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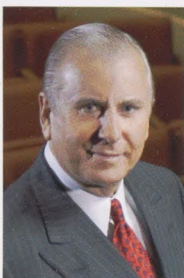
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# President's LETTER



Dear HPU Family:

By any standard of performance, the past three years have been extraordinary at High Point University. Freshman enrollment is up almost 150%, applications are up 40%, student campus visits are up 225%, Spring retention was over 96%, and we are blessed to have raised \$100 million in gifts from dear friends like you.

So much is happening: Construction of one million square feet of new space has moved forward at an unbelievable pace. Academic programs have expanded measurably and many outstanding faculty have joined our family. The advancement of technology on campus is impressive. Student life activities are abundant and interest by prospective students is overwhelming. In short, life at HPU is really good.

We are grateful for the vision and courage of our Board of Trustees and for the friends, alumni and parents who are stepping up to show their support in record numbers. Thank you.

While all of this is exciting, it's what I see in our students – their approach toward learning and community service, their attitude, their involvement outside the classroom – that makes me so proud to be part of this University family.

I spend considerable time talking with students. The changes I have seen in them over the past three years are unmistakable. They are stepping up to volunteer in the community like never before; they are getting involved in study abroad; they are working harder than ever to achieve in the classroom. They are modeling – in their own lives – the transformation they see at HPU. We are so proud of them.

In this issue of the HPU Magazine, we present examples of so many interesting things happening here ... some you see in the form of beautiful buildings rising from the ground; some which are equally as impressive, but which may not be as obvious – students helping those less fortunate, modeling leadership to children, achieving on the athletic field and in the classroom, trying to impact their world.

As you get to know the hearts of High Point University people through the articles here, you will see what I see: The High Point University family is focused on both success and significance. Our future is bright. Our students are values-based and our professors are highly committed. We are a community determined to ensure that every student receives an extraordinary education in a fun environment with caring people.

Thank you for your support,

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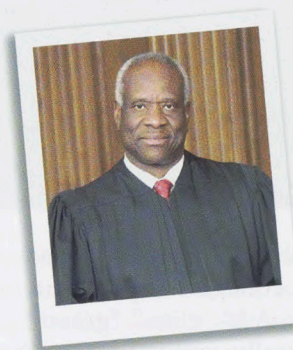
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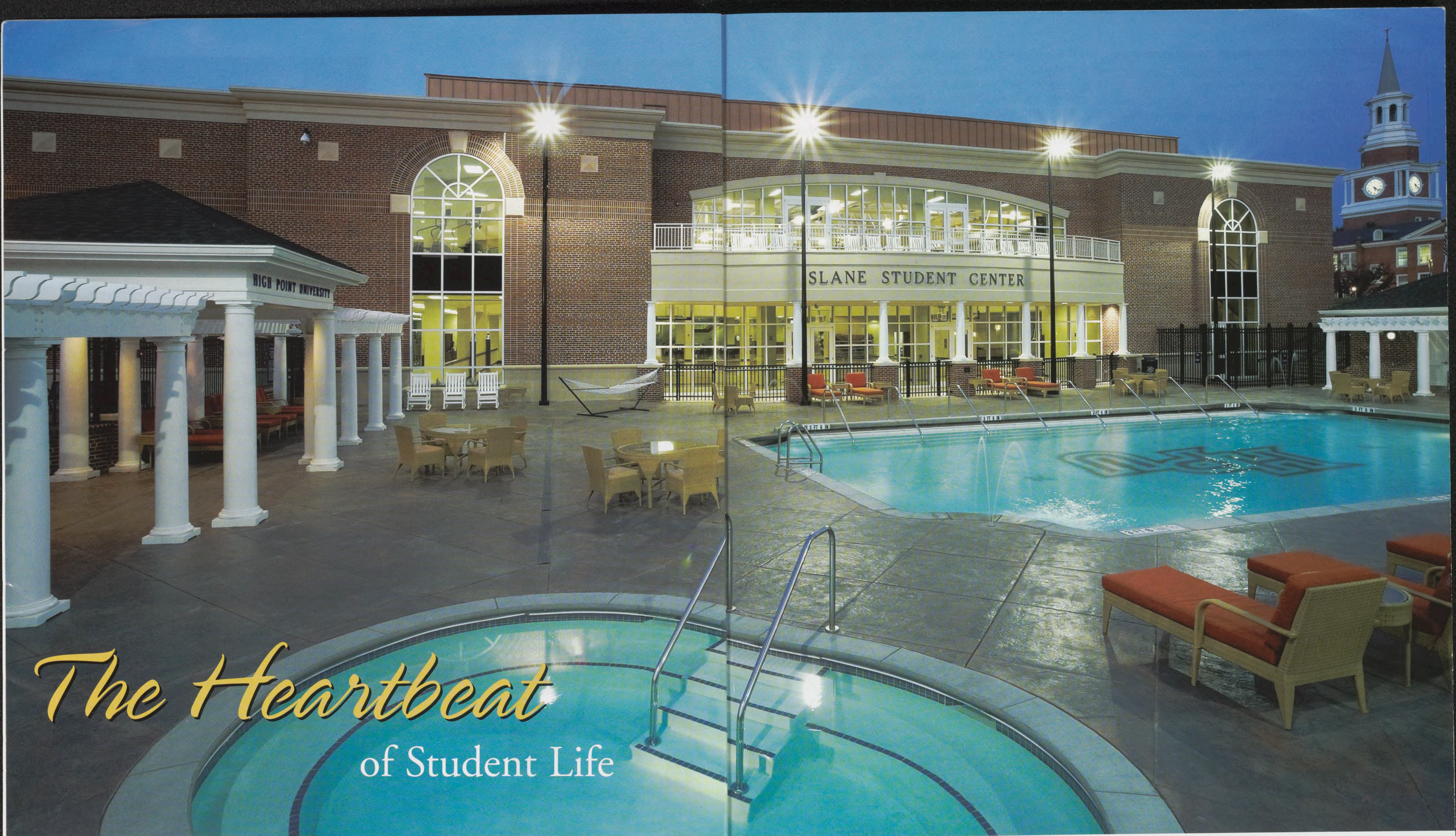
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The Slane Student Center at night.  
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# *The Heartbeat* of Student Life

**B**outique." "Upscale." "Chic." Rarely are these words associated with a college campus. But they're just the beginning. Add "elite," "grand," "visually stunning," and "structurally captivating" to the

list. While this could easily lead one to suspect some metropolitan center or award-winning urban complex, in reality, the subject is much closer to home. We're talking about HPU's newest addition to campus ... the structural

gem of HPU's transformation ... the Slane Student Center.

Much to the delight of this year's incoming and returning students, the new addition to the Slane Center

was ready for action at the start of school last fall. This spectacular facility is essentially three distinct parts rolled seamlessly into one very amazing collegiate complex.



"We are blessed to be associated with the wonderful and progressive institution of High Point University, and we are honored to be the namesake for this spectacular Student Center. Jack and I enjoy serving and supporting High Point University. We feel it is the best investment we can make for a healthy and prosperous future."

*Marsha B. Slane  
Chair, Board of Trustees*

The "old" part of the Slane Student Center is a fully renovated building which now accommodates staff and faculty offices, the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore,

the post office, meeting space, Starbucks® and the 450-seat dining facility.

The new two-story Atrium welcomes students and visitors with its dramatic skylights, oversized leather furniture and stunning views of the breathtaking David Hayworth Park. The Atrium also houses the food court, which currently includes Chick-fil-A® and Subway®.

The new \$17-million, 90,000-square-foot addition — which took about 18 months to complete — boasts basketball courts, an aerobics room, cardiovascular center, fully equipped weight room, indoor running track, exercise room and locker rooms.

Outside the building are the tiered dining terrace, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, student plaza

and one of the most popular additions — a dazzling outdoor swimming pool and 18-person Jacuzzi.

Together, all these sections of the Slane Student Center create a hub which now encompasses a total of 90,000 square feet and is the undeniable heartbeat of student activity on campus.

"Students are the heart and soul of this university, and this facility was created for them. It's all about students," said President Nido Qubein. "Turning the Slane Center into a top-notch student activities mega center will not only attract new students but reinforce our commitment to current ones."

"The Slane Student Center is a great example of how we deliver on our promise of being 'student-

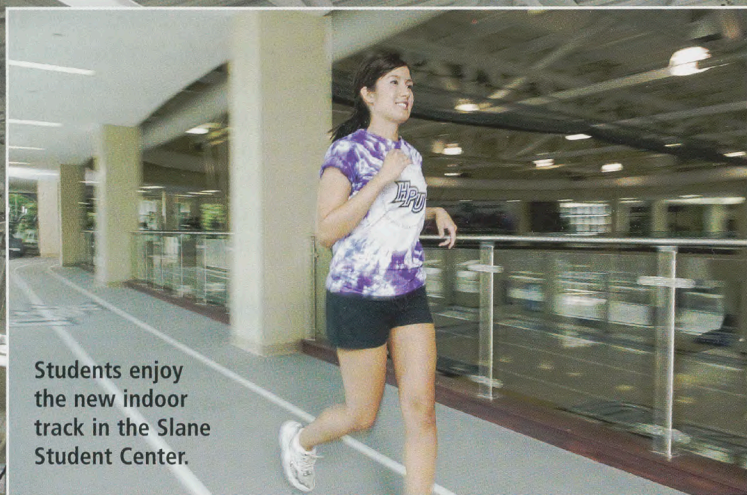
focused,'" adds Director of WOW! Roger Clodfelter. "It is truly the 'heart' of campus. Come in here any time of the day, and you'll find students gathering ... talking, laughing, eating, studying, just having fun. This is where they meet; this is where they create memories. And we're doing everything we can think of to facilitate that process. Even this year's 25-foot Christmas tree made its home under the skylight of the Slane Center's Atrium."

#### **The Pieces and Parts ... and the People who Love Them**

Inside Slane are housed some of the University's most dedicated — and student-focused — staff members. These men and women spend their time in pursuit of one goal ... keeping students happy.







Students enjoy the new indoor track in the Slane Student Center.



Steve Harrell, Manager of Recreation Services.

Consider Steve Harrell, Manager of Recreation Services. Harrell manages several services, including the fitness center, Maynard Pool and Intramurals.

One gathering spot in Slane is the fitness center, which Harrell oversees. The student-only facility boasts 45 pieces of cardio equipment (41 of which have 10" LCD monitors with cable) and 26 pieces of weight training machines and benches.

The center saw a whopping 42,553 student visits from its opening in August through the end of February. In addition, there are 25 fitness classes offered each week, including Pilates, spinning, kickboxing and step. And classes will be added as demand increases.



Roger Clodfelter, Director of WOW!

"I enjoy all the state-of-the-art equipment available at our fingertips," says Holly Smoot, a junior from Hagerstown, MD, who not only works out, but also works at the fitness center, scanning in students and taking care of the equipment. "It's such a great opportunity ... no gym fees, convenient hours and located right in the heart of campus."

Students interested in more competitive fitness activities can choose from one of 16 intramural sports offered at HPU. Harrell says that about 250 students participate every day in some type of intramural sport, including flag football, tennis, racquetball, beach volleyball, soccer, basketball and many others.

"Intramural sports help to build strong relationships





Hillary Cole, Director of Student Activities.

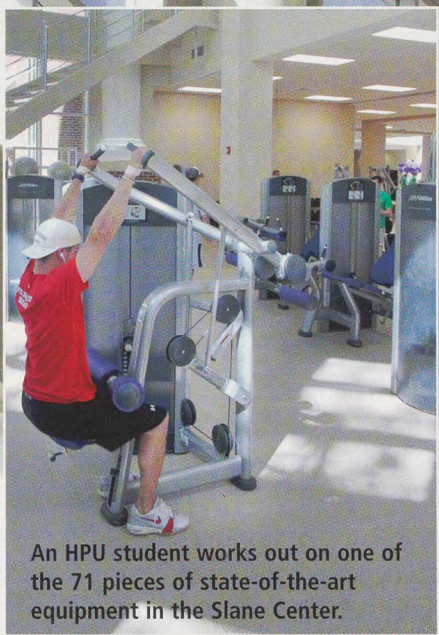


Leslie Smith, Campus Concierge.

with friends," says Jesse Kiser, a junior from Clemmons, NC, who participates in co-ed soccer. "They give us a chance to play a sport that is not as serious as a university sport, but that builds our confidence and provides a great workout. Plus, it gives me something to look forward to every week!"

Under Harrell's leadership, HPU can now boast being the smallest university in the country with membership in American Collegiate Intramural Sports. This gives each sport national sponsorship and opportunities for Players of the Week and competitions such as Midnight Madness. It also provides students the opportunity to compete in tournaments with other colleges and universities.

Another area that Harrell manages is the ever-popular Maynard Pool, named for University support-



An HPU student works out on one of the 71 pieces of state-of-the-art equipment in the Slane Center.





ers Kay and Dusty Maynard. "The pool is always busy when the weather is nice," says Harrell. He oversees 11 student lifeguards who maintain safety at the pool, which is open 10 hours a day during the season (11 a.m. - 10 p.m.). The pool and pool house may also be used by resident advisors or student groups for social functions.

"The pool is a great place for students to relax after classes or during weekends," said junior Pam Haynes. "On Saturdays during warm weather, students usually lounge in the oversized beach chairs by the poolside or go for a swim to take a break from homework and the typical routine."

"Steve has been very creative in programming a wide range of activities to offer something for everyone," says Clodfelter. "From an intramural calendar that runs constantly, to cardio and strength and conditioning equipment, he's passionate about what he does, and he cares deeply about these kids. He wants to see them succeed, and he pushes them to push themselves. It's all about success and motivation. He understands how to motivate, and he uses the fitness center to do that. It's a great partnership with our academic program. They work together beautifully."

For students or parents needing to know, well, anything about HPU, the Campus Concierge is the place to go. Located in the heart of the Slane Center on the lower level of the Atrium, Leslie Smith and her staff field 80 to 100 questions a week on any topic ... from transportation to event tickets to shopping to where to get a good haircut. Smith once helped a visitor from Canada get back home after losing her passport and purse, and once assisted a student in recovering her keys that had fallen into an elevator shaft. She also once worked with a student's mother to arrange for a local restaurant to prepare and deliver her son's favorite meal on his birthday. Most days,

## A Smorgasbord of Student Life Events

Every semester is different, but here's a sampling of what an HPU student may choose to do for fun during any given semester:

- Free movie night – once a month – at Palladium Cinema in High Point
- Halloweenfest on the Promenade
- Trip to local haunted house and cornfield maze
- Costume party at Centennial Station
- St. Patty's Day Party
- Girls' Night Out / Guys' Night Out
- Trip to local comedy club
- Several trips to local restaurants
- Bingo night
- Super Bowl party
- Fall Formal
- Snowball Dance
- Derby Day
- Pantherpalooza
- Frisbee Golf tournaments
- Grillin' and Chillin' at the pool
- Whitewater rafting trip
- Midnight Madness Basketball Tournament
- Plays, concerts, exhibits
- Much, much more!!!



questions revolve around connecting people with information. "Most people are looking for basic information," says Smith. "They need to get to a specific office on campus or find out when a Cultural Enrichment event is taking place. We give out lots of phone numbers; we give lots of directions. And yes, the quirky requests are lots of fun, but these students are so grateful to have a source for basic information."

The parents of our students are beginning to take advantage of the service, as well, and the Concierge staff is happy to help. Parents call from all over the country to get information on any number of topics, including travel



**Sedacia Peavy, a freshman from Conyers, GA, enjoys a pedicure during Girls' Night Out.**

arrangements, semester schedules and any assortment of other topics.

University officials believe HPU is one of the only colleges in the nation to offer a comprehensive concierge service to students. Smith says her job is exciting and keeps her busy, and that students — and parents — really enjoy knowing there is someone available to answer all their questions. Smith sends out a daily e-mail packed with announcements, upcoming events, signups, giveaways, etc.; arranges transportation for students without cars; helps parents find local flower shops for birthdays; and much, much more. Students can drop off their dry cleaning with Smith as well as request a wake-up

HPU is one of the only colleges in the nation to offer a comprehensive concierge service. Students love it, and parents are now tapping into it. Our innovative approach to student life is working!

call to ensure they get to class on time!

"Our Campus Concierge service is groundbreaking," says Clodfelter. "Students love it and parents are now tapping into it. It's proof that our innovative approach to student life is working! And Leslie is a wonderful example of the caring people you'll find at HPU; students feel her warmth in the way she interacts with them."

Sometimes, it's all about having fun. That's when Hillary Cole is the person to see. Hillary, in addition to being an alumna of HPU, is the Director of Student Activities, and is the person primarily responsible for planning the daily events and extracurricular activities for students to enjoy.

Cole, whose office is on the third floor of the Slane Center, spends her days coming up with all sorts of ideas for on- and off-campus fun. Some of the more recent events include bowling nights, movie nights, Pantherpalooza, Derby Day, dances, off-campus dinners, a Super Bowl party, and much more. New this year — and very popular — have been movies on the promenade, which featured films on huge drive-in style screens on the Kester International Promenade. Cole found films that had not yet been released on DVD and says that approximately





300 students attend movie nights. Often, participants get popcorn and hot chocolate — and on one particularly cold October evening they got HPU blankets.

Another popular event Cole organized was Girls' Night Out. Cosmetology students from a neighboring col-

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*Dr. Nido Qubein*

lege gave our students manicures and pedicures, and a massage therapist gave massages. Participants watched videos, played games and entered to win great prizes such as an iPod Nano.

"I really enjoyed the manicures and pedicures," said Sedacia Peavy, a freshman from

Conyers, GA.

"Watching TV and eating snacks with friends couldn't get any better. I had fun at Girls' Night Out."

"Hillary is doing a wonderful job of providing our students with exciting events and activities on campus," said Clodfelter. "When I see 800 students playing Bingo and having a wonderful time, I feel like we're delivering on our promise to students. And that's critical to the student experience. But it's not just about having fun; it's about something much deeper. Yes, students are playing to win cool prizes like an iPhone or flat-screen television, but they're also interacting with one another throughout the event. It's a huge fellowship opportunity. And that's the real value of the event."

### A Seamless Learning Environment

Clodfelter — and the entire staff and faculty at HPU — are quick to tell visitors that education should not stop when students leave the classroom ... it should happen everywhere, and should be a conscious part of every event that is planned for students. For that reason, the Slane Student Center has been adorned with banners that extol seven of the values that HPU strives to instill in students — pride, generosity, perseverance, respect, joy, enthusiasm and determination. And the events that are planned as part of the student experience are planned with at least one of those virtues in mind. For example, having live music in the cafeteria at lunch every day is intended to impart the virtue of fellowship. Intramural sports are intended to impart the virtue of perseverance. And the list goes on.

"Intentional congruence," says Dr. Qubein. "While we focus on providing an outstanding classroom experience, we believe that learning also happens in the cafeteria, on the basketball court, on the stage. Everywhere students go, they are learning. It's our mission and our passion to be where students are, and to provide examples of these virtues in ways that students see them, consider them, and absorb them into the fabric of their own lives." ■

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## New VP Ready for Action

When Gail Tuttle makes up her mind about something, just step out of the way and watch things happen. That's what anyone who knows this go-getter would tell you of the woman who became High Point University's first-female vice president when she was named Vice President for Student Life in October.

With more than 22 years under her proverbial belt at HPU, Gail has been the Director of the Evening Degree Program, and helped to grow it from nothing into a healthy program with



more than 1,000 students on two campuses. But when the top job in Student Life opened up, it was time for a change. "After academics, the No. 1 influence on our students — the thing that sculpts who they become as adults — is the overall student experience," says Tuttle. "How could I not want to be part of something so vital?"

In addition to the everyday operations of the department of Student Affairs, Gail has responsibility for residence life, Greek life, counseling, career development and health services.

While this pace may seem overwhelming to the average human, Gail is anything but average. In addition to her role at HPU, she has been a dedicated volunteer with the local Red Cross chapter and a member with the National Disaster Resource System for many years, and typically spends her vacation time in service to those in need. One of her most memorable trips was to the Gulf Coast just eight days after Hurricane Katrina hit. Her mission there was to assist victims in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, where she assisted the homeless. "I was there as a representative of the Red Cross, trying to help get funding for people to start rebuilding their lives. I listened to about 60 cases a day. It was heart-breaking, but in every challenge is an opportunity," she says about her two-week experience.

That's how she views her new position in Student Life — an opportunity within a challenge. "If I can help a single person," she says, "then any challenges I face will have been worth the effort."



# Academics

## New Academic Mission Statement Defines Future of Education at HPU

For centuries, educational theorists have attempted to make a distinction between the purpose of education and the function of education. A purpose, they might say, is the fundamental goal of the process — an end to be achieved. Functions, they could argue, might be considered outcomes which occur as a natural result of the process — byproducts or consequences of schooling.

At High Point University, we believe that education matters in one very broad context, which is reflected in the University's new academic mission statement:



*The academic mission of High Point University is to engage students in the distinct intellectual heritages of the liberal arts: mathematics and the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, the humanities and the arts. To that end, High Point University's liberal arts curriculum is designed to cultivate intellectual judgment, global and cultural awareness, as well as civic responsibility and character development. Experiential learning opportunities are combined with opportunities to master basic competencies in quantitative analysis, written, oral and visual communication and critical thinking. These opportunities are integrated into the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, creating educational experiences contoured to the needs and interests of 21st-century students.*

Academics have always been the focus at High Point. Our programs are outstanding, our faculty is distinguished and our students are focused on learning.

Join us on the following pages as we showcase a few of the academic highlights from the past months ... just a few of the ways in which we prove this mission statement every day at High Point University. ■





# Academics continued

## HPU Welcomes Director of School of Communication

Some might say that Dr. Wilfred Tremblay has some mighty big shoes to fill. After all, as Director of the Nido Qubein School of Communication, his job is to run our new School of Communication, a program named after High Point University's president — a man who was named one of the Top Ten Communicators in the world.

No pressure.

This man with the smooth radio voice and the articulate metered speech is obviously no stranger to the world of communication. Standing before a

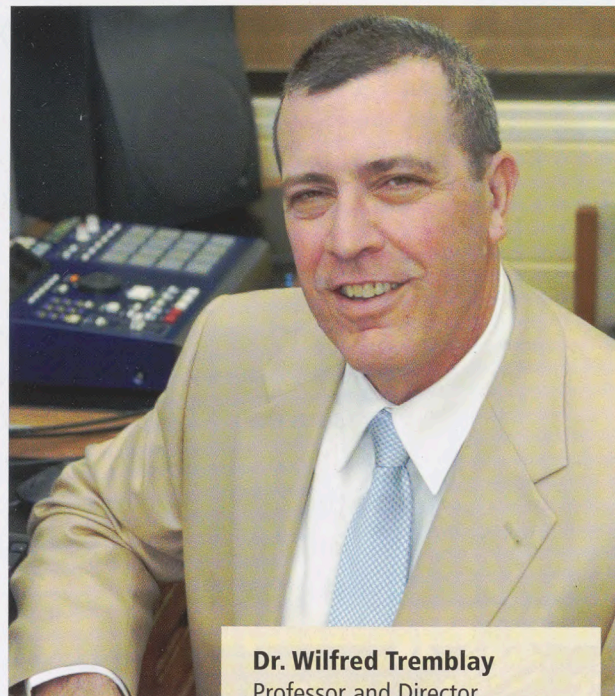
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crowd of students and faculty members who have gathered to learn more about the Communication program, he is deliberate and poised in manner, yet when asked about specific aspects of the program and the whiz-bang new building, he lights up with animation. "When the industry sees our new facility and the caliber of the curriculum, HPU is going to be on top of the map! Our students are going to be exposed to some of the most sophisticated technology in the industry."

Students who major in Communication at HPU will take a common core of Communication courses, then specialize in one of the following areas:

- Electronic Media
- Games and Interactive Communication
- Journalism
- Media and Popular Culture Studies
- Organizational Communication

Dr. Tremblay comes to HPU with a resumé and background well suited to his role. His career began outside "traditional" academia — from cable television and radio, including general manager of an NPR affiliate in Indianapolis. He ultimately made the switch to higher education, and for the last 15 years was on the faculty and chaired the Communication Department at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, a thriving program with more than 800 majors and 30 faculty members. He also has held faculty positions at the University of Indianapolis, Butler University and Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa. With 25



**Dr. Wilfred Tremblay**

Professor and Director,  
The Nido Qubein School of  
Communication

Ed.D. – University of Pittsburgh

M.S. – Boston University

B.S. – Arkansas State University

years' combined experience in the Communication field, Dr. Tremblay brings a depth of experience to our program that promises to guide it to world-class prominence.

Even before ground was broken for the new Communication building, and long before the first new faculty member was hired (there will be 10 full-time faculty members to start), Dr. Tremblay was working with Dr. Stoneking, Dr. Carroll and others to put the finishing touches on plans for creating a top-notch Communication curriculum that will rival any others.

Dr. Tremblay is convinced that the new building — which is slated to open in the spring of '09 — will serve as a recruiting magnet. "The state-of-the-art building, when combined with a matching curriculum, will attract students looking for the very best in this field," he says. "I believe our numbers will double within the next couple of years."

In hindsight, has the move from a large established program to a brand new fledgling one been worth the risk? It would appear so. "I'm truly convinced," he said, "that this program is going to set the standard for Communication education in a liberal arts environment for the next century." ■



## New Major Reflects Market Trends

**A**lways sensitive to the changing needs of the employment marketplace, HPU has expanded its business acumen to offer a new major. Beginning with the fall 2008 semester, Actuarial Science will be added to the majors available through the Earl N. Phillips School of Business.

Unlike History or Chemistry or Education — which have been around since institutions of higher learning opened their respective doors to students — Actuarial Science is a relative newcomer to the academic scene. However, it's certainly not new to the world of business.

Every business involves risk, and risk must be estimated and evaluated in order for businesses to plan for the future. That's where actuaries become critical to business success.

Actuaries are experts in evaluating the likelihood of future events, designing creative ways to reduce the likelihood of undesirable events and decreasing the impact of undesirable events that do occur. In other words, actuaries find ways to manage risk. It takes a combination of strong analytical skills, business knowledge and

understanding of human behavior to design and manage programs that control risk.

Actuaries are key players in the management team of the companies that employ them. In a fast-paced business climate, with new risks and the need for creative solutions, there is the constant opportunity for personal and professional growth in an actuarial career, and the pleasure of life-long learning.

When the actuarial major at HPU opens to students in the fall, it will include 48 credit hours in business, mathematics and statistics. The program will allow a motivated student to graduate having obtained credit for four of the actuarial exams, and also having completed course work in finance, economics and statistics required by the Society of Actuaries, one of the two primary credentialing organizations in the actuarial profession. Internships in local companies who employ actuaries will be available for qualified students. The level of preparation offered by our major will give our graduates a tremendous advantage in the actuarial job market. ■

## What is an Actuary, Anyway?

Actuaries find ways to manage risk. They provide advice and solutions for business and societal problems that involve economic risk.

An actuary working for an insurance company might calculate how much the company would charge for a new car, a home or health insurance. They may be asked to figure out how much money needs to be invested in a pension fund today so that years from now, when employees retire, there will be money to pay them. Or, an actuary might calculate how much damage an earthquake or hurricane could cause.

An actuary could work in finance, marketing, manufacturing or in the development of new products. An actuary might determine potential profit when a business enters a new international market or forecast return-on-investment on a new product.

## Words of Wisdom from an Industry Veteran

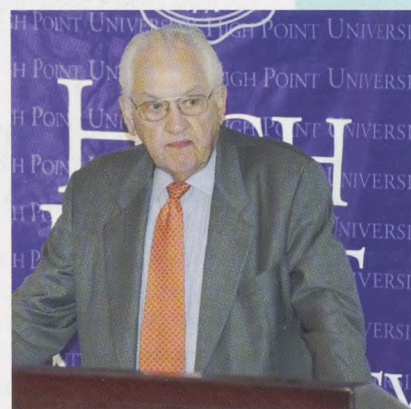
**M**r. Patrick H. Norton, Chairman Emeritus of La-Z-Boy, Inc. and a faithful friend of HPU, shared insights and advice with home furnishings students during a visit last fall.

With a distinguished career spanning more than 50 years, Mr. Norton recounted the evolution of the furniture industry from its manufacturing roots to the marketing powerhouse it is today.

His remarks were liberally interspersed with words of wisdom for stu-

dents seeking meaningful careers, such as: "getting a job is not the problem; getting a job you like is the challenge."

Dr. Richard Bennington, Chair of the Home Furnishings and Design Department, praised Norton's presentations to students. "It is a rare opportunity to hear such a distinguished industry leader share so passionately and freely with students who will be the next generation of industry leaders. We are fortunate to have such wisdom as a resource for High Point students." ■





# Academics continued

## Accreditation Enhances Prestige of HPU's Home Furnishings & Design Program

**H**PU's Interior Design program recently reached a long-awaited milestone ... accreditation from the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (formerly FIDER).

"This is great news for High Point," said Dr. Dennis Carroll, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs. "These advanced accreditations assist our graduates in obtaining employment in the most well-known organizations and firms. Advanced accreditations result from the university's commitment to high levels of course rigor, excellent teaching and relevant curriculum."

Achieving accreditation was a three-year progression which included compiling a minimum of two-years' worth of student work, a program analysis report submitted to the council and an

on-site visit from three professionals who examined facilities, interviewed students and faculty and evaluated student work.

"CIDA is the only organization that accredits interior design programs," said Dr. Elizabeth Dull, Associate Professor and Interior Design Program Coordinator, who oversaw the process. "It is quite a prestigious honor because the council standards are the same for every university whether small or large, public or private, nonprofit or profit."

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation is an independent, nonprofit accrediting organization for interior design education programs at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, and is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. CIDA accreditation advocates achieve-

ment of high academic standards, while making education more responsive to student and societal needs. Nearly 150 interior design programs are currently accredited by the council, serving an estimated 20,000 students. HPU's term of current accreditation is six years.

"Having the highest accreditation in the field of interior design will greatly enhance the prestige of our program," said Dr. Richard Bennington, Chair of the Department of Home Furnishings and Design. "It will assure prospective students that they will be getting the best quality of instruction possible." The Department of Home Furnishings and Design at High Point University is diverse in providing students with the choice of two majors: home furnishings marketing or interior design. ■

## An Experiment in Partnership

**I**n a unique experiment that has turned out to be a win-win for everyone involved, the Education and Biology departments at HPU have teamed up to reach out to science students and faculty at High Point Central High School for an experimental partnership.

Undergraduate biology majors at HPU tutor students at Central during the school day and after school. They help with homework, understanding classwork and conducting experiments. In addition, biology teachers at Central are invited to sit in on science labs for ideas to take back to their classrooms. Or, if the high school teachers want to bring students to the HPU campus to use the equipment and resources here, they are welcome to do that as well.

"We're excited to share our resources and equipment with the teachers and students at Central to enhance

their science learning," said Biology Professor Dr. Kelli Sapp. "Our undergraduates are enjoying working one-on-one with the high school students as well."



Last year, Education Department deans Dr. Mariann Tillery and Dr. Barbara Leonard sat in on Central's biology classes to observe teachers and offer tips to improve instructional strategies and classroom management.

"Our partnership with High Point University not only benefits teachers with ideas, resources and instructional strategies, but our students showed a 10-point increase in their overall composite test score," said Revonda Johnson, principal at High Point Central High School. "The assistance we receive from HPU will truly make us 'second to none' in Guilford County Schools." ■



## Human Services Department Restructures and Expands to Meet Student Demand

In an effort to better serve students, the former Department of Behavioral Science and Human Services has changed its name to the Department of Human Relations, Sociology and Nonprofit Studies, and has reorganized its course offerings.

"Because of tremendous growth in the nonprofit sector, many students want to learn how to manage these types of organizations," said Dr. David Bergen, Chair of the department. "As HPU has the oldest nonprofit education program in the country, this restructuring ensures that our academic program remains an outstanding model for nonprofit education."

The department now offers majors in human relations, sociology and nonprofit leadership and management.

Human Relations: The

Human Relations (HRE) major will focus on interpersonal dynamics within the business environment;

*HPU has the oldest nonprofit major in the country. This interdisciplinary major — coupled with our Masters in Public Administration graduate program in Nonprofit Management — enables High Point University to provide a comprehensive model of nonprofit education that is recognized nationally.*

Sociology: The Sociology (SOC) major will emphasize a general studies academic program;

Nonprofit Leadership and Management: This new major (NLP) will utilize courses from the discontinued concentrations in both human services, nonprofit and community development, as

well as current courses in both HRE and SOC.

The Nonprofit Leadership and Management major continues High Point University's tradition of exemplary nonprofit education. HPU has the oldest nonprofit major in the country. This interdisciplinary major — coupled with our Masters in Public Administration graduate program in Nonprofit Management — enables High Point University to provide a comprehensive model of nonprofit education that is recognized nationally.

"Response by students and the community has been incredible," said Bergen. "This new framework allows us to better serve students as well as harness our faculty expertise to prepare graduates for work or graduate school." The changes took effect last fall. ■

## Phoenix Literary Festival Continues to Encourage Young Writers

Don't ever underestimate the power of the pen — the proof is in the poetry, after all. Just ask anyone who's ever been involved in High Point University's Phoenix Literary Festival.

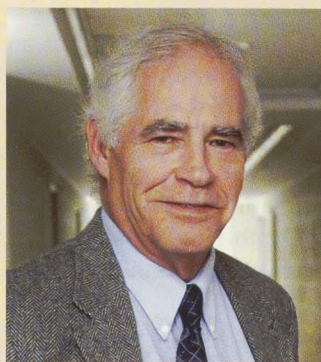
In its 37th year, the festival continues to bring writers from all around the Piedmont Triad — including nearly 200 high school students from area high schools, as well as HPU students. And it continues to encourage young writers by inviting renowned poets, professors and writers who all help guide students on the path to creativity.

