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New curriculum effective fall 2010

By Pam Haynes and Mike Nuckles
Staff Writers

The High Point University faculty voted on Jan. 22 to change the university's three hour curriculum to a four hour curriculum that will be put into effect in the fall of 2010.

The new curriculum will be phased in and will only apply to entering freshmen in 2010. Students who have

begun the three hour curriculum will not be affected.

The curriculum includes switching from three-credit-hour classes to four-credit-hour classes, resulting in students taking less classes but receiving more "breadth and depth" in their education, according to Dr. Dennis Carroll, vice president of Academic Affairs.

A freshmen seminar will be put into place requiring new students to take a 4-credit-hour seminar of their

choice.

"A large number of our students come in as undecided [majors]," said Carroll. "We wanted to give students the opportunity to explore and for faculty to go more in depth."

A "May semester" will also be put into place. A current system is in place that allows students to study overseas or throughout the United States in May, but the new semester would greatly increase these opportunities. In addition to these

traveling options, other options such as independent study, internships, and collaborative learning would be available to students.

The final piece of the system overhaul is the reinvention of all majors. Every major will be redesigned to fit the new curriculum and to offer students a more "modernized" education, Carroll said.

A potential drawback of

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Student attends inauguration

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Over one million people attended the inauguration for 44th President of the United States Barack Obama. Duwane Rager, junior, was one of them.

"It was just one of the most interesting experiences of my life," Rager said. "To be around a crowd so large, everyone was so happy to be there. It was pretty amazing."

After becoming an Obama fan more than a year ago and working on his campaign, Rager was determined to attend the inauguration.

"My time and effort in the campaign made me appreciate it (the inauguration)," he said. "It was my main motivation for going."

Rager's hometown is 45 minutes away from Washington, D.C. which made it easier for him to be able to attend, though he said he would

have gone no matter what. Living in the area also allowed him to attend extra events in addition to the



Duwane Rager

inauguration, and he got the opportunity to share the event with his family. They went to Obama's speech in Baltimore the Saturday before the inauguration. On Sunday, Rager attended the Inaugural Concert at

the Lincoln Memorial with his sister.

"The most memorable part about the concert and speeches was Garth Brooks," Rager recalls. "He performed three very uplifting songs and got everyone really going. It was amazing to be at the same place at the same time as all of these famous people and all these other people."

His grandfather attended the inauguration with him, and Rager says



Duwane Rager, a junior who attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C., snapped this photo as he stood in a crowd of over one million people.

that it was "amazing" to share the experience with someone two generations away.

Rager is familiar with the way that downtown D.C. normally looks, and he noticed that it looked vastly different on Inauguration Day.

"The day started for a lot of

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HPU asked to buy Oak Hollow Mall

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

High Point University's administration has been approached about purchasing Oak Hollow Mall.

"We have been approached [to buy the mall]. As any sensible and reasonable leadership team should do, we are investigating what that all means," university president Nido Qubein said. He continued to reiterate university officials did not initiate the talks.

Rumors around the mall speculate the university has bought the mall and will demolish it to build a football stadium. Two store managers stated they have heard the rumor although mall officials do not confirm any transactions have taken place.

Qubein stated, "[University

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On the Run: What's new

International Club hosts Gaza Awareness Week Feb. 16-20

The International Club will host a Gaza Awareness Week on Feb. 16-20 to discuss the dispute between Gaza and Hamas.

The week includes a showing of a documentary about Gaza, a discussion of the war, a poetry night, and a vigil and night of prayer held for victims of the war.

HPU and GCS unite for educational program

Maurice Green, superintendent of Guilford County Schools, recently announced an educational partnership between HPU and GCS.

The announcement states that the university and GCS will collaborate on "innovative programs and services" for students in the GCS system.

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Let's shift our focus to academics

Staff Editorial

It is a simple fact a university exists in order to educate a student body. Granted, a residential college must house its students, and any physical institution must maintain a presentable, functional campus, but each student at High Point is here to learn lessons to prepare for careers.

High Point University clearly meets these needs. It also has many unique characteristics that give it its own persona. Students can get wake-up calls, go on basketball road trips, watch free concerts of renowned artists, and live in residence halls that have flat-panel televisions, high-tech computer labs, and restaurants.

But how much is too much? To what extent does this University need to build, expand, and improve in order to finally satisfy its expectations? We believe the changes made in the past few years have set High Point University out from the crowd, but administrators should be careful about not putting the "experience" before the "education."

Roger Clodfelter, HPU's Director of WOW, says the wow concept is meant to be a supplement to academics in the entire student experience. He says the school's improvement in retention rate is evidence that students are happier in

their time at High Point, resulting in more students sticking around to get their High Point education.

"The concept is that students get an entire extraordinary, holistic learning experience. Things like the Chef's Table expose students to opportunities that they may have never been around before," Clodfelter said. "We are approaching this in the best way we know how. More money is spent

"It would benefit the school much more to have a smaller, more intelligent student body, instead of a higher enrollment. The focus should be on quality, not quantity."

on academics than anywhere else in the University. We are also looking to add 100 positions before August, including many faculty members."

Academics at High Point have also seen upgrades in recent years. For instance, the faculty approved a new curriculum just last week that we hope will make courses more rigorous. Our big concern, though, is that these good

signs might be overshadowed by the superficial aspects of campus life at High Point.

The first step that must be taken is to work even harder on improving courses' rigor. Students need to learn a lot of material, and they need to be held accountable for that material. It has been our experience that grade inflation has been quite apparent at High Point. Increasing the amount covered in classes and increasing the amount of assignments would help in that way.

Next, the ways in which we treat our faculty must be improved. Professors should be compensated better, and less adjuncts and part-time professors should be hired. Occasionally, adjuncts are good additions to campus, but more times than not, the less credentialed teachers make worse teachers.

Finally, admissions should be focusing on raising standards of admission, not on admitting more students. It would benefit the school much more to have a smaller, more intelligent student body, instead of a higher enrollment. The focus should be on quality, not quantity.

Now that our university is on the map for the "WOW" factor, administrators should shift their focus to promoting academics as a means to recruit and keep successful students.

