the women's 100-meter hurdles at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Morrison finished with a time of 12.56 seconds, just 19-hundredths of a second behind the Olympic-record time set by fellow American Joanna Hayes.

Olena Krasnovska of Ukraine

took the silver with a time of 12.45 seconds.

Morrison also earned a bronze medal in the same event at the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia.

Morrison, a 1993 graduate of Appalachian State with a bachelor's degree in psychology, won 12 individual Southern Conference championships and was a 1993 All-American in the 100-meter hurdles.

She still holds school records in the 100-meter hurdles (13.24 seconds) and the long jump (20-5.25 feet).

Scoreboard



Men's Soccer

Aug. 24, Boone	
Appalachian	2
Lenoir-Rhyne	1
ASU -- T. Parish, 1-1. C. Parish, 1-2.	
Lenoir -- C. Penley, 1-1.	
FOULS -- ASU, 16. Lenoir-Rhyne, 19.	

Women's Soccer

Aug. 21, Boone	
Belmont Abbey	1
Appalachian	0
Belmont -- L. Perrotta, 1-1.	
Appalachian -- none	
FOULS -- ASU, 17. Belmont, 10.	

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Our Perspective ...

Highlands refund needs to help students

University Highlands, home to over 750 Appalachian students, stands to make over \$300,000 in a tax refund should it win a court battle with Watauga County. That money needs to go to help the students living there.

The lawsuit began in 2001 with the county deciding Appalachian Student Housing Corporation, the owner of University Highlands, was not a part of Appalachian State and not exempt from paying property taxes.

ASHC argues they were created to benefit the student body of Appalachian and should be tax exempt.

Now the North Carolina Court of Appeals sided with ASHC, opening the door for a possible tax refund from 2001 to 2003.

Watauga County has appealed to the North Carolina Supreme Court, but whether the case will be heard is still up in the air.

Should ASHC receive a tax refund, university officials have stated it will be used to help pay off the \$27 million bond used to build University Highlands.

While The Appalachian understands the importance of paying off debt and the benefits of long-term planning in regard to finances, we also feel a considerable portion of the money could be used for practical, short-term purposes.

More than one student said this week there was not enough parking at the apartment complex. One of them mentioned that, on occasion, students have to wait in line in their cars while

they look for a parking space to open up.

Another student mentioned there were cracks in his apartment walls.

There are only eight computers in the computer lab, available for over 700 students.

Residents at University Highlands currently pay \$410 per month to live there. There are benefits to living at University Highlands, such as a furnished apartment, a swimming pool and exercise center. The AppalCart makes a run out there, which is useful for students who do not have a car or can't park on campus.

Of the apartments in Boone, University Highlands is one of the better picks.

However, it is important to ensure they receive what they are paying for, especially during a time when the economy is slow and costs of education are on the rise.

As a member of the Appalachian State University community, does Highlands not have a responsibility to insure students can afford to live there as well as pay for schooling?

In addition, while the courts may consider Highlands public, they are still competing with private companies for students seeking off-campus housing.

If ASHC receives a tax refund, what better opportunity to use some of it to make improvements to the apartment grounds and improve the quality of life for Appalachian students?



Taking your own life is never the answer

Before school started, I sat down with my youth pastor, Brian, in his office one Thursday afternoon.

It was mostly a time to catch up on our lives, and eventually, the conversation turned into a more serious discussion about one of my best friends named Dave.

Both of us knew he'd struggled with depression, and we both knew he would need encouragement during the school year. I called Dave's phone a couple of hours later, to let him know I was here for him, and that if he needed any prayer, to call me back.

Not too long after, I got another call. But it wasn't Dave. It was my youth pastor again.

He said he wasn't doing well. I asked why.

"Justin, I'm sorry to have to say this," he said, "but Dave took his life."

It didn't hit me at first, and the whole phone conversation involved Pastor Brian telling me what he knew thus far while I, not believing this was happening, kept asking questions. Was there any chance you're mistaken, Pastor Brian? No. Are you sure? Yes.

