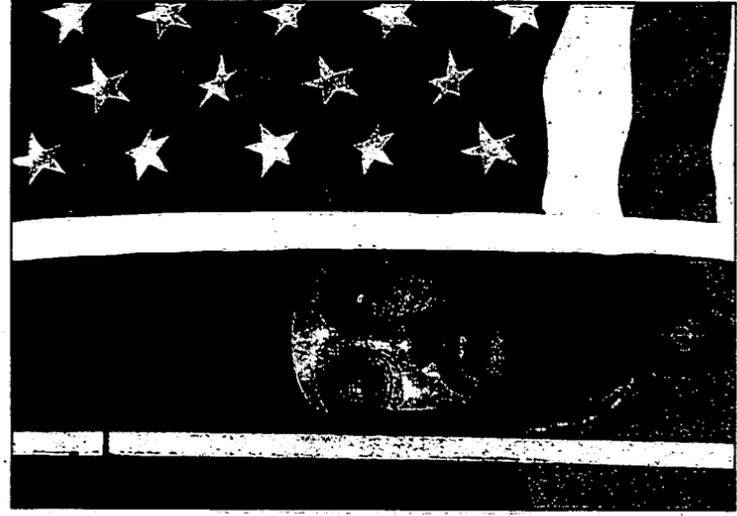


Spreading the word



Gagandeep Saini, a student at UVA-Wise, is promoting ethical and religious equality after the terrorist bombings. (See story below.)

Beware: Download today, lawsuit may be on the way

by David Aenes
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

In the past, members of the Department of Computer Services simply disconnected a student's Internet port if the student had allegedly committed copyright infringement. They are no longer disconnecting ports due to the downloading of Internet music, but students may now face lawsuits.

"We will now warn the students and request that they remove (illegal) files from their computers," said Todd Gambill, associate Vice Chancellor for student affairs.

According to Cole Spencer, director of residence life, the College, when notified by a company of the infringement, will send a letter to the student and a copy of it to the company. If the student does not comply with the requests, the company is then able to sue the student directly.

"We talked to the lawyers at the University of Virginia and they informed us that if we notify the students, we are no longer liable. After that, the responsibility

falls on the student," Spencer said. There have been three infractions this year already, as opposed to one last year. Spencer said that this is one of the reasons for the action that the College has taken.

According to a handout written by Jared Danielson and distributed to all of the Resident Advisors, most things on the Internet are copyrighted, and, therefore, downloading them onto your computer could be copyright infringement.

The complaints are sent to the College by companies that own the rights to the material on the Internet. The computer services department is not checking computers for illegal material. Members of that department do, however, have the legal right to do so.

"Computer Services does not have people sitting up all night in some little dark room hacking onto every student's computer to see if they are breaking the law," Spencer said.

Materials that cannot be downloaded include songs and movies, as well as certain papers and web sites. Pornographic

material should not be present on hard drives, either, because state computers are not allowed to contain this material. Students' computers are considered state property because they use state Internet ports but students who have their own Internet accounts through an outside agency are not considered to have state computers.

The resident advisors met with College officials and were informed about the policy change.

"We were given a packet of information so that we can answer any questions that our residents might have," said resident advisor Joe Carter.

In relation to the overall processes of these cases, the companies send the College a letter with the computer's IP number. Then, Computer Services can trace the computer and find out who the student is. The company is then provided with a copy of the student's warning letter, the student's identification, and the best ways to contact him or her. That way, if the student does not comply, the company may take legal action against the student.

Zehmer Express offers alternative to lunch-on-the go

by Kelly Marney
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

For commuter students, lunch hasn't always been easily accessible on the UVA-Wise campus. Until this fall, commuters had to either walk down to the coffee or leave the campus to eat lunch. But now the College has reopened Zehmer Express.

Zehmer Express is open every day from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Zehmer Lounge. It offers a variety of sandwiches including turkey with cheese, roast beef and ham salad on sub rolls or regular loaf bread, grilled chicken or garden salad, potato chips, and 20-ounce bottled drinks. Zehmer Express also offers snacks such as Oreo cookies and Rice Krispies Treats.