Closing Guantanamo Bay was the right decision

By **Katie Nelson**
Opinion Editor

This is truly a time of change. The United States has just inaugurated its first African-American president, and he's not wasting any time working toward the change he has promised. President Obama has declared that he will close the Guantanamo Bay detention center and has already begun the process to do so. On Jan. 20, Obama's administration ordered a suspension of ongoing trials for detainees in Guantanamo Bay. This way Obama's administration can begin evaluating who needs to be released and who needs to go to trial and where.

I am quite pleased that Obama has chosen to make this a priority. The United States' use of Guantanamo Bay has been a poor choice on our part and has damaged us greatly. The U.S. is the "land of the free" that offers "liberty and justice for all." How can we claim this when we are holding people in a military base without a trial or, in some cases, probable cause?

The detainees at Guantanamo Bay, also known as Gitmo, are termed as "unlawful combatants." This means they are civilians who engage in

armed conflict and therefore can be held and prosecuted. The problem is that we are not prosecuting them. We are just holding them in a detention center that seems more like a prison camp than anything else. This action is totally against what we stand for as Americans. Due process of the law is written into our Constitution and is one of the basic foundations of our system of government. It is extremely hypocritical to hold men without trial and pretend it isn't happening. If these men are truly guilty, they need to be tried in front of a jury and sent off to prison. If they are innocent, we are obligated to release them. The U.S. is one of the most powerful countries in the world. If we show that we are willing to practice these actions, it sends a message to other countries and fuels their hatred for us. If we torture, they will most certainly torture.

This brings up another issue related to Gitmo - are we torturing the detainees? The definition of torture is to inflict severe pain on the body or mind. The government has declared that they do not define water boarding or simulated drowning as torture. During water boarding, one's body experiences the same involuntary reactions that it would if

one were actually drowning. This would definitely cause pain to the mind and the body.

Amnesty International did a tour of the U.S. with a model of a Gitmo cell. I had the opportunity to go inside of it and look around. The cell is an extremely tiny room which contains a cot and toilet. There are speakers hooked up to the room so that the people in charge of the facility can deprive the men of sleep when they see fit. Also the room temperature can be modified so that the detainee can experience freezing or scalding hot temperatures.

Regardless of whether or not you believe that sleep deprivation is torture or not, it is important to know that these techniques may not be effective. A book recently written by Matthew Alexander, called "How to Break a Terrorist," describes how he used respect and humor to get information out of some of the most dangerous men in the world. Instead of head-slapping, he understood who the detainees were and used that to get information out of them. This is how we need to approach matters of interrogation. Hopefully, President Obama will see it this way too.

The election of Obama could unite races

By **Latasha Sessoms**
Staff Writer

The U.S. is known for making history, and on Nov. 4 we made history yet again. Barack Obama, an African American, was elected 44th President of the United States.

Now that we have our first black President does this mean changes in race issues will occur? I sure hope so.

After the election, I called my mother to tell her who won. She didn't believe me, so she turned on the TV to see for herself and started crying. I asked, "Ma, why are you crying?" She replied, "I grew up during segregation, a time where decisions were made based on your race." My mother didn't go to school with whites until she was in high school. During that time, blacks weren't able to use the same

bathrooms, or drink out of the same water fountains as whites. Blacks also had to sit in the back of the bus.

I've personally witnessed racial issues, but I can't even begin to compare my life to the life that my mother lived during segregation. In my opinion, racism will never stop. But, compared to the past, racism has declined over the years, tremendously.

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Global warming is turning our planet to liquid

By **Dianna Bell**
Staff Writer

Temperatures increasing, glaciers melting, sea levels rising—these are some of the realities of global warming.

Many doubt the existence of global warming. They assume that the rising average temperatures are a normal occurrence on Earth. This is not the case.

The Environmental Defense Fund has found that since 1880 average temperatures have climbed 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit. By the year 2100, Time For Change estimates the temperature of Earth will have risen 3.4 to 4.1 degrees Fahrenheit. This may not sound drastic, but when thinking of

areas in which land ice is a fixture in the environment, it is fatal for everyone. With the melting of ice, sea levels will rise. Our beaches will diminish and those cities that are below sea level will find themselves suffering the same fate as Atlantis.

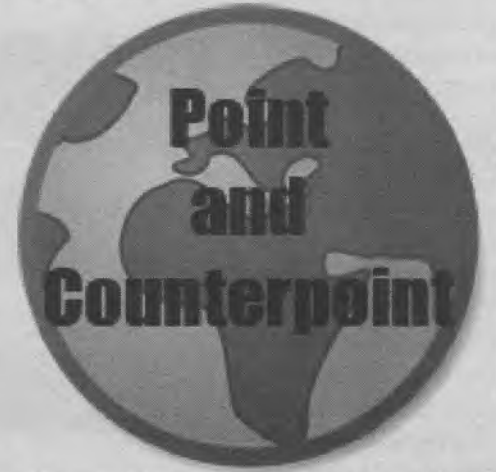
The rising temperatures create other hazards as well. Diseases, such as malaria, that have been extinguished are beginning to return. The ferocity of Mother Nature is increasing. Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami that hit the east are just some of the most recent weather extremities. The extinction of many species of animals can be seen across the globe. We have all seen the commercials of the polar bears stranded amongst their melting homes. One only has to watch the news to see the destruction that is occurring.

What is the cause of this worldwide devastation? Greenhouse gases. The major forms of these gases are water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone. Some may argue that these occur naturally, and while this is true, humans have increased the production greatly. Carbon dioxide, for instance, is released by volcanoes and animals into the atmosphere; however, it is also removed at a nearly identical rate. With the increased burning of fossil fuels, this is impossible. The amount is much larger than the atmosphere can handle, causing a build-up which can not be removed. The more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the more long-wave, radiant energy is trapped in our atmosphere.

Normally, sunlight is radiated

back out into space after hitting the earth. With higher amounts of greenhouse gases, the more sunlight is absorbed, creating the higher temperatures and disaster that are slowly plaguing the earth.