This year's event, for instance — held in November — featured Dr. Marion Hodge, poet and professor of English at HPU who has been published in several collegiate journals. Other guest speakers have included Winston Groom, who wrote "Forrest

Gump," and James Dickey, who wrote "Deliverance."

Georgeanna Sellers, assistant professor of English at HPU who oversees the festival, says it takes a great deal of effort to put on the event, but it's worth it.

Sellers says the festival work begins early, with contact to the key speaker, professional writers who serve as workshop leaders, as well creative writing teachers in schools in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. From there, students in schools that are able to participate work in class on poems and short fiction



pieces and submit them to the festival. All works are then put into an anthology that every participant receives at the event, and workshop leaders read and comment on each piece. Each year's event concludes with a two-part awards ceremony, the first for high school students and the second for university students.

"It's a ton of work, but I believe in its power to encourage and expand the capacity of young writers," Sellers says. "The event is a huge boost for (them) because they are able to go to a new environment, with professional writers everywhere, and have their writing capabilities to be found above average or superior." ■



# Academics continued

## Study Abroad ... The Possibilities are Endless!



**E**mployers have begun looking for employees with more than just a degree; they want well-rounded individuals who have familiarity with diverse cultures, special skills and knowledge of the world. To gain this competitive advantage, universities must be creative and aggressive.

At HPU, Study Abroad provides students the opportunity to enhance international awareness and to develop cross-cultural communication skills. With a variety of extraordinary options at some of the most prestigious universities in the world, students are encouraged to travel abroad as early as their freshman year.

Here are some of the Study Abroad opportunities available to HPU students this year:

- May Term
- British Life and Culture in London
- Welsh Life and Culture in Swansea (South Wales)
- Contemporary Culture in Ireland
- Economics in London
- Culture and Society in China
- Reviving the Renaissance in Florence (Italy)
- Leipzig International Choral Festival (Germany)

### Summer Program

France: Up to six weeks studying French and Business either at the Burgundy School of Business in Dijon, France, or at the Euromed-Centre for European and International Management Studies in Marseilles, France.

### Semester Programs

- Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England
- University of Leeds, in Leeds, England
- St. Mary's College in Twickenham (London), England
- Studio Art Centers International in Florence, Italy
- University of St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Scotland
- University of South Wales at Swansea, South Wales

### Foreign Language Study Abroad Options:

HPU also offers intensive language study and cultural immersion. They are taught primarily in the country's native language, and students are housed with native families. Current available programs include:

- Quito, Ecuador  
Institution: Universidad San Francisco de Quito  
Language: Spanish
- Paris, France  
Institution: Sorbonne University  
Language: French
- Heidelberg, Germany  
Institution: Schiller International University  
Language: German
- Seville, Spain  
Institution: Spanish-American Institute  
Language: Spanish

These are not the only destinations that HPU students can pursue. Other locations being considered for Study Abroad programs include:

- Australia
- Ireland
- Japan

Dr. Janet McPherson is HPU's new Director of Study Abroad. She is a full-time staff member dedicated to advising students on choosing Study Abroad destinations and programs. ■



Dr. Janet McPherson

**I**n addition to Study Abroad opportunities, HPU offers Study America programs. This year, during May Term, a group will explore American culture, the mighty Mississippi River and the literature of Mark Twain ... while earning HPU credit. The program includes museums, river trips, speakers and much, much more.



## Evening Degree Program Goes International

**H**PU's Evening Degree Program has recently added an international element to its list of available courses ... Elementary Chinese.

Chinese 101 and Chinese 102 are now offered at the High Point campus. The course, taught by Judy Yuen Danley — a native speaker of Chinese Mandarin from Beijing who has an extensive background in

translation and interpretation — focuses on essential vocabulary and phrases for basic Chinese communication. The course also teaches students to distinguish and produce the different tones, and to recognize and write some basic Chinese characters.

"China is the most populous country in the world and has a recorded history of more

than 4,000 years," says Dr. Carole Head, Chair of the Modern Foreign Language Department. "Emerging as a world economic power at a phenomenal pace, China plays a vital role in world affairs. High Point University is pleased to offer its students and members of the community the opportunity to study Chinese." ■

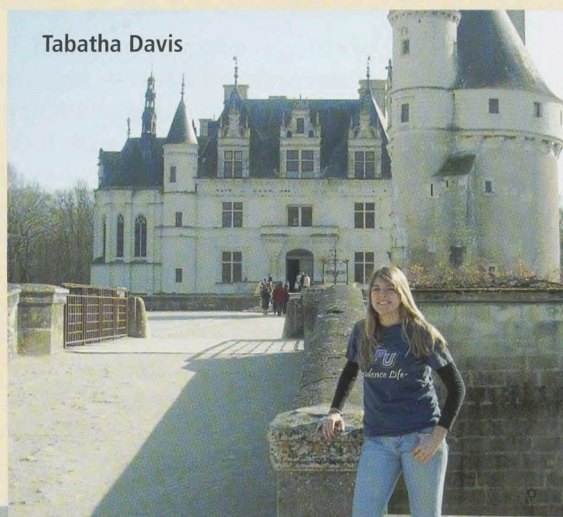
## Foreign Language Students Receive Scholarships

**T**hree students in the Modern Foreign Language Department were awarded scholarships to study foreign language abroad during the 2007-08 academic year.

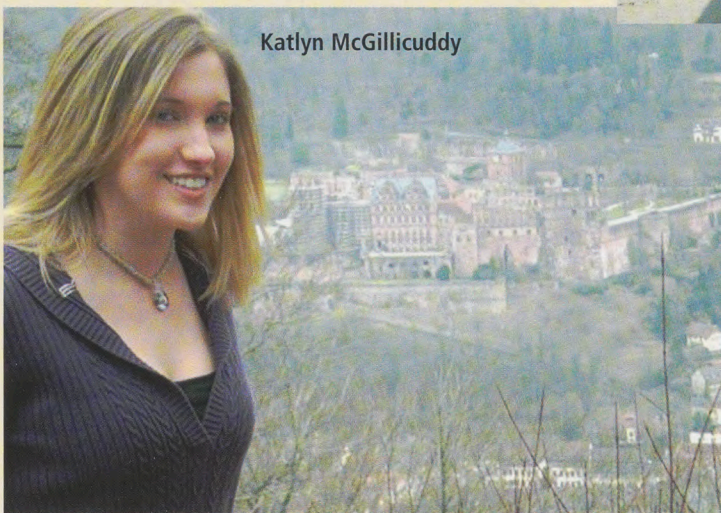
Rachel Davis, a junior from Raleigh, NC, received a \$1,250 scholarship from Mickey Truck Bodies. Rachel spent the fall 2007 semester at the Universidad San Francisco in Quito, Ecuador. She is majoring in Spanish and international studies and plans to serve as a volunteer in the Peace Corps after graduation.

Katlyn McGillicuddy, a junior from Fallsington, PA, received the \$1,200 German Language Grant, which is funded by an anonymous donor. Katlyn is spending this semester in Hei-

Tabatha Davis



Katlyn McGillicuddy



delberg, Germany. Her major is international business with a minor in German.

Tabatha Davis, a junior from Matthews, NC, was awarded the Modern Foreign Language Department Scholarship for Foreign Language Study Abroad. She is using the \$1,200 reward for her study at the Sorbonne in Paris this spring.

"We are so proud of these students and wish them well in their studies abroad," said Dr. Carole Head, Chair of the Modern Foreign Language Department. ■



# Class of 2008 Takes Flight!

**H**igh Point University celebrated a highly successful 84th Graduation Ceremony on May 3, 2008.

The university honored the extraordinary achievements of the graduates, and families and friends joined in the celebration, which was held on the front lawn of Roberts Hall.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, following in the footsteps of other notable High Point University Commencement speakers such as Rudy Giuliani, Her Majesty Queen Noor and Bill Cosby, gave an inspiring and thought-provoking Commencement address, encouraging students to always do their best and to show appreciation for those who have shared wisdom with them. He shared with the graduates a quote that has provided him with inspiration: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."

Following the conferring of degrees, Lee Greenwood, a Grammy Award-winning musician, performed his hit song "God Bless the USA" at the ceremony. Challenger, a bald eagle, soared over the graduates and their guests as Greenwood performed — the eagle is named in honor of the Challenger space shuttle crew. The non-profit American Eagle Foundation, headquartered in Tennessee, cares for Challenger, who was blown from a wild nest during a storm when he was a baby.

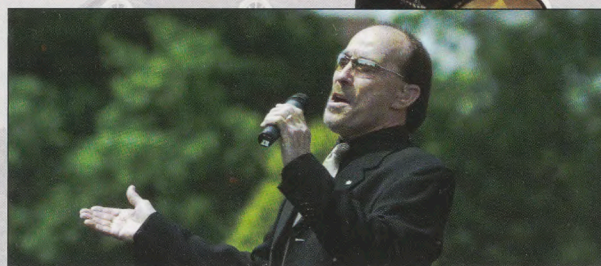
Senior Class President Paul Hannam not only delivered an outstanding speech but also delivered an outstanding proposal, asking his girlfriend to marry him.

Other highlights from the Graduation Ceremony included the presentation of the Meredith Clark Slane Distinguished Teaching-Service Award to Dr. Christine Allred and the presentation of the Ridenhour Scholarly and Professional Achievement Award to Dr. Peng Deng.

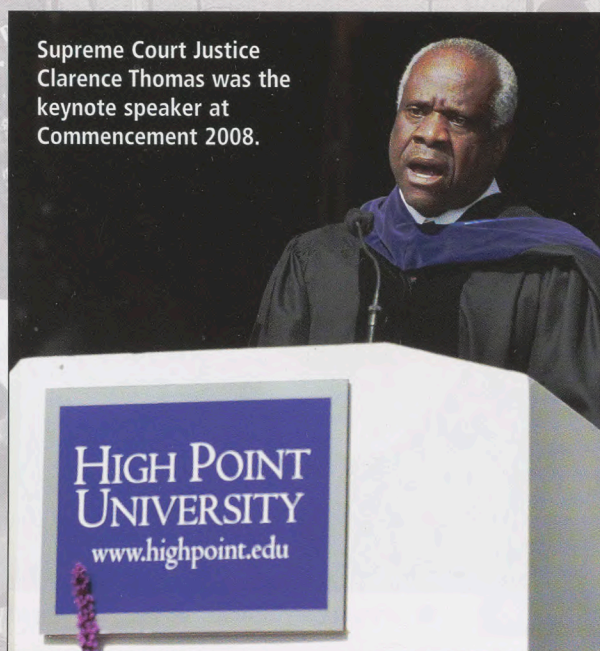
Commencement Weekend also included the annual Commencement Luncheon, attended by more than 1,200 graduates and family members, and the Baccalaureate Service at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. President Nido Qubein was the featured speaker at the Luncheon, and Dr. Thomas G. Long, the Bandy Professor of Preaching at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, inspired graduates at the Baccalaureate Service.



Challenger the Eagle soared over the graduates as Lee Greenwood performed "God Bless the USA."

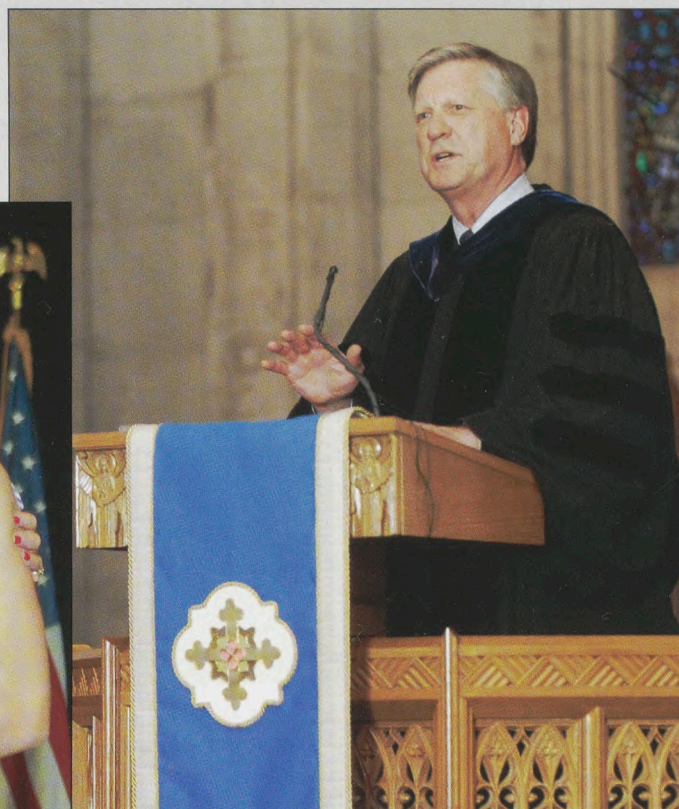


Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was the keynote speaker at Commencement 2008.





Dr. Thomas Long delivers a message of hope to graduates at Baccalaureate.



Gail Tuttle, Vice President for Student Life, presents the Outstanding Senior Award to Krista Wagoner at the Commencement Luncheon.



President Qubein inspired graduates and their families at the Commencement Luncheon.



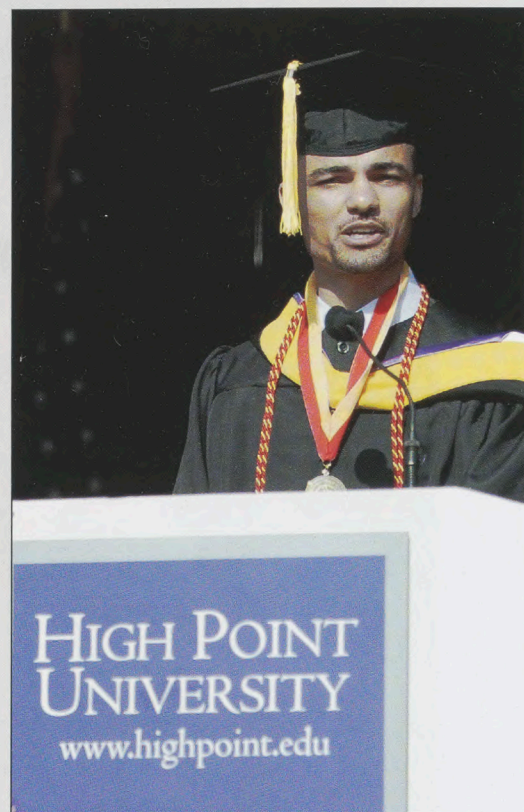
Lee Greenwood performs "Amazing Grace" at the Baccalaureate service.



*Class of 2008 Takes Flight!* continued



More than 6,000 people fill the Roberts Hall front lawn for Commencement 2008.



Paul Hannam, senior class president, addresses fellow graduates before proposing marriage to his girlfriend.



Panther mascot and graduate student Derrick Tanner celebrates graduation.

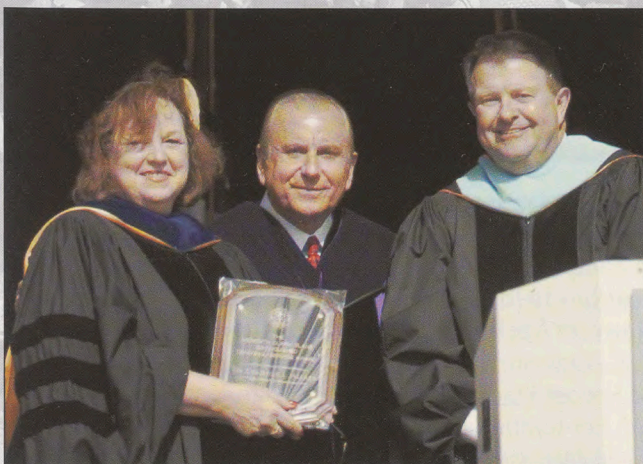
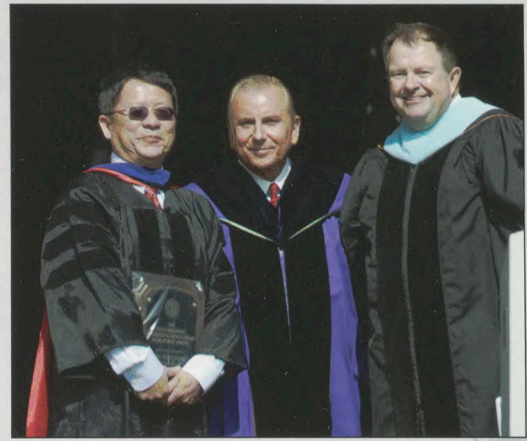




Members of the Class of 1958 march in with graduates – an annual tradition at HPU.



Dr. Peng Deng is presented with the Ridenhour award by President Qubein and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Dennis Carroll.



President Qubein and Dr. Dennis Carroll award the Slane Distinguished Teaching Award to Dr. Christine Allred.





Nearing Completion?  
Think Again.

# The Transformation Continues...

**B**egun a mere 2½ years ago, the \$100-million transformation of HPU has exploded into a quarter of a billion one, and left no corner of campus untouched. Completed and occupied are the incredible Slane Student Center, Blessing Residence Hall, Jerry and Kitty Steele Center, Vert Track and Soccer Stadium, York Hall and the Ivy League-inspired Phillips Hall. And when it comes to renovations, no square inch of campus has been untouched.

Beauty is only skin deep, however, and President Qubein and his administration have made it their mission to ensure that the academic offerings at HPU are on par with the gorgeous buildings in which they are taught. State-of-the-art technology is being implemented in every classroom; faculty are encouraged to publish, conduct research or participate in continuing education opportunities; new majors abound, particularly in the new schools of communication and commerce; and the Study Abroad program is exploding.

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Work was completed this school year — and a flurry of dedications held — on the Coy Williard Baseball Stadium on April 17, the Jerry and Kitty Steele Athletic Center on August 13, the Dick and Peg Vert Track and Soccer Stadium on August 31 and Phillips Hall on September 4. (See complete stories and photos elsewhere in this issue.)

"It would literally be impossible for us to move onward and upward without the generous support of our friends, alumni and donors," said President Nido Qubein. "Families have made a lasting impact on our university and we are honored to have their names adorning our facilities."

The Steele Center is a 27,000-square-foot,

\$5-million, state-of-the-art facility named after longtime Panthers' coaches Jerry and Kitty Steele. It contains office space for various athletic department administrators including the athletic director, sports marketing department and ticket/business office. The university's men's and women's soccer, men's and women's track and field and cross country, men's and



The Nido R. Qubein School of Communication



## The Transformation Continues . . .



The Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center

women's golf, and baseball teams have locker rooms and coaches' office space in the building. The Carter and Martha Holbrook Room will serve as a reception area. The entry lobby boasts a display area highlighting all of the University's athletic teams and honoring the building's namesakes.

Vert Stadium, which honors alumni and longtime supporters Dick and Peg Vert, includes a regulation soccer field, outdoor concourse, streamlined concession area, ample restroom facilities, media center, the 8-lane Ike Belk Track, comfortable stadium seating, ticket booth, convenient storage and premium club seating. "We are so honored to have our name associated with athletics at High Point University," said Dr. Dick Vert, who was a track champion while a student here and now serves as a member of the Board of Trustees. "We both have such fond memories of High Point and are proud to be a part of all the

wonderful changes going on there."

Phillips Hall, underwritten in part by a lead gift from Earl N. "Phil" Phillips, Jr. and his children, is the new home for the Earl N. Phillips School of Business at High Point University. Occupying the site of the old Memorial Auditorium, which was demolished to make way for the new building, Phillips Hall is a 28,000-square-foot structure housing classrooms, computer labs, study rooms, boardrooms and faculty offices. It features tiered lecture rooms, a spacious auditorium and conference rooms, and is modeled after some of the greatest business schools in the country.

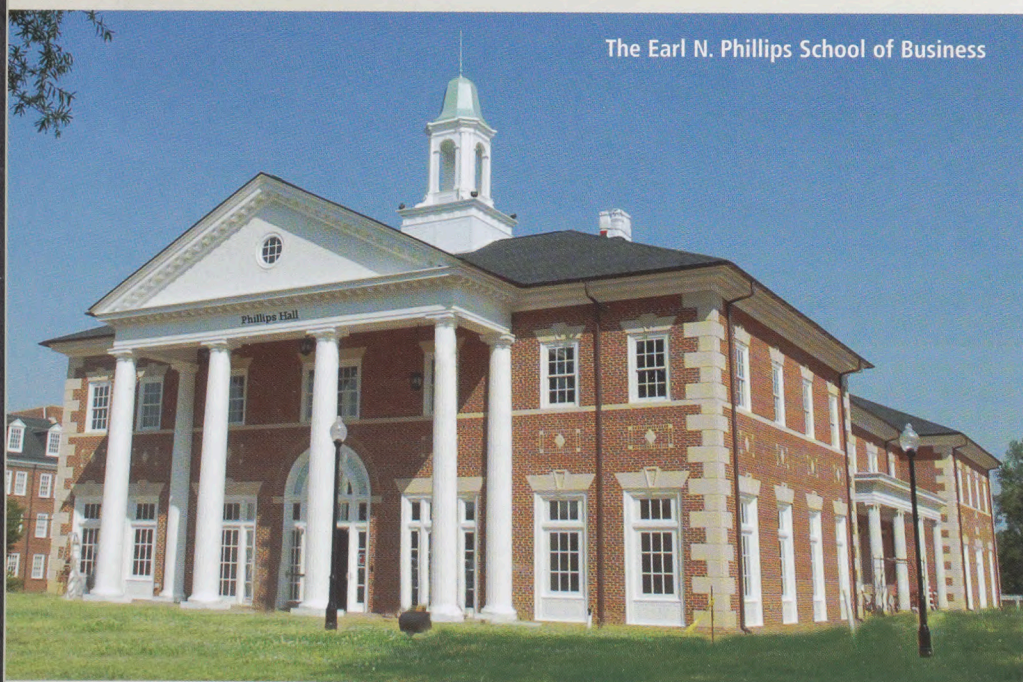


The Dick and Peg Vert Track and Soccer Stadium

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The transformation doesn't stop there. Shovels made their ceremonious pitches into the Earth earlier this year on several construction projects:

The Nido R. Qubein School of Communication will house several new Communication majors, and will be a perfect venue to show off our new state-of-the-art television and radio studios, media room, a multi-track audio recording studio, theater, editing rooms, cutting-edge game and interactive video design studio, and many other technologically advanced student amenities. It will also boast a gaming major, which will be one of the first in the country. The 58,000-square-foot building is on schedule for completion in the fall of 2008. A longtime leader in the field of Communications, Dr. Wilfred Tremblay,



The Earl N. Phillips School of Business





Rendering of the new Plato S. Wilson Family School of Commerce, which will open in the fall of 2008

was recently named director of the new school. (See story, page 12).

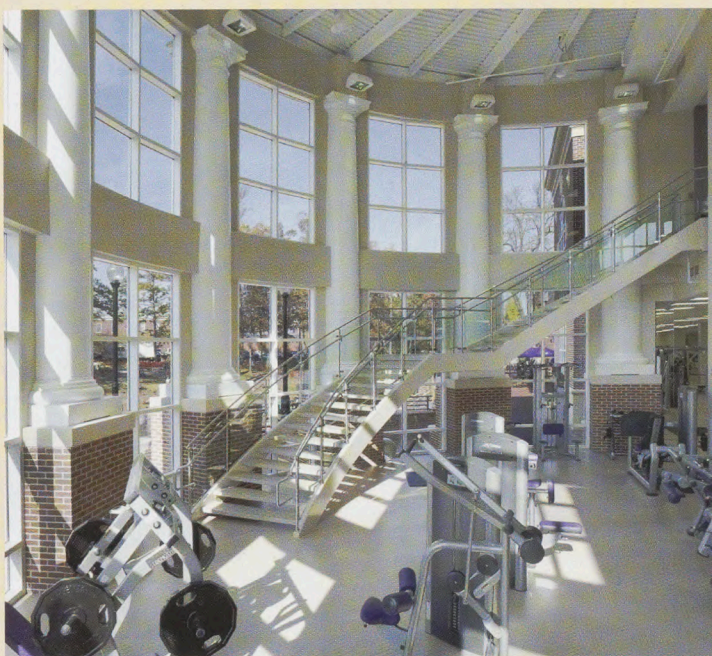
The Plato S. Wilson Family School of Commerce is scheduled for completion in the winter of 2008. Named after HPU's friend and furniture businessman Plato S. Wilson, the 58,000-square-foot School of Commerce will feature three floors of classrooms, faculty offices, conference rooms, trading room, two-story

entrance rotunda and a great hall, which will flow out onto an exterior patio. The school will offer marketing and management classes, with an emphasis on small business, entrepreneurship and sales.

Montlieu Parking: In an attempt to alleviate the challenge of parking during peak times, the university has begun converting several parcels of land across from the main entrance

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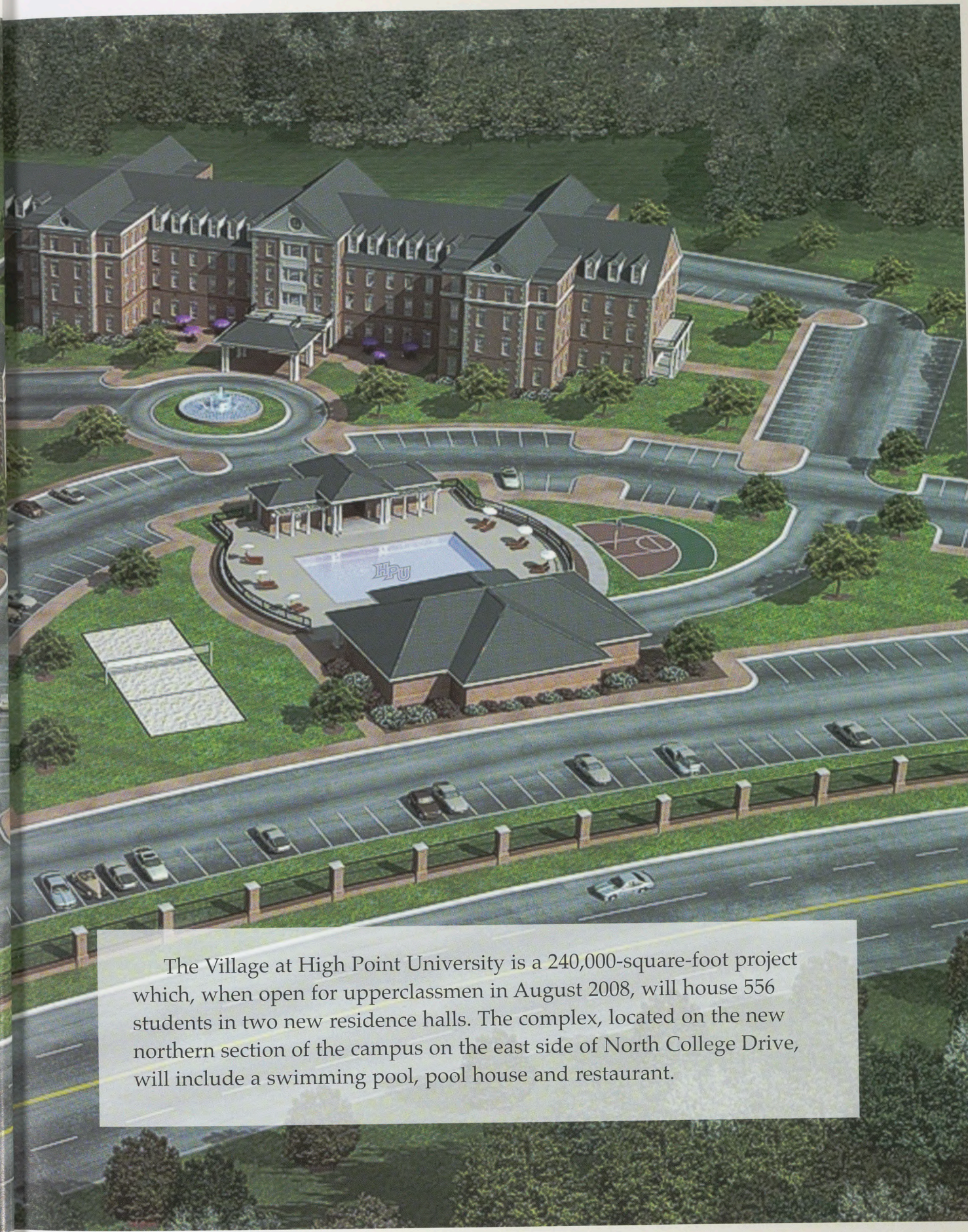
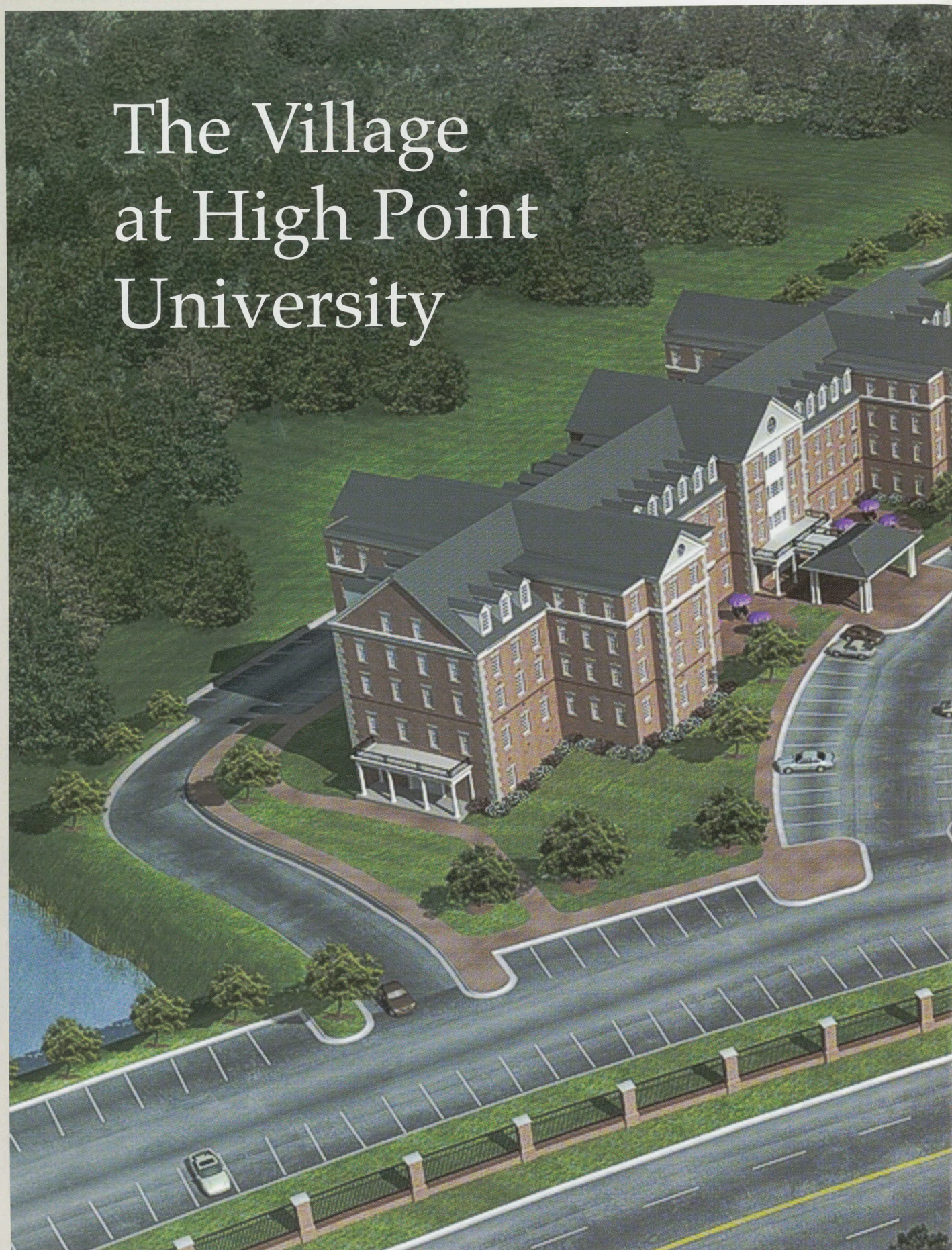
## Keeping it "In the Family"



One of the lead architects on the new Slane Center is a High Point alumnus. Brad Crotts was a member of our Evening Degree Program family in the late '80s and went on to become an architect with Perkins-Eastman in Charlotte, NC. Perkins-Eastman began working in a joint association with Mercer Architecture Inc., the primary architectural firm for the transformation of HPU. When the two firms began working together, Brad got involved. "I was thrilled to be able to work on a project that involved my alma mater," he said. "EDP was an incredible springboard for me into this field." Brad worked closely with Mercer Architecture in the design and was "architect of record" for the renovation of the new building, the fitness center, the food court, the atrium, the terrace and the pool areas. ■



# The Village at High Point University



The Village at High Point University is a 240,000-square-foot project which, when open for upperclassmen in August 2008, will house 556 students in two new residence halls. The complex, located on the new northern section of the campus on the east side of North College Drive, will include a swimming pool, pool house and restaurant.



## The Transformation Continues... *Continued from page 25*

to campus on Montlieu Avenue. This lot will be used primarily for overflow parking.

Work continues on the gorgeous David Hayworth University Park, with completion expected this spring. Coming attractions include ponds, a dining terrace, additional pathways and a perimeter wall.

### **YET TO COME ...**

Projects currently approved and soon to be started include:  
School of Education: The

26,000-square-foot School of Education is scheduled to begin construction sometime next year and be completed within the next four semesters. When complete, it will include a library, computer lab, faculty offices and a lounge. It will be located next to the School of Communication.