None of Dave's family or friends saw it coming. That Monday, Dave



Justin Boulmay

turned 21 and we threw him a surprise birthday party. Two days later we met at a friend's house and played games. In both instances, he was doing great.

I don't feel inclined to share the details of what happened that day, partly because none of us know exactly what it was that led to the tragedy, and because not every detail needs to be recounted here.

Here are some things that we (his family and friends) do know for certain.

Dave was a business major here

at Appalachian. After graduation, his plan was to go to seminary and become a youth pastor. He was going to use the business degree he earned here to start his own church someday.

He loved working with children and volunteered his summer at a Christian children's camp in Lumberton. Dave was able to identify with one of the campers who'd lost his brother recently because Dave had also lost his older brother in a car accident a few months ago.

There are many things we'll never know about what happened. I do know, however, as with everything in life, there's something to be learned, even in pain. Here are a few I've learned:

The personal differences between you and others most likely aren't that big.

At the funeral, I saw people I hadn't talked to in years, some because we had just lost touch from being away at different schools, and some because there were issues between us that had never been addressed and resulted in a drifting apart.

None of those issues came up when we were together again, in part because we were meeting to-

gether for something more important and also, I realized, because they weren't that important to begin with and should have been resolved long ago.

There's no rationalizing suicide. All of us who knew Dave have racked our brains trying to come up with an explanation, but we come up dry every time. Some things in life simply can't be explained, and, in situations like this, one should avoid blaming themselves in an effort to bring some sense to it.

You're not alone. If you have thought of taking your own life or know someone who might, there are people who can help. One great resource is the Counseling and Psychological Services Center at 262-3180.

I'll end this commentary with a message I think Dave would have wanted me to write. It is Romans 8:38, 39: "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life...nor any created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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Television promotes pop-punk music to kids

Enough. No more. I give up. I tap out. Mercy.

No more turning on the radio and hearing Ashlee Simpson's "Pieces of Me" every single time.

"Pieces of Me" is just one example of a song that fits the current genre of trendy music aimed at teenagers.

Since middle school, there has always been trendy music that all the kids love, thanks in part to some heavy promoting from the radio, magazines and—mainly—television.

When my 13-year-old sister was growing up, all she could listen to was Backstreet Boys, N Sync, 98 Degrees, LFO and a host of other "boy-bands" who truly had no business being famous in the first place.

What turned me off from so many of these bands was that not only did they not write their own music or lyrics, they were more concerned about putting on a dance show at a concert rather than actually singing their songs.

Although that might have been a good idea.

Who wants to hear LFO singing about girls that wear Abercrombie and Fitch?

Thankfully, that era came and went, but the new music current-



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ly being ridiculously promoted by MTV and other media outlets may end up being worse.

The new genre of music promoted toward kids (ages 9-14) is being described as everything from punk to rock 'n' roll.

Trust me, Bowling for Soup and Simpson are anything but rock 'n' roll.

Simpson is one of the many new artists who are winning over fans by having an "edgier" sound.

Apparently all you need nowadays to make a platinum-selling record is a TV show on MTV that is obviously a spin-off of your older sister's show.

If Simpson did not have a show on MTV that was one long running advertisement for her CD, she would not go platinum.

If Simpson did not have an older sister who already had a famous show on MTV and was already an established musician, she would have never been signed to a record deal in the first place.

Simpson is just one example. The girl cannot sing anything, but she sure is punk. How do we know?

She wears a shirt that says "Punk" on it during a concert in case anyone needed some clarification.

The music itself is not necessarily worse, but the domino effect that results from pushing the attitude of this brand of music is drastically worse.

Pop-punk music itself is not terrible. I can actually sit down and listen to some of it without throwing my headphones away in disgust.

But the way the music and the attitude of pop-punk is being processed creates the problem.

I cannot go to a concert of bands I enjoy without seeing 12-year-old girls with dyed black hair, wearing chains on their pants and Chuck Taylors that do not match.

I almost want to go up and ask them if they knew one shoe was pink and the other was black and did their mom know they were dressed like that.

Kids do not need to dress like that to go see New Found Glory play at the Vans Warped Tour.