For those nay-sayers who do not believe that the earth is slowly warming and turning into a ball of liquid—beware. In 2100, the Environmental Defense Fund predicts that sea levels will have risen by 82 feet. Start gearing up now, because unless drastic measures are taken, we will all be swimming with the fish, or what is left of them.



changes the landscape. Hmmm. While I, like many, do not believe in the global warming effect being caused directly by humans, I admit I do not like the idea of a high of 842.

Global warming, climate change, greenhouse effect, whatever you call it, is not a matter of belief. The question is, "Do you want to be like Venus or not?"

I support any effort to eliminate gasses entering our atmosphere not because I'm confident in global warming but that I'm afraid of being wrong. Can we nonbelievers afford to be wrong? That's not a question I want my offspring to answer for me...

Global warming occurs naturally

By **Bryan A. Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

Global warming, that evil term we hear our political candidates throw out there to scare us from voting for their opponents. Our planet is as alive as we are. Just like you get hot and cold from time to time, so does Earth. Is there a climate change? Yes, in fact. Is there global warming? That's a complex question resulting in a complex answer.

The Environmental Protection Agency, a trustworthy government agency I hope, calls "global warming" what it really is, climate change. In the last 2,000 years there has been drastic climate changes. Between 900 and 1300, Europe, Greenland and Asia experienced relative warmth according to the EPA website. The American West experienced dry conditions at this time as well.

Between 1500 and 1850 our planet went through a period known as the "Little Ice Age." It was little because large sheets of ice didn't develop like during the actual Ice Age. The average temperatures were as far as 2 degrees colder than present day but that varied by location.

The EPA admits, as do I, the world has changed in the last 100 years. Are we to blame? Partially. Is it a natural phase of the Earth? Partially.

As of 2006, we are almost .6 degrees higher than the mean temperature between 1880 and 2006. Land temperatures are warmer than ocean temperatures. It could be because those pesky "greenhouse gasses" are slightly increasing the natural rise in Earth's temperature.

I still do not believe we are as responsible as certain politicians portray. The one thing I know is I better not be wrong. Let's say I'm

wrong and we are speeding up Earth's global warming rate. We are in trouble then.

If this global warming is because we are making our atmosphere denser then we can turn out like Venus. Venus' atmosphere is 93 times the mass of Earth's. The pressure at the planet's surface is 92 times higher. That would be the equivalent of being one kilometer under Earth's oceans! Talk about feeling the pressure.

Scientists believe Venus was actually like Earth at one time with beautiful water and land. Maybe it was even able to support life. Then the greenhouse effect from its dense atmosphere created the planet to warm like Ugg boots around your feet; that's what women tell me at least. The temperature on Venus' surface is a mild 842 degrees Fahrenheit.

The surface literally consumes itself. It becomes lava and completely

Dr. Qubein: Three ways to 'learn by doing'

By **Dr. Nido Qubein**

We learn by doing.

Think about the basic skills you've acquired in life. You learned to walk by pulling yourself up, turning loose and taking a step. You fell the first time, but you got up and tried again. Each time you did it a little better than the time before. You were learning by doing.

Somebody may have told you how to tie your shoes, but you didn't really learn it until you had tried it yourself. You made mistakes at first, but eventually your fingers learned to do the task subconsciously.

You learned to ride a bicycle by getting on and riding it. You learned to drive a car by taking one out on the highway with an experienced teacher

who could give you instructions and point out your mistakes as you drove.

With each endeavor, you started as a novice, and you learned proficiency from the mistakes you made.

It's that way in any undertaking.

When you begin taking action toward your goals, you will make mistakes. Don't worry about it. Everybody makes them. Successful people learn from theirs. They know the difference between a productive failure and a non-productive success.

In a productive failure, you don't achieve your objective, but you come away with new knowledge and understanding that will increase your chances of success on the next try. A non-productive success occurs when

you achieve your objective, but you're not sure what it was you did right. You can build on productive success.

The more actions you take, the more productive failures you'll experience. The more productive failures you experience, the more you'll learn. Thomas Edison experienced 1,100 productive failures before he found the right filament for his incandescent lamp.

To turn your mistakes into learning opportunities, follow these suggestions:

1) Have measurable goals - You won't know whether you're moving toward your goals unless you have some way of measuring the motion. That's why your goals should be specific.

2) Acquire a learning mentality - You must become better tomorrow than you are today just to stay even. Develop an attitude towards life-long learning.

(3) Seek positive and negative feedback - Encourage those you trust to give you both legitimate criticism and earned recognition.

The greatest enemy of your creative powers is smug complacency - being satisfied with less than what you are capable of doing.

Make a strong and permanent commitment to invest your life and talents only in those pursuits that deserve your best efforts. Then, act on your ideas, because we learn by doing.

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Blacks and whites now go to school together, use the same bathrooms, drink from the same water fountains and sit together on the bus. That in itself is change.

Inauguration day was definitely a day that showed change in the U.S. People from all over the country traveled up and down the highways, some in inclement weather, to celebrate change in the US. The inauguration of

Barack Obama has, hopefully, shown that race will not always be a problem. The event consisted of blacks and whites gathering together to welcome the new President into office. Even former President Bush, a caucasian, welcomed Obama showing that blacks and whites can get along and come together in any given situation.

The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "I have a dream that

one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal..." Dr. King's dream is beginning to unfold with an African American President; it shows that blacks and whites are created equal by the Creator, who doesn't discriminate against the children He loves.

This election also shows that each individual should have the same

opportunity as the next person. I don't think racism will ever stop, but I believe since our President is an African American, things will begin to come together within the next four years and that Caucasians, African Americans, and all races will begin to appreciate one another, love one another and unite.

After all, this is the United States of America.

EPs with enough to get you hooked

By Jen Paolino
Staff Writer

Sometimes it's about quality, not quantity. EPs are albums too, and they deserve just as much love as any full-length record. So show some support for these five awesome bands that are just getting their foot in the musical door. Trust me, you won't be sorry.

Band Name: Mercy Mercedes
Album Title: *1.21 Gigawatts* – EP
Who They Sound Like: If you were to mesh the vocal style

of Cartel and the electro-pop sound of Hellogoodbye, you'll get a pretty good idea of what all six of the songs off their poppy, upbeat EP will sound like.