Megaplex on West College: The yet-unnamed campus complex on West College, across from the Norcross Graduate School and the Millis Athletic and Convocation Center, will be a new hub of

activity at High Point University. It will be a five-story multi-use facility which will cover an entire city block. It will offer modern housing for upwards of 600 students, several restaurants — including a steak house — campus post office, student health center, retail shopping venues, a movie theatre, bowling alley and so much more. Plans for this 260,000-square-foot project are underway and construction is slated to begin in June 2008 and be completed in 2009. ■



The tiered lecture hall in the Phillips School of Business is named the David L. Francis Lecture Hall. It accommodates 163 people, and is state-of-the-art with individual computer ports and electrical outlets at each seat. The stage and podium area are fully integrated with the most current technology on the market.



## Student Safety Takes Leading Role

**H**ow can one be expected to learn if he or she doesn't feel safe? That's a question university officials have answered by taking a hard look at security across campus and ensuring it is absolutely top-notch.

Among other measures, every residence hall and most buildings on campus are accessible only by key card, and just in case you lose your Extra card, you can call the IT department or log on to the Extra card site and click "I've lost my card" and it is deactivated immediately.

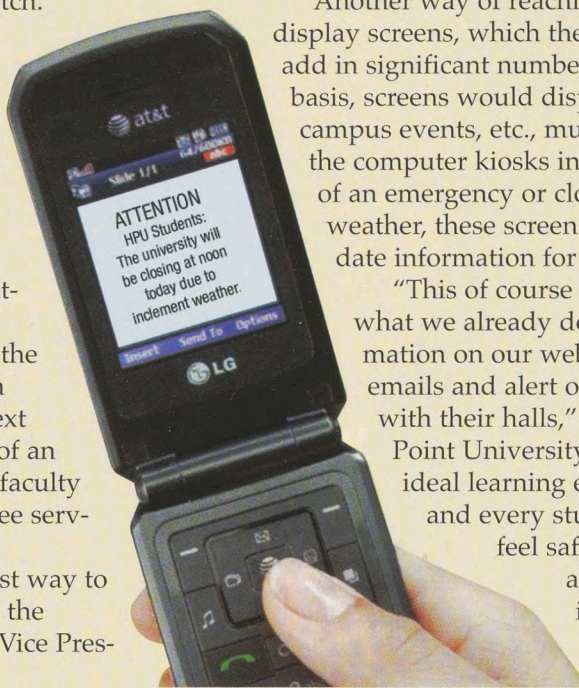
In another safety measure, the university has partnered with a company that will allow it to text message every student in case of an emergency. Students, staff and faculty have been signing up for the free service, which began in February.

"We know texting is the best way to reach the biggest population in the shortest amount of time," said Vice Pres-

ident for Information Technology Wellington de Souza. "We've given a lot of thought to the means of communication, and texting has the best reach."

Another way of reaching students is through display screens, which the university is looking to add in significant numbers. On a day-to-day basis, screens would display birthday messages, campus events, etc., much like the screens atop the computer kiosks in Slane. However, in case of an emergency or closing of campus due to weather, these screens would display up-to-date information for students.

"This of course would be in addition to what we already do, which is to post information on our website, distribute mass emails and alert our RAs to communicate with their halls," said de Souza. "High Point University is about creating the ideal learning environment for each and every student, and making them feel safe, happy, well fed ... all that has a direct impact on academics." ■



## Technology Upgrades Abound

**A**n integral part of the transformation of High Point University included a major technology upgrade. The IT office, under the leadership of Wellington de Souza, Vice President for Information Technology, has been busy the past few years examining the technology infrastructure at HPU and determining the best ways to improve it.

"During the last two years, we have spent more than six million dollars in technology on campus," said de Souza. "A huge portion of this was on our classroom upgrades."

The IT Department has touched every single classroom on campus. At the minimum, every classroom now boasts laptop capability, projectors and electronic screens, and sound.

In determining what to put in classrooms, de Souza and his department worked closely with faculty and the IT committee. He continues to have open conversations with faculty on the best way to deliver technology on campus, thus making the biggest possible impact between teachers and their students.

"We have made a lot of progress and will continue to upgrade until this campus is absolutely perfect," he said.

Next on the agenda for HPU's classrooms are document cameras, which are the new generation of overhead projectors. They can still display transparencies, but also books, documents

and objects. De Souza says these new devices are very popular with faculty in all departments, so he is currently purchasing a large number of them to use on campus.

Every new building that has come up since the transformation began or that is in the works or on the drawing board, is being built with the new technology already in place.

"It is a given that any new building will have wireless and presentation technology in every classroom, electronic locks and all the infrastructure in place for any future adjustments," de Souza said.

For example, de Souza worked hand-in-hand with the business school faculty in laying out the technology in the spectacular Phillips Hall, and already there are some adjustments being made to perfect it. He says his department will always be tweaking and adjusting because HPU — like technology — is constantly in a state of change, and there are countless ways to improve and upgrade.

"We are always adjusting what we've done to ensure it's working for everyone," de Souza said. "Our primary goal is to uncover how technology works best for High Point University and to decide where to put our resources to propel the classroom experience at HPU to a completely different level." ■





# More Than \$10,000,000

**in New Gifts  
Bring Total to More  
than \$100 Million**

**P**hilanthropy touches every corner of the HPU campus — from classrooms and residence halls to athletic fields and scholarships for students. Everywhere on campus, you'll find an infusion of generosity. It's that spirit of giving that continues to help the university thrive, succeed and shape the future.

Many friends, family and alumni are helping to make HPU's vision a reality. To them, we say a heartfelt "thank you" for their continued support.

**Hildreth Gabriel Jordan ('38)**, who hailed from Concord, made sure to give to her alma mater a gift of more than \$1,150,000. The retired school teacher's estate continues to provide additional scholarship support for deserving students each year.

**The \$900,000 James Hooper Mellichampe Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund in Business** was established by Mary Mellichampe in memory of her husband. James Hooper Mellichampe Jr., a direct descendent of William Hooper — one of North Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence — was born in High Point in 1915 and raised in Greenville, SC and Washington, D.C. He returned to High Point in 1947, where he spent the next 58 years. Hooper was employed by Pickett Cotton Mills, a company started by his maternal grandfather in the early 1900s. In 1985, he retired as secretary-treasurer and general manager of the company. He passed away in 2005 at age 90.

HPU's women's track and field team members greet Dick and Peg Vert at the dedication of the Dick and Peg Vert Track and Soccer Stadium.



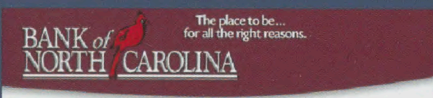
# More than \$10,000,000

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**Hooker Furniture Corporation, Inc.** of Martinsville, VA has contributed two showrooms and related real estate in High Point valued at more than \$1,000,000. When sold, the contribution will

be used toward the unrestricted building program on the High Point campus. Hooker Furniture also was a major contributor to Norton Hall and has established the J. Clyde Hooker Endowed Scholarship in support of students studying in the home furnishings and interior design curriculum.



### **The Ann and Groome Fulton Scholarship Fund** was estab-

lished by The Bank of North Carolina in 2007 in honor of its chairman W. Groome Fulton Jr. and his wife Ann. The bank has committed to continue the fund for 30 years, for a total contribution of \$600,000. The Fultons have continued to demonstrate their support for young people and education through sustained giving of not only time, but also resources to their alma maters. In 2005, the couple established a Charitable Remainder Trust that was divided among Guilford College, St. Mary's School, High Point Friends School and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund.



**Members of the High Point University Administrative Team** have pledged \$150,000 toward the university's building fund. They include: Bill Duncan, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Wellington de Sousa, Vice President for Information Technology; Andy Bills, Vice President for Enrollment; Gail Tuttle, Vice President for Student Life; Chris Dudley, Vice President for Community Relations; Don Scarborough, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Craig Keilitz, Director of Athletics; and Dennis Carroll, Vice President for Academic Affairs. A portion of their gift has been designated for classroom facilities and the development of a butterfly garden.



## **HPU Honors Lifetime Commitment of David Hayworth**

In recognition of his lifetime commitment to the University, the Board of Trustees recently voted to name College of Arts & Sciences the David R. Hayworth College of Arts & Sciences.

"We are so grateful to David Hayworth's partnership with High Point University and could think of no better tribute than to permanently secure his name within our hallowed halls," said President Nido Qubein.

"I am pleased and honored that the Board has chosen to name the School of Arts and Sciences — the heart of academics at HPU — after me," said Hayworth. "I am a strong believer in the fundamental values of educating young people and preparing them for a successful future."

The David R. Hayworth College of Arts & Sciences is the largest school at HPU, and includes many popular majors including art, biology, chemistry, communication, criminal justice, English, exercise science, history, human relations, math, modern languages, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, sociology, sport management, theater and many more. ■



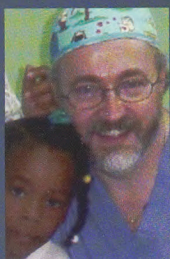
Three local businessmen and friends of HPU, who wish to remain anonymous, have donated \$600,000 in support of the university's building programs.

Alumna **Sylvia Samet** ('63) recently gave HPU an independent gift of \$100,000. Said Mrs. Samet, "I am so pleased to be able to provide this gift to HPU. My husband Norman and I have always believed in High Point University, and to be a part of the changes taking place is truly exciting."

**The Gail Ridge Brower Endowed Scholarship** was established in November 2007 through a \$26,000 bequest from Brower's estate. Brower was a resident of Asheboro; her scholarship will support students with financial need.

**Randall Johnson** of High Point, a member of the University's Board of Visitors, has made a significant long-term commitment to the Cagle-Johnson Endowed Scholarship, which he established several years ago.

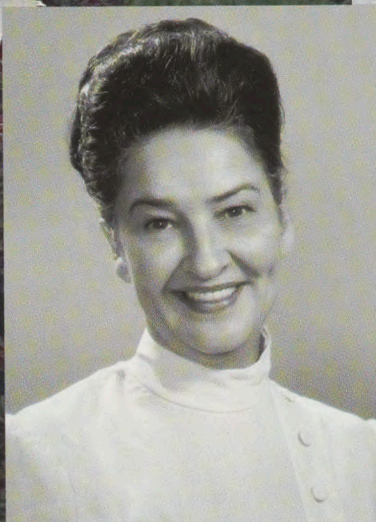
**Tony Townsend** ('70), from Lexington, NC, has made a commitment to the University's annual scholarship fund. Townsend is CEO of CE Print Solutions.



**Dr. L. Dale Williams** ('78) has made a contribution toward the purchase of biology laboratory equipment. Dr. Williams, a prominent surgeon in High Point, is the president of the University Alumni Board.

**Robert and Mary Lou Ennis** of High Point have made a generous addition to the Ennis Endowed Scholarship. Mr. Ennis is a retired automobile executive who moved from North Carolina to Florida in the late 1950s. The couple returned to North Carolina in 2005.

**Kevin DeNicola** ('76), an alumnus who serves on the University Board of Visitors, has created the E. Roy Epperson Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is in honor of Dr. Epperson, who served on the University faculty from 1966 until his retirement in 2001. Later, Dr. Epperson served as Vice President of Administration and currently is a special advisor to HPU.



## HPU Receives \$2 Million Unrestricted Gift from Estate of Pauline Hayworth

**P**auline Hayworth, who passed away Aug. 11, 2005, was a life trustee and charitable donor of High Point University. She and her husband Charles were substantial contributors to several programs and projects at HPU, including Hayworth Chapel and The Hayworth Fine Arts Center, which opened in the summer of 2002. The Pauline Theatre in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center bears her name. She was a vigorous community leader, and served on many boards. She was an active member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church and the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way of Greater High Point.

"Pauline and Charles Hayworth were two of the best friends High Point University has ever had," said President Qubein. "Their generosity to HPU continues to humble us and will be appreciated forever. We miss Pauline very much, and we will always be grateful for her legacy on our campus."

HPU is undergoing a \$225-million investment in new buildings, academic programs, student life, athletics, technology and campus improvements. The physical part of this transformation includes construction of five new buildings and two stadiums, the renovation of 16 buildings and the acquisition of 40 acres of land. ■



## More than \$10,000,000

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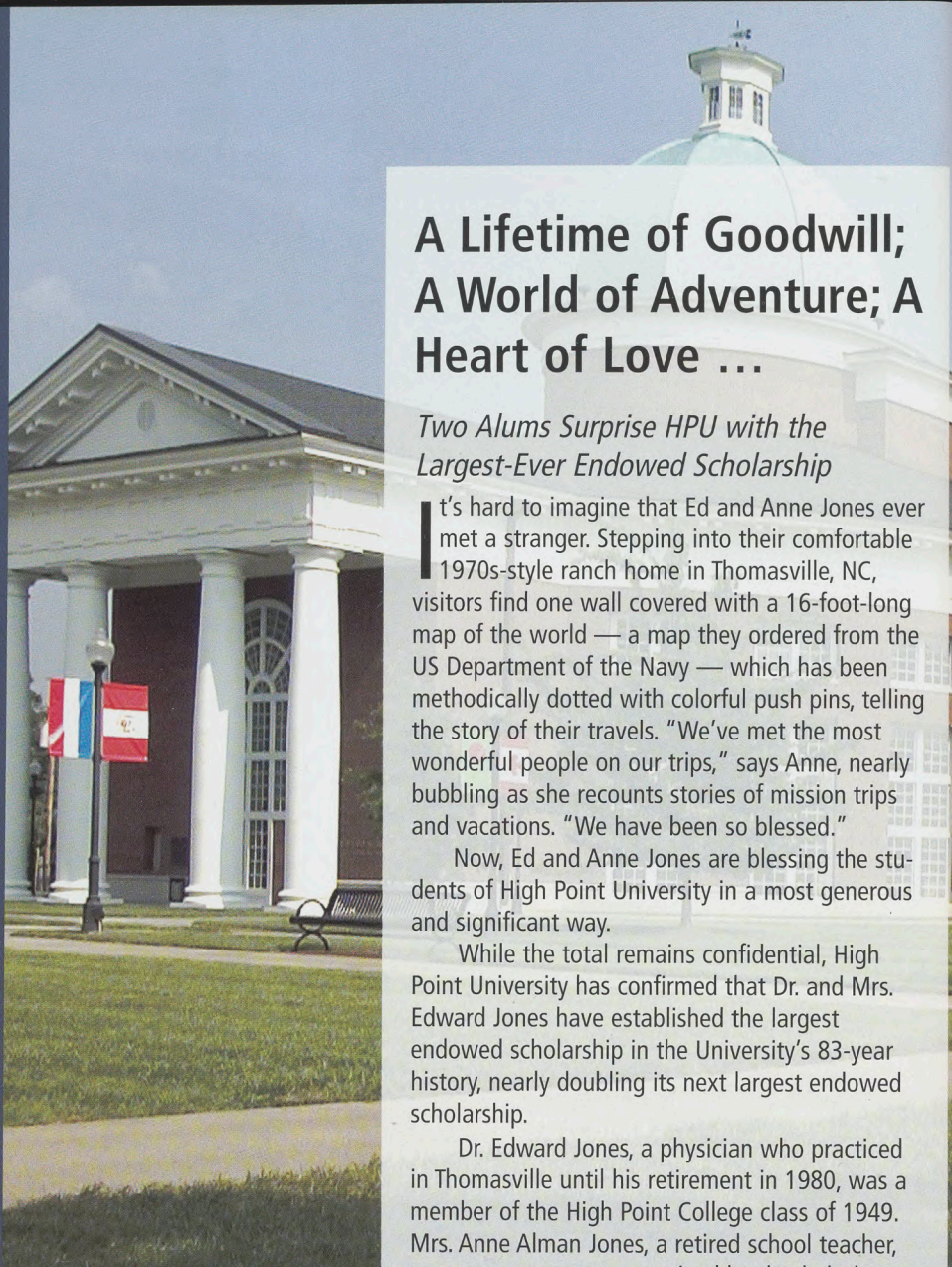
**David and Myra Faulkenberry Summers** have made provisions in their Estate Plan to establish an endowed scholarship at HPU. The Faulkenberry Summers Scholarship will be awarded to students with significant academic potential and significant demonstrated financial need.

**Tom and Shari Johnson** of Lexington, KY are set on making a substantive difference on the High Point University campus. The Johnsons have made their first major contribution toward the Slane Center in honor of their daughter, Meghan, a sophomore at HPU. Their second gift has been designated for the building fund and for student activities support.

**Fred Stone ('63)** has donated a Ludwig Professional Timpani set to the HPU Performing Arts Department. The gift was made in memory of his parents, Charlie E. and Minnie K. Stone.

**Dr. Lawrence C. and Anne Kerr Walker Jr.** of Winston-Salem have established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust for which High Point University has been named a beneficiary. These funds will provide unrestricted support for the university.

*"We are extraordinarily grateful for the faith that our friends have shown in our vision for High Point University," said President Qubein. "Without the support of our alumni and friends, the transformation of High Point University would not be possible."*



## A Lifetime of Goodwill; A World of Adventure; A Heart of Love ...

### *Two Alums Surprise HPU with the Largest-Ever Endowed Scholarship*

It's hard to imagine that Ed and Anne Jones ever met a stranger. Stepping into their comfortable 1970s-style ranch home in Thomasville, NC, visitors find one wall covered with a 16-foot-long map of the world — a map they ordered from the US Department of the Navy — which has been methodically dotted with colorful push pins, telling the story of their travels. "We've met the most wonderful people on our trips," says Anne, nearly bubbling as she recounts stories of mission trips and vacations. "We have been so blessed."

Now, Ed and Anne Jones are blessing the students of High Point University in a most generous and significant way.

While the total remains confidential, High Point University has confirmed that Dr. and Mrs. Edward Jones have established the largest endowed scholarship in the University's 83-year history, nearly doubling its next largest endowed scholarship.

Dr. Edward Jones, a physician who practiced in Thomasville until his retirement in 1980, was a member of the High Point College class of 1949. Mrs. Anne Alman Jones, a retired school teacher,

received her bachelor's degree in home economics from High Point College in 1948 and taught in the North Carolina Public School system. Both are lifetime members of the Methodist Church and Western North Carolina Conference.

"We are so grateful for the support of our loyal alumni and university friends like Ed and Anne Jones — friends who believe in our vision at HPU

and who want to support the education of deserving young students," said Dr. Don Scarborough, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

The Joneses hope this scholarship will inspire recipients to help deserving students in the future. ■





## Former U.S. President Bill Clinton Visits HPU

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton made a special stop at HPU on Friday, March 28, to campaign for his wife, Senator Hillary Clinton. Held in the new Slane Student Center, the former president's

appearance drew a record crowd from the university and community. Drawing an estimated 400 attendees, the event was a precursor to what became a very important primary for the Democratic Party. ■



## C-SPAN 2008 Campaign Bus Visits High Point University

High Point University students had the opportunity to see all the ins and outs of the 2008 election season thanks to a special visit from the C-SPAN 2008 Campaign Bus.

The bus made a stop at HPU on Feb. 20 in front of the Slane Student Center, as part of C-SPAN's 15-year-old Bus Program that was created to promote familiarization of public affairs in communities and schools across the nation.

The bus was open for HPU students to take guided tours of the studios and facilities used to cover presidential campaigns. Members of the HPU community had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the presidential campaign process.



C-SPAN's Bus Program currently has two 45-foot Campaign 2008 buses, complete with TV production units and multimedia demonstration centers, following candidates on the 2008 presidential campaign trail. Since the launch of the Campaign 2008 Bus Program in January 2007, the buses have visited nine presidential libraries, 71 universities, 18

middle schools, 77 high schools, 29 state capitals and six social studies conferences.

"Having the Campaign Bus on our campus has given HPU students a great chance to voice their opinions to a media outlet that reaches millions of voters across the United States," said Dr. Mark Setzler, chair of the Department of Political Science. ■

The C-SPAN bus rolled into campus on February 20 to a crowd of students, faculty and media.

## HPU College Democrats Spearhead Voter Registration Drive

HPU's College Democrats organized a voter registration drive in April that registered at least 430 voters before the May primary. Going to Wal-Mart, city bus stops and

the local mall, the student-led effort registered at least 300 voters at HPU, 100 at Ragsdale High School and approximately 30 at High Point Central High School.

The College Democrats camped out at Ragsdale High School for three nights and at High Point Central High School for two nights to register high school seniors.



# Admissions

## HPU's Prominence Continues to Climb

**A**t a whopping 750, it's no secret that fall 2007 saw the largest freshman class ever at HPU. What's less well known is that this was also the highest-caliber freshman class we have ever seen, boasting a mean SAT

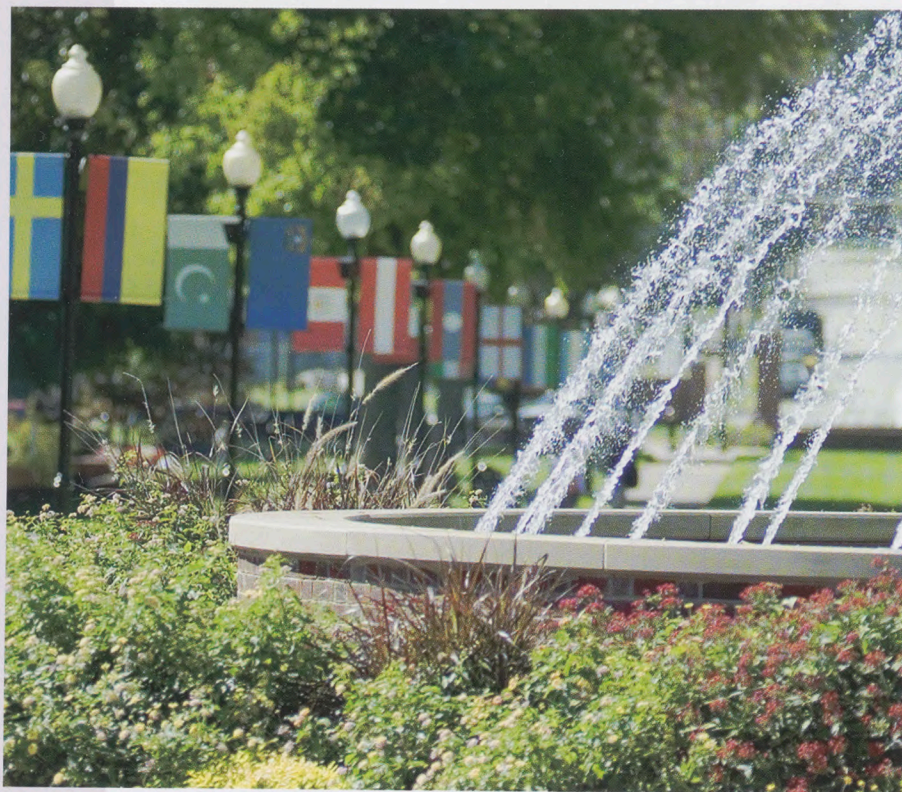
score of 32 points higher than last year's freshman class.

The size of next year's freshman class is projected to reach 900, and there's no telling where we'll go from there. The University has said it hopes to boost total tradi-

tional day student numbers from 1,500 in 2005 to 3,300 by 2010, giving HPU a total enrollment of almost 5,000 students, inclusive of Evening Degree and Graduate School students.

Where are all these new students coming from? Everywhere, says Andy Bills, Vice President for Enrollment. Seventy-three percent of this year's freshmen were from out of state, and a huge number of interested students applied for Early Decision or Early Action, which all took place prior to last Thanksgiving. Because of those numbers, the admissions department implemented earlier dates for Early Action, Early Decision and Final Deadline this year.

Why are they coming? We know that HPU is extraordinary and that the word is getting out. This year, HPU jumped up nine spots and was ranked No. 6 among Comprehensive Colleges in the South in the 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report. ■



## HPU Jumps Nine Spots in Ranking of Top N.C. Colleges in U.S. News & World Report

**H**PU earned the No. 6 spot among Baccalaureate Colleges in the South in the 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report, the nation's leading source of service journalism and news.

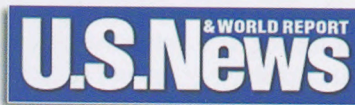
"Going from the No. 15 spot to No. 6 is extraordinary

indeed and adds to our national standing," said Dr. Jeff Adams, Director of Institutional Assessment. "This ranking is indicative of the forward momentum that High Point University has seen

over the past two years."

High Point University is the only North Carolina school ranked in the top 10

among comprehensive southern colleges and universities. ■





## HPU Backdrop in Fortune Magazine Ad

**Dreams don't retire.™**



**Retirement is not a rocking chair you surrender to.**

No way. Retirement is about second acts. Third acts, too. Whether your dream is to take a few classes or teach a few classes, your generation is redefining retirement. That's why we're redefining financial planning with our Dream > Plan > Track > approach, which begins with your dreams, not numbers. Dream > Plan > Track > is an ongoing process where, together, you and an Ameriprise financial advisor will define your dream, develop your plan and track your progress—making sure your dreams and your retirement plans are one and the same. Get started today by calling 1-800-Ameriprise or visit [ameriprise.com](http://ameriprise.com) to schedule a conversation with one of our personal financial advisors.

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Attached to a letter from HPU alum Robert W. Combs ('55) last summer was a page from Fortune Magazine. The letter included these words:

*"You may already be aware that in the current issue of Fortune Magazine [July 2007] is an ad for Ameriprise Financial. As soon as I saw it, I immediately recognized Roberts Hall and Cox Library [now Wrenn Hall], and the dorm in the background. I checked further in the HPU Magazine to make sure that I was correct, and there it is! Our campus is displayed in this very fine magazine."*

Friends, this is further proof that the transformation of HPU is getting the attention of the world. People are noticing ... in record numbers. Embrace the love!

## HPU Featured in New Book on Customer Service

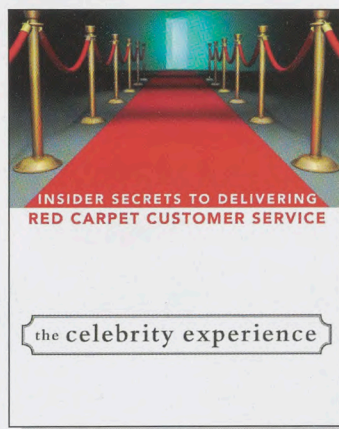
High Point University is helping set a new standard in customer service. The *Celebrity Experience: Insider Secrets to Delivering Red-Carpet Service* is a new book on the subject in which the author, Donna Cutting, has researched and chosen the nation's top organizations that model excellence in customer service.

In the book, Cutting shows how every organization, regardless of its business or budget, can create a red-carpet experience and turn its customers into adoring fans by sharing behind-the-scenes stories and helpful hands-on advice. Cutting, a stage actress turned business-writer-speaker-consultant, handpicked HPU —

among organizations from around the United States — as a place that is setting a stellar example of customer service.

"We want our students to have every opportunity possible," said Roger Clodfelter, Director of WOW! "We care about them; we listen to them. Everyone at HPU is committed to ensuring an extraordinary student experience."

That statement is true not only for those currently at HPU, but for prospective students as well. The university provides all-star treat-



ment, right down to parking spaces that are personalized for each visitor — a prime example of the book's message on the importance of customer service. The publication also discusses best practices and service secrets, ways that "regular" companies are becoming

service stars and boosting their top and bottom lines, steps for getting started — including how to help develop a service strategy — and more. ■





# "Think BIG"

## Professors Granted Project Funding Thanks to "Think Big" Awards

Thanks to the Think Big Awards, Dr. Jane Bowser and Dr. Aaron Titus — both HPU faculty members — have been granted funding for projects that will help continue HPU's tradition of educational excellence.

Think Big Awards represent a one-time allocation of funds awarded on a competitive basis to exceptional faculty projects that enhance student learning and enrich the broader academic community. The grants encourage faculty to imagine and design innovative, creative and engaging approaches to student learning.

Bowser, from the School of Education, received \$34,254 for her project, titled "Center for 21st Century Teaching Methodologies." Her project will train teachers and student teachers in the application of technology to inquiry-based teaching and learning. Inquiry-based teaching focuses on helping students develop problem-solving skills.

"For example, rather than studying scientists and their discoveries, students will learn the scientific method of inquiry-based discovery; they will do the science," says Dr. Carole Stoneking, Dean of the David R. Hayworth College of Arts and Sciences at HPU. "This type of learning is much more interac-



# Grants Nurture Creativity

tive and experiential, and geared toward the 21st-century student's learning style. Moreover, Dr. Bowser's center will offer staff development opportunities for our entire faculty, thereby extending inquiry-based teaching and learning to all of our classrooms. Dr. Bowser's project will impact every student in the School of Education, as well as already-licensed teachers throughout North Carolina."

Titus, from the Department of Chemistry and Physical Science, received \$19,901 for his project, titled "Podcasting

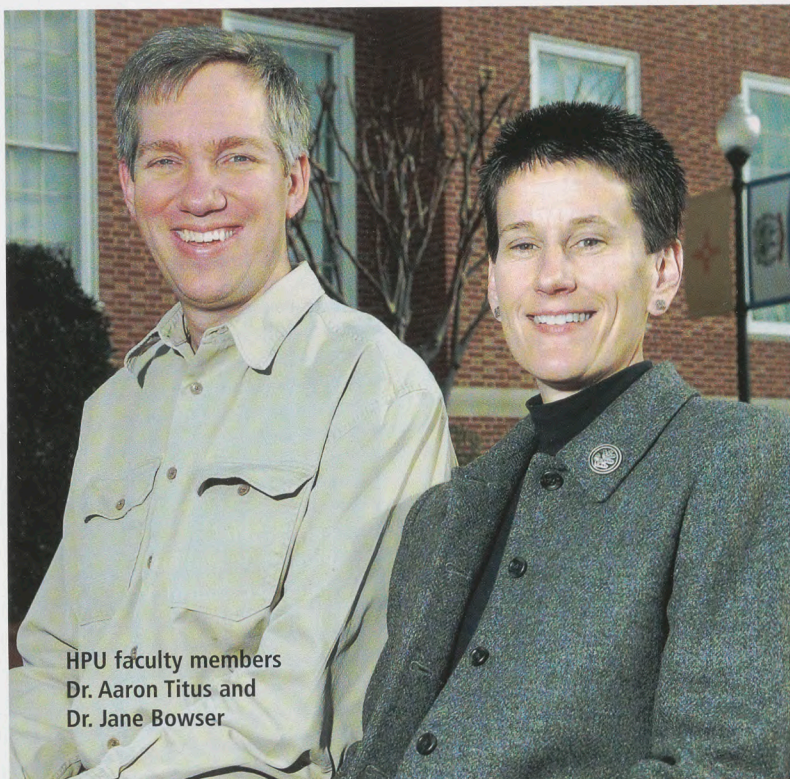
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Physics — Solving Problems." His project will improve students' problem-solving skills in physics by developing an online



HPU faculty members  
Dr. Aaron Titus and  
Dr. Jane Bowser

database of problems and solutions. Videos and animations of problem solutions accompanied by voice-overs describing the thinking process will be available on iTunes for downloading to an iPod. Solutions will also be available to professors and students from other schools, and the project's results will be disseminated at professional conferences and online through the National Science Digital Library. The result would be an "online solution manual."

"If this project — using student-friendly technology — is successful, the production scheme and online application

can easily be extended not only to other science courses, but to courses in other disciplines." Stoneking says.

"As one can tell from these winning proposals, the focus of the Think Big program is innovative teaching and learning," Stoneking adds. "The significance of these awards extends far beyond the projects themselves; the program speaks of High Point University's deep commitment to providing students with an extraordinary education."

Both Dr. Bowser and Dr. Titus plan to present and publish the results of their work. ■



## Dedications



## Groundbreakings

### Phillips Hall Opens; Dedication Brings the Prominent of the Business Community

It was a virtual "Who's Who" of the Triad business community on the evening of September 4, 2007, as hundreds of business leaders, community leaders, prominent political figures, media representatives and other friends gathered to celebrate the dedication of HPU's opulent new center for business learning. Phillips Hall, underwritten in part by a lead gift from Earl N. "Phil" Phillips, Jr. and his children, officially became the new home for the Earl N. Phillips School of Business at High Point University.

Phillips Hall is a 27,000-square-foot structure housing classrooms, computer labs, study rooms, boardrooms and faculty offices. It features tiered lecture rooms, a spacious auditorium and conference rooms, and is modeled after some of the greatest business schools in the country.

"We have built a state-of-the-art business school to bring High Point University's most popular major to a new level," says President Nido Qubein. "We are eternally grateful for the generosity of our friend, Phil Phillips, whose name we are proud and honored to have on this important building."

Born in High Point, Phillips is the



Earl N. "Phil"  
Phillips, Jr. and his  
daughter, Courtney  
Phillips Hyder



Preparing for the official dedication:  
(l to r) HPU President Dr. Nido Qubein,  
Courtney Phillips Hyder, Phil Phillips, Jr.,  
and HPU Board Chair Mrs. Marsha Slane.

son of Earl N. Phillips, Sr., for whom the High Point University School of Business was named in 1973.

In 1972, he co-founded and was president and chief executive officer of First Factors Corporation, a financial services company, which was acquired by GE Capital in 1998. He was a partner in Showplace, Hamilton Properties and Phillips Interests, all real estate development and management companies specializing in home furnishings showrooms and offices in High Point.

In 2002, Phillips was appointed by President George W. Bush as United States Ambassador to the Eastern Caribbean serving the seven-island nations of Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis and Grenada. ■



## HPU Dedicates the Steele Sports Center

On Monday, August 13, 2007, the HPU family gathered for the official dedication of the Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center.

"Our university is committed to NCAA Division I athletics," said Craig Keilitz, Athletic Director, "and this center provides current and future student-athletes with a top-notch facility."

The Steele Sports Center is a 27,301-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility which houses the athletic director, sports marketing department and ticket/business office. It also contains a weight room, athletic training room, meeting room and academic study area, plus locker rooms for various university teams, visiting teams, coaches' offices and locker rooms for game officials.