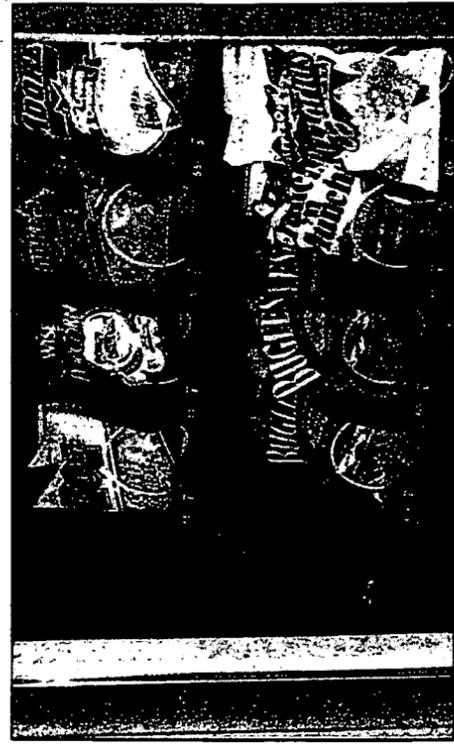
Zehmer Express runs on a cash-only basis. College employee Henry Pursifull, who operates the business, believes sales would be even better if students could use their meal cards. "We'd sell more if cards were used up here. People ask about it," Pursifull said.

Prices range from \$1.99 for garden salads to \$2.99 for grilled chicken salads and sandwiches. Combo prices, which include a sandwich, chips and a drink, range from \$4.29 to \$4.99.

A student in the lounge, who wished to remain anonymous, said the service is good but the prices are too high. "[Three dollars] is too high for just a sandwich," said the student. The student expressed her opinion about the prices at the Zehmer Express and at other campus food vendors as well.

"They're making a killing off of pops. They're charging a dollar for one when you can go to the store and buy two-six packs for \$5."

Commuter Elisha Hamilton likes the fact that the College is helping students out by having food available on campus. "It's cool that it's there. I'm always hungry, so this makes it easier for me to grab lunch," she said. Hamilton does not believe the prices are too high. "You can't go out and eat for \$4, so you might as well pay and eat here," she said.



The Zehmer Express offers a variety of alternatives to conventional vending machine snack foods.

Gay-Straight Alliance seeks support from students, faculty

by Sarah Vanover
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 13, the organization held a meeting of the Gay-Straight Alliance was held. Students at UVA-Wise had the opportunity to become involved in an organization designed to provide support for gay, straight, bisexual, and transgender communities. This was the first such meeting in campus history.

The Alliance is organized by Karyn Dietrich, a student at UVA-Wise, in the hopes of creating a welcoming atmosphere for people of any sexual orientation. "It's hard to be a gay teenager," Dietrich said. The Alliance provides a welcoming

environment in which people are allowed to question their sexuality without the fear of being criticized. In such a group, participants are encouraged to ask questions and give suggestions. "More people, more ideas," Dietrich said.

The organization, however, has not had many inquiries. In fact, as of now only one person other than Dietrich is a member of the Alliance. "There is not enough interest," Dietrich said.

One reason there may be such a lack of response to the Alliance is the fact that many people may never have seen the fliers advertising the new organization. "A lot of the signs have been ripped down," Dietrich said. "Homophobia is somewhat of

involved rather than just interested. Dietrich wishes everyone would be more sensitive to the feelings of others because name-calling and stereotyping are extremely painful. "It hurts so bad," she said.

The Alliance has many activities planned for the current semester. Among them is a letter-writing campaign to politicians. Dietrich said that the Alliance wants to encourage politicians to be more open toward the gay community.

Dietrich reiterated that the Alliance is a place for people of any sexual orientation who want to provide a supportive atmosphere for each other and raise awareness of homophobia on campus.

Student promotes peace in wake of terrorist attacks

by Emerald Robinson
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

A UVA-Wise student's turban and long facial hair set him apart from the typical student on campus. This distinction now makes him a possible target for racial comments and behavior following the attack on America and has inspired him to take a stand for his people.

Through letters written to the president, several senators and many major television stations, 17-year-old Gagandeep Saini is attempting to promote national awareness of his Sikh religion and stop the national mistreatment of his people. Members of his religion are being falsely identified with the Muslim radicals who are believed to have masterminded the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Many acts of violence and hate crimes have been directed at members of the Sikh religion in the weeks following the attacks.