Why You Should Listen: Other than the fact that these guys are a local Greensboro band who has managed to share the stage with big names such as Taking Back Sunday and Jonas Sees in Color,



their music is also happy. Their melodic hooks and catchy lyrics will force you to put a smile on your face every single time.

Band Name: The Summer Set
Album Title: *...In Color* – EP
Who They Sound Like: Lead singer Brian Dales earnest lyrics and passionate vocals will hit pretty close to home for anyone who is a fan of Bryce Avery and his band, The Rocket Summer.
Why You Should Listen: They pumped out an indie/

powerpop version of Usher's "Love In This Club" and they have a chick drummer. Do I really need to give you another reason?

Band Name: Death In The Park
Album Title: *Death In The Park* – EP
Who They Sound Like: What does post-grunge emo-rock

band Hot Rot Circuit have in common with alterno-pop band Death In The

Park? Lead singer Andy Jackson.

Why You Should Listen: For fans of Hot Rot Circuit who have hung up their flannel shirts and decided that maybe there is a silver lining after all, Death In The Park's self-titled EP will give you exactly what you're looking for. Plus, their song *Fallen*



features guest vocals from the always spunky Hayley Williams, lead singer of Paramore.

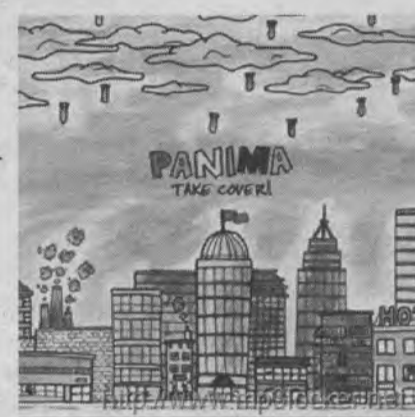
Band Name: VersaEmerge
Album Title: *Perceptions*
Who They Sound Like: A soft-core, more melodic version of A Skylit Drive. Only, in this band, the lead singer is actually a girl... and doesn't just sound like one.

Why You Should Listen: If you're looking for intricate guitar riffs backing super meaningful lyrics,

VersaEmerge gives you that and a lot more. Completely disregarding the notion that female-fronted bands are synonymous with cheerful music, these guys, and girl, manage to bring a darker, more intense sound to a world otherwise flooded with pop music.

Band Name: Take Cover
Album Title: *Take Cover* – EP
Who They Sound Like: Fans of We the Kings and Motion City Soundtrack will eat up all five songs of pop-rock goodness off their self-titled EP.
Why You Should Listen: Music doesn't always have to be complicated; these guys churn out songs that are fun to

listen to, and don't have to be deconstructed to understand. If you're looking for something to turn on that overworks your brain, songs like "One More Shot" and "Lady Love" should definitely be at the top of your playlist.



Inauguration fails in some areas, succeeds in others

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Excitement and energy from the inauguration seemed to transfer through the television to the worldwide viewing audience. Anticipation began building months prior to this historic event; even a special Spider Man comic book was produced about Inauguration Day. After all of this hype, a little let down was to be expected, especially since way over \$140 million was spent on the inauguration during a time when Americans and American businesses are struggling financially and many are depending on Congress to bail them out.

Not to say that there were not good aspects of the event because there certainly were. It just failed to meet expectations since Obama has gone all out at events in the past, such as the Styrofoam columns he included as a backdrop for his speech and using Denver's Pepsi Center as the location for the Democratic National Convention.

Instead, the Inauguration Ceremony festivities seemed mostly simple and classic, opening with the United States Marine Band and closing with the United States Navy Band. However, there were aspects in between the opening and closing that could have been better. Aretha Franklin's rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" started off strong but seemed to lose steam in the middle and was somewhat inaudible at times. But, she redeemed herself with a powerful ending. The large bow on her hat certainly captured a great deal of attention, and replicas of this coveted accessory are selling for \$179.

The benediction by Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery stood out as

well when he rhymed about different races saying, "Let us work for that day when black will not be asked to get back, when brown will not be asked to get down, when yellow will be mellow, when the red man will get ahead man, and when white will embrace what is right." This seemed to be a strange request since a pretty overwhelming majority of Americans just elected a multicultural president. Our country

right." It should definitely not matter what race you are; everyone should strive to embrace what is right and work towards that daily. The benediction should not have been so blatantly race-driven, but focused on welcoming the new president into office and blessing his years as the new leader.

Of course, there were more positive aspects of the event, specifically Obama's uplifting speech

highlight of the inauguration itself. He also acknowledged his appreciation to former President George W. Bush for the congenial welcome and peaceful transfer of power.

We also cannot forget to mention the Inaugural Balls that lasted into the early hours of the following morning. The new president and first lady attended 10 official Inaugural Balls including The Neighborhood Ball which included guests from the community as well as celebrities, the Home States Balls, the Commander-in-Chief Ball made up of military guests, the Youth Ball and, in case they felt left out, Inaugural Balls for the rest of the map including The Mid-Western, Eastern, Southern and Mid-Atlantic Balls.

Of all the Inaugural Balls, the Youth Ball was the most important since the youth became an integral part of this election. More youth than ever got involved in politics, many for the first time, and it was a great way for Obama to reach out to the youth once again and show them that their hard work paid off.

Last but not least, the first lady should be commended on selecting an elegant textured floor length gown adorned with Swarovski crystals and ruffles designed by a young designer, the 26-year-old Jason Wu, instead of choosing from designers who have been in business for years. Not only did she make a good choice in a designer, she selected a dress that shows off her unique style and one that was perfect for the occasion without going overboard.

There were a combination of positives and negatives in the inaugural festivities. It will certainly remain a memorable historic event for many years in the future.



President Obama takes the Oath of Office at the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20. CNN.com

has traveled such a long way and has overcome racial differences to get to this point. It sounds out of place for the minister to acknowledge during his blessing of our new president that individuals of different races are not being treated fairly in America. Of all these statements, which all seem a little offensive, the most startling remark was when he said we should be working for a day when "white will embrace what is

after taking the Oath of Office. This speech seemed to motivate the nation and unite it for the common cause of improving the country. He was able to be straightforward about the conditions of the country without arrogantly placing blame. This helped his speech successfully edify the nation as a whole instead. As a result of this technique, in conjunction with his captivating phrases, this speech was by far the

Box office war between two WWII movies

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Director Bryan Singer's "Valkyrie" debuted Christmas Day, and "Defiance," directed by Edward Zwick, was released on Jan. 16. These films resulted in two World War II tales in theatres simultaneously. Even though these films are about World War II, however, they are dramatically different while retaining a few important similarities.