The Carter Holbrook Room will serve as a reception area. The entry lobby boasts a display area highlighting all of the university's athletic teams and honoring the building's namesakes, longtime Panthers coaches Jerry and Kitty Steele.

Jerry and Kitty Steele made an indelible mark on this university through their devotion to students and to this institution. It is only fitting that this spectacular facility be named in their honor.

Together, the Steeles served for 51 years at High Point University. Jerry Steele announced his retirement from coaching in 2003 after his 31st season as head coach of the men's basketball team. Under his leader-



ship, the Panthers netted eight conference championships. Kitty Steele coached tennis and field hockey at HPU for 20 years, winning 12 conference championships and being named conference and district coach of the year 12 times before retiring in 1996. ■

## Crowder Field Re-Dedicated

Originally dedicated in 1975 in honor of John Crowder, an avid supporter of HPU athletics, Crowder Intramural Field was re-dedicated on October 27, 2007. It is located between the Steele Cen-

ter and the Millis Center. John Crowder's enthusiasm and competitive spirit set a high standard for all athletes at HPU, and his spirit lives on through this memorial field. ■

## HPU Dedicates Spectacular New Track and Soccer Stadium

Amid a large crowd of student-athletes, community leaders, local sport dignitaries and media, HPU dedicated the Dick and Peg Vert Track and Soccer Stadium on August 31.

Vert Stadium, which honors alumni and longtime supporters Dick and Peg Vert, includes a regulation soccer field, outdoor concourse, streamlined concession area, media center, eight-lane Ike Belk Track, comfortable stadium seating, ticket booth and premium club seating.

"High Point University is extraordinarily blessed to have such generous friends and alumni as the Verts," said President Nido Qubein. "Their continued support over the years has been significant to the success of our transformation for this university."

Dick Vert, a 1960 graduate, and Peg Vert, 1961, met and fell in love at HPU.



Mrs. Peg Vert, Dr. Dick Vert, Dr. Nido Qubein, Mrs. Marsha Slane, Dr. Woody Gibson

Their fondness for the school is made evident each year through their continued support – they fund five full track scholarships and have made several significant

unrestricted donations.

While a student here, Dick was on the track and cross country teams and was the NAIA Division 26 two-mile champion for 1959. The couple left High Point for Maryland and both became teachers. After 29 years in education, Dick changed careers and now serves as senior vice president, investments and financial advisor with Legg Mason, a division of Smith Barney. Peg is retired after 20 years in elementary and special education and teaches piano from home.

"We are so honored to have our name associated with athletics at HPU," says Dick Vert, who is a member of the Board of Trustees and comes back to campus often. "We both have such fond memories of High Point and are proud to be a part of all the wonderful changes going on there." ■



# *Best and Brightest Shine with Scholarships*

It's no secret that top-notch students are coming to High Point University in large numbers. Some of these outstanding students compete for academic merit scholarships. In the 2007-2008 academic year, the university awarded more than \$9,000,000 from university resources, excluding millions that may have been granted directly to students from outside sources.

Following is a list of just a few of our prestigious scholarships. It is our hope to inspire more friends to step up to help deserving students, to encourage students to compete for these scholarships, and to join together in the education of our students.

## *Keller Family Scholarship*

Established in 2006 by Rosemary Keller in memory of her late husband Tom, the two Keller Family Scholarships are now the university's top academic awards, as they fund full tuition and fees for two incoming freshmen each year.

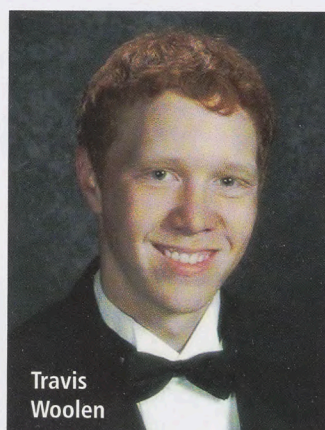
"It's a privilege to offer these scholarships in memory of my husband who was a scholarship recipient many years ago," said Rosemary Keller.

The recipients of the inaugural Keller Family Scholarships are freshmen Amy Reynal and Travis Woolen.

Amy Reynal is a native of Frederick, MD, and plans to major in exercise science. She graduated at the top of her class at Middletown High School and maintained a 4.0 GPA in honors and advanced classes.



Amy Reynal



Travis Woolen

Woolen, of Kernersville, NC, graduated seventh in his class at East Forsyth High School with a 3.8 GPA, also in honors and advanced classes. He plans to major in biology or chemistry at HPU.

"High Point University is thrilled to welcome

these two extraordinary young people to our academy," said Dr. Hal Warlick, friend of the Keller family. "We are extremely grateful to the Keller family for their generosity, which allows us to award the very best, such as Amy and Travis, our top academic award, the prestigious Keller Scholarship."

Both Rosemary and Tom Keller (who passed away in September 2006 after a career as an industry pioneer and world-renowned freelance furniture designer) have always been generous supporters of HPU. ■



## Presidential Scholarship Program

The Presidential Scholarship Program at High Point University was inaugurated in 1976 in order to recognize and encourage entering freshmen who, during their high school careers, demonstrated

outstanding achievement, good citizenship, strong leadership and exceptional scholarship. All are awarded annually on a competitive basis to entering freshmen.

The Presidential Scholarship Program supports:

- University Fellows - Full tuition, renewable with 3.5 or higher GPA. Potential total value: more than \$72,000
- Presidential Scholars - \$7,000, renewable with 3.0 or higher GPA. Potential total value: \$28,000
- Leadership Scholars - \$3,000, renewable with 3.0 or higher GPA. Potential total value: \$12,000.
- Presidential Fellows - \$12,000, renewable with 3.25 or higher GPA. Potential total value: \$48,000
- Leadership Fellows - \$5,000, renewable with 3.0 or higher GPA. Potential total value: \$20,000, and

Students wishing to pursue one of these awards must fill out an extensive application as well as sit for an interview during Presidential Scholarship Weekend. ■

## Bob Brown Scholarship

A collaboration between High Point University and the United Way of Greater High Point, the Bob Brown Scholarship was established in 2006 to make a higher education possible for at-risk students in the greater High Point area who are involved, either as a volunteer or client, with a United Way agency.

Each year, one incoming freshman is awarded the \$5,000 annual scholarship to HPU, which is renewable for four consecutive years, for a total of \$20,000. It is named in honor of Robert J. Brown, a native of High Point and founder of the premier consulting group, B & C Associates. He has worked with notable leaders such as Robert Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, Jr. Brown also founded South African BookSmart Foundation, which supports public relations, civil



rights, emergency preparedness and daycare in third-world countries. "We are proud to have the good name of Bob Brown so closely associated with High Point University," said Dr. Qubein. Kara Dixon, a 2007 graduate of High Point Central High School, is the recipient of the \$5,000 annual scholarship. Dixon has been involved with the Girl Scouts for more than 10 years. She plans to major in interior design. ■



(l to r) HPU President Dr. Nido Qubein, High Point United Way President Bobby Smith, scholarship winner Kara Dixon, B & C Associates President Bob Brown.



## Wachovia Scholars

**A** conscientious corporate partner, Wachovia recently wanted to lend a hand to address the critical shortage of teachers in our area and has teamed up with our School of Education to create the Wachovia Scholars Program.

Through the program, High Point University will receive \$250,000 from the Wachovia Foundation over a three-year period for scholarships for traditional day students in the School of Education.

"We are so pleased about this opportunity," said Mariann Tillery, Dean of the School of Education at High Point University. "We deeply appreciate the Wachovia Foundation providing us the ability to truly make an impact on the future of teacher education in North Carolina."

"We have an obligation as an institution of higher learning to address the critical need for teachers," said Dr. Dennis Carroll, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "With the Wachovia Foundation's help, we are doing just that. This is the beginning of an extraordinary partnership that we envision lasting a very long time."

"At Wachovia, we believe that every child is entitled to a high-quality education," said Paul Benz, High Point Market President for Wachovia. "By partnering with a great institution like High Point University, we can focus our giving on an area experts say is key to creating positive change in the classroom — teacher quality."

The Wachovia Scholars at High Point University are selected based on financial need, academic merit, and an interest in middle or secondary education in math or science — areas in which teachers are in the highest demand.

The money is awarded to 12 carefully selected freshmen who receive \$1,000 toward tuition; 12 sophomores who receive \$2,000; three juniors who receive \$4,000; and one senior who receives \$5,000. Scholars who remain and progress in the School of Education are eligible to renew their scholarship each year for more money — \$1,000, \$2,000, \$4,000 and \$5,000, respectively. ■



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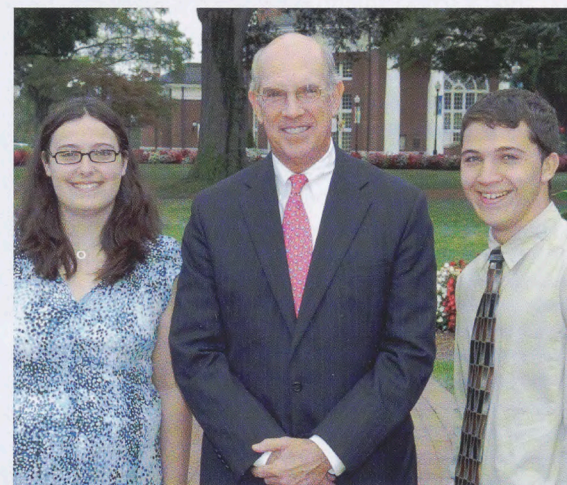
## High Point Bank Scholarships

**I**n celebration of its 100th anniversary, High Point Bank established four \$5,000 scholarships for five years, which are awarded to students residing in the Triad area.

The inaugural recipients — one from each class — were selected in fall 2007 by the university (with final selections approved by the bank) based on financial need and academic qualifications. The funds are reserved for residents of Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson and Randolph counties, and the scholarships are automatically renewable upon successful completion of studies. The scholarships will be awarded for five years at \$20,000 per year.

This year, recipients of the High Point Bank Scholarships are: Kasey Luther, a junior from Randolph County studying for a degree in exercise science; Lisa McKinney, a senior from Davidson County who is completing her degree in psychology; David Perez, a freshman from Guilford County and a recent graduate of Southern Guilford High School who plans to study international business; and Nichole Poteat, a sophomore from Forsyth County pursuing a degree in business management.

"As High Point's University, we are honored to partner with High Point Bank to make a top-notch education available to local students," said President Nido Qubein.



Scholarship winners Nichole Poteat and David Perez with High Point Bank President Charles Myers. (Also awarded scholarships this year but not pictured here are Kasey Luther and Lisa McKinney.)

"Through partnerships like this, we are determined to brand High Point as a city that works together to make great things happen." ■

HIGH POINT BANK



## *Patrick H. Norton Scholarship*

**P**atrick H. Norton, whose name graces the building in which High Point University houses its furniture program, has been a longstanding trustee and faithful friend to HPU, having pledged a total of \$3 million to HPU over the years.

On the occasion of his 70th birthday nearly 15 years

ago, he and the executives at La-Z-Boy established an endowed scholarship at HPU in Norton's name which today boasts assets of \$800,000.

Norton was the lead donor for the building of Norton Hall, and he was pivotal in the establishment of the Knabusch-Shoemaker International School of Home Furnishings and Design. ■

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## *EDP Educational Enhancement Scholarships*

**E**stablished in fall 2006, the 100 Evening Degree Program Educational Enhancement Scholarships are worth \$1,000 each and were the first — and only — scholarships for EDP students.

"We are thrilled to offer these scholarships to our most deserving students," said Dr. Dennis Carroll, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Our Evening Degree Program students

have always represented us well in the community and we are pleased to have these funds to support them."

"Our Evening Degree Program provides the tools necessary for working professionals to earn a college degree, and for many, these scholarships will make that dream a reality," said Dr. Dennis Carroll. "We are proud to be the first institution to provide 100 scholarships for nontraditional students." ■

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## *The Ann and Groome Fulton Scholarship Fund in Business*

**B**ank of North Carolina has established the Ann and Groome Fulton Scholarship Fund at High Point University in honor of its chairman, W. Groome Fulton, Jr. and his wife, Ann.

The inaugural recipients — one from each class — must have either declared or intend to declare a major in one of the eligible academic departments of the Phillips School of Business: accounting, finance and economics; and management and marketing, and will receive \$5,000 each. The scholarships are renewable each year, provided recipients meet minimum GPA requirements, remain in the business school and demonstrate and maintain a clear social record. The bank has committed to continue the fund for 30 years, for a total contribution of \$600,000.

"We are so grateful to Bank of North Carolina for its partnership in the education of our best and brightest busi-

ness students," said Dr. Don Scarborough, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

"Bank of North Carolina is proud to be affiliated with HPU in the education of future businessmen and businesswomen," said Swope Montgomery, Bank of North Carolina president. "The Fultons have always demonstrated their support of young people and education through sustained giving of time and resources to their respective alma maters."

Among their philanthropic efforts, the Fultons established a Charitable Remainder Trust in 2005 to be divided among the following beneficiaries: Guilford College, St. Mary's School, High Point Friends School, and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund. Groome Fulton is a founding director and chairman of the Board of Directors of Bank of North Carolina. ■

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## *The Qubein Scholars*

**T**he Qubein Foundation has granted more than 600 scholarships over the years to High Point area high school students who attend North Carolina institutions. To date, the Foundation has granted more than

\$4,000,000 in scholarship awards. High Point University is the recipient of as many as eight of these scholarship recipients each year. Awards are granted on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. ■



# The Charles E. Hayworth, Sr. Chapel:

## Hayworth Chapel Celebrates a Birthday

*Continuing a Rich History of Optimism, Hope and Faith to HPU*

On Wednesday, November 7, 2007, the Charles E. Hayworth, Sr. Memorial Chapel celebrated a very special day with a very special service. The Chapel turned 35 years old.

Among the honored guests were Mr. David Hayworth, brother of Charles E. Hayworth, Jr. and son of Charles E. Hayworth, Sr. and the Chapel's namesake, and Mr. Linwood Davis, member of the Hayworth Foundation, which oversees the funding, maintenance and needs of the Chapel.

Music for the event was provided by the HPU Chapel Choir and the Women's Choir from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The Hayworth Chapel was completed and occupied on November 7, 1972. Charles E. Hayworth, Jr. approved funds for the construction and named it in honor of his father, whom he lost at a young age.

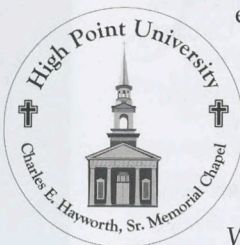
Charles, Jr. and his wife, Pauline, also established a fund to maintain the facility and provide for all its equipment needs.

In August 1989, with the coming of the current Dean of the Chapel, Dr. Hal Warlick, weekly services were moved to Wednesday evenings and an all-

student Board of Stewards was created to help plan and run the services.

In 1990, Charles and Pauline Hayworth established another special fund to provide ongoing support for the program and activity needs of the Chapel. Charles E. Hayworth, Jr. was laid to eternal rest in January 1994, and Pauline Hayworth died in August 2005. The Hayworth legacy continues to be felt through the many contributions of David Hayworth, son of Charles, Sr., and brother to Charles, Jr. David's recent contributions built David Hayworth Hall onto the Chapel and provided the chandeliers in the Chapel sanctuary.

We are fortunate to have such a vital program at HPU, and look forward to the next 35 years of uplifting programs from our Chapel. ■



Special guests for the Charles E. Hayworth Chapel 35th Anniversary Celebration included: (l to r) Mr. Linwood Davis, Dr. Nido Qubein, Mr. David Hayworth, Dr. Hal Warlick.

## 100,000 People Attend Chapel Services

On October 21, 2007, Sierra Wilson, a sophomore from Parkton, MD, walked through the doors of the Hayworth Chapel and became the 100,000th person to attend a Wednesday evening worship service since HPU began offering them 1989. Inside the Chapel, Robert Combs ('92) waited; he was the very first student to attend a Wednesday evening worship service in the Chapel in 1989. To commemorate the event, Dr. Hal Warlick, Dean of the Chapel, presented both with a photograph of the Chapel during the 35th Anniversary celebration. ■

## Yale Professor Served HPU as Keller Scholar

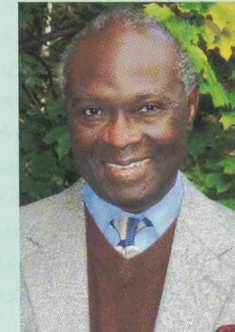
Dr. Lamin Sanneh, the D. Willis James Professor of Missions and World Christianity at Yale University, served as the Keller Visiting Scholar for March 2008.

Lamin Sanneh, a naturalized U.S. citizen, is descended from the nyanchos, an ancient African royal house, and was educated on four continents. He spent several years studying classical Arabic and Islam, including a stint in the Middle East, and working with the churches in Africa and with international organizations concerned with international

religious issues. He received his Ph.D. in Islamic History at the University of London in 1974.

He was a professor at Harvard University for eight years before moving to Yale University in 1989. A prolific writer, Dr. Sanneh has authored several best-selling works on Christian-Muslim dialogue.

Dr. Sanneh conducted the week-long Keller Seminar for HPU students and participated in the 2008 Bishops' Convocation for Clergy, delivering the Finch Lecture. ■



High Point University  
Board of Advisors to the Chapel

Back row, l to r  
Chris Fitzgerald, Bill Wheeler, Bob Ferguson, Carl Motsinger, Robert Combs, C.M. Worthy, Gary Royals, Jerry Harper

2nd row, l to r  
Bishop Tom Stockton, James Stitt, Barry Kitley, Kenneth Broman-Fulks, Christie Young, Seth Carter, Allen Goedeke, Clint Corcoran

3rd row, l to r  
Hal Warlick, Akin Akinade, Ray Luther, Glenn Busch, Jessie Keaton, Heather Magaha, Christie Harris, Rosemary Keller, Alyssa Johnson

4th row, l to r  
Barbara Collins, Gart Evans, Jean Stockton, Betty Morgan, Howard Allred, Carter Holbrook, Edna Johnson, Jenny Ferguson, Ashley Rich

Front row, l to r  
Cherylle Deal, Shannon LeFever, Anita Bowman, Patsy Womack, Dot Rountree, Carol Tertzagian, Kristy Dudley



## Chapel Dean Publishes Inspirational Sermons

If you're looking for some inspiration and words of wisdom, look no further than Dr. Hal Warlick, who recently published a collection of sermons, entitled *"You Can't Keep a Good God Down: Messages of Hope and Inspiration from a University Chapel."*

Warlick, Dean of the Chapel at High Point University, produced the publication with the editorial assistance of Shannon LeFever, coordinator of chapel programs at HPU, and Dr. Bobby Hayes, assistant professor of English. The book, made possible by a bequest from the estate of Pauline Hayworth, contains sermons that were delivered to students in the university chapel. Warlick's lifelong friend,

Robert Blocker, Henry and Lucy Moses Dean of Music at Yale University, wrote the book's foreword.

Warlick says he wrote the book as a way to share his findings about discussing God with young adults. "Some may not imagine hope and inspiration to be proper fare in these days for addressing college students about God," Warlick writes in the book's preface. "Yet the past eighteen years of preaching to large congregations of eager young listeners have proved to me that those lives can and do willingly embrace — and are shaped by — enduring biblical truths."

Individual copies of the book are available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers on the HPU campus. ■



## Religion Department Honor Society Brings Students New Opportunities

High Point University religion students now have the chance to gain national attention thanks to a newly installed honor society, Theta Alpha Kappa.

The HPU Religion Department was granted a chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa, the National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology. The chapter, established in 1976, exists in 230 colleges and universities nationwide.

Faculty sponsor Dr. Phil Norwood says the Religion Department is thrilled with the new opportunity. "Our membership will enable outstanding religion majors to receive recognition for their exceptional work," Norwood says.

Exceptional work could garner students exciting opportunities provided by the honor society. Students have the chance to receive national recognition as an outstanding student in the area of Religion and Theology as well as recognition by the Religion Department at HPU. Those involved will also have the chance to receive national awards and scholarships, opportunities to publish in the "Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa," and will receive invitations to national conferences and lectures for the study of Religion and Theology.

The new chapter will induct its first class in April. ■

## Spring 2008 Offering to Help Rebuild Eastern Guilford High School Library

A fire at Eastern Guilford High School in November 2006 started in a second-floor chemistry classroom that was reported to be empty. A teacher spotted the fire, tried to put it out with an extinguisher, then pulled the alarm as flames worsened. School officials' early optimism for saving the building disappeared as sections of the roof ignited, sending towering plumes of smoke into the air. Outside walls soon collapsed. The building and all its contents were destroyed.

The HPU Board of Stewards elected to donate the total offerings from the spring 2008 Chapel Worship services to the rebuilding of the school's library. Books, media equipment and all furnishings must be replaced, and since Eastern Guilford High School is located within 20 miles of the High Point University campus, the Stewards decided this was a most worthwhile local cause for students and community to support.

"The fire affected so many ... even students who attend High Point University. It will be good to see the impact that our offering will have on the lives of people here," said Laura Wyant (Pilot Mountain, NC), Board of Stewards member.

Last spring, more than \$5,000 was donated by worshippers and given to Dream Ministries, a healthcare ministry in the Dominican Republic served by High Point community members and HPU alums. ■



## HPU Holds Special Service to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**H**PU welcomed the Rev. Dr. John Kinney, Dean of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA, as the guest speaker for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

The service included a welcome from Dr. Qubein, music from the Genesis Gospel Choir under the direction of HPU student Natacia



HPU's Genesis Gospel Choir, under the direction of HPU student Natacia Graves, provided special music for the service.

Graves, and special guest soprano Dr. Louise Toppin, a critically acclaimed operatic, orchestral and oratorio performer.

"We honor this presence," said the Rev. Dr. Kinney, speaking of King and his legacy. "He changed the rules. Sometimes the only way you can know the truth is not to keep the rules but to change the rules."

"Most of us make things harvest-or-flood," Kinney continued, referring to Joshua 3:14-17, the focus of his sermon, "Trouble in My Way." "You can have a harvest despite your flood; you have to have the capacity to speak the promise even in the flood."

Kinney, who received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall University in West Virginia, a Master of Arts degree from Virginia Union University of Theology and a Doctorate of Philosophy from



Dr. John Kinney, Dean of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA, was guest speaker for this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

Columbia University Union Theological Seminary in New York, is involved in numerous research activities, and his writings are included in several publications. ■

## Students Support 118 Needy Children through Project Angel Tree

**D**uring the last Christmas season, High Point University's Board of Stewards — the student board of the Hayworth Chapel — provided Christmas gifts for 118 needy children in the High Point area through a program called Project Angel Tree. These gifts were provided with the entire \$6,000 in offerings collected at Chapel services during the fall semester.

The Board of Stewards, comprised of 25 HPU students who dedicate time and effort to the work of the Hayworth Chapel, shopped for the gifts. They then loaded them in trucks, brought them back to the University, packaged them and delivered them to the Salvation Army for distribution to the families.

The Stewards are responsible for the ecumenical worship services conducted in the Chapel and meet weekly with the Dean of the Chapel to plan worship services. They write prayers, usher, collect and dis-



Heather Troiano, Jenn Hastings, Dale Tonkins

tribute offerings, participate in each service and serve a meal to those who gather after services in the fellowship hall. Stewards designate Chapel offerings and conduct drives such as the Angel Tree program to collect clothing and other items for worthy causes. Thanks to the generosity of the Charles E. and Pauline L. Hayworth Foundation, Stewards receive a special service scholarship for their senior year.

The Board of Stewards would like to extend their thanks to those who attended Wednesday evening Chapel services and for their contributions to the Angel Tree Fund. ■



# History Comes Alive as Prominent Figures Take Residence on Campus

The inspiration is undeniable. Aristotle ... Earhart ... Twain. And the beauty is unmistakable. Shakespeare ... Jefferson ... King. That's what students and visitors to the Kester International Promenade at High Point University feel when they see the new sculptures that reside there. These eight life-size sculptures of historical figures — including Martin Luther King, Jr., Aristotle, John Wesley, Amelia Earhart, William Shakespeare,

Thomas Jefferson, Mark Twain and Marie Curie — were commissioned by HPU and created by internationally known sculptor Jon Hair, the same sculptor responsible for HPU's two 18-ft bronze Prowling Panthers, the 7-ton Atlas Kneeling, and Victory, the eagle perched outside Smith Library.

These unique sculptures represent the university's commitment to provide students with outstanding learning opportunities, and

while they are visually pleasing, they represent a deeper meaning. Martin Luther King, Jr., for instance, represents advocacy of equality; John Wesley represents HPU's Methodist roots. Each figure was carefully selected to complement the growing university.

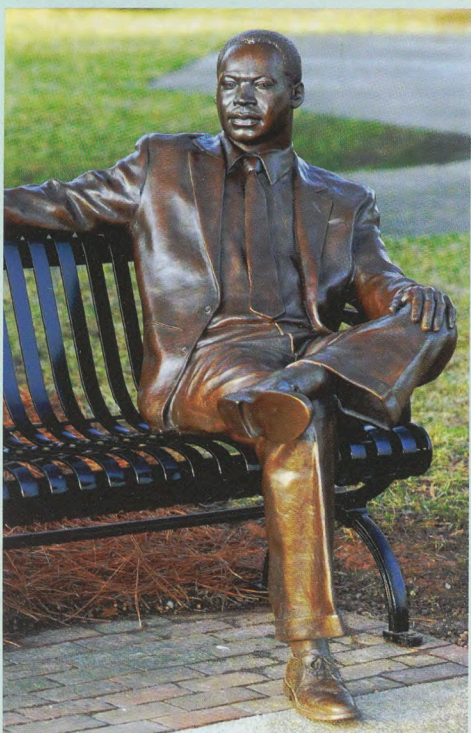
"These magnificent sculptures will add significant appeal to our growing campus," said President Nido Qubein. "High Point University students will be inspired to impact their community in extraordinary ways, much as these historical figures did." ■



John Wesley



Aristotle



Martin Luther King, Jr.



Amelia Earhart

## Life Lessons in Bronze

The new statues on the Kester International Promenade are more than artwork; they are intended to teach. Here's the message they speak to all who pass:

- Martin Luther King, Jr.: advocacy of equality
- John Wesley: HPU's Methodist roots
- Aristotle: wisdom and logic
- Amelia Earhart: great reward requires great risk
- William Shakespeare: artistic expression
- Thomas Jefferson: service to country and to fellow man
- Mark Twain: finding humanity through humor; self expression
- Marie Curie: discovery through determination and innovation



# Student News

## HPU Students Perform in Scranton; Bring Musical to Life

From November 28 to December 16, 2007, a new musical — written and directed by HPU Theatre Professor Ed Simpson — was performed by a professional theatre troupe at The Northeast Theatre in Scranton, PA. Just a few months earlier, however, it was five High Point University students on the same stage, in the same theatre, in the same city, who helped Ed Simpson “work out the kinks” of

his musical during a summer workshop performance of *The Amazing Goldin*.

The students involved in the workshop were Tony Starner, Jacki Marano, Adam Utley, Gabe Herlinger (2007 graduate) and Karen Grim (2007 graduate). The professors were Ed Simpson and Doug Brown (adjunct).

The *Amazing Goldin* started off as “Episode 1” of the radio series *Electric City Suite*. The musical was developed at HPU during the spring 2007 semester as part of a unique partnership between HPU and The Northeast Theatre. Last spring, composer Liz Feller visited HPU on two different occasions, working with a cast comprised of HPU students and faculty, working with professor Ed Simpson to “fold” the music and lyrics into the developing

script. This partnership culminated in the HPU cast rehearsing this early version of the script in High Point before traveling to Scranton to perform the workshop of the play in June.

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Said Simpson, “This remarkable group of HPU students, faculty and Scranton artists worked very hard to help bring this new theatrical piece to life. It was a unique, terrific experience for us all.” ■



HPU students Tony Starner, Jacki Marano, Gabe Herlinger and Karen Grim, former HPU professor Patti Walker, student Adam Utley, HPU professors Ed Simpson and Doug Brown, and professional composer/lyricist Liz Feller pose in front of the poster for *The Amazing Goldin* — the musical they performed at the Northeast Theatre in Scranton, PA last summer.

## Computer Science Majors Show Their Competitive Side

Students at High Point University never take a challenge lightly. That’s especially true for 12 computer science majors who recently competed in the regional round of the 32nd ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest at Duke University.

While battling more than 140 teams from prestigious universities from the East Coast, HPU’s four teams of three — all coached by Roger Shore, Associate Profes-

sor of Mathematics and Computer Science, and Bill Hightower, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science — were challenged to use their programming skills, creativity and business sense to solve eight real-world problems under a grueling five-hour deadline. In the end, one HPU team earned a spot in the top 20, placing 19th — The Rabid Penguins, which included Harry Pham, a senior from Ho Chi

Minh City, Vietnam; Brett Boylen, a senior from Archdale, NC; and Chris McMahan, a junior from Jamestown, NC.

“This year, the problems were particularly difficult,” Shore said. “It’s interesting to note that the only two schools from North Carolina that ranked higher than HPU were Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill. We are very proud of how our students performed during the competition.” ■



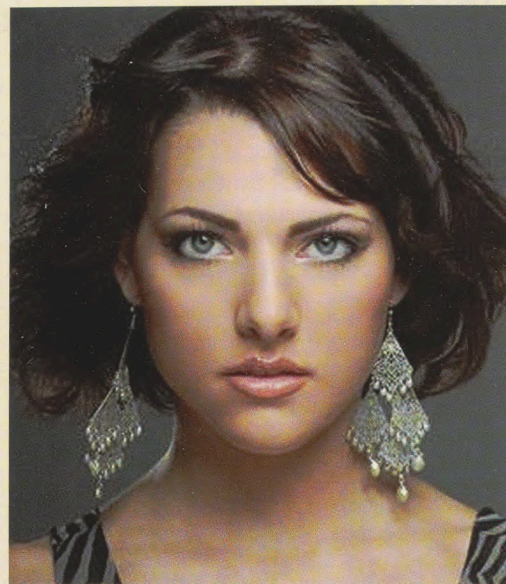
# Student News continued

## Beauty and Brains Abound

**140** smart, beautiful and talented young ladies competing for the title of Miss North Carolina and Miss Teen North Carolina were welcomed to HPU's campus in October and hosted for a special luncheon in their honor. They were in town for the annual pageant, which was held in High Point this year.

Each year, HPU awards a full-tuition scholarship to the young lady crowned Miss Teen NC USA. Currently, three former winners are enrolled as students at High Point University.

Brittany Crews, an HPU junior and former Miss Teen NC from Raleigh, NC, placed as first runner up in the Miss North Carolina competition. She is a Human Relations major with a Communication minor who plans to compete for the crown again in October. Congratulations and good luck, Brittany! ■



Brittany Crews, former Miss Teen USA and a Junior Human Relations major at HPU



The HPU campus was just a little more beautiful when 140 contestants of the Miss North Carolina USA and the Miss Teen North Carolina USA competitions were hosted on campus last fall.





## Art Students Paint Mural at Local Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Shop

When HPU Professor of Art Scott Raynor first saw the proposal for a Ben and Jerry's ice cream shop mural, he did a double-take.

"The murals for Ben and Jerry's stores always have things in them that reflect the area in which they are located," he said. "The proposal for this one had the usual Ben and Jerry's cow but then it had furniture items like dressers and lamps floating in the sky. It was quite surreal!"

Franchisee Paul Harrison's curiosity led him to contact the HPU Art Department about the mural for his new store in the Palladium shopping center. He proposed the idea to students to see if any were interested in participating. Several art majors jumped at the opportunity to use their handiwork on such a large-scale project. The promise of free ice cream charmed them as well.

Over a period of four days, art students drew, sketched and painted the



mural and everyone was confident in the final result. Students participating were: Jennifer Sherman, Jordin Mack, Mallory Fritz, Natasha Flores, Stephanie Dail, Jonathan Wood and Jenna Heller.

The mural itself embodied an oversized cow along with a replica of the repatable dresser located in downtown High

Point, as well as a table, lamp and a chair that are floating in the sky. Andrea Wheelless, chair of the art department and one of the participating faculty, summarized the experience: "A mural is a great way for our art students to get some real world art experience, and it's a way for the community to get to see the immense talent of our students!" ■

## Students Show How to Make a Difference

If you're looking how to earn your zebra stripes, just ask students who participated in the HPU Leadership Development class.

In November, the class took 36 children from the High Point Boys and Girls Club on a special trip to the North Carolina Zoo — free of charge. How? The class spent three weeks during the fall semester raising funds to provide the children with a wonderful experience. Students visited local businesses for donations, including Harris Teeter, Giannos Italian Restaurant, Rich Automotive and Executive Coach and Travel Inc.; they also asked fellow HPU students for help.

The class raised \$1,000 for the project, which provided admission to the zoo, lunch for the chil-

dren and gift bags for each child. Leftover funds provided extra gifts for the Boys and Girls Club — games, snacks and play-ground equipment.

"The class truly exceeded my expectations; the students were amazing," says Dr. David Bergen, professor for the leadership class. "I looked at the class and said, 'Let's make a difference somewhere.' The students developed, planned and implemented the project with little assistance from me. They fully embraced the ideas of leadership and service. The zoo trip



was a great way for HPU students to reach out to the community, and the children signed up immediately." ■



# Student News continued

## Lending a Hand and Making a Difference

by Jesse Kiser

**W**hat do most college students do on spring break? Go on vacation. Work on their suntan. Hang with friends.

What did members of the co-ed service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega (APO) do on spring break? The same things. The only difference: while the members of APO were vacationing, tanning and hanging with friends, they were also re-building the torn communities in Daytona Beach with Habitat for Humanity.

Think service isn't worthwhile? Think again.