"I have an uncle in New Jersey who received a death threat stating that, if he did not close down his gas station, he would be killed and his station blown up," said Saini, whose family originally came from India but now resides in Fairfax County, Va. Other such acts of violence include an incident during which Saini's pastor was run off the road and the murder of a Sikh man in Arizona.

According to Saini a member of the Sikh religion who openly displays the symbols of his faith is far more likely to be the target of a hate crime than a clean-shaven Muslim who probably would not sport a headscarf and, therefore, would more likely remain unnoticed. Items that symbolize the Sikh religion, such as a bracelet, turban, longer facial hair and sometimes a sword, attract the attention of people who are not used to seeing such symbols.



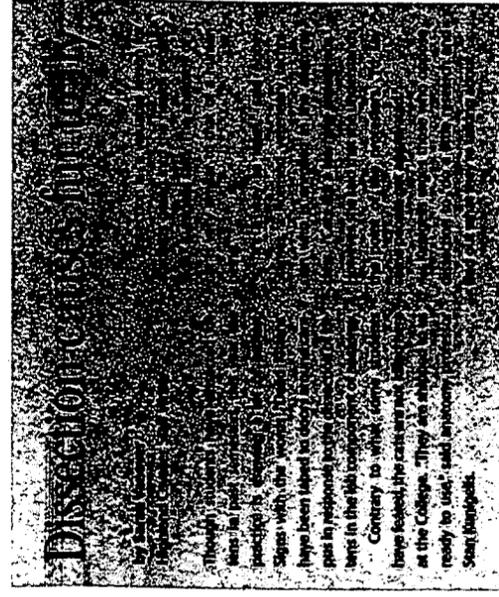
Gagandeep Saini

"During a crisis, all Americans should stand together and give each other confidence and support, not terrorize and harass fellow Americans," Saini said.

Saini is also involved in the fight for Sikh awareness in his family's home country. By communicating with his cousin in India, Saini helped in coordinating a formal address by the Sikh people to spread awareness of their religion and express their own grief over the terrorist attacks. Several lines from Saini's letter were included in the address that took place on Thursday, Sept. 20.

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Members of College community speak out about personal effects of terrorist attacks

by Tanya Bartzok
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

Although the terrorist acts on Tuesday, Sept. 11, occurred hundreds of miles away, they have impacted the lives of UVA-Wise students.

Freshman Michael Poiniwell has family members who participated in the creation of the World Trade Center. His grandfather's construction company was first hired to construct the buildings. After his passing, Poiniwell's father's construction company renovated the Trade Center and built the subway station beneath it. Poiniwell, although only 6 years old at the time, joined his father to help with easy lumber tasks.

"It hurts me inside to see New York without the Twin Towers because it was my grandfather and father's project together," Poiniwell said.

Senior Dave Hunt has an uncle who worked in the World Trade Center for brokerage firm Dean Witter. About a month ago, the man traveled to Germany to do national financing for the firm. Luckily, he was not in the towers to witness the terrorist acts.

"I feel relieved that he wasn't there, but I feel sorrow for his co-workers who were," Hunt said.

Sophomore Chuck Garbaccio lives in Seabright, N.J., five miles from New York City, where the Twin Towers had always been visible from his house. His mother saw the horrific acts occur while she was on Sandy Hook Beach, the farthest point in New Jersey from which New York City is still visible.

"The cloud of smoke looked just like a mushroom; it was unreal," Garbaccio said, quoting his mother.