"Valkyrie" focuses on a group of soldiers in Hitler's army who devise a plan to assassinate him and take over the government after they realize the corruption and inhumanity that has overtaken the establishment is not what they are fighting for. They decide they want to prevent Hitler from taking more innocent lives. Valkyrie is the title of Hitler's back up plan to continue the war in case something happened to him. The main character, Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg played by Tom Cruise, was brave enough to edit the plan. Hitler signed the new plan, which was actually Stauffenberg's plan, into action without knowing that the plan had been changed. Stauffenberg's idea was to take an explosive into a war briefing attended by Hitler, leave



before it was detonated and shut down the lines of communication. This plan seemed ingenious, but the film hints to failure early on. After Stauffenberg explains his plan, another character says, "Remember, this is a military operation. Nothing ever goes according to plan." Just before the explosive is about to go off in the war briefing, one of the characters slams his fist on the table and loudly announces, "It will be a catastrophe." To find out how the plan really turns out, you have to see the film.

On the other hand, "Defiance" is told from the viewpoint of Jewish people who are trying to survive after being captured by the German Army. The main character in this film is Daniel Craig who plays Tuvia Bielski, a Jewish man who sets up a community in the forest of Belorussia with his three remaining brothers after his parents are killed by the Germans. Tuvia brings hundreds of people to live in his forest camp and even rescues a large number of Jews from a German controlled ghetto without being discovered. The audience follows the progression of war from updates of new people who join the forest community from the latest invasion of the German Army. The

audience also gets a look into the lives of a secret community that lived deep in the woods for many years while fighting off German invasions. Relatively early in the film, conflict occurs from within the camp when Tuvia and his brother Zus begin to compete for power. Zus leaves the forest camp to join the Red Army to fight the Germans. The audience has to wait until the end of the film to find out whether or not the brothers reconcile.

Unlike "Valkyrie" which built up energy and anticipation in many scenes that kept the audience captivated and anxious, "Defiance" was more of a journey of survival about how long these people were going to successfully hide from the Germans. "Valkyrie" began in late 1944 and went until the end of the war. Stauffenberg's plan was executed only a short nine months before Hitler committed suicide. "Defiance" began in 1941 which covered a much longer time period. I kept hoping that the Jewish people would be rescued, but I had to remind myself that this was near the beginning of the war before other nations were involved. This created anticipation, and I questioned

many times how they were going to survive so long without being caught.

"Valkyrie" also lacked many German accents. Most of the actors kept American accents unlike "Defiance" which had correct accents and languages, even using subtitles at times. "Defiance" is also slightly longer lasting 137 minutes while "Valkyrie" was 120 minutes.

These films had similarities as well such as popular actors used for the main characters in both of these films, allowing each a more equal chance of attracting moviegoers. Most importantly these films were based on true stories. What happened to the actors was a close depiction of what really happened to the real life people. It is important for the audience to remember this as they watch so they will take the films more seriously and, in turn, appreciate them more.

As for which film is best, these movies cannot compete with each other in this area. They are both intense masterpieces about real people who humbly dedicated their lives to make a difference in a time of horror. Since the two films collectively explore such a wide range of content from different angles, it is important for movie-goers to view both "Valkyrie" and "Defiance" to have a clearer understanding of what people went through during World War II.



Best video games of 2008

By Jesse Cherry
Staff Writer

Top Video Games of 2008

4. Super Smash (Wii)
With the Wii targeting itself towards the casual crowd, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" can please both the video game addict and the mom trying to spend some quality time with her angst-ridden college student. The game includes Mario, Luigi, Donkey Kong, and hundreds of other Nintendo mascots. It isn't subtle about using nostalgia, but taking Mario and having him beat Pikachu senseless is a special joy that is hard to find elsewhere. Grab four friends and work out those frustrations with a monkey and a plumber instead of each other's fists.

3. Burnout Paradise (Xbox 360, PS3, PC, \$30)
"Burnout Paradise" is an orchestra of blurring speeds, thrilling racing, and tantalizing crashes. The shattering of a windshield and the crunch of metal has never brought such pleasure to

the senses. "Burnout Paradise" is the "Grand Theft Auto" of racing games.

From the start, a giant city and hundreds of races and events are available without a single loading screen. Where "Burnout Paradise" sets itself apart from most games last year is in its online play. With just a tap of a button, other players will seamlessly populate your city - no loading, no waiting. Its \$30 price tag and near endless content makes it one of the best deals out there.

2. The World Ends With You (DS, \$30)
"The World Ends With You" is the first game I have played on the Nintendo DS that could not have been done on any other system. On the bottom screen, you'll tap, swipe, and slash your way through waves of enemies, while you use your thumb to rhythmically press the four face buttons to control your second character on the top screen. All the action takes place simultaneously. It can seem overwhelming at first, but with practice comes the satisfaction of being able to multitask and control both characters at the same time. The excellent combat is coated with a

Japanese graffiti art style that pleases the eyes and J-pop that pleases the ears. The story is wordy and often melodramatic in delivery, but even with my tastes lying elsewhere, I found the game charming and the combat one of the most unique and entertaining games I played last year.

1. Little Big Planet (PS3, \$60)
"Little Big Planet" is a unique game in that every person I have handed a controller to, including myself, has always managed a smile. "Little Big Planet" is the start of social gaming. With a friendly interface built around community made content, it's the Facebook of video games. On the most basic level, it controls like "Super Mario Bros.," but the creativity in the design sets it apart from anything I have experienced in years.

Every week, I turn on "Little Big Planet" only to find dozens of new levels to explore, and not once have I left unhappy.



Top Videogames of 2008

1. Little Big Planet
2. The World Ends With You
3. Burnout Paradise
4. Super Smash

Honorable Mentions

- Left 4 Dead
- Gears of War 2
- Metal Gear Solid 4
- Valkyrie Chronicles
- Braid
- Mirror's Edge

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officials] have made no commitments. We do not believe we have any interest."