Not only do they adopt the style of clothing that is promoted with the music, they adopt the attitude, too.

Apparently, judging from some of the concerts I attended this summer, it is cool to elbow people out of the way, to belittle other people who don't like the same bands as you and to generally be as much of a jerk as possible.

Because, after all, that's what people who like punk music do.

All of this leaves me wondering just exactly what the next new thing will be and what kind of artists and attitudes will come with it. Will it be a revival of old-fashioned rock? Will it be jazz? Polka?

Whatever it is, you can be sure that television and radio will tell you exactly what bands to like.

And you can also be sure I will not be listening.

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Career Development Center News

Career Action Days planned at ASU; Grad school success series set; JobFest, Education fairs planned

The Career Development Center presents Career Action Days, a series of career-related programs and events for Appalachian State University students. For more information call 262-2180, or visit the Career Development Center online at careers.appstate.edu.

Don't miss the series premiere! Career Intermission will be held Thursday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sanford Mall. Pop by the Student Union for a break and to enjoy popcorn and drinks, hear live music and learn about the Career Development Center's services and the Career Action Days fall line-up. Also, test your skills on the climbing wall. This event is sponsored by Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

The "Extreme Resume Team" is ready to help you transform your resume into something beautiful. Stop by the booth at the Student Union to get your resume in shape for the Fall Job Fair. Extreme Resume Makeover will be held Sept. 20-27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a contact table in the Student Union.

Are you interested in becoming a teacher, but do not have a degree in education? Dr. Regis Gilman will present information on the Appalachian Transition to Teaching Program. This presentation, "School of Rock: Teaching Without an Education Degree," will be held Monday, Sept. 20, from 3 until 4 p.m. in the Price Lake Room of Plemmons Student Union.

Does the thought of figuring out what employers want leave you spellbound? Professionals from various career fields will be on hand to share their insights about resumes, networking, interviewing and success on the job. This presentation, "Chamber of Secrets: What the Experts Expect from Students," will be held Monday, Sept. 20 from 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the Linville Falls Room of Plemmons Student Union.

"Career Eye for the College Guy" will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the Attic Window Room of Plemmons Student Union. This interactive workshop will focus on how you guys (and girls!) can make the most of your current part-time or full-time jobs as well as other campus resources during your college career. Attend this workshop and turn your college experiences from drab to fab!

"Who Wants to be a Writer?" will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 3 until 4:30 p.m. in the Attic Window Room in Plemmons Student Union. Do you have a way with words, but are not sure how to turn this into a career? A newspaper managing editor will provide insight on turning your writing skills into a promising career.

Having a passion for making a difference while making a living can translate into a promising career. Here's a unique opportunity to gain career insights and tips on planning a career in the non-profit field. "For Love or Money: Nonprofit Employer Panel" will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the Price Lake Room of Plemmons Student Union.

A BB&T information session is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in room 387 of the John Thomas Student Support Building.

A "Style & Grace Fashion Show" will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 3 until 4 p.m. in the Crossroads Coffee House in Plemmons Student Union. Being stylish and graceful is critical for success whether you're headed for a career in consulting, education, interior design or advertising. You don't want to miss these ideas on what to wear to interviews and work. An expert will discuss how to build a professional wardrobe.

Frank Skidmore, former director of Global Application Management Services Delivery with IBM, will present information on using leadership skills as you manage your career. "The Amazing Race: Leadership and Managing Your Career" will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the Calloway Peak Room of Plemmons Student Union.

Skidmore will also discuss resumes in the session, "Resume Review with IBM," set for Thursday, Sept. 23, from 8 until 9 a.m. in Room 1012 Raley Hall.

"Success in the City: How to Schmooze," will be presented Thursday, Sept. 23, from 3 until 4 p.m. in the McRae Peak Room of Plemmons Student Union. Do your palms sweat and knees lock everytime you come in contact with a potential employer? Then, learn how to prepare for career fairs and other networking opportunities in a New York minute.