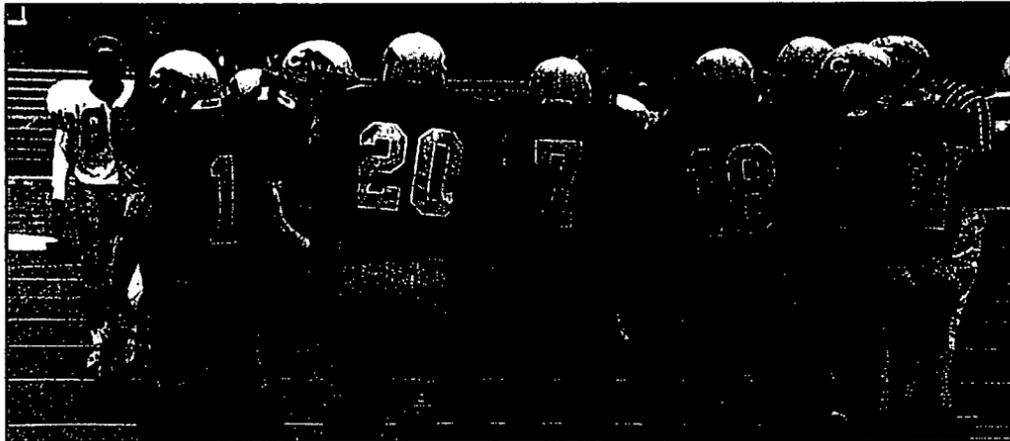
Not only was his mother scared for her own life, but Garbaccio's brother was working in Manhattan at the time, just blocks from the Trade Center. Thankfully, he was evacuated from his building safely.

Garbaccio and two other students, Mike Froeller and Blake Linsyke, traveled to New York City on the weekend following the attack, hoping to get a chance to volunteer. They went to Garbaccio's parents' store, Le Bon Parler, to get food to bring to the site. Together, they wore through the streets, hoping to find where the Trade Center once stood. When they arrived at the site, thousands of people were standing around. Although they could not help as much as they wanted, they did love seeing the people's patriotism and their support for the rescue workers.

"Every car had an American flag; it made me proud to be an American. And although this tragic thing happened, it really brought us together," Garbaccio said.

Not everyone at the College feels the same as Garbaccio. Freshman Gagandeep Saini is of the Sikh Indian religion, some of whose members are being mistaken for Taliban sympathizers. Unlike the Taliban, the Sikh religion is humanitarian. However, friends, family and other followers of the Sikh are being murdered and assaulted, both physically and verbally. This abuse has motivated Saini to speak out to public officials and the media.

"Despite the fact that people died in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, there are still people dying here in America. There is no difference between the terrorists and American citizens who are terrorizing their fellow Americans," Saini said.



The Highland Cavalier football team survived a Bear attack, defeating Pikeville College 26-19. The victory was the team's third of the season.

Football: Cavs survive vicious Bear attack

The Cavalier football team survived a Bear attack on Saturday, Sept. 22, defeating Pikeville College 26-19.

"I thought it was good game considering we still won after five turnovers," said team member Michael Hackney.

Despite the turnover trouble, the team still managed to stay on top, with quarterback Adam Artrip completing an 8-yard winning touchdown pass to James Pottier midway through the fourth quarter. The pass allowed the Cavaliers to take the lead and the victory.

UVA-Wise running back Greg Tester led the

Cavaliers with 98 yards on 20 carries. With only 16 seconds to play in the game, UVA-Wise freshman Shawn Jordan finished the game with a 2-yard touchdown. Jordan also ran for 66 yards on 12 carries. Another lead rusher was Ray Graves, who gained 63 yards with six carries.

"The Cavaliers managed to maintain control throughout the game," said Cavalier football fan Derek Phipps.

The Cavaliers marked their territory early in the game, after freshman Godfrey Pestana returned the opening kickoff 47 yards. The team then began to prowl on the Pikeville 48-yard line. Artrip found

Pottier open for a 48-yard touchdown pass.

Artrip completed seven of his 14 passes for 90 yards. He also had three touchdowns and two interceptions. Artrip completed two passes to Pottier for a total of 56 yards. However, the Bears bounced back when Leonard Moore scored with approximately six minutes left to play in the first quarter. The Bears' extra point attempt was blocked, leaving the Cavaliers with a 7-6 lead. With only a minute to play in the first, Cavalier tight end Jason Smith leapt for his career's first touchdown.

The Cavaliers football team's season record so far stands at 3-1. **Elisha Hamilton**

Change to international rules means changes for volleyball

If you happen to catch a volleyball match this year, you will probably notice some changes in the way the game is being played. Rally scoring, net serves and lengthier matches are just a few of the changes the Lady Cavs have had to adjust to this season.

Head coach Wayne Leftwich and his squad have been working hard since the beginning of last summer, when he announced that the team would begin playing under international rules.