One of the store managers said CBL, owner of Oak Hollow Mall, does not renew leases for longer than a month-to-month basis although other reports are stores have signed five-year leases recently. The store managers have asked to remain anonymous.

On Topix.com, anonymous persons have stated the mall would close in January 2009 although earlier the site's users said it would close before the end of the 2008 calendar year. The mall was still open on Jan. 29. Users on another website, Yahoo! Answers, hypothesize the mall has been bought by the university.

High Point University has not had a football team since 1954. In order to start a team the athletic department would have to follow federal guidelines set forth in Title IX, Education Acts of 1972. The university has not announced the addition of a football team.

HPU currently funds seven male varsity sports and seven female varsity sports. Women's lacrosse has been added and will begin competition during the 2010-11 season.



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HPU Radio begins broadcast in February

By Abby Wood
Staff Writer

The Nido Qubein School of Communication will launch HPU Radio, High Point University's first official on-line radio station operated by students at www.hpuradio.com, on Feb. 2 at 4 p.m.

The station will be advised by Dr. Wilfred Tremblay while senior Bryan Rothamel will serve as station manager and senior Sara Vitale will serve as marketing manager.

The station's official slogan is, "The Sound."

"We think listeners will find that HPUR will live up to its slogan, 'The Sound,'" said Rothamel. "What you hear on the radio should represent the student body. We play what we listen to and what you listen to."

In the beginning stages, the station will provide music, a sports talk show, upcoming event announcements and public service announcements.

Music will include anything that students listen to, ranging from pop, hip/hop, rock, country, independent and alternative.

"We have a little of everything. A few DJs enjoy hip-hop while a few like the indie sound; some like pop while others like '80s and '90s. I think listeners will really become loyal to certain DJs because of similar taste," Rothamel added.

The station will be automated during the day and operated by students in the evening.

"The station will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the announcers will be live from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.," says Tremblay, director of the school of communication.

Currently the DJs are made up of students in the radio practicum class. The station will allow students to volunteer to be on the air, but each student must abide by rules regarding what is and what is not allowed to be broadcasted.

Sophomore Katie Little says, "I think a radio station would be cool for students. It would bring a sense of community to the school because you could hear your own friend on the air."

Graduate student Megan Murray says, "It will give students at High Point University more options, and professional opportunities for those interested in broadcasting."

When the new School of Com-

munication building is completed, the radio station will move to a permanent location with its new facilities. Currently, the station will broadcast from a studio in the Fine Arts building.

"We are trying to be the student voice of High Point University. People sending messages on the air will be HPU students. We are trying to be a balanced radio station and abide by social tastes," Tremblay said.



Bryan Rothamel (left), station manager for HPU Radio, and Mike Nuckles host a sports talkshow on the student-operated radio station every Tuesday night from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Photo by Pam Haynes

Administration takes no stance on 'Amethyst'

By Jesse Kiser
Online Editor

The rise of binge drinking by college students prompted former Middlebury College President John McCardell to start an initiative — the Amethyst Initiative that aims to stop binge drinking, particularly among college students. His main solution is to lower the drinking age, and he's recruited 123 other colleges to support Amethyst.

The Amethyst Initiative is named after the Greek gemstone said to ward off intoxication. McCardell has gained support from schools like Duke, Dartmouth and Johns Hopkins, along with public schools like Ohio State and the University of Maryland. But HPU hasn't jumped on board and isn't declaring a stance on the issue.

"I'm not so sure that lowering the drinking age will curb binge drinking or curb underage drinking," said dean of student life, Gail Tuttle. She wants the administration to gather a collective opinion before she makes her own.

Currently, the HPU administration says they need to dig deeper into the subject and collect supporting evidence before they choose a side.

"We truly have not invested research time into the subject," said president Nido Qubein. "I hesitate to speak without thorough investigation of all the pros and cons."

Kim Soban, Director of Counseling Services, often counsels students with substance abuse issues and disagrees with the lowering of the drinking age. "No one law is going to solve this problem," she said. She considers the problem of binge drinking to be a form of self-medication for students with serious personal issues.

"We need to educate students even prior to college," she said. "It is unrealistic to say underage students will not drink, so we need to say, 'If you are going to do it, here is how you can be safe.'"

According to the Associated Press, McCardell said, "No matter where you stand on this issue, it's impossible to... say this is a settled question. It's also impossible to say the public isn't ready to participate in the

debate the (university) presidents are calling for."

McCardell has his fair share of opposition. Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the organization that led the fight to raise the drinking age to 21 originally, is now fighting to keep it that way. They are accusing college presidents of being lazy and avoiding the tough work of cracking down on underage and binge drinkers.

After public opposition from MADD and the National Transportation Safety Board (who issued statements saying it would lead to injuries and deaths), Robert Franklin of Morehouse College and Kendall Blanchard of Georgia Southwestern State withdrew their support.

Tuttle feels that the Initiative was originally more complex than just lowering the drinking age, but was a call for an open national dialogue to confront colleges' problems with binge drinking.

"We all need to try to get a handle on binge drinking by seeing what we can do as a community," she said.

Staff Profile: Brian Ross focuses on customer service

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

The famous line from the Wizard of Oz that says, "There's no place like home," is especially true for Starbucks employee Brian Ross.

Brian, 22, has been making coffee at the Starbucks on campus for two years and has no plans to leave. Brian is a native to High Point, and he enjoys living close to home since he is a self-proclaimed momma's boy.

However, when Brian was five, his biological mother died. This left him, his older brother and his sister to live with their grandmother. She quickly

became his maternal figure, as did his sister who is 13 years older than he is.

Brian enjoys being the baby of the family and getting the resulting special attention and treatment. His sister, who is the person he admires most, is always there for him. In turn, Brian treats his nieces like princesses. He loves visiting them and helping them out; he even helps them sell Girl Scout cookies.

There is more to Brian than just a strong family bond. As a kid,

Brian was a huge class clown. He and his friends were always getting into something. They loved playing practical jokes on people, though they never did any harm.