With 17,000 student members on 366 college campuses nationwide, APO is one of the largest collegiate service fraterni-



APO member Mary Beth Long working on a Habitat for Humanity home in High Point.



APO members volunteer their time to work on landscaping and trash clean-up at Welborn Middle School in High Point.

ties in the nation. With 52 members in the Mu Xi chapter — and another 20 expected to pledge during spring rush — APO is the only co-ed service fraternity at

High Point University, and is paving the way in campus involvement. The young men and women of HPU's APO chapter can be found on any given day working to organize a blood drive, planning a festival for local children, working in a soup kitchen, sending packages to soldiers overseas, working at local animal shelters, cleaning up after a disaster or any of dozens of other projects that make our university, our community and our world a better place in which to live.

The chapter was founded on three principles which are practiced every day: Service, Leadership and Friendship.

Ashley Jessup, a senior Biology major from Kernersville, NC, is the president of HPU's chapter of APO. She was involved in service groups in high school, and wanted to continue into her college life. APO was the answer. "Service keeps me humble and is something that I will keep up after leaving High Point. Knowing I helped someone, either emotionally or physically, can make life more rewarding.

Whether sending a soldier a letter or helping build a house, I impacted someone's life. Everyone says that they want to make a difference in the world; well, I view volunteering as making a difference, and that's an amazing feeling."

### Service

"To be of service is a solid foundation for contentment in this world." This quote from Charles William Eliot is central to APO's view on Service, which guides how members prioritize it.

Essentially, Service is APO's first priority, and members pursue it in four ways: Service to campus, Service to community, Service to nation and Service to members. APO reflects the ideals that President Nido Qubein promotes for all students: to make a positive impact in the community, both on a local and a national level.

"I wish for all of our students to make a positive impact in this world. APO is one of the



ways they can learn to be leaders and they can give back," says Dr. Qubein. "APO members give back to the nation, the community and to each other."

## Leadership

APO defines a Leader as "being the architect of one's own ambitions," and "developing one's self to be whatever one seeks to be" ... creating leaders out of members by helping them to get involved in their world.

Consider member Dan Costello, a junior from Rochester, NY, who has been a brother since fall 2005. As a freshman, Costello was the Student Government representative for APO. "I served as Service Vice President, planning and organizing service. At the same time, I was able to serve



APO sponsored a booth to provide candy and a fun activity for children at the Volunteer Center's Halloween Carnival. APO members pictured here with several visiting children are Marcus Penick and Deanna Ciaccio.

as the SGA representative and immerse myself in that system, which was the start of my SGA career. These combined roles helped to propel me into my current position as student body president. APO urges its brothers to build leadership outside of itself."

Because APO is a service fraternity and not a social fraternity, members can participate in other organizations, including other



This year's APO chapter after their induction ceremony.

fraternities or sororities. Not only does APO allow brothers to join and participate in other organizations, they encourage it. If you're a well-rounded person who loves service, APO is the place for you!

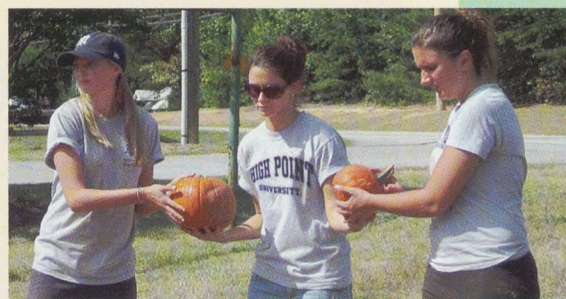
Deanna Ciaccio, a sophomore from Bayville, NJ, and a member of social sorority Phi Mu, would agree. She has been involved in APO for a year now, and says, "I don't miss anything that has to do with being a sister of Phi Mu because of APO. I'm more active and outgoing because of my participation in APO. It's helped me become who I am today."

## Friendship

In APO, members are more than friends; they become brothers. The principle of Friendship is built through interaction during social and service events. APO holds regular events such as camping trips, Taco Tuesdays and Game Nights to build camaraderie.

In addition, APO members have the opportunity to participate in 'alternative breaks' during spring and fall semester breaks. Planned in conjunction with the campus Volunteer Center, these service trips not only

provide a way for the individual to donate his or her time to community projects, but there's a sense of bonding that participants experience from volunteering together. Last semester, ten members spent their fall break trip in Tupelo, Mississippi, helping in clean-up efforts from Hurricane Katrina. The preceding semester, they went to Daytona Beach to work on another Habi-



(l to r) APO members Christina Urwand, Ashley Albrecht and Jodi Darnell unload pumpkins at Covenant Church in High Point for their pumpkin patch.

tat for Humanity project.

Bottom line, APO cares. Whether you see them working or not, the members of APO are working every day to make HPU — and the world around them — a better place. ■



# Student News continued

## HPU Junior Goes Beyond the Call of Duty

One could say that Dan Costello is quite the model student. After all, he was recently honored with the Campus Compact Community Impact Award.

The award, presented at the North Carolina Campus Compact Student Conference, goes to college students who have made significant, innovative contributions to campus-based efforts to address community needs.

Not only does Costello serve as president of the Student Government Association, he is the alumni advisor relations chair for the HPU chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity. He's involved with Campus Civitan, is serving his second year as a resident assistant, and was recently promoted to captain ambassador by the admissions office. He also serves as the

recruitment chairman of his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, and when time permits, he drives the HPU ice cream truck.

"Dan is an example of true leadership," says David Bergen, faculty advisor to Alpha Phi Omega. "He is respected by all types of students for his service to others and for his caring stance of those in need."

With so many activities, one might think Costello gets tired of helping others. Volunteering, however, does the opposite for him ... it energizes his spirit.

"Volunteering means everything to me," Costello says. "It might sound odd coming from a college student, but I truly enjoy working for others — even if I don't get paid for it. The feelings I have after a day of volunteering are overwhelming. And that's worth more than any paycheck."



Dan Costello (center) receiving the Campus Compact Community Impact Award.

"Dan embodies the true spirit of volunteerism," Bergen says. "Going above the call of service to make a difference in the lives of others is what we should all strive to achieve." ■

## Kappa Delta Earns National Honors

Kappa Delta, a national sorority with 130 active collegiate chapters, 493 chartered alumnae associations and 200,000 members in the United States, recognized the Gamma Gamma chapter of HPU at its 57th biennial convention in Palm Springs, CA.

The chapter received the Merit Award, which is presented to the top 14 collegiate chapters in the country. The award is hinged on a collection of factors including philanthropy and scholarship. The chapter was also awarded for academic excellence, academic programming and support of their national and local philanthropy — Girl Scouts of the USA.

The Gamma Gamma chapter was char-



tered at HPU in 1955, and has since initiated more than 800 members. The Gamma Gamma chapter is currently comprised of 39 collegiate women, and is supported by a board of local alumnae. ■



## HPU Breaks Guinness World Record

Let the record books show that High Point University has attempted to become a world champion.

On Friday, February 22, HPU students held the spotlight as the Campus Activities Team successfully formed the "Largest Game of Tunnel Ball" ever played, attempting to clinch the Guinness World Record which is currently held by a school in Australia.

Tunnel ball is played by forming a single-file line, with each person at arm's-length from one another. The first person begins by passing a ball — in this case an HPU basketball — over his or her head, and the next person passes the ball under his or her legs. Once the ball reaches the end of the line, the last person runs to the front and begins passing again. The sequence continues until the original line leader returns to the front of the line.

The HPU event brought out plenty of onlookers — including media — and in the end, a video

of the record-breaking event was sent to Guinness to verify our victory.

Watch for HPU's Tunnel Ball

event to be published in the new issue of the Guinness World Record Book when it is published in 2009. ■





## Internships

### Criminal Justice Student Has Arresting Internship

**L**ance Liggett, a senior Criminal Justice major, had an arresting experience during the fall semester — he had the opportunity to work with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI).

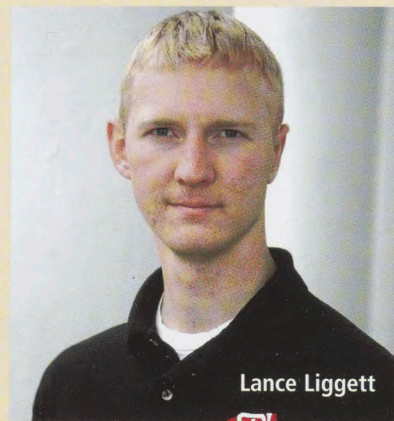
Liggett was awarded the internship after competing with approximately 40 students from across the state. Throughout the semester, he had the chance to learn the day-to-day duties while working with the Greensboro field office for the Northern Piedmont District of the state's SBI.

"The Criminal Justice Department of HPU fully supported Lance's competition for the SBI internship, and we (were) truly delighted that this out-

standing young man was awarded this opportunity to learn details about the investigation of crime," says Dr. Robert Little, chair of the Criminal Justice Department.

Liggett's daily work involved shadowing special agents for the surrounding counties as they performed their duties related to various types of drug, homicide and other criminal investigations. He also received in-depth exposure to the world of investigations within the state's premier investigative agency during the internship.

"My experience in working with the State Bureau of Investigation was nothing short of extraordinary," Liggett says. "Their professionalism, patriotism, and



Lance Liggett

dedication to their work was awe inspiring. Being allowed to view the inner workings of the SBI and interacting with the people there was the most enlightening experience of my life." ■

### Internship with Carolina Panthers Prepares Student for Life in the Pros

**W**ill Conlon has played with the big cats ... the Panthers. Yes, he's a High Point University Panther, and his blood runs Panther purple. But for six weeks last summer, his blood ran a different color for a different breed of Panther. Will, a senior from Mebane, NC, served an internship with the Carolina Panthers as part of his senior year in HPU's Athletic Training Program.

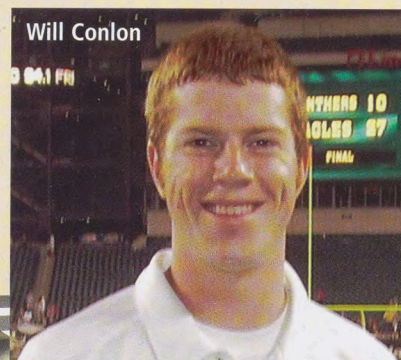
During his internship, which he served in July and August in Spartanburg, SC — the Carolina Panthers' summer training camp — Will saw plenty of action. "I was part of the team," he said. "I was actively involved in the day-to-day training of the players. I taped ankles and wrists before practices, helped players stretch out, iced them down at the end of the day, and got

experience in every aspect of athletic training."

"Internships are vital to Athletic Training majors," said Dr. Rick Proctor, Chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and Will's advisor in the program. "As in all programs at HPU, there's no substitute for practical experience, and this experience seemed to be particularly helpful to Will. He grew a lot through it."

Will agreed. "Athletic training is critical at every level of athletics ... from high school to professional sports. Pro ball is more demanding. I enjoy professional sports, and can see myself working at this level some day."

One highlight of his internship was



Will Conlon



Carolina Panther Locker Room

being included in a pre-season game against the Philadelphia Eagles. Will flew to Philadelphia with the team, and while the Panthers took a loss that day, Will's experience — throughout the entire internship — made him a winner. ■



## HPU Senior Presents Research at Symposium

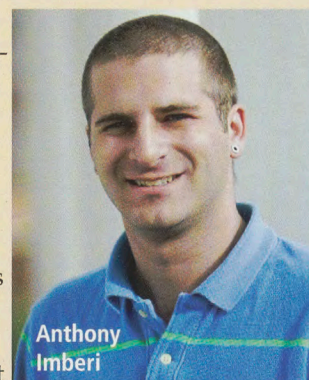
**A**nthony Imberi, a senior Chemistry major from Sandstone, Minnesota, recently participated in the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS) held at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Imberi, who plans to graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry with minors in math and physics, presented a poster at the event, entitled "High Resolution Photoelectron Spectroscopy of LiPyridazine," which followed his extensive research. His research was completed previously at the University of Kentucky as part of its Research Experiences for Undergraduates, a program funded by the National Science Foundation.

"In this 10-week program, I worked side-by-side with graduate and post-doctoral students in the research laboratory at UK, which gave me a good

glimpse into the life of a graduate student in chemistry," Imberi said. "More than 10 students from schools around the country were accepted into this program."

Imberi followed up by presenting his findings at the SNCURCS, which he said was interesting because the event was not discipline-specific — allowing him to see presentations in many different fields. He plans to make another poster presentation in April at the National American Chemical Society Conference, held in New Orleans. ■



Anthony Imberi

## HPU's Chapter of Amnesty International Hosts Darfur Week



"Every member of Amnesty International firmly agrees that we must devote all of our energies to promoting awareness about the genocide in Darfur," said HPU Amnesty International President Michelle White, a senior political science major from Boston. "We realize that most of our fellow students do not know much about the situation. We are making sure others have a chance to learn about the dire conditions in Darfur. We all must do our part to help, which includes providing information."

**H**PU's chapter of Amnesty International earned special support from the organization's Southern Conference for Darfur Week, an event held at HPU in March to raise awareness about the serious situation in the Western Sudan.

Michelle White, HPU's Amnesty International president, said the organization was impressed with the chapter's detailed and consistent plans for the event.

"Because we were so passionate to spread awareness, Amnesty International decided to support our event," explained White, a senior political science major from Boston. The organization provided financial support, T-shirts and a speaker for the event.

Award-winning photojournalist Ron Haviv, whose work is composed mainly of images of conflict and humanitarian crises with a special focus on exposing human-rights violations, has been featured in museums and galleries in such places as the United Nations and The Louvre.

White said the Southern Conference could have chosen any school in the region, but it selected HPU after realizing how driven HPU's chapter was to spread awareness about the genocide in Darfur. ■

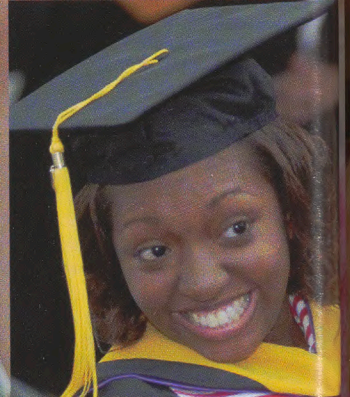
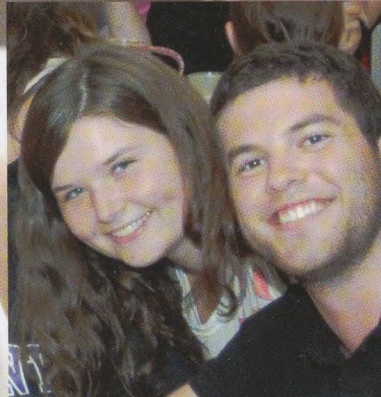


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# Faces of HPU

*High Point University is a wonderfully diverse place. The people of HPU bring together their own thoughts and beliefs, their own politics and passions, their own dreams and purposes. This collection of humanity creates a melting pot that transcends any singular person or personality. That's what makes us great ... we are a family of the world.*

*In that light, we present a new series that will showcase a variety of people — from students to donors to community leaders — who make a difference at High Point University.*

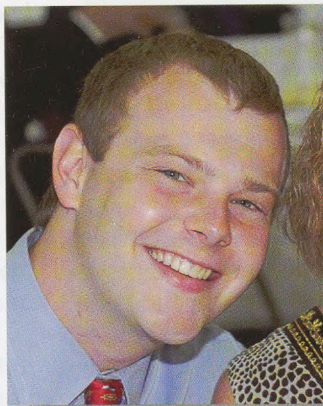
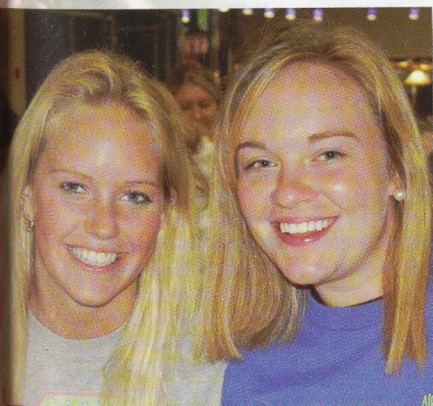
*Enjoy this introduction to just a few of the people who make up the fabric of High Point University.*

## Faculty

### Artist Finds Her Bliss at HPU

After teaching art at HPU for 20 years, it's hard to believe that Andrea Wheless never thought about teaching ... nor that she never touched clay until her late twenties. But by what she calls the Grace of the good Lord, she was led to follow her passion and everything fell into place. "If you follow your bliss, you will be successful," she says.

A love of learning kept Wheless in classes, even as a busy young wife and mother, following her husband's career across the country. In one of those classes, she discovered clay. She settled back in the High Point area and enrolled at UNC-G to pursue her undergrad and graduate art degrees. After graduation, one of her professors asked if she would teach an art history course. This put her in front of a classroom for the first time, where she fell



in love with not only the profession, but the students. "I truly enjoy the college-age student," she says. As she continued to follow her bliss, a job opening at High Point University presented itself, and Wheless jumped at it. The rest is (art) history.





Andrea Wheless

"I've always thought of High Point University as a gem, and Dr. Qubein is picking up the gem, carving the facets and making it shine," says Wheless.

The art program itself is shining as well, with more international travel opportunities for students, a planned new major in digital art and design, and an increasingly rigorous program to which students are "stepping up to the plate," Wheless says.

Outside of HPU, Wheless partici-

pates in numerous art exhibitions — solo, juried and non-juried — and has received dozens of awards and honors. She is a member of a number of professional organizations and her works are counted among numerous private collections.

Among the many quotes from famous artists and thinkers on her office door, the one from Picasso sums her up best: "Art washes away from the soul the dust of every day life." ■

## Student Athlete

### Arizona Reid: A Picture of Determination

**H**igh Point University star basketball player Arizona Reid may be a tough guy on the court, but in real life he's a humble, polite and sensitive young man who is passionate about his game and realistic about his future.

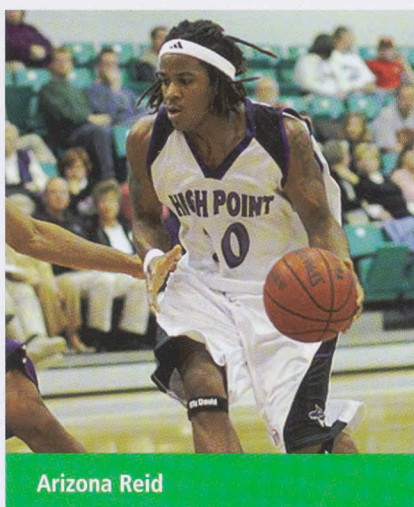
The Gaffney, SC, native came to HPU not only to play ball - which he's been doing very well since he was 6 - but also to earn his degree.

"Of all the schools I talked to, High Point was the only one that promised me a good education," says Reid. "I may not be the smartest kid in the class, but I work hard and I know basketball won't last forever ... I'll need something to fall back on."

That something is a bachelor's in Recreation Management (he graduated in spring '08), which he hopes to eventually parlay into a coaching career. His goal is to make it to the NBA first, though, following in the footsteps of his idols Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett.

If he doesn't make the pros, he shouldn't have any problem landing a coaching job, considering what an asset he's been to the HPU team ... as Reid's list of awards and honors is a mile long, but he shrugs them all off.

"For me, it's about the team," he says. "The individual honors are



Arizona Reid

nice, but I want to be able to say, 'High Point won the Big South and went to the NCAA Tournament.' I want to wear that Big South Tournament ring and know that my team came together as brothers and made it happen."

Despite his best efforts, the Panthers were unable to fulfill Reid's last goal during his final season. However, the senior hoopster definitely did his part in 2007-08, capping off his stellar career at High Point with a senior year that will go down as one of the best single-season performances in Big South Conference history. He garnered his second consecutive Big South Conference Player of the

Year award (just third player to be selected in back-to-back seasons) and was named to the All-Conference first-team for the third straight season.

Reid improved in nearly every statistical category and ended the season as one of just two players (All-American and Freshman of the Year Michael Beasley of Kansas State was the other) to average 23 points and 11 rebounds per game. He became the Big South Conference's All-Time leading rebounder and also finished his career ranked among the League's Top Five All-Time scorers. Reid became the first player in Big South history to average over 20 points and 10 rebounds per game in a season. He also joined an elite group in NCAA Division I basketball history becoming only the 97th player in the last 50 years to amass more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in a career.

In April, he was invited to play in the prestigious Portsmouth Invitational Tournament (PIT). The PIT is an annual event that showcases the playing talents of the nation's top collegiate seniors in front of NBA and international team general managers allowing them to improve their chances of becoming a professional basketball player. ■



## Donor

### Donor is a Familiar Face on Campus

**D**onor Richard Hallman, a lifelong resident of High Point and graduate of HPU, is a regular on campus — most often spotted at alumni events and basketball games.

"We thoroughly enjoy ourselves," says Hallman of his time spent on campus with wife Jeanette, who also attended HPU. "The transformation at HPU has me — as well as many other community members — interested and inspired, and I'm glad to be able to be a part of it."

Hallman ('61) is the founder of Electronic Data Magnetics, Inc. The company manufactures transit cards for mass transit systems and applies the magnetic strips to them. "They're like debit cards for transit systems," explains Hallman.

He has always been in the data

card business, and at his first job as a sales manager, Hallman met Nido Qubein when the company brought him in as a speaker. "He had us doing jumping jacks at 'Top of the Mart,'" recalls Hallman with a chuckle. "I thought, 'this guy is crazy!'" Little did I know what he was capable of ... I'm a huge fan of Nido."

As the card business has changed and evolved with new technology, Hallman has changed with it. He credits his HPU degree — which actually took him six years to complete because he went into the service for two years — with giving him the knowledge and drive for success. That's why he continues to support HPU today with the establishment of the Hallman Family Scholarship and by serving on the Board of Visitors



Richard Hallman

and Board of the Panther Club.

"It's thanks to people like Richard that this university is a success," says President Qubein. "We're so grateful to count him among our many friends and supporters." ■

## Staff Member

### Family Matters

**C**had Hartman thinks of his job as merely taking care of his family. After all, High Point University feels like home to Hartman, who serves as Director of Annual Giving. In the post, he is responsible for cultivating donors to the university's ongoing fundraising effort ... the Annual Fund.

Hartman, who took over the role in June, is no stranger to HPU. Not only did he earn his undergraduate degree in Sports Management with a minor in Business Administration at the university while playing for the HPU soccer team, he earned his MBA here as well.

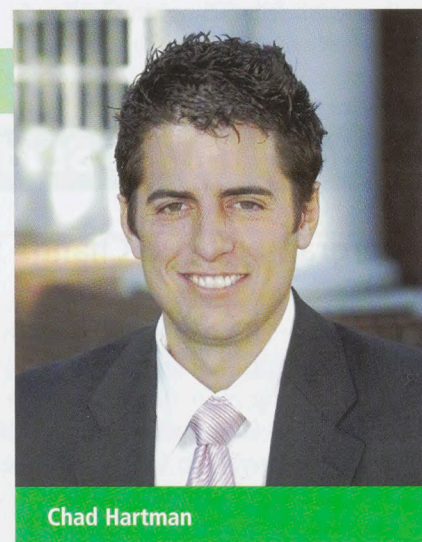
When given the chance to work for his alma mater, Hartman didn't hesitate. "I had an opportunity to come here, and I made the jump," Hartman explains. That was five years ago.

While Annual Giving wasn't his first job at HPU, he knew it was an

area in which he could excel. "It means a lot to me," Hartman says, "to raise money for my university. High Point gave me the education I needed to succeed professionally; helping future generations succeed is the most rewarding thing I can do in return."

Other people seem to feel the same about helping young people succeed, which makes Hartman's job easier ... or so he says. "My job is about building relationships with various constituent groups. When I show people — particularly alumni — the tremendous growth and student success that we've had since they were students here, HPU sells itself. People are willing to invest in success."

More than anything, Hartman counts on teamwork to get the job done. "The Institutional Advancement Office is a great team. We're a family that's willing to jump in and help wherever we can help," Hartman



Chad Hartman

says. "But it's not just me; it's not just the Institutional Advancement Office. It's an entire staff and faculty that believes in what's happening at HPU. The Annual Fund is growing because the entire HPU team is working together as a unit. People see that, and they are more willing to invest in the university. While that certainly makes my job easier, the students are the ultimate winners. That's what family is all about, and that's what keeps me coming to work every day." ■



## Graduate Student

### HPU Helps Grad Student Take Next Step in Career

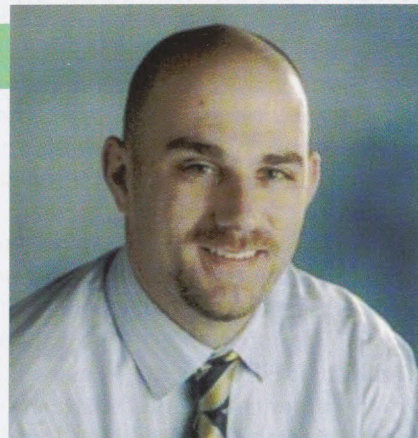
**W**hen Larry Bailey decided to take his teaching career to the next level — which meant getting his master's degree — he did some research and settled on High Point University's Graduate School mainly because of references from friends, the small class size and the convenient location. Little did he know that not only would he enjoy his experience much more than he could have ever imagined, but also that he would actually be promoted in his job five months before earning his degree!

"The Education Department at HPU is top notch," says Bailey, who now serves as assistant principal at Southeast Middle School in Guilford

County. Previously, he taught fourth grade and served as a Title I resource teacher. He graduated in May with his Master's in Educational Leadership and plans to remain an assistant principal for several more years before moving on to a principal position.

"I'd also love to teach an undergraduate education class at HPU so I could stay connected to the university in some form or another," Bailey says.

His unexpected allegiance to High Point University might be linked to one of his favorite memories of HPU: "I remember during my graduate orientation, the secretary of the education department — whom I met only once when I dropped off



Larry Bailey

my application — called me by name and asked how I was doing. It's like a family. Plus, the faculty is outstanding. During the past two years, I never had a negative experience with a faculty member. This place is doing great things and it's only getting better!" ■

## Undergraduate Student

### Undergrad Plans to Change the World

**W**hile HPU is brimming with exceptional students, one young man stands out as a super achiever, humanitarian and all-around good guy. Dan Costello is the epitome of High Point University.

Dan was born in Rochester, NY, but moved around throughout his childhood due to his father's job. While some might see this as a challenge, Dan sees the impact this moving made on him in a positive light. "I think it helped me to adapt and has made it easier in college to get to know people and get involved," he said.

And getting involved seems to be something Dan does with relative ease. Currently, he is a University Captain Ambassador, Resident Assistant in Blessing Residence Hall,



Dan Costello

IFC President, Recruitment Chair of Delta Sigma Phi, Alumni Advisor

Relations Chair of Alpha Phi Omega, SGA President, member of Campus Civitan and a frequent driver of the much-beloved HPU Ice Cream Truck.

"Volunteering is my passion," he says. At his own admission, one of Dan's favorite activities is his position as Resident Assistant in Blessing Residence Hall. He considers it to be his most rewarding and enjoyable job on the campus thus far, because of the tremendous impact that he has on others.

Dan is a rising senior and a Psychology and Spanish double major. After graduation, he plans to get his doctorate and travel to Latin America and South America to volunteer and to learn about various cultures of the world. ■



## Alumni

### HPU Integral Part of Alum's Journey to Success

**Y**ou could say that Jorge Lagueruela ('79) has come a long way. A Cuban native, his family fled the country to escape Castro's regime. His family owned a printing company in Havana and printed such magazines as Time, Reader's Digest and Cosmopolitan for Latin America. Castro initially nationalized the newspapers, radio and TV stations, then one day he walked into their offices and said, "You now work for the state." The Lagueruela family left for freedom by crossing the Gulf of Mexico two days before Jorge's 4th birthday in October of 1960.

"My parents left everything," he recalls. "We took what we could carry and that was it. It was a difficult time as there were four of us kids; my parents had nothing."

But the family made the best of it, settling in Miami, and when it was time to choose a college, Lagueruela decided on HPU.

"I liked North Carolina, wanted

a school with a good business department and I wanted to play soccer," he recalls. "High Point expressed an interest in me, so that's where I ended up."

Lagueruela has never looked back. He earned his degree in business with a minor in management, met his wife at HPU (Debra Dorland Lagueruela), and landed his first job before he even graduated ... thanks to SCIP (Student Career Internship Program).

He still lives in the area and in 1984 started his own business — Trinity Furniture — specializing in high-end office furniture. Trinity is the principal supplier of executive seating for such prestigious customers as the US House of Representatives, the Senate and the Federal Courts.

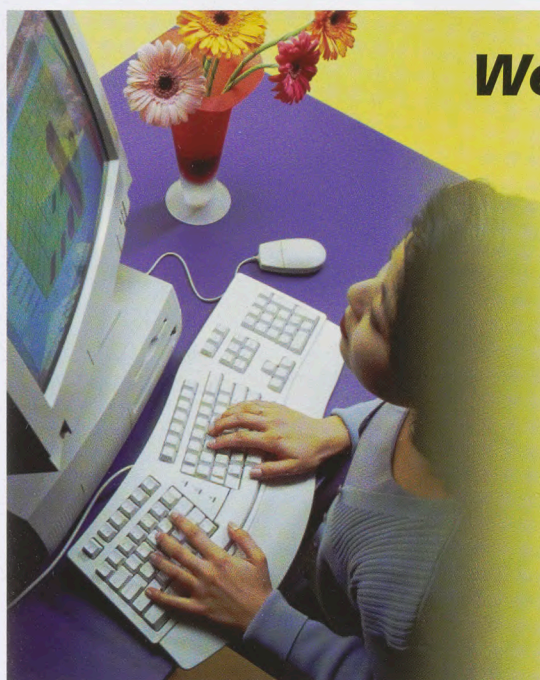
"If you turn on C-SPAN and watch the House or Senate proceedings, you'll see our chairs," he says. "We have been the standard for their executive seating for a long time."



Jorge Lagueruela

And he credits High Point University with setting a standard of success, which rubs off on its students.

"Before I came to HPU, I was a kid trying to find out what life was all about," he says. "The friendships I made, the direction I received and opportunities to take on leadership roles made the difference in my life. You cannot put a value on that." ■



## We need your email address!

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# Events on Campus

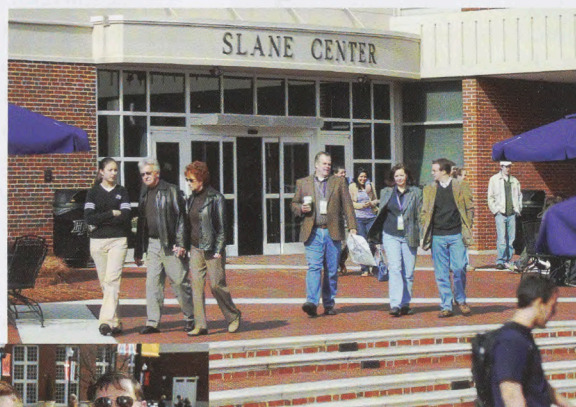
## Alumni & Family Winter Weekend Rocks HPU

**M**ore than 2,000 students, family members and alumni had reason to celebrate for three days in February. The occasion? Alumni & Family Winter Weekend.

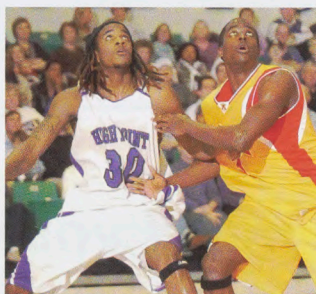
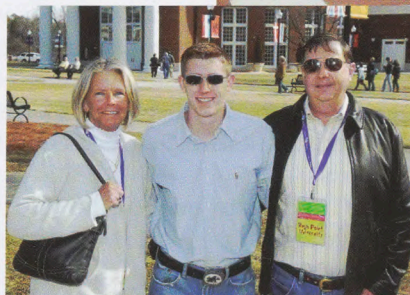
High Point University had prepared a weekend of fellowship, fun, food and entertainment that included a candlelight dinner in the Slane Student Center Café, two performances of The Passing Zone — a well-known comedy and stunt duo who have made appearances on The Tonight Show and The Today Show — a special meeting with HPU President Qubein, a tailgate party, men's and women's basketball games, a 5K run and a special worship service in Hayworth Chapel. Alumni and families also had the opportunity to visit classes and take campus tours.

When the weekend was over and visitors were headed for home, the tired and weary were already making plans for their next trip to campus. Make plans now to join them — and us — for the next Alumni & Family Weekend scheduled for October 3-5, 2008. Watch the HPU website for more information on how to register.

The Slane Student Center was a hub of activity and a meeting place for friends and families.



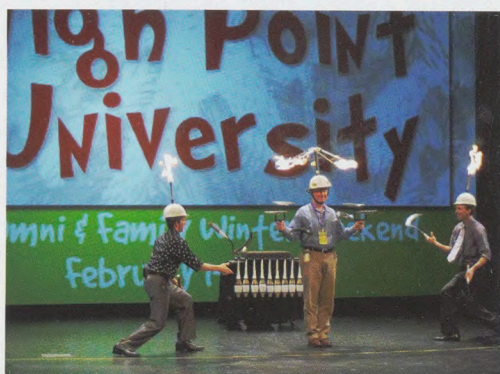
Families could tour campus to see all the new features.



Two basketball games on Saturday night were popular for alumni and families.



The Firestone family brought plenty of spirit to Alumni & Family Winter Weekend.



The Passing Zone, a well-known comedy and stunt team, wowed a full house in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center on Friday night.



It was all smiles during the weekend as friends and alumni reconnected and reminisced.