"The girls have been doing a great job adjusting to the new rules this year," Leftwich said.

A match will now consist of a best-of-five game series. Each game is played to 30 using rally scoring, meaning every serve counts as a point. In previous seasons, the games were played to 15 using traditional sideout scoring. The allowance of a net serve has also changed. The serve is still in play if it hits the net on the way over.

"It's a lot more tiring and it's hard to pass a serve that hits the net," said team captain Kim Mathes. "The matches seem so much longer — you have to push yourself to stay focused for three hours." Mathes recorded 181 kills and 466 assists last season and is the only true senior on the team.

Another returning starter, Candida Robinson, has not had any problems performing well while adjusting to the new rules that were handed to the team this year. When playing against Milligan College earlier this season, Robinson was able to



Team Captain Kim Mathes prepares to serve.

connect on 42 hits and served up 13 aces throughout the combined four games. She also led the team with 41 hits and nine aces in the win against conference rival Brevard College.

"The new rules are altogether more exciting," Robinson said. "It makes the game go faster and picks up the pace." **Nate Stalnaker**

LIFESTYLE

Changing attitudes about Greek life result in increased pledges

This year, students seem to be very interested in joining a Greek organization. In the past, the campus has experienced negative attitudes toward pledging fraternities and sororities. With big pledge classes all over campus, that image seems to be changing this semester.

Rush Week for this fall was held Monday, Sept. 10 through Friday, Sept. 14. Things kicked off with a talent show sponsored by the Inner Greek Council. Members from each organization amused the crowd with skits and singing. As the week went on, organizations held their own events in order to promote their names and bring in members.

"We were pleased with the number of guys that came out, but we are more impressed with the quality of them," said Preston Brickner, a brother of Pi Lambda Phi.

"I was pleased with the motivation of the brothers as well as the student body," said Anthony Proulx, vice archon of Pi Kappa Phi. Proulx explained that one of the main duties of the vice archon is to "bring in the guys."

According to most Greeks, quality is the most important factor to consider when accepting new recruits. All Greek organizations are in search of

hard workers and faithful members to hold up the organization for years to come.

"We have some future leaders here," said Jimmy Adkins, a brother of Gamma Chi Omega.

Rush Week was especially good for Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Sigma Sigma. The Pi Kappas came out strong with charity work for Red Cross and PUSH America, the fraternity's own charity. James Trullender, a brother of Pi Kappa Phi, believes the community service and the attitudes of fellow brothers are the reasons they had a high number of pledges. The Phi Sigs have not released their final number of recruits, but they have a "healthy and wholesome number of girls," said Jennifer Moore, a Phi Sigma Sigma sister.

With only five founders, the Zetas did well for their first semester. They have their first pledge class of seven. "We got the amount of girls that we thought we would," said Brandy Newsome, one of the Zetas founders.

With promising numbers and high quality levels, we will see how Greek this campus can become. It is clear from talking to all organizations that Greek unity is in the air and, for once, this campus is taking deep breaths. **Michael Dillard**

Residence Hall Association unites on-campus students

The Residence Hall Association plans to expand the walls of communication with residents by providing new competitions and services for residents of UVA-Wise.

"My biggest goal is to get the name of the organization out to the residents on campus," said Kristen Berney, who is serving her first year as RHA president.

RHA is planning activities to raise school spirit and members recently started the "spirit point challenge." Throughout the semester the members of RHA are going to be counting how many people from each floor come to events such as basketball, volleyball or football games and RHA-sponsored events. At the end of the semester, the floor with the most participants will receive an award.

October is going to be the RHA's busiest month. Members sponsor hall-decorating and other competitions for Homecoming Week. Along with homecoming is the Halloween event "Scary on McCraray," a movie set up outside with a big screen that any student may watch free of charge.

RHA not only sponsors events for resident recreation, but it also aids in changes made on campus. "The changes we get done on campus are the strongest things we do," Berney said. "This is a living environment and how residents express their needs and wants is through this student-run



Members of the Residence Hall Association hope to build community throughout the dorms.

organization," Berney said.