"CSI: Careers in Sales Investigation" will be held Thursday, Sept. 23, 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the Table Rock Room of Plemmons Student Union. This session is designed for those looking for an opportunity to turn your leadership and communication skills into a future career? Professionals from the pharmaceutical and furniture industries will

present information on establishing a career in sales.

Come listen and learn as ASU alumni discuss a variety of career related topics during "Road Rules for the Real World: Student Alumni Career Management Symposium," set for Friday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Calloway Peak Room of Plemmons Student Union. This event is for all majors. Sessions are: "Real World 101: Success in the Early Years," 10-10:50 a.m.; "Networking and Community Involvement," 11-11:50 a.m.; and "Life as an Entrepreneur," noon until 12:50 p.m.

Have you considered an international career, but are not sure how to get started with your job search? "Trading Spaces: Going International" will provide insight on how to turn your international dreams into reality on Monday, Sept. 27, from 3 until 4 p.m. in the McRae Peak Room of Plemmons Student Union.

The Peace Corps is an experience to draw on for the rest of your life, whether you are planning a career in the nonprofit, government, or corporate sector. A representative will present information and answer questions about opportunities during a "Peace Corps Information Session" on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 5 until 6 p.m. in Price Lake Room in Plemmons Student Union. The application process will be discussed.

A "Job Searching for International Students" teleconference is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the Linville Falls Room of Plemmons Student Union. Authorities will present real-world prospects for international students, discuss their legal issues while in the U.S. on student visas, and how they can maximize their prospects through using effective job search techniques.

Graduate School Success Series

A graduate school success series will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6, from noon until 4 p.m. in the Price Lake Room of Plemmons Student Union. This series is for those interested in attending graduate school. These sessions are designed to help you put together an outstanding application. "Managing the Application Process" will be held from noon until 1 p.m. This session is designed for those unsure how the application process works; concerned about what graduate schools really look for in candidates; and wondering how you will pay for graduate school. This program will help simplify the process and get you on the right track. From 1 until 2 p.m., "Composing Your Graduate School Essay" will be held. The graduate school essay or letter of intent is a powerful tool used by graduate schools to evaluate your candidacy. Make sure yours is great! From 2 until 3 p.m., "Writing Your Graduate School CV/Resume" will be held. Thought you didn't need a resume for graduate school? Oops! You do! From 3 until 4 p.m., the session entitled "Acing Your Graduate School Interview" will be held. Facing one can mean acing one if you know what to expect in an interview.

Grad, Professional School Fair

On Thursday, Oct. 7, from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Grandfather Mountain Ballroom of Plemmons Student Union, a Graduate and Professional School Fair will be held. This is your opportunity to speak with graduate and professional programs from around the southeast.

Grad School Application Clinics

Drop by to get your application materials reviewed and your questions answered by the experts on Fridays, Oct. 22 and 29, and Nov. 5, 12, 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a Student Union Contact Table.

Mock Interviews

Practice your interviewing skills with a real recruiter! This exciting opportunity is open to all majors, but you must register for an Online Career Account in order to participate. Call 262-2180 or visit the Career Development Center online at www.careers.appstate.edu for dates and more details.

Career Fairs

JobFest 2004

JobFest 2004 will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 1 until 4 p.m. at the Broyhill Inn & Conference Center. Employers will be on hand to discuss career insights, internships and job opportunities. All majors are strongly encouraged to attend. Visit www.careers.appstate.edu for information on organizations attending.

Education Job Fair

Meet with representatives from over 75 schools throughout North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews when the Career Development Centers hosts its Education Job Fair on Monday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. until noon, at the Broyhill Inn & Conference Center.

Looking for a campus job?

Are you looking for a job on campus? Then come by the Student Employment Job Fair on Monday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Roan Mountain Room of Plemmons Student Union. Campus employers will be on hand to discuss opening in their respective areas and to take applications.

Convocation set for Holmes Center

Cedric Jennings to speak at ASU Convocation Sept. 2

Cedric Jennings will speak at Appalachian State University's fall convocation Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. in the Holmes Convocation Center. Jennings is the subject of Ron Suskind's book, "A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey From the Inner City to the Ivy League."