Brian also loves music and is constantly listening to it and singing along. His favorite artists include T.I., Neo and Trey Songz. He also enjoys playing basketball and football

regularly. Brian is looking forward to playing these sports in his new home, which

he just acquired. He just moved into a two-story house that he shares with some friends. He plans to celebrate his upcoming birthday there on Feb. 3.

Brian cares about people and reflects that not only in his attitude but also in his work. Customer service is the most important part of the job to him. As a result of this dedication to customer service, the university Starbucks has received 11 awards for excellence from the Starbucks corporation.

So if you ever stop by Starbucks, you know that Brian will take care of you.

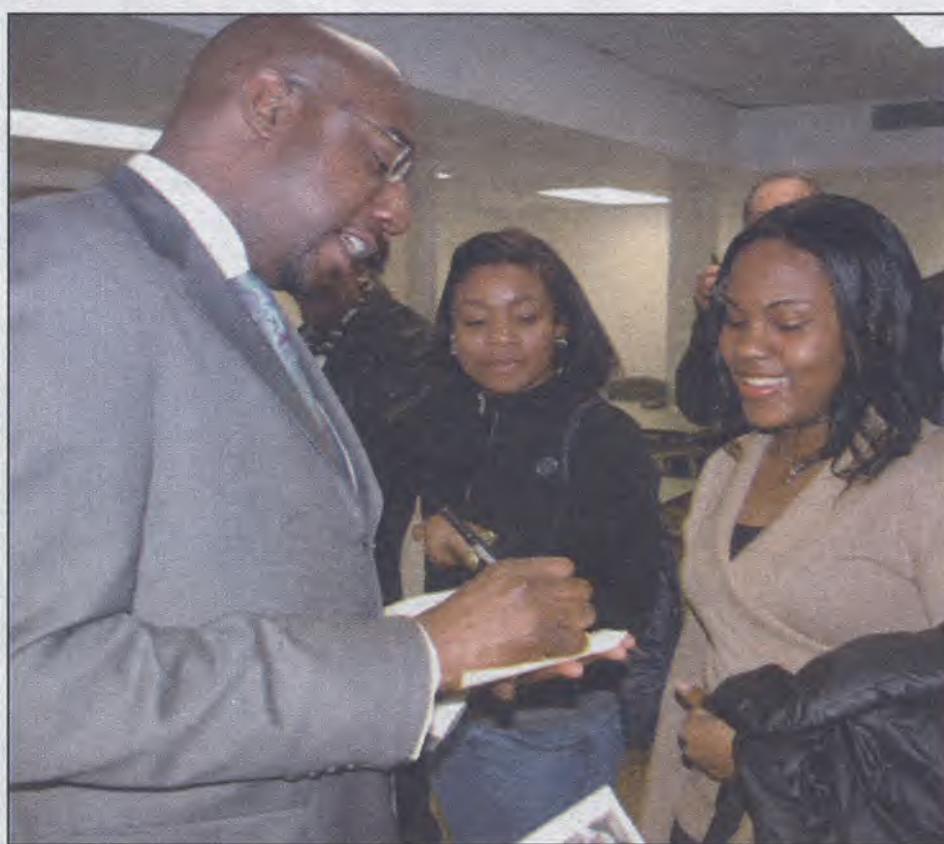


Brian Ross, HPU Starbucks employee Photo by Katie Nelson

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



High Point University students participated in a "Day of Service" on Jan. 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day by volunteering in different areas of the community. From left to right: David Perez, Alicia Landale and Jessica Bookbinder plant flowers at High Point Regional Hospital as part of their service for the day. Photo by Jesse Kiser



The annual Martin Luther King Jr. service was held Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. The message was delivered by Reverend Dr. Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, the spiritual home of the late MLK Jr. From left to right: Dr. Warnock signs programs for freshmen Symone Graves and Kenzalia Bryant after the service. Photo by Pam Haynes

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people before 4 a.m. I left at 5 a.m.,” Rager says. “The train ride lasted 30 minutes, and it took us to 45 minutes to get off of the train. There were Obama chants in the station. There was a very good air about the entire day.”

And Rager didn’t mind braving the cold for the event.

“The excitement lasted even through the cold and hours and hours. Excitement was all over the place. If you were watching it from home, you didn’t get to be part of all that.”

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switching to the four-hour system might be a reduced opportunity to take a highly diversified set of classes at a single time. Carroll believes that this effect will be minimal, since major classes would be condensed and the number of major classes required for graduation would be reduced. Carroll also noted that it would be likely that the university would raise the maximum credit hours a student can take in a semester without penalty from 17 to 18 credits.

“This is the most exciting academic change made in university history,” he said. “We want to take ourselves to the next level academically.”

Administration and faculty have been looking into the new plan for about two years. According to Carroll, the vote was “overwhelmingly high” in favor of the new curriculum.

Schools that already operate under the four hour curriculum system include Davidson College, Furman and Wake Forest University.

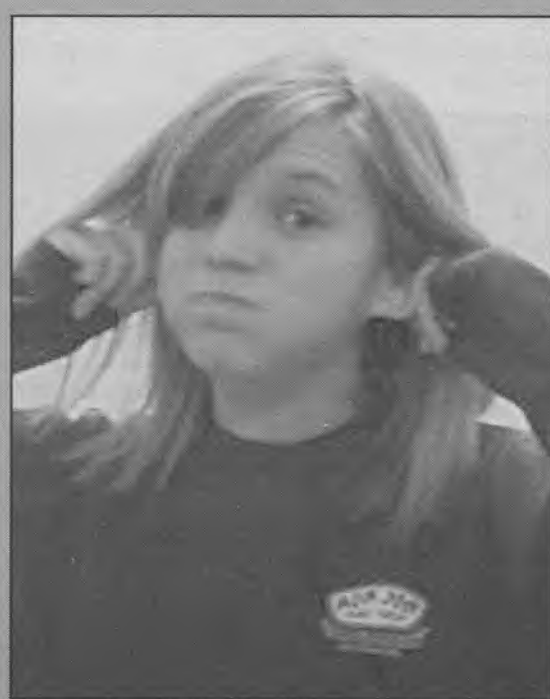
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Sorority life gives an only child a huge family

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

Sunday night is finally here for Mae Norman. It has been a rough day for the High Point University senior.