Some changes RHA has influenced in the past are larger sinks in McCraray bathrooms, the addition of recycling bins, new windows in the townhouses, and Ethernet in McCraray. RHA is also in charge of checking for damages in community areas in residence halls, such as lobbies. The members of RHA then decide which residents will get charged for community damages and what possible changes should be made in the residence halls

to prevent any future damages.

"RHA is instrumental in changing housing at the end of the school year," said Cole Spencer, director of residence life.

A new project arose for RHA through the recent attack on America. Members will be selling red, white and blue ribbons. All proceeds will be sent to aid in the relief efforts. In addition, RHA will be collecting clothing items and canned foods to send to those affected by the tragedy. **Kristina Powers**

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Campus Calendar

Friday, October 5

First half-semester courses begin

Saturday, October 6

Fall Break begins

plus... Residence hall closes at 9 a.m.
plus... Men's football vs. Austin Peay, Carl Smith Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 9

Alumni Board Meeting, Alumni Hall, 6 p.m.

plus... Women's volleyball vs. Ford College, Green Gymnasium, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10

World Mental Health Awareness Day

plus... BSU Super Slammer, Barton Stadium, 7:05 p.m.

Friday, October 12

Women's volleyball vs. Bryan College, Green Gymnasium, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 13

Women's volleyball vs. Tennessee Wesleyan, Green Gymnasium, 11 a.m.

plus... Women's volleyball vs. Governors College, Green Gymnasium, 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 14

Residence halls reopen at 9 a.m.

Monday, October 15

Second half-semester courses begin

Tuesday, October 16

Hearts tournament, Henson Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17

Barnet Players present "Fair and Tender Ladies" 7:30 p.m.
plus... BSU Super Slammer, Barton Stadium, 7:05 p.m.

RECENT HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Free movie tickets on 21st birthday

UVA-Wise is encouraging responsible drinking by giving students free movie passes if they turn 21 during the school year.

For the past two years, the Division of Student Affairs has been giving two free movie tickets to students who turn 21 during the course of the fall or spring semester. The idea came about when a student

suggested it as a way of encouraging responsible drinking.

"I was surprised when I found out they were doing that. I think it's a really good idea," said Junior Russell Street.

Prior to their birthday, students receive a letter in the mail from Jewell Worley, director of Counseling and Health Services. The colorful letter is decorated with stars

and ribbons and congratulates the student on turning 21.

In hopes of encouraging safety and responsibility among students who plan to drink, the letter also provides safe-drinking tips which include drinking moderately, refraining from drinking games, eating before drinking and not driving after drinking. **Amanda Hagerman**

College Republicans prepare for election

As the November election approaches, politically active UVA-Wise students are gearing up for some heated political races. The College Republicans, one of the two political clubs on campus, are working hard for their party and its candidates.

Jerry Kilgore, a UVA-Wise alumna, is one of the top contenders on the Republican ticket.

"I think the race for attorney general is going to be especially active on our campus," said Chuck Slomp, chairman of the College Republicans. "Kilgore graduated from UVA-Wise; he is a member of our College Board of Directors."

The College Republicans are planning several activities to increase their party's chances of winning the election, including

providing candidate information, talking to students and recruiting new members.

"We believe in fewer government controls, more economic freedom and personal responsibility," said Gary Stratton, faculty advisor to the College Republicans. However, he said that a variety of diverse views on social and fiscal issues are welcome in the club. **William Childress**

Illusionist wows audience

An air of mystery and illusion permeated the theatre at UVA-Wise on Wednesday, Sept. 18, when mentalist Alain Nu entertained with feats of mind power.

Nu had many memorable illusions, but what students have been talking about since the show was one of his final tricks, when he bent three ordinary spoons with apparently no physical effort. One spoon

was bent until it broke into two pieces while Nu merely held it between his thumb and forefinger and barely shook it.

Nu twisted another into a "pretzel" by placing the handle in his closed fist and waving his other hand over it, causing the spoon to rotate.

Nu then placed the third spoon between the hands of a volunteer and

instructed her to hold out her clasped hands and close her eyes. Nu moved both of his hands over the volunteer's hands without touching her and then told her to open her eyes. The volunteer then opened her hands and the spoon had been substantially bent in the middle.

"I was on the edge of my seat," said sophomore Jason Dales. **James Breeding**