Suskind won the Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing in 1995 for a two-part series about Jennings' high school years at a troubled high school in Washington, D.C. The series was developed into this book, which freshmen read as part of Appalachian's summer reading program.

Jennings also will speak at the Watauga County Public Library Sept. 3, 10-11 a.m., as part of the "If All of Watauga County Read the Same Book" program, and participate in the discussion "Survival 101: College and Beyond" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Plemmons Student Union's Blue Ridge Ballroom on campus.

The panel discussion "Support for the Unseen" will be held Sept. 16 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Caldwell Community College campus on White Oak Road. The discussion will be held in Room WC 11.

All events are free and open to the public.

Jennings grew up in one of Washington, D.C.'s depressed neighborhoods. Despite the

barriers of having an absentee father, a mother on welfare, and low-achieving classmates at Frank W. Ballou Senior High School, Jennings dreamed of earning a college education.

"A Hope in the Unseen" chronicles Jennings' journey from his junior year in high school to his graduation from Brown University in 1999. He has since completed a master's degree in education in risk and prevention from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In December 2003, he earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. He currently is a social worker in Maryland.

Jennings travels to public and private schools, universities and education organizations across the country, addressing issues in education and youth advocacy. He has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Good Morning America and Nightline. Jennings has received many accolades and honors for his achievements, including citations from former President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush.

Convocation activities are supported by contributions to the Appalachian State University Foundation. Sponsors of the Sept. 3 activities are Appalachian's Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Watauga College, Office of Multicultural Affairs and Freshman Seminary and Watauga County Public Library.

University News

Leadership training available next summer

The ASU Military Science Department will offer a Leadership Training Course next summer at Fort Knox, Ky. The four-week course is available for sophomores with a minimum 55 credit hours at the end of the spring semester, or students entering graduate school. Students should sign up now because slots limited. You will receive a \$725 salary while in training in addition to all transportation costs, meals and housing paid by Military Science. The course is intended to build leadership skills through involvement in a variety of leadership training opportunities as well as individual adventure training such as: land navigation, rifle marksmanship, rappelling and more in order to build individual discipline and confidence. Many students who excel in the course will be offered two-year scholarships as a result of participation in the course. Contact Maj. Bob Gibbard, Room 246, DD Dougherty for more information, or call 262-2994. You can also email Gibbard at gibbardro@appstate.edu.

Appalachian, Rhododendron need students

The Appalachian and The Rhododendron, the student produced newspaper and yearbook at Appalachian State University, seek students for a variety of jobs—reporters, editors, sales representative, office assistants, photographers, graphic designers—for the fall semester. For more information about Student Publications, you can call 262-6252 to speak with David Freeman, Director of Student Publications, or you can go online at www.theapp.appstate.edu/studentmedia for more assistance. You can also email freemandw@appstate.edu.

A warm Equity Office welcome!

The word "equity" means "fairness." The Equity Office is a problem-solving unit at Appalachian State University that serves students, staff, and faculty who have complaints about unfair treatment or harassment, based on some form of discrimination. Dr. Linda K. Robinson is the director. The Equity Office provides conflict resolution, mediation, and preventive education and training programs that support and encourage an environment free from discrimination. As a natural extension of its mission, the Equity Office also supports campus-wide endeavors, such as the annual Diversity Celebration and the Open Door program, that embrace diversity and encourage an appreciation of differences. If your class, residence hall or organization wants to learn more about diversity and equity issues, the Equity Office will facilitate workshops on the following topics: unlawful workplace harassment, including sexual harassment; appreciating differences; gay, lesbian and transgender issues; and

community and team building. To schedule and appointment to discuss program options, please contact Susan King at 262-2144, or kingsh@appstate.edu. Learn more about the Equity Office by visiting the website at www.equity.appstate.edu. The Equity Office is located in 123 I.G. Greer Hall.

'Say it Again Sam' on tap Aug. 27

A one-man show based on the writings of Sam Clemens and Sam Levinson will be presented Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in Appalachian State University's Valborg Theatre. The Department of Theatre and Dance presentation of "Say it Again Sam: The Humor of Sam Clemens and Sam Levinson" features the talent of the department's community artist-in-residence, Wayne Clawson. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. Call the Valborg Theatre Box Office at 262-3063 for reservations and information.