## Business Icon Steve Forbes Brings Message to HPU

Steve Forbes, one of the most respected men of our time, gave a presentation on leadership, the economy and global marketing to a packed house at HPU in March. Forbes is an influential pro-growth advocate, writer and speaker on domestic and foreign policy issues. As president and CEO of Forbes, Inc., and editor-in-chief of Forbes Magazine, he runs the nation's foremost business magazine, with a circulation of more than 900,000. Forbes is also on the forefront of new media with Forbes.com, which attracts more than seven million visitors each month.



"It has been exciting to welcome such a remarkable leader to High Point University," said Dr. Qubein. "Giving our students the chance to hear from someone as respected as Steve Forbes expands on our incredible academic opportunities and helps to further inspire students to succeed." ■



Pictured (l to r) on front row: Kara Williams, Abbey Roarke, Steve Forbes, Chelsea Johnson and Victoria Baxter. Pictured (l to r) on back row: Krista Wagoner, Ivan Lee, Dan Costello, Andrew Realon and Josh Fox.

## "Rudy" Ruettiger Inspires Crowd

Daniel Ruettiger – a college football hero who was immortalized in the blockbuster film "Rudy" – gave a memorable and inspirational presentation to HPU alumni, students and the public in April in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center.

Ruettiger is perhaps the most famous graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he was part of the Fighting Irish football team.

Now a motivational speaker, Ruettiger shared his well-known story, detailing his struggle through the years to overcome obstacles and achieve his dream – all the while encouraging audience members to believe in their dreams with a "Yes I Can" attitude. ■





## Events on Campus continued

### The Pursuit of Happyness Author Speaks at HPU

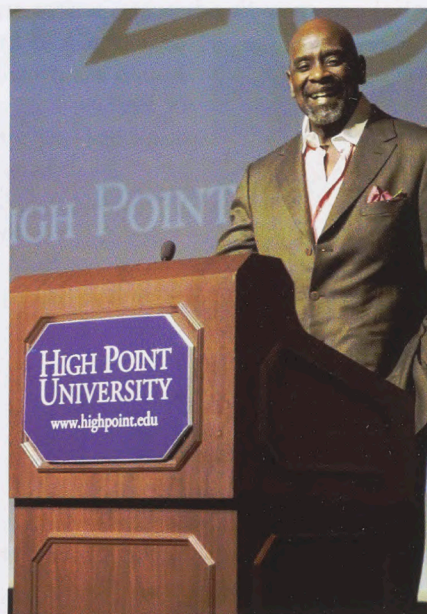
**T**he Hayworth Fine Arts Center was standing-room-only when the tall, lanky man with the infectious smile strode to the center of an empty stage. Well dressed and articulate, few would have guessed that this man was the same who slept in public bathrooms and homeless shelters with his toddler son; this was Chris Gardner, the man whose life was the inspiration behind the movie "The Pursuit of Happyness" starring Will Smith. Chris Gardner delivered the annual Capus Waynick lecture on the HPU campus in November.

In 1980, due to a series of unfortunate adversities that he could not control, Gardner found himself homeless in San Francisco and the sole guardian of his toddler son. It is here that his life unraveled, but that his story of success began. Through grit and dogged determination, he scaled the financial industry's ladder from the bottom rung to the top.

Today, he is CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings and author of the No. 1 best-selling autobiography, "The Pursuit of Happyness." He is a motivational speaker who favors

topics of empowerment and beating the odds. He is also a philanthropist who is committed to many charitable organizations.

The Capus M. Waynick Lecture series, an annual event for the HPU family, is made possible by a gift from Capus M. Waynick. In recognition of Mr. Waynick's diverse interests, the series includes programs which have international, national and cultural or performing arts themes. ■



### HPU Hosts Big South Conference Presidents

**D**r. Qubein recently hosted the presidents of the Big South Conference schools and the commissioner of the conference at High Point University during the annual meeting of the group.

"It was an honor to have my colleagues from the Big South Conference at High Point University," said Dr. Qubein. "They appreciate what we're doing here and are supportive of our efforts to excel." ■



Back row left to right: Dr. Anthony Di Giorgio, President, Winthrop University; Dr. John Griffith, President, Presbyterian College; Dr. A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University; Dr. David DeCenzo, President, Coastal Carolina University; Dr. Ronald Godwin, Exec. VP/COO, Liberty University. Front row left to right: Mr. Kyle Kallander, Commissioner, Big South Conference; Mrs. Penelope Kyle, President, Radford University; Dr. Nido Qubein, President, High Point University; General Binford Peay III, President, VMI.



## HPU Hosts NC Museum of History Event

**M**ore than 100 museum supporters gathered at HPU to promote membership for the North Carolina Museum of History Associates. President Qubein served as guest speaker for the event.

The NC Museum of History Associates provides funding to the Museum of History in Raleigh which provides for exhibits, artifacts and educational programs for adults and children in every county throughout the state. ■



Standing: Ken Howard (Director of NC Museum of History), Former Senator Jim Broyhill, Mrs. Broyhill (Board Member of NCMH), Dorethea Bitler (Past Director of the Museum of History), Lyl Clinard (Past Chair of the NCMH Associates), Nido Qubein (President of HPU). Seated: Mariana Qubein (Member of the NCMH Associates), Nan Kester (Past Chair of the NCMH Associates), Mary Powell White (Chair of the NCMH Associates), Marsha Slane (Member of NCMH Associates and Chair of the Board of High Point University).



HPU hosted Triad Museum Day for the North Carolina Museum of History Associates in November. Pictured here are the co-chairs of the membership committee: (l-r) Lyl Clinard, Evelyn Wood, Nan Kester, Lee Webster, HPU Board Chair Marsha Slane and Beth Thomas.

## Chick-fil-A® Leaders Come to HPU for Ideas on Branding and Leadership

**E**leven leaders from the Chick-fil-A® headquarters in Atlanta are pictured here with High Point University's Vice President for Enrollment Andy Bills and Director of WOW! Roger Clodfelter. The two led the visitors on a tour of HPU's campus, and Dr. Nido Qubein, president of HPU, spoke with the group about branding, transformational leadership and leadership fundamentals. The group had lunch at the Chick-fil-A® in the Slane Student Center. ■





## Events on Campus continued

### HPU Honors Local Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Personnel

**H**PU recently held an appreciation luncheon — a “thank you” to area agencies for their continued service to the community over the past year.

Those honored at the Jan. 3 event included the High Point Fire Department, High Point Police Department, Guilford County EMS and Piedmont Triad Ambulance. The men and women of all these departments help make the city of High Point — including High Point University — a safe and secure community.

“High Point’s University appreciates the many efforts of the High Point police, emergency medical personnel and firefighters to keep the city safe,” said Chris Dudley, HPU Vice President for Community Relations. “We are pleased to salute them and show our appreciation for all they do.” ■



(l to r): HPU President Dr. Nido Qubein, High Point Fire Department Chief David Taylor, Piedmont Triad Ambulance & Rescue Chief Paula Lineberry, High Point Police Department Assistant Chief of Police and Chief of Staff Major Marty Sumner, HPU Director of Public Safety Gart Evans, and HPU Vice President for Community Relations Chris Dudley.

### HPU Hosts Republican Gubernatorial Debate

**T**he Department of History and Political Science, along with the College of Arts and Sciences, held the inaugural Gunther E. Rothenberg Seminar in Military History in November. The program was launched as a tribute to Professor Rothenberg’s scholarship and dedication to the field of military history. Gunther E. Rothenberg was a world-renowned military historian.

This year’s speakers were invited to present their most recent research and latest interpretations of the Napoleonic Wars. The speakers represented some of the leading figures in European military history, and their presentations encouraged debate and discussion that will hopefully shape the future direction of historical research in this field. Speakers included Jeremy Black, professor of history at the University of Exeter; Dennis Showalter, history professor with Colorado College; Robert Epstein, professor of history with the School of Advanced Military Studies, United States Army Command and Staff College; and Charles Esdaile, history professor at the University of Liverpool. ■



Candidates pose with students from the Political Science Department.



## HPU Students Get Stress Relief with End-of-the-Year 'Pantherpalooza'

High Point University students were able to take a big sigh of relief and celebrate another successful school year on April 24 with the annual "Pantherpalooza." Those who attended the popular festival had the opportunity to play carnival games and ride carnival rides – including swings, giant inflatable rides and even a mechanical bull.

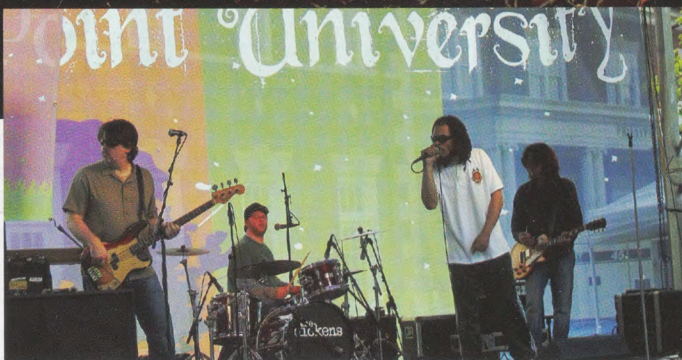
One of the Pantherpalooza events was a concert by The Dickens, a cover band that plays everything from rock and rap to '60s tunes – from James Brown to Coldplay. A cookout was held at the event as well, giving students the perfect opportunity to socialize with friends before the start of exam week. ■



## O.A.R. Performs at High Point University

An estimated 3,000 HPU students and alumni "rocked it out" recently, thanks to a visit from the rock band O.A.R. The five-member band performed on the evening of April 12 at Vert Track and Soccer Stadium on the HPU campus.

O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) is well-known for the song, "So Much," the theme for the ABC show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, and two of the group's songs – "Wonderful Day" and "One Shot" – were extensively used by ESPN during its coverage of the 2007 NCAA Division I Baseball Tournament and College World Series. ■





# Events on Campus continued

## Panther Club Auction Garner's More Than \$50,000

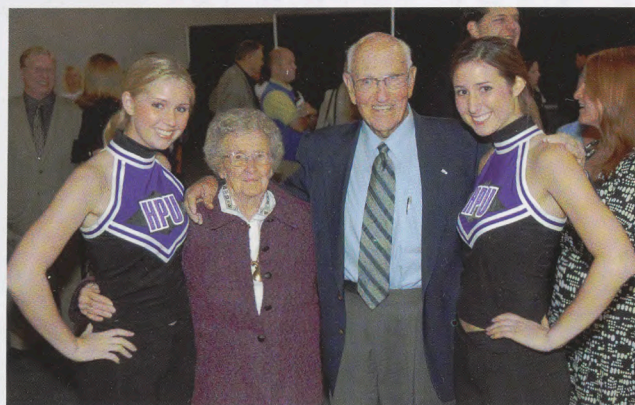
**T**hose Panther Clubbers sure know how to have a good time while raising money for a good cause. That's what happened at the 7th annual Panther Club Benefit Dinner and Auction, during which \$51,397 was raised in support of HPU athletics.

The event helps the club fund student-athlete scholarships, facility improvements and operating expenses for all of HPU's 16 varsity sports. This year's event included a social hour, dinner, silent auction, live auction and live music, and when the final gavel fell, more than 350 items had been sold.

Some of the more popular items auctioned included: golf and lunch with former Carolina



HPU President Nido Qubein speaks to auction attendees at Showplace Nov. 1.



HPU Dance Team member Ashley Rich (from left), Martha Holbrook, Carter Holbrook and Dance Team member Jenna Wiederhold (right), at the auction Nov. 1.

Panther and Super Bowl ring bearer Ricky Proehl and three friends at Willow Creek Golf Course; vacation house rentals at Emerald Isle, Ocean Isle and Breckenridge, Colo.; tickets to the Nextel Cup, Coca-Cola 600 and various UNC events; and golf with current Carolina Panther and local hero Brad Hoover at the Old North State Club.

"As High Point University has grown, so has our auction," said Chad Hartman, Director of Annual Giving at HPU. "A wonderful team of people invested innumerable hours of time, effort and sweat equity to create a fantastic event." ■

## Rotary International Comes to Campus



**F**rank J. Devlyn, past president of Rotary International and Chairman of the Rotary Foundation, stopped by HPU recently to tour campus and meet with Dr. Qubein. ■

## Award-Winning Astronomer Speaks at HPU



**S**tudents and faculty were thrilled and honored to hear astronomer Dr. Robert Knop speak at HPU in October. Dr. Knop was a key member of the Supernova Cosmology Project, which co-discovered the acceleration of the Universe in 1998. This discovery was hailed by Science Magazine as the "Breakthrough of the Year" in 1998. In 2007, the same team received the Gruber Award in Cosmology, which is the highest award given in this field. ■



## 37th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast Draws Record Crowd

It's come to signify the start of the holiday season for many High Pointers ... the annual HPU Community Prayer Breakfast. More than 900 guests swarmed into the Millis Convocation Center early on the morning of December 7 bearing warm smiles and holiday greetings. It was the 37th consecutive year that leaders and friends from across the Triad have converged for the annual event to enjoy holiday music, special prayers and a meaningful message.



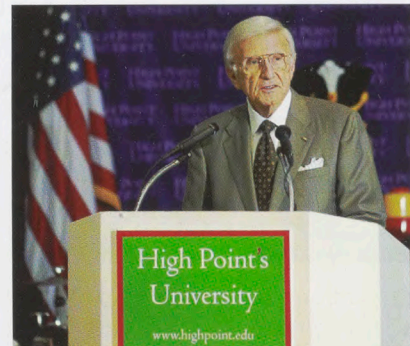
Dr. Qubein opened the event with a few words of welcome, followed by greetings from HPU



Chair of the Board Marsha Slane. The HPU Choral Ensemble and the HPU Orchestra provided music, led by HPU Director of Choral Activities Dr. Judy Ransom.

The speaker for this event is sponsored each year by Dr. Tom and Buren Haggai, longtime friends of the university. This year, the speaker was Dr. John Killinger, former Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles. His message was one of inclusion and unity.

The event closed with a congregational Christmas carol and a



Dr. Haggai introduced the speaker at the 37th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast.

benediction by Dr. Alberta Heron, Dean of the Norcross Graduate School at HPU. ■

## Former US Ambassador Brings Message

HPU welcomed David Dunford, Middle East expert and former United States Ambassador.

During his three-day visit, Dunford, a Woodrow Wilson Scholar who spent 29 years in the U.S. Foreign Service, gave a public presentation and spoke to the university's honors seminar and other various classes, including business, history and political science.

His presentation was enti-

tled "Terrorism: Getting Beyond the 'Rawhide' Approach."

"It is a great honor for the university to host a Woodrow Wilson Scholar of the high caliber of Ambassador Dunford," said Dr. Mark Setzler, chair of the Department of Political Science. "Our students met in classes and one-on-one with someone who has



had a first-hand role in shaping American foreign policy in one of the most critical regions of the world. This was a tremendous opportunity for our many HPU students who are preparing for

careers in international business, diplomacy and policy." ■



# Events on Campus continued

## Four Business-Themed Plays Celebrate Opening of Business School

In celebration of HPU's new Earl N. Phillips School of Business, the Department of Fine Arts Theater Program created a unique "theme season" of four award-winning plays which explore American business and ethics in sometimes dramatic, often comic, and always entertaining ways.

The 2007-08 season opened with Arthur Miller's classic "All My Sons," on October 4-7. "The Water Engine," David Mamet's captivating and entertaining "American fable," followed on November 15-18. The spring semester offered a Pulitzer Prize-winning play on February 21-24 ... the classic musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The last play of



this unique series was also a Pulitzer Prize winner, a lyrical drama by Nilo Cruz entitled "Anna of the Tropics," which was offered April 10-13.

While celebrating American business, these plays also carefully and entertainingly investigate

the priorities and principles which guide and influence the American dream.



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"We're proud to be part of the High Point University community during this time of terrific growth," theater program coordinator, Ami Shupe, said. "We're excited to offer a season of plays about business as our celebration of the unprecedented growth of the university."

By presenting this eccentric collection of plays, the Theater Program hopes to entertain and encourage students to recognize the alliance between the plays and the academic and philosophical issues they are exploring in their course work. ■

## Thanksgiving at HPU

To celebrate Thanksgiving, HPU brought two special guests to campus for one event, which was celebrated in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center.

"This program was designed to inspire students, faculty, staff and the community during the Thanksgiving season," said Chris Dudley, Vice President for Community Relations.

David Okerlund, a noted orator with 25 years experience in communications, delivered a rousing keynote address, and musical group Eddie From Ohio – joined by HPU's very own Toccatones –



David Okerlund

provided special music.

Over the past 20 years, Okerlund has spoken to 2,500 audi-



Eddie From Ohio

ences, totaling more than a million people. A member of the International Speakers Hall of Fame, he has shared the platform with such noted Americans as Lee Iacocca, Bob Hope, former President George Bush Sr. and Dr. Robert Schuler.

Eddie From Ohio has a collection of CDs that has sold over 100,000 copies and has toured all across the country. They won "Best Contemporary Folk Group" at the Washington Area Music Association in 1998, 2000 and 2001. ■



## HPU Hosts United Way's Campaign Celebration

United Way of Greater High Point chose the campus of High Point University to hold its rally to announce that it had surpassed its 2007 fundraising drive by more than six percent ... one of the largest increases among major United Way organizations in North Carolina. This year's campaign raised \$4,525,029.

High Point University's contribution for 2007 was \$100,531.70 ... up almost 10% from 2006. This earned HPU the Gold level of the Employee Campaign Award for outstanding employee fair share giving. HPU also received the Eagle Award, given in recognition of outstanding Leadership Giving programs.

"At High Point's University, we are keenly aware that we are part of a community," said Chris Dudley, Vice President for Community Relations. "Our investment in United Way makes an impact on the health and vitality of that community."

"United Way of Greater High Point is very grateful to High Point University for its increasingly successful United Way campaigns, and its continued support of our community in so many significant ways," said Bobby Smith, president of United Way of Greater High Point. "When stewardship is modeled at institutions

of higher learning, future generations understand the importance of philanthropy and volunteerism. We truly appreciate the leadership of Dr. Qubein and the generosity of HPU faculty and staff in their support of our United Way." ■



HPU cheerleaders hold the giant numbers that announce the good news that United Way had surpassed its campaign goal. High Point University hosted the event to announce the final campaign tally.

## HPU Faculty Highlighted in New Online Publication

High Point University is proud of its distinguished faculty; so much so that we want to show them off to the world. That's why we created the first-ever High Point University Faculty Profile Book ... a 150-page online publication that prospective students and their parents can use to familiarize themselves with our academic team.

For instance, did you know that History professor Dr. Kathleen Carter holds a first-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, or that Psychology professor Dr. Deborah Danzis is a former Jeopardy champion, or that assistant Art professor Scott Raynor cannot



juggle! (You'll have to go to page 109 in the book to get the scoop on how he got hired without this fundamental skill!)

The Faculty Profile Book is full of information on the education, professional expertise, community involvement and other interesting information about nearly every member of our illustrious faculty and support services staff.

Spend some time getting to know our faculty; you'll understand why we say that we have the best faculty anywhere!

To see the Faculty Profile Book, go to [www.highpoint.edu/faculty](http://www.highpoint.edu/faculty). ■



## High Point's First Arboretum Covers HPU Campus

**S**tand anywhere on campus and look around. What you're looking at is High Point, North Carolina's first Arboretum. Anywhere you see a bush or tree, the Arboretum covers it.

The Arboretum was announced at Arbor Day last year, and development has moved ahead at a steady pace.

Spearheaded by Mrs. Mariana Qubein, and assisted by Dr. Emily Nekl (professor of Biology) and the Arboretum Committee, the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens will take three to four years to complete, and each one will be done in several phases.



(l to r) Celebrating Arbor Day, Dr. Don Scarborough, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Dr. Dennis Carroll, Vice President for Academic Affairs; HPU President Dr. Nido Qubein; Chris Dudley, Vice President for Community Relations; and HPU First Lady Mariana Qubein.

### The Arboretum

Development of an Arboretum is quite a complicated process, which takes a team of supporters to nurture. First, all the plants and trees on campus must be researched, which, in the case of the HPU Arboretum, was done by a team of dedicated students under the direction of Biology professor Dr. Emily Nekl. Next, plaques were designed and produced which included the common and scientific names of each plant or tree. Next, these plaques were placed at or near the appropriate plant or tree. The next step, which is currently in development, is the production of a map of campus with the location of each plant so that visitors can tour our Arboretum. The last step will ultimately be the publication of a book which will detail the contents of our Arboretum.

### The Botanical Gardens

The Botanical Gardens have been in development since the beginning, as well, and include a series of carefully and thoughtfully planned gardens in which plants will also be labeled and mapped for educational purposes. The Botanical Gardens that have been completed or are currently under construction include:

- The Rose Garden
- The Perennial Garden
- The Herb Garden
- The Knot Garden

To date, the Ridley Rose Garden in front of Smith Library has been completed, and there is a book in the library — compiled by HPU's Director of Library Services David Bryden and his staff — which explains every rose bush, gives information about it, provides a photo

of its bloom, and gives a guided tour of the garden. The garden was painstakingly researched and thoughtfully planned by Mariana Qubein, and built and planted by Matt Mahoney, HPU's Landscaping manager.

The Perennial Garden is located in David Hayworth Park, and was planted during an event that brought together faculty, staff, students and community. Armed with gloves, trowels and plenty of bedding and flowering plants, this hearty group gathered in the unplanted soil of David Hayworth Park to plant hundreds of perennial plants, which will begin to peep through the soil any day, revealing the first evidence of the Perennial Garden. The event was organized by Mrs. Mariana Qubein and HPU's Assistant Director of Academic Services and Coordinator of Disability Support Irene Ingersoll. The garden was designed by Jim Ingersoll (a volunteer and the husband of Irene Ingersoll) and built by Matt Mahoney. It was dedicated in honor of HPU faculty and staff on Arbor Day 2008.

The Herb Garden is located between Blessing Residence Hall and the entrance to the cafeteria in the Slane Center. It is contained inside a stunning asymmetrical brick retaining wall, and is neatly labeled with a wide variety of fresh herbs.

Additional gardens have been erected or will soon be erected to include:

- A Butterfly Garden
- A Bog Garden in Hayworth Park
- The Chapel Garden (renovations)
- The Bulb Garden
- Moon Garden
- More gardens to come...

When complete, High Point University will have an intricate and sophisticated Botanical Garden and Arboretum which visitors and students can use to enjoy and learn more about plants native to our state. Until then, watch this project evolve as High Point's first Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. ■



Planting Day 2008 was a celebration as the HPU family joined in helping to keep the campus vibrant with plant life. Faculty and staff members donated plants from their home gardens, which were planted in a perennial garden in the HPU Botanical Gardens. (l to r) Dr. Kelli Sapp, Associate Professor of Biology and Chair of the Biology Department, and Irene Ingersoll, Assistant Director of Academic Services/Coordinator of Disability Support.

As the Botanical Gardens are planned, planted and are beginning to bloom and grow, they will bring great beauty and attention to High Point University. Some gardens have been named, but the opportunity exists for naming others. Anyone interested in naming a garden is welcomed to contact Don Scarborough, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at (336) 841-9214.



## New Athletic Director Takes the Helm at HPU

*New AD brings vision and energy to HPU athletics.*

On January 9, former Wake Forest University Associate Athletic Director Craig Keilitz was named HPU's new Director of Athletics.

At WFU, Keilitz supervised marketing and promotions, media relations, operations and event management, marching and pep bands, cheerleading and dance teams, athletic facilities, and baseball and women's volleyball. He was a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference Marketing Committee, the Athletic Director's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Athletic Director's Executive Staff. He also served as the liaison between the WFU athletics department and International Sports Properties.

Keilitz began his WFU career in 1996 as Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, directly supervising NCAA Compliance. He then was named WFU's Associate Athletic Director of Internal Operations, overseeing NCAA Compliance, sports medicine, summer camps and more. He was the Chair of the Wake Forest University Athletic Gender Equity Committee and a member of the ACC's Compliance Committee and Gender Equity Committee. Keilitz holds a Bachelor of Arts in communications with a minor in marketing from Central Michigan University, and a master's of Sports Administrations from Ohio University. ■



Below, Craig Keilitz is interviewed by media during the press conference to announce his appointment as HPU's new Athletic Director.





# High Point athletics continued

## Cross Country Succeeds with International Blend

The High Point University men's and women's cross country teams are a blended group of athletes from the United States, Hungary and Canada, and while both teams include a majority of Americans, neither team can deny the impact that their international students had on the two programs in 2007.

On the men's side, Tamas Kovacs, a junior from Veszprem, Hungary, has been a top-10 finisher throughout his career for the Panthers. Kovacs earned his third All-Conference nod this season after placing fifth at the Big South Championships. He had the top team finish in six out of seven races this season.

Jesse Cherry, a junior from Chugiak, Alaska, finished just behind Kovacs most of the season, but bested him at the Big South Championships, running to a fourth-place finish to earn his second Big South All-Conference nod. Cherry had five top-10 finishes this season for the Panthers.

The duo led the men's cross country team to a second-place finish at the Big South Championships. It is the highest finish for the Panthers since winning the last of its three straight Big South titles in 2004. HPU also finished in the top three at five meets during 2007, including two first-place finishes.

For the women, Zsanett Kis, a junior from Kiskunhalas, Hungary, led the team throughout the season with six top-10 finishes. Kis ran to a fourth-place finish at the Big South Conference Championships to earn All-Conference honors in her first year with the team.

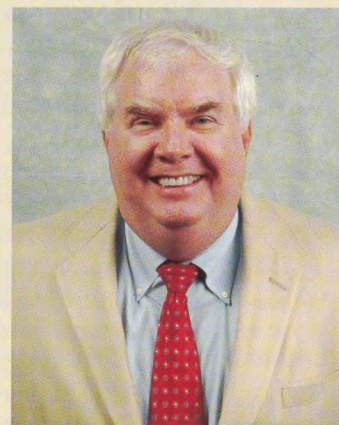
Kali Burt, a junior from Ontario, Canada, placed just behind Kis at the conference meet, finishing fifth to pick up her third All-Conference honor during her career. Burt had five top-10 finishes this season as the Panther women finished in the top three at six meets in 2007.

The Panthers placed third as a team at the Big South Championships. ■

## HPU celebrates service of Woody Gibson as he steps down

High Point University Athletics is closing in on the completion of the first decade in its NCAA Division I era – due in large part to the efforts of Dr. Woody Gibson, its Athletic Director for the past nine years.

Gibson announced in December that he planned to step out of the AD role and into the classroom ... a move that univer-



sity officials have embraced. "We are most grateful to Dr. Gibson for his outstanding service in athletics and for being such a dedicated member of our community," said HPU President Dr. Nido Qubein. "We look forward to his continued involvement and service at High Point University."

Dr. Gibson came to HPU in 1985. He guided HPU through its move to NCAA Division I and served as Athletic Director for the last nine years. He holds an undergraduate degree from High Point College, a master's degree from North Carolina A & T University and a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. He served on many NCAA-level committees, including the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct (2001-2005) and the Task Force on Sports Wagering and Associated Behavior (2004-present). ■



Derek Nakluski

## High Point Alum Qualifies for World Championships

**H**igh Point University alum Derek Nakluski ('04) qualified for the 2008 World Cross Country Championships after finishing sixth at the Senior Men's Canadian National Cross Country Championships on December 1, 2007.

Nakluski ran to a time of 30:37.3 in the 10k event. He will compete in the World Championships on March 30, 2008 in

Edinburgh, Scotland.

"We are all very proud of Derek," said HPU head cross country coach Mike Esposito. "His goal has always been to represent his country at a World Championship, and now he is ready to fulfill that dream."

The Kitchner, Ontario, Canada native was a two time All-Big South honoree in his time at High Point. He helped the men's cross country team to three straight Big South titles (2002, 2003, 2004) and recorded the highest finish at the conference meet for the Panthers during his senior year, finishing third. The team was ranked as high as sixth in the South Regional Poll during his career. ■

## HPU Lacrosse Joins Ranks as Conference Sport

**I**n just its second year of existence, HPU's men's lacrosse team was accepted for membership in the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference.

Coach Roger Davis and team captain Jake Villwock (a senior from Chester, MD) traveled to Atlanta in September to apply for membership. They presented to the conference teams as well as the board of directors on why HPU should become a member. After the voting was done they were informed that HPU had been accepted into the league.

HPU is in the North Conference of Division 2, which includes Davidson, Elon, UNC Charlotte, Liberty University, Southern Virginia University and Appalachian State. The team will also schedule games against Division 1 teams Wake Forest and N.C. State. There are 11 games scheduled for the spring.

"We are thrilled to have been accepted into this conference," said Davis. "It will take our competitions to the next level. Jake was instrumental in getting the lacrosse team started. I'm so proud of the entire teams' efforts in seeing this through to such a successful conclusion." ■



# High Point athletics continued

## *Athletics a Significant Factor in HPU's Image as World-Class School*

**H**PU sponsors 16 NCAA Division I sports, including Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Track & Field (both indoor and outdoor), Men's and Women's Tennis and Women's Volleyball.

The Panthers compete in the Big South Conference, which currently includes seven other member institutions but will add two more programs in the fall of 2008 for a total of 10 teams. The Big South includes Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, Liberty University, Radford University, UNC Asheville, Virginia Military Institute and Winthrop University, with Gardner-Webb University and Presbyterian College ready to join.

During its near-decade in the Big South and NCAA Division I play, HPU has built successful programs in nearly every sport, earning several conference regular season and tournament titles. The HPU Men's Cross Country team captured three straight Big South crowns, and Men's Tennis and Women's Basketball have also earned regular season titles. The Panther Women's Soccer program has captured a pair of league tournament championships, making two trips to the NCAA Tournament. In addition, almost every athletic team at HPU has produced a school record for victories in the past three seasons.

Along with team success, individual Panther student-athletes have garnered conference and national attention for their play, earning a variety of post-season

honors, including numerous Big South Player-of-the-Year and All-Big South accolades.

HPU student-athletes are earning attention and recognition for their class work — HPU consistently ranks among the Big South leaders in overall GPA and student-ath-

the academic year 2006-07, HPU student-athletes completed more than 2,300 hours of community service.

In the past three years, HPU has spent approximately \$12 million on an overhaul of its athletic facilities. From the new state-of-the-art Steele Sports Center to the



letes earning Big South Presidential Honor Roll distinctions. The average cumulative GPA of HPU student-athletes during the fall 2007 semester was 3.13. HPU also has a growing number of Millis Scholar-Athletes — athletes with a GPA of at least 3.0. Of HPU's 218 student-athletes, an estimated 164 will be named Millis Scholar-Athletes this year. HPU has produced several CoSIDA Academic All-District and All-American performers.

HPU student-athletes are also dedicated community volunteers, working with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and many other causes. In

beautiful Vert Track & Soccer Stadium to the renovated Williard Baseball Stadium, HPU has gotten a thorough athletic facelift. Enhancements include a new lacrosse field and two additional practice fields, along with new lights for the baseball, lacrosse and soccer fields and parking areas. The entire complex is framed with a brick and iron fence. In addition, the Millis Athletic Center has been redesigned with video boards, digital scorers' tables, and a new concession and hospitality area. Two magnificent bronze panthers by sculptor Jon Hair now stand guard outside the Millis and Steele buildings. ■



## Copper State Proves Golden for High Point Volleyball in 2007

Following a season of unparalleled success for Panther Volleyball in its nine-year NCAA Division I Era, Coach Esposito may just want to pay tribute to the state of Arizona, which provided HPU with many of the key members of this season's record-setting squad.

Of the 17 players on the High Point roster, five claim Arizona as their home, with four of those players serving as starters or primary reserves for the Panthers. The next most popular roster state for HPU Volleyball is Ohio, which provided a trio of players.

Starting setter and All-Big South first-team honoree junior Kristina Taylor (Chandler, AZ) heads the list of Arizona products, followed by second-team all-conference honoree sophomore Audie Gonzalez (Peoria, AZ) and All-Freshman team member Julie Hershkowitz (Scottsdale, AZ). Defensive specialist sophomore Tara Dyer (Fountain Hills, AZ) played in nearly every contest for HPU, and sophomore Megan Kaminskas (Flagstaff) provided the Panthers with strong depth in the outside hitting corps.

The Arizona pipeline at HPU began with Tara Mahoney (Glendale, AZ), a former Panther player who now serves as the Assistant Sports Marketing Director for High Point.

The current quintet of Arizona Panthers were all familiar with each other before arriving at High Point, having either played together or against each other in high school or club volleyball competitions. Four of the players were members of the Arizona Grand Canyon Juniors program.

The Arizona natives got the chance to show off their home state to the rest of their teammates as HPU played at the Fiesta Bowl Classic in Flagstaff, AZ, and worked in a trip to see the Grand Canyon. ■

## Journey to a Championship...

*Dear Diary, we made history today...*

The HPU women's soccer team made history by capturing the program's second Big South Conference tournament title and earning a ticket to the NCAA Championship Tournament. A pair of players kept a diary of their incredible journey. Here's their story ...