Visiting Writers Series announced

Nationally known poets, authors and a playwright from the Southeast will visit Appalachian State University to read from their works and talk about their craft during fall semester's Visiting Writers Series. All programs begin at 7:30 p.m. in Plemmons Student Union's Linville Falls Room. Book sales and signings will follow each reading. Admission to all events is free. For further information on Appalachian's visiting Writers Series or Creative Writing Program, call 262-2871. Visiting writers are: Robert Inman ("The Making of a Musical"), Thursday, Sept. 16; Gregory Orr ("The Caged Owl: New and Selected Poems"), Sept. 23; Kathy Harrison ("Another Place at the Table"), Sept. 30; Gerald Barrax ("From a Person Sitting in Darkness: New and Selected Poems"), Oct. 7; Crystal Wilkinson ("Blackberries, Blackberries"), Nov. 11.

Is there a change in your life?

Group Counseling can assist in areas such as Improving Relationships; Dealing with Concerns (Depression, Anxiety, Trauma/Abuse, etc.); Communicating Effectively; Improving Self-Esteem; and Understanding you are not alone. Join one of the Counseling Center's free groups: Understanding Self and others with six group times—Mondays 3-4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.; Wednesdays 3-4:30 p.m.; Thursdays 4-5:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. (Women's Group). Accepting Self—Body and All, Mondays 3:30-5 p.m. LGBT Discussion Group (day and time will be based on schedules of interested students). Alcohol and Drug Support Group (offered through the Student Wellness Center). To get started, come to the Counseling & Psychological Services Center during Walk-In Clinic or contact Chris Hogan at 262-3180 for more information.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, August 26, 2004

8 p.m., Barn Dance at Legends with the Fever City Boys, \$1 for guest.

Friday, August 27, 2004

4 p.m., ASU Women's Soccer at Charleston Southern.

5 p.m., Deadline for Emerging Leader applications, Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, Plemmons Student Union.

5:30 p.m., Mountaineers Barbershop Quartet, Watauga Arts Council, Jones Community House, free concert on the lawn.

7 p.m., "Bride of Frankenstein," Greenbriar Theatre, Plemmons Student Union.

7:30 p.m., ASU Men's Soccer vs. Gardner-Webb, Kidd Brewer Stadium.

8:30 p.m., "Dracula's Daughter," Greenbriar Theatre, Plemmons Student Union.

9 p.m., The Ultimate Parrot Head Party with the #1 Jimmy Buffet Party Band, Captain Cook and the Coconutz, \$5 in advance, \$7 at th door.

Saturday, August 28, 2004

TBA, ASU Volleyball, Black & Gold Alumni

Match.

Noon, ASU Field Hockey vs. UMBC, Kidd Brewer Stadium.

7 p.m., Celtic Harp and Fiddle, Mountainhome Music Series, Watauga County Arts Council, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, call 264-8118 for information.

10 p.m.-2 a.m., Legends, Back to School Jam Party with DJ Danny Diaz from Power 98, \$2.

Sunday, August 29, 2004

1 p.m., ASU Field Hockey at Virginia.

Monday, August 30, 2004

Last day to add a class, change a section, update from credit to audit, or choose the pass-fail option; last day to reduce academic load for financial adjustment; last day to drop a class without it counting in the undergraduate drop limit of four.

Wednesday, September 1, 2004

7 p.m., ASU Volleyball vs. UNC Asheville.

7 p.m., ASU Men's Soccer at Charlotte.

7 p.m., "The Big Heat," Greenbriar Theatre, Plemmons Student Union.

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Appalachian News appears in each issue of the paper. Basic information, including hours and a short description of your program will be included under each listing. Copy must be submitted at least one week prior to the issue it is to appear in. Send copy to David W. Freeman, Director of Student Publications, Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, second floor, Plemmons Student Union, or email: freemandw@appstate.edu.

Have an item for Appalachian News? Email freemandw@appstate.edu!