### High Point vs. Radford (Nov. 8, 2007)

*"Today is the day of our first game vs. Radford. We woke up at 7 o'clock because my roommates were so excited and nervous they couldn't sleep. We had a team breakfast at 8 and everyone was pumped for the game. We went for a little jog around the hotel and stretched. Everyone just wanted it to be game time! We went to the field a little early so that we could watch the games before us. Coastal (Carolina) was playing VMI and of course we were cheering for*



*VMI. It was finally time for us to get ready for the game and we made our way to the locker room. We were SO ready to play! We warmed up and the game started. After an extremely close game, we pulled away at the end, winning 3-1. Everyone played amazing! We stayed to watch some of the next game because we are playing the winners tomorrow. After a long day and a great game, the whole team went out to dinner with some of our families. At dinner we found out that Asheville beat Charleston Southern in PKs and we all started screaming! We finally made it back to our hotel room ... exhausted! We get to do it again tomorrow and beat Asheville!!!"*

(Big South Tournament MVP  
freshman Sara Rager)

### High Point vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 11, 2007) – Championship Game

*"The team was filled with mixed emotions ... we were excited, nervous, and confident. We were excited that we finally got a rematch against Coastal Carolina. During the regular season we played our worst game against them, and we wanted to show them just how good we really were. Except for the seniors, no one had ever played in a Big South Championship Game, so no one knew what to expect and were a little nervous. Even so, we were still extremely confident that we could win. As a team, we had endured much, including nine season-ending injuries, so we knew nothing would stop us in winning the Championship. Game time came and we were ready! We dominated the first half, and at half time we were confident we could win. The second half and two overtimes were a battle back and forth. The game was evenly matched. However, we just could not find the back on the net. Going into PKs we just knew it was our game. When Hannah (Nail) saved a PK and we finally made all five of our PKs, it was the greatest feeling in the world. We had just won the Championship! We were the number one team in the league! It was indescribable. We had worked so hard together, for each other, and for those who had suffered injuries. We won as a team, all 27 of us!"*

(All-Big South first-team member  
and Big South All-Tournament  
selection senior Alex Torriero)



# High Point athletics continued

## Lundy Serving on Pair of National Coaching Committees

**H**igh Point University head men's basketball coach Bart Lundy will be extra busy this season after being selected to serve on a pair of national basketball coaches groups.

Lundy, now in his fifth year at the helm of the Panther program, was named to the voting panel for the Collegelnsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 poll along with earning a spot as a voting member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Regional Advisory Committee for the 2008 Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

"I am tremendously honored to be participating with both of these groups," said Lundy. "It is truly a great privilege to represent High Point University, our basketball program and the Big South Conference. I am excited and looking forward to my involvement with Mid-Major poll and the Regional Advisory committee."

The Mid-Major Top 25 poll is in its ninth year and includes teams from America East, Atlantic Sun, Big Sky, Big South, Big West, Colonial, Horizon, Independents, Ivy, Metro Atlantic, Mid-American, Mid-Continent, Mid-Eastern, Missouri Valley, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Patriot, Southern, Southland, Southwestern, Sun Belt and West Coast Conferences. Lundy is one of seven new coaches added to the group of 31 voters. The poll is released weekly at Collegelnsider.com during the season.

The Regional Advisory Committee and its ballots are important tools that assist the NCAA Tournament committee with the process of selecting at-large teams for the tournament. Lundy is a voting member of the South Region, which includes 96 teams and nine conferences (Atlantic Sun, Big 12, Big South, Ohio Valley, SEC, Southern, Southland, SWAC and Sun Belt). ■



## Lady Panthers Recognized for 30th Anniversary of National Basketball Championship

**H**PU recognized the 1978 Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Women's Basketball National Championship Team during Alumni and Family Winter Weekend. An enthusiastic crowd rose to a standing ovation during the Men's Basketball game on Saturday, February 2. The Lady Panthers posted a

record of 30 wins and eight losses, including winning their final 20 games and enduring their toughest schedule in history. Before advancing to the national tournament, the Panthers picked up their third consecutive Carolina's Conference title and third consecutive North Carolina AIAW championship.



Above, the 1978 High Point University Lady Panthers: the Women's Basketball National Championship Team. Team members: Head Coach Wanda Briley, Robyn Cooper, Sylvia Chambers Asnip, Jody Westmoreland Fleming, Vickie McLean, Germaine McAuley, Moh Traini, Connie Dickens, Ethel White, Marie Riley.

As the Panthers rolled into the National Title game against South Carolina State on Saturday, March 24, they had won 19 games in a row. A national championship and 20th consecutive win was captured when sophomore Marie Riley scored 13 consecutive points in overtime and junior Ethel White hit two free throws with six seconds remaining to clinch the victory. The final score was 92-88 and High Point had earned its first intercollegiate national championship.



Above, four members of the original team reunited during Alumni & Family Weekend for the presentation of a banner, which will be proudly displayed inside the Millis Center. (l to r) Molly Jordan (current Panther Club President); 1978 AIAW Women's Basketball National Championship Team members: Germaine McAuley, Robyn Cooper, Vickie McLean and Jody Westmoreland Fleming; Athletic Director Craig Keilitz and HPU president Nido Qubein.

Marie Riley was named the tournament Most Valuable Player, having scored a school record of 41 points in the championship game. Riley and White were named to the 1978 All-American Team. ■



## New Baseball Scoreboard



"Take me out to the ball game!" Especially if the scoreboard looks like HPU's new stunner ... a massive 50' x 40' Jumbotron that the Panthers now enjoy at the Williard Baseball Stadium.

## New Soccer Scoreboard



If you haven't seen a soccer game at the new Dick and Peg Vert Track and Soccer Stadium, you're missing out. The newest addition to the Stadium is a 22' X 40' video board. This will create a professional game-day experience at each home game. Come see your Panthers in action.



# High Point athletics continued

## Big South Conference Highlights Several HPU Volleyball Standouts

**F**ive HPU volleyball student-athletes were recognized by the Big South Conference's head coaches and sports information directors for their outstanding performances on the court, including junior Kristina Taylor, sophomore Audie Gonzalez, junior Ashley Mellott, freshman Julie Hershkowitz and junior Lauren Hatch.

Taylor was named a first-team All-Big South honoree while teammates Gonzalez and Mellott were both selected to the All-Big South second team. Hershkowitz garnered All-Freshman team accolades and Hatch was a member of the Big South All-Academic team.

"We are very excited for and proud of these five young ladies," said HPU head coach Chad Esposito, who finished as runner-up in the Coach of the Year balloting after guiding the Panthers to a program best 24-9 overall record and an 8-4 mark in conference play. "As a team, we enjoyed some success on the court. These individual honors are a reflection of both our team success and each honored player's dedication and commitment this season. It says a great deal about our program to have this many individual players recognized by the coaches and SIDs."

As a team, the Panthers finished the season ranked 16th nationally in digs per game. ■

## HPU Moment of Glory



HPU pulled out a dramatic 62-61 Big South Conference victory over Winthrop during regular-season play, which sent HPU students and fans streaming onto the court in celebration (above). Photo courtesy of David Holston/High Point Enterprise.



## Women's Soccer Team Honored for Outstanding Accomplishments

The HPU Women's Soccer Team scored the ultimate goal this year — not only did the team win the Big South Conference Championship, but it was also recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) for being one of the Top Ten Academic Teams in Division I in 2007.

The team's outstanding accomplishments were recognized at a special dinner hosted by Dr. Nido Qubein.

"The women's soccer team has demonstrated what great things happen when people work together and exhibit true teamwork," Dr. Qubein said. "They achieved these extraordinary accomplishments while also staying on top of their academic goals." ■



(l to r) President Qubein, Amy Anzovino, Megan Fielden, Karolina Straby, Alex Torriero (captain), Beckie Lesh, Hannah Nail (captain), Michelle Rayner and Will Beddingfield

## Webcasts Take HPU Athletics Global *By: Mike Nuckles*

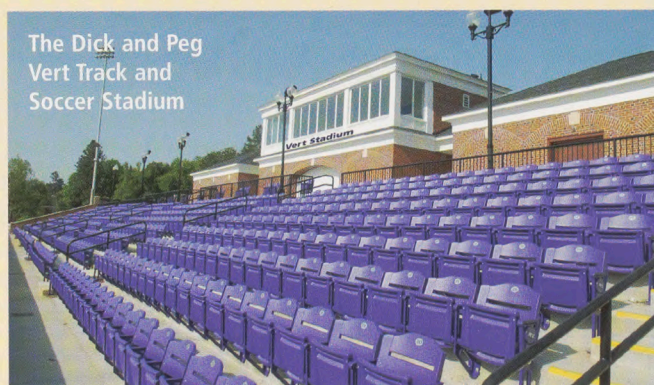
With the combination of brand new sports facilities and a rapidly expanding School of Communication comes a sports media initiative the likes of which High Point has never before seen.

Beginning last fall, selected HPU volleyball games were broadcast over the Web, complete with student commentators and multiple camera angles. This system continues to grow, with all home volleyball and soccer games broadcast live over the Big South Conference's website at [www.bigsouthsports.com](http://www.bigsouthsports.com).

To find qualified and professional students to run the program, HPU Athletics reached out to the Communication faculty to suggest student candidates. Last fall, now-junior Caitlin Bonner (Pitman, NJ) and '07 graduate Kevin Lamb provided the play-by-play and color commentary for home volleyball games.

This year, two pairs of HPU undergraduates are at the helm of the multimedia venture. Freshman Samantha Metallo (Gibbsboro, NJ) and senior Katherine Tana (Baldwin, MD) enlighten listeners to the world of Panther volleyball, and sophomores Mike Nuckles (Mooresville, NC) and Michael Roux (Vernon, NJ) provide enthusiastic narration of men's and women's soccer matches.

Bundled with the recent construction of facilities — such as the Dick and Peg Vert Track and Soccer Stadium — were



thousands of dollars invested in high-tech electronic equipment. The intent was to provide the best possible game experience to listeners, as well as to prepare students for what they would encounter in professional telecommunications.

"When approached about the position, I was very excited," said Nuckles. "When I actually started working with the equipment, I was stunned at the quality of the equipment. It helps to provide the best possible experience for viewers."

Live broadcasts — as well as archived copies of all 2007 home games — can be seen by subscribing to The Edge on the Big South Conference's website at [www.bigsouthsports.com](http://www.bigsouthsports.com). ■





## Help an HPU student stand a little taller.

When one parent joins the President's Circle, a student at High Point University stands taller. When an alumnus supports the Annual Scholarship Fund, a student is inspired to achieve.

Each year, more than \$10 million is distributed to students at HPU who depend on parents and alumni to invest in their future. Providing an outstanding HPU experience is made possible, in part, by the generosity of caring individuals. Participation in the HPU Annual Scholarship Fund – whether small or large – helps continue the tradition of academic excellence at High Point University.

### Here's what HPU parents are saying:

"Our son Joshua is in his junior year at HPU and loves it. We take great joy in joining the President's Circle because we know that our contribution will allow another student the wonderful opportunities that Josh has been given. HPU is absolutely the best!"

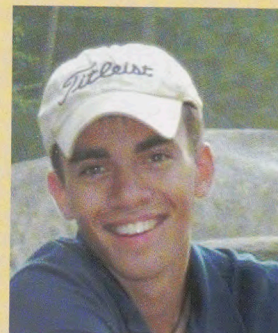
*Dr. and Mrs. Perry and Shirlene Jones*



### Here's what our students are saying:

"Scholarship opportunities came to me from multiple schools, but HPU was giving me more than money; they were giving me confirmation that they believed I would better the campus community. That was more important than any dollar amount."

*Bryan Rothamel (junior)*



### Here's what our alumni are saying:

"Giving to the HPU Annual Scholarship Fund is very important, regardless of how much you are able to contribute. It's participation in the program that counts."

*Terrence R. Donovan ('93), Jersey City, NJ*



**Make a difference ... go to [www.highpoint.edu/onlinegiving](http://www.highpoint.edu/onlinegiving).  
Or contact Chad Hartman, Director of the Annual Fund, at 336.841.9239.**

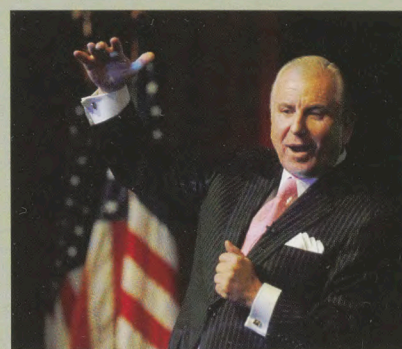


## When Dr. Qubein Speaks, People Listen.

**W**hen our president talks about the transformation at HPU, parents quickly bring their high school students to visit, to apply and to enroll at High Point University. His ability to motivate is celebrated, and hundreds of organizations each year inquire about his availability to speak; only a few are fortunate enough to get him. Besides scores of presentations he

makes on campus at Open Houses, Convocation, Senior Luncheon, Honors Day, Presidential Scholarship Weekend and Family and Alumni Weekend, he travels from coast to coast to keynote some of the nation's major corporate and associational events.

Here's a sampling of audiences who hosted Dr. Qubein at their conventions in the last year:



Group	Meeting Location	Audience Size
Seattle Dental Study Clubs	Maui, HI	1000
Chick-fil-A Operators' Seminar	Orlando, FL	3500
La-Z-Boy Sales Conference	Orlando, FL	200
Vizioncore IT Conference	Chicago, IL	300
Intermec Technologies	Orlando, FL	1800
NC Entrepreneurial Summit	Greensboro, NC	600
Nationwide Marketing Group	Dallas, TX	3000
TAG National	San Diego, CA	1000
LINC Conference	San Antonio, TX	700
Farm Credit Bank	Dallas, TX	400
Glazer-Kennedy Inner Circle	Nashville, TN	1200
UNC Kennan-Flagler School of Business	Chapel Hill, NC	300
Nat'l Association of Independent Lighting	Hilton Head, SC	900
National Open Seminar	Bogota, Columbia	800
Rotary International	Atlanta, GA	600
Asheboro Mayor's Breakfast	Asheboro, NC	600
Tri-State Telephone Company	Concord, NC	100
Dynamic Directions	Owensboro, KY	75
National Speakers Association	New York, NY	2000
Buffini Company	San Diego, CA	5000
Hilton Hotels	San Francisco, CA	200
American Home Furniture Association	Chicago, IL	300
Allied Securities	Atlanta, Ga	400
Institute of Real Estate Management	San Antonio, TX	700
Integra Systems	Dallas, TX	200
Kentucky Bankers Association	Louisville, KY	300
NC Telephone Association	Pinehurst, NC	150
Pioneer Hi-Bred	Lake Tahoe, NV	1200
Kois Consulting Company	Seattle, WA	200
BB&T Banking School	Winston-Salem, NC	130
Servpro Industries	Palm Springs, CA	900
Nestle	Tampa, FL	650
PSCU Financial Services	Williamsburg, VA	300



# Faculty/Staff

## Religion Professor Receives 2007 E. Vance Davis Distinguished Service Award

**Y**ou could say Dr. Akin-tunde E. Akinade is quite distinguished in the eyes of his students.

Akinade, Associate Professor of Religion, received the 2007 E. Vance Davis Distinguished Service Award during the fourth annual Evening Degree Program Faculty Appreciation Day.

Faculty Appreciation Day, created in 2004, honors outstanding faculty of the program and is presented to a faculty member nominated by EDP students. It was established in honor of Dr. E. Vance Davis, former vice

president for academic affairs, who served the university for 30 years.

Akinade serves as the advisor for the Genesis Gospel Choir and teaches courses in world religion, Biblical studies and Christian thought. In 1996, he co-edited "The Agitated Mind of God," a book that was selected as one of the 15 most outstanding books in mission studies by the Overseas Ministry Study Center in New Haven, CT.



"Dr. Akinade is committed to pedagogical excellence," said Dr. Carole Stoneking, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and former chair of the Department of Religion. "He engages students and encourages them to think sensitively about matters of local as well as global importance. His rapport with students demonstrates not only his understanding, but his passion and gift for teaching." ■

## Fine Arts Expand to Address Student Needs

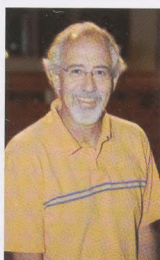
**A**s programs and curricula expand across campus, we must constantly seek ways to operate more efficiently and productively. As a result, High Point University has divided the Fine Arts Department into two separate operating depart-



Scott Raynor

ments. One will be Visual Arts, and will be chaired by Mr. Scott Raynor. In addition to serving its own majors, the Visual Arts Department will provide service and support to our programs in Interior Design and Communication.

The other new department is the Department of Performing Arts, which will house the programs in music and theatre. Mr. Ed Simpson has been named as the new Performing Arts Chair. ■



Ed Simpson

## Economics Professor Presents New Ideas

**D**r. Michael McCully has come up with a way to help get Italy on the fast track to economical growth.

McCully, Director of Economics and International Management, shared those ideas with professional associates as he presented a paper entitled, "A lot still remains to be done: Structural Economic Reform in Italy," at the Missouri Valley Economic Association meeting, held in Kansas City, MO.

McCully's paper, which discussed Italy's stunted economical growth, proposed ways to get the country back on track with its surrounding nations.

"Italy is one of the most prosperous countries in the world," McCully said. "But for the past decade, its economic growth has fallen behind its neighboring countries. This paper examines the reforms that will be needed to speed up Italy's growth again." ■





## Mathematics Professor Proves Numbers Do Count

When it comes to problem solving and critical thinking, numbers really do matter – especially to Dr. Lisa Carnell.

Carnell, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Education, presented a session, entitled “Primes, Factors, and Perfect Numbers,” at the 37th annual Fall Conference of the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics. More than 2,200 teachers from across the state attended the conference, and 19 education majors and special education majors from HPU attended, as well. ■



## Crofton's Research Targets Dropout Rate

Dr. Stephanie Crofton, Associate Dean of the Earl N. Phillips School of Business, presented a paper at the Western Economic Association International annual conference in Seattle.

The title of the paper was, “Do Increases in the Minimum Wage Lead to More High School Dropouts?” The paper was co-authored with Dr. William Anderson of Frostburg State University and Emily Rawe of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

“Previous studies on this topic tended to focus on aggregated dropout rates,” said Crofton. “However, we used data for high school dropout rates of various ethnic groups across counties in Maryland during 1993-2004. We found that the effects of increases in the minimum wage differ across ethnic groups. This finding could help public policy makers target programs aimed at lowering dropout rates to specific groups of students.” ■



## HPU Professors Conduct Landmark Study on Economic Impact of Home Furnishings Industry ... Which Tops \$8.25 Billion

During a standing-room-only press conference which filled Norton Hall's La-Z-Boy Room with media reps and home furnishings industry leaders, High Point University President Dr. Nido Qubein announced the results of a landmark study quantifying the economic impact of the home furnishings industry on the Triad area of North Carolina (High Point, Winston-Salem and Greensboro). That economic impact tops \$8.25 billion.

Conducting the research were HPU professors Gerald Fox, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics in the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, Richard Hargrove, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing in the Department of Home Furnishings and Design, and David Bryden, M.L.S., Director of Library Services.

Dr. Qubein explained that while studies had been conducted to measure the impact of the High Point Market, there had never been a study to measure the economic impact of furniture-related businesses on the High Point area, Triad region and state of North Carolina. Facts presented through the study titled, “The

Economic Impact of the Home Furnishings Industry in the Triad Region of North Carolina,” are designed to act as a benchmark for future research and provide valuable input to corporate and governmental decisions.

“Although we knew going into this study that the home furnishings industry in the region was huge, we were surprised to discover the true magnitude of its impact,” said Qubein. “This study proves that High Point is the Furniture Capital of the World™.”

“The High Point Market is the largest home furnishings market in the world,” said Brian Casey, president of High Point Market Authority, “and it is here because the industry is here.”

The mayor of High Point, who also addressed the group, agreed. “The High Point Market and the enormous industry surrounding it are thriving and growing,” said High Point Mayor Becky Smothers. “The home furnishings industry is firmly embedded here, and \$8 billion represents an incredible amount for the region and the state. That's certainly worth all of our attention and active support.” ■



(l to r) Strib Boyton (City Manager, City of High Point), Dr. Nido Qubein (President, High Point University), Brian Casey (President, High Point Market Authority), Becky Smothers (Mayor of High Point), David Bryden (Director of Library Services at HPU), Dr. Gerald Fox (Associate Professor of Economics in HPU's Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics), Dr. Richard Hargrove (Associate Professor of Marketing in HPU's Department of Home Furnishings and Design).



## Faculty/Staff continued

### Dr. Fowkes Works with Hollywood Bigwigs at Conference

**D**r. Kate Fowkes, Professor of Media and Popular Culture Studies, recently took part in the Renaissance Institute's New Year's conference.

Fowkes served as both moderator and panelist at the invitation-only event, which brought together an interdisciplinary group of academic and industry leaders from around the United States. The panels in which she participated focused on reality television, recent trends and phenomena in film, and behind-the-scenes accounts of the entertainment industry. In all three panels, Fowkes worked

with award-winning writers, filmmakers, actors, musicians and more. In the panel that discussed recent trends and phenomena in film, for instance, she worked alongside the screenwriter for "Shrek III" and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," two award-winning independent filmmakers, and the former vice president of the Motion Picture Association of America. In addition, of particular interest this year was a behind-the-scenes look at the screenwriters' strike.

"It was a great honor to be invited back to the Renaissance Institute," Fowkes said.



"Having the opportunity to work with media professionals is of particular benefit to my teaching. This experience has given great exposure to HPU." ■

### Dr. Haun Working to Engage Faculty Statewide

**D**r. Patrick Haun, Assistant Professor of Human Relations, was invited to serve as Chairman of the Learning Communities Faculty Engagement Initiative for the North Carolina chapter of Campus Compact.

Campus Compact is a coalition of colleges and universities collaborating to increase campus-wide participation in community and public service. These institutions join with other schools in becoming "engaged campuses" that enhance students' sense of responsibility, citizenship, leadership and awareness of community, while reinvigorating higher education's concern for

improving the quality of life in North Carolina.

The Learning Communities Initiative has set its goal to engage faculty in promoting civic engagement, research and skills toward finding solutions to North Carolina academic and community issues. The Initiative hopes to address civic engagement, service learning research and leadership opportunities for North Carolina's higher education faculty by bringing together like-minded professionals.

"Professionally, I am humbled to serve as chair of this group," said Haun. "The core goal of the North Carolina Campus Compact fits nicely into my research interests, while at the



same time helping to meet the needs of interested colleagues and advancing the extraordinary opportunities at High Point University." ■



## Director of Experiential Learning Appointed to Ethics Committee

**D**r. Kelly Norton, Director of Experiential Learning, has been appointed to the Ethics Committee by the American College Personnel Association Governing Board. Norton will serve on the board for a period of two years, until 2010.

"It is truly an honor to be selected to represent my colleagues nationwide on the ACPA Ethics Committee," Norton said. "Regardless of our roles within an institution, all higher education professionals are charged with acting, modeling and teaching ethical decision-making."

The appointment was made

official at the Governing Board meeting in Washington. The Ethics Committee serves an important role for the association as well as the profession of student affairs — not only does it work to resolve ethical dilemmas, it also provides members with an ongoing education about professional ethics.

"We must be able to count on one another to keep ethics in the front of our minds at all times. It's a topic that permeates everything we do," Norton said. "I look forward to playing a role in the governing body that will allow me to gather information



and make recommendations on a wide spectrum of ethical issues within higher education." ■

## Dr. Smith Named to TKE Board of Governors

**P**rofessor of Information Systems, Dr. Michael Smith, has been named to the board of governors of the TKE Leadership Academy (TLA),

a leadership training program for collegiate members of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

The academy is designed to advance leadership skills, to

administer opportunities to interact with leaders of other chapters and to analyze fraternal and societal issues. ■



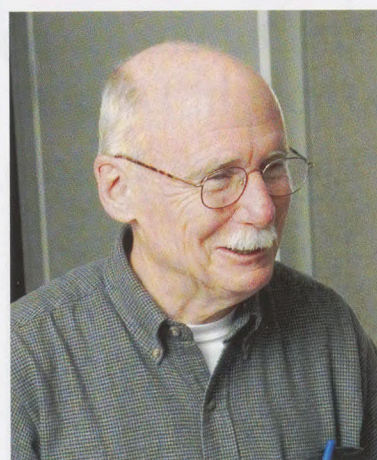
## Professor's Segregation-Era Poem Gains Attention from Literary Journal

**E**nglish Professor Michael Gaspeny ranks right up there with highly regarded authors Robert Wrigley, Carl Phillips and Fred Chappell. He, too, has been published in the Greensboro-based Cave Wall, a literary journal that has published works by poets from all over the United States.

Gaspeny's narrative poem, titled "The Blue Room, 1958," appeared in the winter issue of the journal. The poem takes place in an African-American

lunch bar during the segregation era in Virginia. It centers on the relationship between two teenage boys — one black and one white — who shoot pool against one another.

"'The Blue Room' occurs during the period historians call Massive Resistance to Integration in Virginia," says Gaspeny, who was a finalist last spring in the N.C. State Poetry Contest. "It's about what people couldn't say to each other back then and perhaps still have trouble expressing." ■





## Faculty/Staff continued

### HPU Professor Publishes, Presents Paper

Associate Professor of Communication Dr. Judy L. Isaksen had a very prolific year — she published two articles and presented a paper on Zora Neale Hurston at the 4th Annual African-American Literature Symposium at North Carolina Central University. The paper explored Hurston's autobiographical work, "How It Feels to Be Colored Me."

Her publications included a biographical article on poet, editor, columnist and bibliographer Beatrice Murphy, which appeared in the 2007 edition of the Greenwood Encyclopedia of African-American Women Writers, and a theoretical article, "Audio Rhetoric: MP3s, Sound, and Silence" in the 2007 journal, "The English Record." ■



### Dr. Little Explains Justice System to Scientists

Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Robert Little led a training session for the staff of Lab Corp in Burlington, NC on "The link between evidence testing and the rest of the justice system."

Lab Corp performs an array of laboratory tests for businesses and the medical community, as well as evidence testing in criminal and civil cases.

"The intent of the session

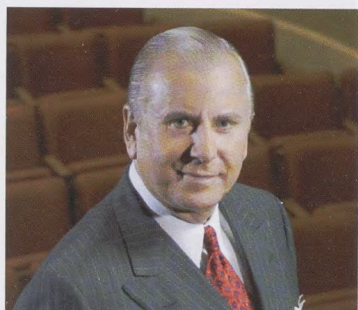
was to educate these staff members, who deal exclusively with the laboratory analysis of physical evidence, with how the justice system works," Little said. "The vast majority of the participants had a college degree in a science-related area so the intent was to have them leave the session with a better understanding of the justice system beyond their rather specialized areas of expertise."

Little discussed the basics of how trials work, the levels of our court structure, grand juries vs. trial juries,



the sentencing process and basics about the appellate process. ■

### Dr. Qubein Recognized as one of America's Top 100 Thought Leaders



Personal Excellence magazine has recognized Dr. Nido Qubein as one of America's top 100 thought leaders.

Each year for the past 13 years, *Personal Excellence Magazine* has selected the "100 top minds in thought leadership" based on eight criteria: professional prepa-

ration, character, principles, personality, performance, experience, expression and influence.

Others on this year's list include Oprah Winfrey, Lance Armstrong, Suze Orman, Tony Robbins, Phil McGraw, Wayne Dyer, Joel Osteen, Deepak Chopra and Stephen Covey. ■



## Professor Publishes Film Reviews

**D**r. Terrell A. Hayes, Associate Professor of Sociology, published two documentary film reviews on "July '64: The Long Hot Summer" and "Negroes with Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power" in back-to-back issues of the American Sociological Association's Journal, "Teaching Sociology."

"July '64: The Long Hot Summer" is a review of the civil rights documentary that depicts the story of urban racial inequality that eventually leads to rioting in Rochester, NY on a summer evening in July 1964. The documentary consists of interviews with black and white residents

both 40 years ago and today as they mull over that night.

The second is on the film, "Negroes with Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power," which is the story of Robert Williams, a civil rights activist in the South during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Williams is said to have been the unofficial founder of the Black Power movement who brought the anguish of African-American struggles in the United States to the attention of the world.

"As someone who aspires toward pacifism, I find that both films raise interesting ethical questions regarding whether there are ever instances where violence



becomes necessary if justice is to prevail," said Hayes. ■

## Exercise Science Professor Practices What She Preaches

**M**ore than six years ago, Dr. Martie Bell, Associate Professor of Exercise Science, and her "significant other," Harry Warren, decided to take a run. Little did

*"It's hard to tell kids to exercise if you're not doing it yourself."*

they know at the time, they would continue running every day – through bad weather, busy schedules, vacations, sickness and injuries – to reach six years of daily running. That's EVERY day.

To date, Martie has run 2,262 days. That's a lot of pavement pounding.

"We really started running for our own health, and to set a good example for our kids," says Bell. "In the beginning we wondered how long we would be able to keep it going – it was six years in December."

Bell's hectic schedule includes her HPU teaching duties, as well as being a single mother of two teenagers. She wants to set a good example for both her students and her own children, and also is passionate about fighting childhood obesity. For the past few years she has lobbied for the passage of a bill mandating physical education in schools for at least 150 minutes a week. It has passed the Senate but is still under



review in the House.

"The last study I read said that 14 percent of American children are obese," says Bell. "And obesity leads to diabetes, which then causes all kinds of ailments such as blindness and loss of limbs. North Carolina's youth are near the top of the lists for obesity and diabetes – we've got to get our kids moving." ■



## Faculty/Staff continued

### Art Professor Helps HPU Remain on the Forefront of Digital Technology

If digital technology is the way of the future, Scott Raynor is making sure HPU has a handle on it.

Raynor, Assistant Professor of Art, presented "My Personal Struggle with Digital Integration" at the Southeastern College of Art Conference at Marshall University in Charleston, WV. Raynor's presentation explored the transitions that small art programs make as they integrate digital technology

into their curriculum.

"The study of art and visual language is undergoing a seismic shift as more and more new media are being integrated into formal art training," Raynor says. "At High Point, we started this process a few years ago with a state-of-the-art Mac lab and we are beginning to use digital technology in more of our courses. It was exciting to show



my colleagues at other institutions what we are doing with new technologies and media." ■

### English Professor Publishes

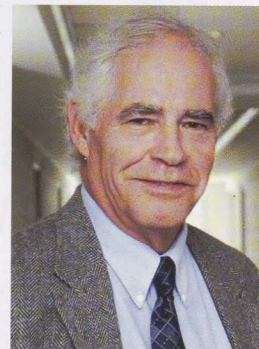
Dr. Marion Hodge, Professor of English, has published poems in the 2007 issues of two journals.

"Awful Daring" appears in *The Lyricist*, published by Campbell University. In this poem, Hodge dramatizes the powerful emotions of rugged patriotism as it is related to religious mysticism.

His poem, "The Cedars" appears in *The Listening Eye*, published at the

Ceauga Campus of Kent State University in Ohio.

"In this poem, I consider some of the complexities of writing," Hodge says. "Only recently have I been able to find the right words for a poem about an image that has dominated my imagination for some 45 years — two very tall cedar trees that stood near my boyhood home." ■



### Professor Examines Role of Animals in Poetry for Paper



Spanish Professor Dr. Maricruz Rodríguez took a closer look at poet Margarita Merino's use of animals in her works for her article, "Teacher of the Language of Dogs: The Ecofeminist Perspective in the Poetry of Margarita Merino," which was published in Spanish in the literary magazine, *Visiones y voces en torno a la literatura hispánica*.

"In my article, I analyze the myriad ways in which Merino explores the female subject and its continual identification with the animal which leads to

Merino's ecological and social activism," explains Rodríguez. "For Merino, animals and women are, due to their subjugated existence, soul mates of a kind. To the poetic persona, animals are teachers and companions, and their primary function is to teach humans — both men and women — values that humankind is losing, such as respect or loyalty. Ultimately, the animals in her poems force the reader to develop a responsible consciousness to stop the abuse of marginalized groups." ■



## Innovative Ideas Gain Theatre Professor Attention at Regional Conference

For Wade Hughes, reality — with a touch of improv — was the perfect combination to get some attention for his hard work.

Hughes, theater professor at HPU, had two proposals for presentations accepted by the Southeast Theater Conference in Chattanooga, TN, which was held March 5-9, 2008.

The first, "Play to Win," provides insight into character development through the use of improvisation. "Quite often, my young actors tend to play the end of the beat too early and lose the dramatic action," says Hughes.

"This exercise has been very effective in combating that tendency."

The second presentation is about an innovative idea Hughes developed, which is an interdisciplinary effort with HPU's criminal justice department. Actors create a crime scene that is believable enough to provide police officers in training a close proximity to the reality of a possible crime. "The collaboration in this partnership creates exciting and new experiences for students in both majors," Hughes says. This program will be "performed" sometime during the spring



semester. (Watch the next issue of the HPU magazine for a full story on this collaboration!) ■

## Child of the Corn? Biology Professor Publishes Paper on Corn Research

Dr. Emily Nekl, Assistant Professor of Biology, has published a paper entitled "A novel cadherin-like gene from Western Corn Rootworm, *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae), larval midgut tissue" in the October 2007 issue of *Insect Molecular Biology*.

The published work is one of a series of papers written by Nekl and colleagues from her previous post-doctoral position where she observed enzymes in the Western

Corn Rootworm that contribute to the yearly devastation of the corn crop around the world.

"This work is the first step to understanding the infectious relationship between corn crops and the Western Corn Rootworm, which destroys the plant by feeding on the root systems in the larval stage and the on stem and leaf in the beetle stage," explains Nekl. "This work focused on identifying the molecular players in the [rootworm's] resistance to insecticides." ■





## Faculty/Staff continued

### Music Professor Represents HPU at International Festival

**D**r. Alexa Schlimmer's voice was recently put to the test – it represented High Point University at a renowned international choral festival.



Schlimmer, Associate Professor of Music, traveled to England in late December to participate in the London International Choral Festival. She was accompanied by HPU student Cody Russell of Jacksonville Beach, FL, and others.

While overseas, she worked with highly regarded choral

directors and conductors, including faculty members Malcolm Archer, Martin Baker and James O'Donnell, and American conductor Alfred Sturgis. Not only did Schlimmer assist Sturgis in a seminar on Americans studying in London, she and her students performed at notable venues, such as Southwark Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Augustine's Church.

The finale of the festival was a gala concert on Jan. 3 at Westminster Cathedral that was recorded and broadcast by the BBC. The choirs were accompanied by The Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra, and Schlimmer and her students were featured soloists in the concert, performing John Rutter's "Gloria."

"Everywhere I go in England as the only vocal pedagogue on the faculty of this renowned international festival, I represent High Point University as an ambassador," Schlimmer said. "I am excited to be internationally recognized as a representative of HPU." ■



### History Professor Publishes Book on Warfare

**H**istory Dr. Professor Frederick C. Schneid has published the book, "Warfare in Europe, 1792-1815."

Part of the Ashgate International Library of Essays on Military History series, the book includes more than 20 articles on the European war and warfare during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic era.

"The book examines the historiography and explores the evolution of war from the 18th to the 19th century," said Schneid. ■

### Serving Students Motivates Staff to Excel

**D**r. Kim Soban, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, was awarded the prestigious Board Certification in Professional Counseling and designation by the American Board of Professional Counselors.

"We are constantly looking for ways to better serve our students," Soban said. "Reaching this designation indicates HPU's desire to pursue new and innovative ways to provide the best possible services to our students."

The ABPC, established by the American Psychotherapy Association, is the nation's leading organization to promote and support the profession of counseling. The BCPC designation is awarded in appreciation of extensive training and expertise, reliable skill and ability in the area of counseling, personal integrity and devotion to the highest standards and professional accomplishments. ■





## Technology Helps Students Find the Right Job after Graduation

Getting a good job isn't always easy – especially for fresh college graduates who are just beginning to get their feet wet in the path to the real world. But thanks to Sam Leonard Beck, the road to the right job is now a little easier.

Beck, Director of Career Development, has devised cutting-edge technology for High Point University students to help facilitate their job search – the Graduation Destination CD. In November, she presented the CD – which is already being provided to each senior at HPU – during the North Carolina Career

Development Conference at Wake Forest University. The conference was attended by career-development professionals from across the state, where they discussed emerging trends in career-counseling technology, such as Beck's CD. "This unique tool combines resume', interview and job-search workshops with a step-by-step approach to understanding and implementing a comprehensive job search," Beck says.

combines resume', interview and job-search workshops with a step-by-step approach to understanding and implementing a comprehensive job search," Beck says. "Students receive it at the Senior Meeting and use it throughout the year as I work with them in their transition to life after college.



Last year was the first year I used the CD, and several students have said that they still use the information."

The CD has been well received, and several directors from other colleges and universities have approached Beck since the conference about developing the product commercially for their students. The technology is currently exclusive to HPU. ■

## EDP Staff Presents Benefits of Online Registration



Jenna Antignano

The Internet is the way of the future, and HPU's Evening Degree Program is proof of that fact. Just ask Tara Shollenberger and Jenna Antignano, who presented at the SouthEast Datatel Users Groups conference.

Their presentation, titled "Catch the Wave, Move to a Paperless System for Registration," focused on EDP's system of online registration, which was put into place one year ago. The presen-

tation showed the trends in online registration, as well as associated growing pains.

Findings were based on data collected over one year as well as information on other issues, such as financial aid, student accounts and the unique eight-week schedule practiced by the EDP, which began in 1978 and is the oldest program of its kind in the Piedmont Triad.

"Online registration has been a valuable piece of our Evening Degree Program," said Tracy Collum, Associate Dean of the EDP. "It allows flexibility

for students who have time constraints due to work and family to complete their registration online. While some students still like to register in person, many enjoy the benefits of online registration, which cuts back considerably on the staff and resources we utilize." ■



Tara Shollenberger



# HPU Around the World

## *Attention, World Travelers!!*

As you go about your summer travels, don't forget to take along your HPU gear and a good camera. Have someone take a picture of you wearing your HPU t-shirt, sweatshirt or baseball cap standing in front of some recognizable landmark, then email a high-resolution version (300 dpi, please) to [tanderson@highpoint.edu](mailto:tanderson@highpoint.edu). Include your name, title, year of graduation (if you are an HPU alum), where the photo was taken, and any other pertinent information. We'll try to get it into the magazine ... to show the world that HPU is everywhere!



Amanda Shafer, a freshman from Miami, FL, traveled to Cuba with her family for vacation. Amanda reports, "I thoroughly enjoyed the culture, the people, the natural beauty of the country, and as a Spanish language minor, being able to practice and learn more of the Spanish language." Here, Amanda shows off her HPU t-shirt outside the main building of the Universidad de la Habana.





# Faculty/Staff continued

## New Faculty 2007-2008



**Dr. Jane C. Bowser**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Education



**Dr. Dustin N. Johnson**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Education



**Ms. Kristen L. Brown**  
Instructor  
of Exercise  
Science/Athletic  
Trainer



**Mr. Gabriel J. Loiacono**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
History



**Mr. Hayden N. Carron**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Spanish



**Mr. Thaddeus M. Ostrowski**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Religion and  
Philosophy



**Dr. Christine W. Cugliari**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Behavioral Sci-  
ence/Non-Profit  
Management



**Dr. Kimberly J. Titus**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Mathematics



**Dr. Harold M. Goldston**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Chemistry



**Dr. R. Wilfred Tremblay**  
Director of the  
Nido R. Qubein  
School of  
Communication  
/Professor of  
Communication



**Dr. Fuchun Jin**  
Associate  
Professor of  
Economics



**Dr. Laurie M. Zack**  
Assistant  
Professor of  
Mathematics

## New Staff



**Tracy Anderson**  
Media Relations  
Coordinator



**Shirley Davis**  
Package  
Delivery  
Coordinator



**James Faw**  
Junior Hardware  
Technician,  
Information  
Technology



**Emily Foster**  
Admissions  
Counselor



**Nikki Hayes**  
Director of  
Alumni Affairs



**Eugene Galloway**  
Resident  
Director



# Faculty/Staff continued



**Michael Hall**  
Post Office  
Manager



**Craig Keilitz**  
Athletic Director



**Lauren Rathbone**  
Coordinator of  
Student Services



**Jordan Harrison**  
Package  
Delivery  
Coordinator



**Tina Leonard**  
Accounting  
Assistant



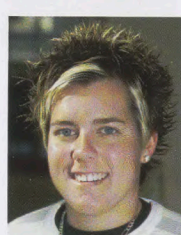
**Amy Ruhe**  
Technical  
Services  
Assistant



**Leida Herschel**  
Faculty  
Secretary,  
Psychology  
Department



**Sara Matheson**  
Accounting  
Assistant  
(Cashier)



**Jessica Scinto**  
Resident  
Director



**Kimberly Harward**  
Office Manager,  
Department of  
Human Rela-  
tions, Sociology  
and Nonprofit  
Studies



**Cindy McNeill**  
Receptionist,  
Roberts Hall



**Julie Setzer**  
Director  
of Financial  
Planning



**Kristi Hunter**  
Coordinator of  
Residence Life



**Dr. Janet McPherson**  
Director of  
Study Abroad



**Rita Sullivant**  
Disabilities  
Specialist,  
Academic  
Service



**Tania Inurrigarro**  
Resident  
Director



**Samuel Phipps**  
Assistant  
Director for  
Facilities  
Services



**Alexander Widolff**  
Resident  
Director



## New Roles



**Melissa Anderson**, Office of Community Relations, has been promoted from Administrative Assistant to the position of Coordinator of University Events.



**Jenna Antignano** has been promoted to Coordinator of Admissions in the Evening Degree Program.



**Tracy Collum**, Evening Degree Program, has been named Associate Dean and has taken on the day-to-day operation of the EDP program.



**Dr. Stephanie Crofton** was promoted from Assistant Professor of Economics to Associate Professor of Economics.



**Nancy Gordon** has been promoted to Accounting Assistant to the Assistant Director of Accounting Services.



**Sarah Haak**, Resident Director, has been promoted to Director of Residence Life.



**Dr. Rob Harger** has been promoted from Associate Professor of Mathematics to Professor of Mathematics.



**Chad Hartman**, Sport Marketing Director, has been named Director of the Annual Scholarship Fund, Department of Institutional Advancement.



**Karen Hulin**, part-time receptionist in Roberts Hall, has been promoted to the position of Student Financial Planning Associate.



**Dr. Tony Kemerly** was promoted from Assistant Professor of Exercise Science to Associate Professor of Exercise Science.



**Jonathan Luther**, Office of Information Technology, has been promoted from Web Developer to the position of Systems Administrator.



**George Noxon** was promoted from Assistant Professor of Accounting to Associate Professor of Accounting.



**Jess Tucker**, Office of Information Technology, has been promoted from Junior Hardware Technician to Senior Hardware Technician.



**Gail Tuttle**, Dean of Evening Degree Program, has been promoted to the position of Vice President for Student Life.



# Alumni News

## Alumna Finds Untapped Niche in Publishing Market

When Pam Holley-Bright ('06) flipped through the pages of mainstream magazines for fashion and beauty tips as she prepared for her high school prom, she found one thing.

"Absolutely nothing," Holley-Bright, the Durham, NC native, said. "I didn't see anything for my body type, makeup tips for my skin color or hair tips for my kind of hair. There was nothing in any of the magazines for African-American girls."

Instead of tossing the magazines away in disappointment, the HPU graduate said to herself, "Enough is enough!" She dreamed of creating a magazine specifically for young black women so they would have the resource that Holley-Bright needed as a teenager.

At HPU, she majored in media studies and worked as a reporter for the Campus Chroni-

cle — the university newspaper — where she learned writing and interviewing skills.

"I became confident as a writer," she explained. "I used to be shy and reserved, but when I interviewed people and wrote articles, I became different. I'm not that shy person who was afraid to speak her mind anymore."

Upon graduation, she landed a job with Carson-Dellosa Publishing in Greensboro, where she served as technician, editor and web files manager. That experience gave her the skills to create her own publishing company, Bright MorningStar Publishing. Through this company, she turned her dream into a hard copy of the magazine that she always wanted to read — Faithful Sister Magazine.

The first issue — designed and written by young African-American women for young



African-American women — was released in the fall of 2007.

Now with 1,000 subscribers, Holley-Bright knows that teenage African-American females have something that she didn't ... a magazine about their own issues. She plans to put out four issues in 2008, and eventually hopes the magazine will spread to a statewide or even nationwide audience. ■

## Alumnae on Track for Exotic Career

Lisa Higgins ('90) works with a bunch of animals. Literally.

The Business Administration and Economics major is participating in a groundbreaking new program at Davidson County Community College called Zoo and Aquarium Science. Partnering with the Natural Science Center in Greensboro, the North Carolina Zoo, the Duke Lemur Center and the Lazy Five Ranch, participants in the program receive more than 1,400 hours of hands-on training during two years of study, culminating in an associate's degree. The program is one of only like it six in the country.

"It's my hope to combine my original passion — animal welfare and conservation — with business skills to earn a role as animal curator someday," said Higgins. "I owe much of the courage necessary to return to school at age 41 and to embrace life to its fullest to the values instilled in me during my time at HPU." ■



Lisa Higgins (r) and DCCC Biology Instructor Mark Stevens at the Manned Wolf exhibit at Greensboro Natural Science Center Animal Discovery. Animal Discovery is the site of first year cooperative experiences as students learn to become zookeepers.



## HPU Brings Back Memories for WWII Veteran

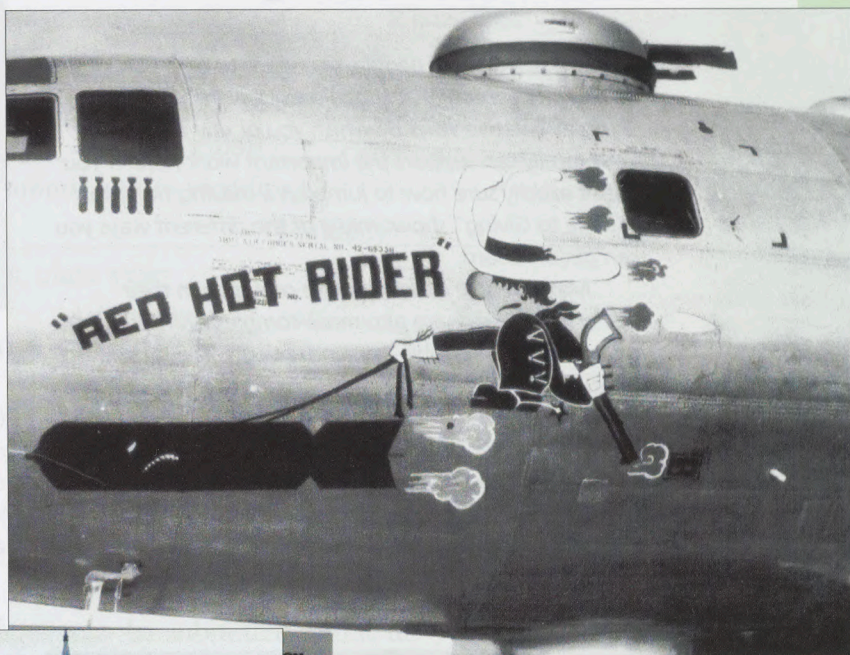
One little-known fact about HPU's history is that we hosted a military training program during World War II. Doing our part in the war effort, in 1943 HPU invited the 326th College Training Detachment of the U.S. Army Air Force to campus for college instruction and training. One of the cadets stationed here — Don J. Clees — recently visited for the first time since his four-month stint on campus more than 60 years ago.

"My wife Susanne and I were given a complete tour of your campus and I was amazed," wrote Clees in a letter to the president after his visit. "The hospitality of everyone was exceptional."

After his training at HPU, Clees was stationed in Saipan as a crewmember of a B-29 bomber called the "Red Hot Rider." The team flew 39 missions and was instrumental in bringing the war to an end. During one mission on April 7, 1945, the Red Hot Rider sustained 25 hits, including losing its main engine, yet returned home safely with every member of the crew. Because of that mission, the team was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After much searching, Clees and his former crewmembers met for a reunion in June of 1974, 30 years after the 11-member team was assigned its mission. Clees says some of his most joyful memories came from being a Cadet at High Point College, and remembers his dorm in then-McCulloch Hall, and making friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

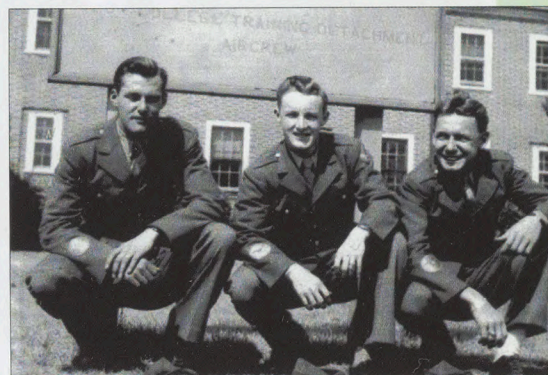
All in all, HPU hosted and taught 753 Cadets during the program, and after the war ended, continued to serve the military by participating in the "G.I. Bill," providing remedial courses for veterans who had never finished high school. An often overlooked but proud moment in our school's history! ■



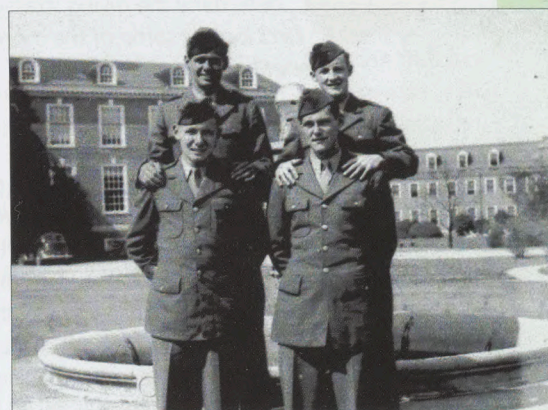
Above, this picture was taken after the crew's 5th mission. Thirty-four more would make a total of 39 missions.



Susanne and Don visit High Point in 2003, 59 years after being a Cadet in 1944.



Three members of the 326th College Training Detachment stationed at High Point College.



Roberts Hall as the background for the "Four Musketeers."



# Alumni News continued

## A Guide to Giving

*If you're like most people, you want to be a part of the incredible journey at High Point University. There are many creative ways by which you or any member of your family can support the important work here. If you aren't exactly sure how to jump on a moving train, this "Guide to Giving" shows many of the different ways you can get on board.*

*Many people make a simple provision in their will or trust. There are also more complex giving opportunities such as charitable remainder trusts. The most popular option, however, and perhaps the easiest, is an outright gift.*

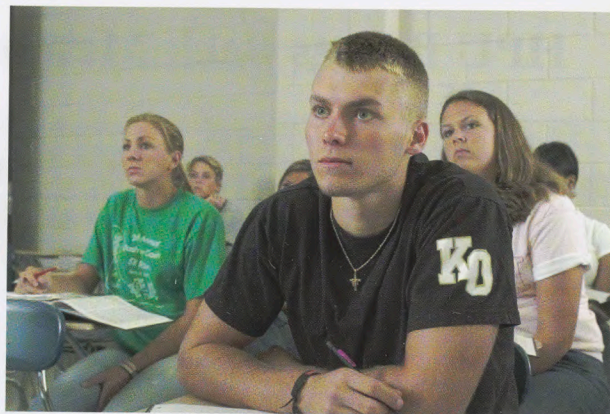
*An outright gift is a donation that is transferred directly from you to High Point University. It is a crisp, efficient process that benefits all parties. We receive an immediate gift; you receive the satisfaction of seeing your gift at work, and you can take an immediate income tax deduction.*



*The simplest and most common form of outright gift is cash, although there are other excellent choices. Your personal situation should determine the giving strategy that is best for you. Let's look at some of the more popular gifts and their benefits:*

### Gifts of Cash

As mentioned, an outright gift of cash is the simplest method of giving. You can simply write a check or charge your credit card. For tax purposes, the gift is considered complete on the date it is mailed or authorized (if charged). Cash gifts can be taken as an itemized deduction for the amount up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. If your gift exceeds that limit, you can carry forward the unused portion of the deduction for up to five succeeding tax years.



### Gifts of Securities

Many people own publicly traded securities with long-term (held longer than one year) appreciation. Gifts of these assets may provide the greatest tax benefit of all. You will receive a charitable deduction equal to the average of the stock's high and low prices on the day the gift is considered completed, and you avoid the tax on the capital gain.

### Gifts of Real Estate

Almost any type of real property — a vacation home, personal residence or farm — can be used to make an outright gift. In most cases, if you have owned the property for more than one year, you can donate it to a philanthropic organization, like High Point University, take a charitable income tax deduction for the property's fair market value (net of debt) and avoid tax on the capital gain.

### Gifts of Tangible Property

Tangible personal property includes items such as jewelry, rare books, fine art and antiques. Depending on the type of property you give and the type of organization to which you give it, your gift may be used as is or sold and the proceeds used as needed.

Gifts of tangible property generate a charitable tax deduction, but the size of that deduction depends in part on your cost basis, the length of time you owned it, and whether we use it as part of our mission or sell it.

### The Gift of Giving

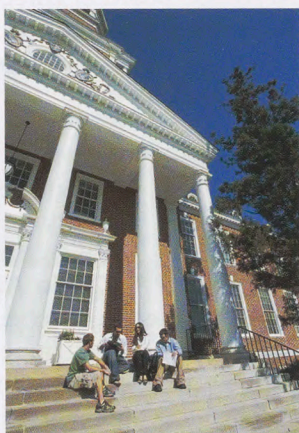
A number of other items also make wonderful outright gifts. And remember, it is always wise to work with your advisors and our staff when making a charitable gift. When all is said and done, most people would agree that the true value of any gift is summed up in the words of Pablo Casals: "The capacity to care is what gives life its deepest meaning and significance."

Call Dr. Donald A. Scarborough at 336-841-9214 or email [dscarbor@highpoint.edu](mailto:dscarbor@highpoint.edu) for more information.



## Submit Your Class Notes For Alumni News!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Is it new? \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Is spouse an alumnus/a? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, class year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ son \_\_\_\_\_ daughter \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_ son \_\_\_\_\_ daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Class notes may be submitted online at:  
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Nikki Hayes  
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 High Point University  
 833 Montlieu Avenue  
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## Increase Your Income and Leave a Legacy

**A**s unlikely as it may seem, you can actually increase your available income by making a generous gift to High Point University.

A charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) is an arrangement in which you donate assets to a trust that pays you (and another person, if you choose) a variable amount for your lifetime(s) or a term of up to 20 years. At the end of the trust, the remaining assets go to the charitable organization(s) you designate.

### The Payoff:

- After Helen's death, the unitrust assets will benefit a nonprofit organization.
- Helen receives an immediate charitable income tax deduction of \$133,111.
- With a marginal income tax rate of 25 percent, she saves \$33,278 in income taxes.
- Helen increases her income from \$2,853 a year to \$15,563.
- These benefits can be yours.

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For example: Helen, 72, owns 2,500 shares of a company's stock that she bought many years ago at \$73 per share. Today the stock is valued at \$103.75 per share and pays her a dividend of 1.1 percent.

Helen decides to give her stock to a CRUT that each year will pay her 6 percent of the fair market value of the trust assets. The payment amount will fluctuate as the trust assets are revalued annually.



# Class Notes

## From the 50s



**"Benny" Phillips ('59)** retired from the High Point Enterprise in January after 48 years. He spent 43 of those

years as the paper's sports editor. Hired straight out of High Point College when he graduated with a degree in business accounting, Phillips had a love of all sports, and showed a particular love for the then-blossoming sport of NASCAR. He was a columnist for Stock Car Racing Magazine and will continue working with that publication and other magazines.



**Wilbur Jackson ('58)** has published a book — *The Rope of Faith, Holding Fast Through the Storms of Life*

(see page 67). Says Wilbur, "The book was written to inform the reader that faith matters." He mentions other HPU friends in the book, including Pedro Mayor ('58), Fred Macon ('58) and Robert G. Harris, Jr. ('59). Wilbur and his wife Carolyn have recently established their home in Knightdale, NC. Wilbur has been a pastor for nearly 45 years, serving churches throughout North Carolina.

## From the 60s

North Carolina Governor Mike Easley has appointed **William J. Moore ('60)** of Greensboro, NC to the John Motley Morehead Memorial Commission. Moore is retired and is past director of the Greensboro Historical Museum. He is a board member of the Guilford Battleground Company,

the Preddy Memorial Foundation and the Advisor for Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington, VA. The John Motley Morehead Memorial Commission works to preserve Blandwood, the historic home of Governor John Motley Morehead.

**Robert "Mickey" Dean ('61)** was awarded the Maryland State District 6 Athletic Director of the Year Award in 1993, Maryland State Athletic Association Director of the year in 1994, National Coach's Secondary Schools Athletic Director of the year in 1995, Maryland State Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2000 and Dulaney High School Hall of Fame (in Baltimore County, MD) in 2003. Mickey and wife Carol ('62) Rappold Dean live in Easley, MD with their seven-year-old granddaughter.



**William Odell Cheek ('60)** has been inducted into the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Sports Hall of Fame. He

was an outstanding three-sport athlete for Clemmons High School in the 1950s, and was selected to the Forsyth All-County Team in football in 1953 and 1954 and was selected to the Forsyth All-County Team in baseball in 1952, 1953 and 1954.

**Thomas W. Freeman ('62)** retired from Guilford Technical Community College as Department Chair of the Aviation Pilot and Management Program with 29 years of service. While teaching, he received several Excellence in Teaching Awards and The President's Award. He also is a retired Lieutenant Commander from the US Navy.



**Robert Hislop ('66)** has been elected President of the Association of Former Agents of the United States Secret

Service (AFAUSSS). As President of AFAUSSS he will oversee the operations of the Association and the AFAUSSS Foundation, which provides grants to members in need, scholarships to members and their children or grandchildren for education purposes. Prior to his election as President, he served two years on the AFAUSSS Board of Directors. Bob retired from the U.S. Secret Service in 1995 with more than 20 years of service.



**Richard Alligood ('67), Larry Dunlap ('68), and Clyde Aiken**

**('68)** reunited in October 2007 after 42 years. They hope for another get-together at the next HPU Homecoming. Clyde Aiken, of Labell, FL is in banking and is contemplating retirement; Larry Dunlap of High Point, NC, continues to work in sports announcing; Richard Alligood, of Fayetteville, NC, has retired from the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and works with a non-profit organization.

**Linda Mellette Morris ('69)** retired from a career in education that spanned almost four decades, beginning as a 5th grade teacher at Jamestown Elementary (Guilford County) and ending as an assistant superintendent for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. She now enjoys travel, visiting friends and working as an independent educational consultant.



## From the 70s



### **Dr. Nido Qubein ('70)**

was the focus of an article in the January 2008 issue of Our State Magazine – a well respected magazine about the people and places of North Carolina, with more than 150,000 monthly subscribers.

The article about Dr. Qubein focused on his immigration to this country, his professional success, and his dedication to service to others.



### **Dave Bishop ('70)**

was inducted as a member of the East Coast Drag Times Hall of Fame in Henderson, NC. He is a nationally known photo journalist in automobile drag racing. He has been involved with the sport for more than 40 years as a driver, team owner, circuit co-coordinator and award-winning photographer. He publishes East Coast Drag News magazine and an e-magazine at [www.ecdnonline.com](http://www.ecdnonline.com).

**Jack Griffith Jr. ('78)** has joined the faculty of Francis Marion University as Assistant Professor of Speech Communications. He earned his undergraduate degree in history/political science from HPU, his Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, the Master of Theology in biblical studies from Duke Divinity School, the M.A. degree in communication, radio and television from Wheaton College Graduate School in Wheaton, IL, and the Ph.D. degree in research, cross-

categorical disabilities from the University of North Carolina. Jack currently lives in Myrtle Beach, SC.

## From the 80s

**Lewis Wheless ('85)** is in his 18th year at American Express, where he serves as Executive Administrative Assistant for the North Carolina Credit Risk Group. He lives in Kernersville, NC with his beloved, Aaron.



### **Allan Haggai ('87) and Beth (Kirby) Haggai ('87)**

each earned BA degrees at HPU, but there was an added bonus ... each other. In the spring of 1986, they met at a Kappa Delta/Lambda Chi social and have been inseparable ever since. They currently live in High Point, where Allan serves as marketing director for Thomas Built Buses and Beth works as full-time mom raising their children — Jack (12) and Bradley (5). Best wishes to Allan and Beth as they celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary later this spring.

## From the 90s



### **Amy Marshall Audlin ('92)**

is the HR Manager for a plumbing company for new home builders in northern Virginia. She and husband David have a bright, curious, funny adorable seven-year-old named Hunter who is interested in the Civil War. Pictured is Hunter on a visit to Washington & Lee University, where his hero was president after the war.

**Curtis W. Hoover ('93)** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Education at the University of Tampere in Tampere, Finland. Curtis relocated to Finland in late August 2007 to begin the program.

**Chris ('94) and Jeanne Holley ('95)** are the proud parents of Avery, 2, and Hudson, 7 months. Jeanne is a Regional Education Manager for *USA TODAY* and Chris is Senior Director of Production for BBC America in New York. Chris also serves as a Public Affairs Officer in the Virginia National Guard. The family currently resides in Bucks County, PA.

**Amy Aultman ('96) and Allen Howard** are the proud parents of Harrison, born November 2, 2003, and Andrew, born November 28, 2006.



### **Suzanne Gessner Van Thillo ('97) and James Van Thillo**

are the proud parents of Caroline Elizabeth, born July 29, 2007.



### **Angela ('98) and Christopher Broglio**

are the proud parents of Noah Christopher Broglio born October 1, 2006. The Broglio family resides in Bristol, TN.



### **Michael D. ('98) and Monika Penn**

are the proud parents of twin girls, Alyssa Marie and Alexa Michelle, born January 29, 2007. The Penn family resides in Old Bridge, NJ.



# Class Notes continued



**Dr. Tennille S. Leak ('99)** completed her defense for Ph.D. at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in

the Molecular Genetics and Genomics Department in November 2007. Her dissertation was entitled "Genetic Studies of Diabetes and Diabetic Nephropathy in African Americans." She plans to further her training as a Post-doctoral trainee on the Epidemiology of Aging at the University of Pittsburgh in the School of Public Health.

**Kevin Shute ('99)** married Emily Elizabeth Estes on October 14, 2006 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem N.C. Emily is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Kevin is working as a resident physician in the Department of Anesthesiology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

**Tyler Donaldson ('99)** is the Marketing Coordinator for The Grassroots Outdoor Alliance in Asheville, NC. Tyler joins Grassroots from Third Screen Media in Boston, MA. He has a background in online media, marketing and outdoor retail.



**Brendan ('99) and Kelly Ivey ('00)** McNeirney are the proud parents of Hannah Elizabeth McNeirney, born August 15, 2006. The McNeirney family resides in Charlotte, NC.



**Molly Kimrey ('99) and Aaron Todd ('06)**

**Reeves** are the proud parents of Hannah Grace Reeves. The

family currently lives in High Point, NC.

## From the 00s

**Jenny May Ferguson ('01)**

has been promoted to Vice President of Operations for SSG/Brandintense. Ferguson currently resides in High Point with her husband, Robert.

**Robert E. Goss, Jr. ('02)** has been promoted to Senior Category Manager for all Metal spend for Halliburton. He holds the position of Secretary Treasurer for the Steel Buyers Forum of the Institute of Supply Management.

**Shelly Ann Hedrick Forrest ('02)** has passed her Teacher's Board Certification.



**Aubrey ('03) and Gary Rice** are the proud parents of Noah Paul Rice, born June 24, 2007. The Rice family lives in

Westerville, OH.

**Kristin "Cricket" Indra ('04)**

graduated from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in May of 2007. She is now practicing physical therapy in an inpatient/outpatient setting with Sentara Healthcare in Hampton, VA.



**Mandy J. Dickerson Kapica ('04)**

was married on May 20, 2006 to Steven S. Kapica. Mandy has

been employed as the Museum Administrator at the Weatherspoon Art Museum on the campus of UNCG since December 2006.

**Chika Kishimoto Taylor ('05)**

was married on October 27, 2007 to Steven Taylor. She recently moved to Michigan.



**Brandon Burke ('06)**

has been promoted to the position of Business Solutions Developer/Analyst at the law firm of

Crumley & Associates. In his new position, Burke will develop, maintain and support the firm's internal and external web-based applications. He will also work with business process re-engineering and developing and optimizing all the firm's custom and web-based applications. Burke has a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and a Bachelor of Science in computer science from HPU. He joined Crumley & Associates in 2004 as an intern and was hired full-time in 2006 as system/web developer.



# Obituaries/Memorials

## HPU Loses a Shining Light

Kylie Pinheiro was taken from High Point University — and from her family and friends — far too soon. It was early on the morning of Friday, December 28 when a drunk driver ran a red light and struck the car in which 18-year-old Kylie and her two cousins were riding. Kylie was killed instantly. She was home for Christmas break.

A few days later, a bus departed from the HPU campus, in which approximately 35 students, staff and faculty members made the trip to New Jersey to attend Kylie's funeral.

"This was such a tragedy for the entire university family," said Gail Tuttle, Vice President for Student Affairs. "Any time a young life is lost, it leaves a void that can never be filled. Kylie's friends, classmates, teammates and professors have lost a shining light."

President Qubein spoke with the family by phone to convey condolences on behalf of the entire university. "She was

a lively individual who added a sparkle of enthusiasm to our student body," he said. "It has struck us all with a great degree of sadness."

Kylie was a member of the swim club, a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a resident in Yadkin Hall. The Chapel had a drop-in on Wednesday, January 9 that included a prayer for Kylie and her family and some words of reflection from Dr. Warlick, the Dean of the Chapel. Kylie's parents and grandparents came to campus for a special service remembering Kylie on February 13 in Hayworth Chapel. ■



## Obituaries

Algernon M. Primm, Sr. ('35)

Frances M. Younts ('35)

William J. May ('41)

George H. Needham ('41)

Ruth Good ('42)

Marjorie J. Horner ('42)

Muriel J. Parks ('42)

Ruby Wall Fowler ('42)

Albert Wade Morris, Jr. ('43)

Eleanor Dodamead Corbitt ('43)

Ella S. Bielizna ('44)

Blanche W. Waller ('45)

Melton E. Harbin ('45)

Dorothy E. Quick ('47)

Nelle H. Malmberg ('48)

Henry R. Trollinger, Jr. ('49)

Robert G. Canipe ('49)

Charles L. Wooten, Jr. ('50)

Paul W. Cranford ('50)

Mary Alice Nisbet Weissmann ('36)

Martha I. Stevenson ('40)

Ray M. Shore ('51)

Charles E. Bradshaw, Sr. ('52)

William T. Forbis ('52)

Jack Thomas Wrenn ('53)

James A. Stanley ('55)

Vera D. Dillon ('56)

Nancy S. Conrad ('57)

Lois Thomas Macy ('57)

Thomas C. McLean, Sr. ('58)

Richard L. Gilbert, Sr. ('59)

Jean K. Brandon ('64)

Rev. R. Marsden Kitley ('64)

John Winters ('69)

Patrick Hoyte Austin ('70)

Kathi L. Nesbitt ('74)

Katherine A. Horvath ('82)

Mark D. Mashburn ('84)

Lewis Cowper Lawrence, Jr. ('84)

Donald A. Jones ('85)

Seth Adam Mattson ('01)

Alexander Lewis Walker ('03)





**Alumni Events are Springing Up  
All Around the Country.**

**Don't Miss Out!**

**F**rom Ohio to Florida and beyond, HPU alumni are catching the fever. And we don't mean the flu. Over the winter months, the office of Alumni Relations was busy organizing alumni events intended to bring alumni together and to get them reconnected to their alma mater. They organized alumni events in cities where the HPU men's basketball team was playing an "away" game, brought together alumni, parents of current students and friends of the university to cheer on the HPU Panthers, and had a great time. ■



**HPU Panthers vs Dayton Flyers Basketball  
Pre-game Party in Dayton Ohio.**



**Alumni Gathering in Jacksonville, FL**



**HPU Panthers vs Florida Gators Basketball  
Pre-game Party in Gainesville Florida**



**HPU Panthers vs. UNC Charlotte 49ers Basketball  
Pre-game Party**

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