Early in the morning she was woken by her roommate, Melissa. Melissa needed Mae to drive her to the



Seniors Sarah McArthur, Brittany Crews, Megan Keany, Christin Anderson, Melissa Nauman, Rachel Shutt and Mae Norman pictured before Lip Sync of Greek Week 2008. Alpha Gamma Delta won the event.

emergency room because of excruciating pain in her abdomen. Mae had three hours of rest and for a sleep-deprived college student sleep would be assumed to come first. Mae sat in the waiting room for six hours to find out Melissa had kidney stones.

Mae has a deeper connection with Melissa than just roommates. Both are sisters in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. They are two of almost 45 sisters.

That's a big change for Mae. She is an only child and still close to her parents. Until college she had never spent an extended amount of time away from home. Now, she's about 30 minutes away from home.

To Mae, High Point became home and one big family.

Leaving Lewisville was rough for Mae. She left early in August 2005 to get to High Point.

"Mom wanted to be the first one in line," Mae remembers of the day.

They pulled up to Yadkin Hall and noticed she was on the third floor, which was four flights up because of the exposed basement. No elevators and more than 200 other freshmen women were moving in as well.

After the Orientation Crew

helped her bring her stuff into her new dorm, Mae immediately began spreading her green and pink accessories all over her side of the dual occupancy room.

Her roommate saw things a bit different. Two weeks into the year, her roommate finally finished moving in, Mae remembers. That proved things were going to be different than Mae had ever experienced before.

Tuesday Mae enjoys "Chapter Lunch" with her sorority sisters. Huddled around three tables in the Cafe, the proud sorority talks about everything from upcoming school events to hair woes.

Many of the women ask how Melissa is doing. She has been to the doctor's office a few times with Mae's assistance.

After enjoying each other's company, Mae moves to the second floor of the Slane Student Center. Outside of the campus Starbucks, she picks up a Greensboro News and Record.

She comments on an article here, an article there. "Oh look, High Point University," Mae says when she noticed a High Point University advertisement on page three in the A section. To Mae, reading the paper is a daily habit.

Huddled around are a few fellow senior Alpha Gams. Christian and Sarah sit on either side of her. The only junior, Ashley, sits across from Mae. Senior Brittany Crews pulls up a chair to join the four.

Brittany was the AGD president for a year and another roommate to Mae. They have had an up and down history together.

Freshman year, both women lived in Yadkin Hall.



Brittany Crews, Mae Norman and Sara Vitale pictured during Bid Day 2008.

The residential hall made it easy to find friends because of the community bathroom living style. The residents became friends but also made a few enemies.

The hall had two major circles of friends that did not like each other. Mae was in one of them with her hall neighbors. She was very close to those around her but they ended up transferring from HPU or dropping out.

Brittany was in the other circle. Like Mae, Brittany was close to her hall neighbors and her friends also ended up transferring.

Mae and Brittany hated each other, but second semester of that first year they both became sisters in AGD. "I remembered hating my life knowing she was going to be one of my sisters," Mae said.

After the pledging period they began to get to know each other. From then on they were best friends and sisters. They lived across the hall from each other for their sophomore year. The past two years they have been in the sorority house together.

Thursday night is the "Grey's" night, where sisters stop by the house to watch ABC's show, "Grey's Anatomy." Two other sisters come to the house to watch the show. Mae sits on one of the armchairs while Ashley sits next to Melissa, who is still ill. Melissa has a plate of food Mae put together for her dinner. Christian sits across from Mae in another armchair and next to Christian is a seat reserved for Brittany, who is coming home from work.

The show has not started but they huddle around the TV 20 minutes early to make sure they don't miss any of it. Mae and Christian sip on a small glass of wine as they debate last week's episode.

Ashley is having the most trouble remembering the show's story and Mae quickly reminds them, dating back a few weeks prior.



Mae Norman, HPU graduate Alana Esposito and Rachel Shutt posed together in Mae's house.

The "Previously on Grey's" doesn't suffice for these fanatics.

The first five minutes of the show they all sit, eyes staring towards the television set. No one moves and no one talks during the opening scenes. At the first commercial break Brittany joins the group and they begin debating the show.

Mae begins, "I could use a two hour special every week." Whether that is because of the show itself or the event she makes of it doesn't become quite obvious.

The show begins again and they turn their attention back to the set. The rain outside is deafening, making it seem that someone is breaking into the house. They don't divert their attention. Another break comes.

One watcher says, "I definitely heard something." Grey's Anatomy is too important to divert their stares from the screen. After an inspection outside of the house they realize the source of the sound. The show is back on.

As the show comes to its dramatic end, Mae changes her seating posture. After the show's cliffhanger ending they come to one conclusion, "We have to watch next week!"

They gathered for the show but no one leaves when it is over. Mae checks on Melissa and they all just sit around and talk.

It is just a normal week for Mae. Alpha Gam sisters to begin the week, Alpha Gam sisters to end the week. Pretty good for someone who came to High Point University scared of leaving her family. HPU gave her another family full of a bunch of sisters.

Panhellenic bids for largest class

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

The HPU student body saw the annual parade of honking trunks, screaming women and males throwing water balloons the afternoon of Jan. 25.

There were 146 women receiving bids to one of the four Panhellenic Council sororities on campus. All four sororities gave out the allotted bids plus additions for reaching the quota set by Panhellenic.

This year's recruitment was another record setting year for participants surpassing last year's by 51, a 54 percent increase. A total of 241 women registered for formal recruitment.

"This is a such an exciting time for all of Greek life on campus. Not only do we get to meet our new sisters, but new sisters of the other three amazing sororities of Panhellenic as well,"

said Sara Vitale, senior of Alpha Gamma Delta.

The increase in interested participants has been expected because of increased enrollment at the university. Another key attribute has been the increase in awareness of Greek life on campus.

"Greek Week was pretty successful this year; it was a pretty big thing. There's been a lot of visibility among the Greek organizations this first semester this year which I think definitely contributed to increased recruitment numbers," Greek life coordinator Meredith McCrea said. McCrea started working on recruitment week since she began

working at HPU in July 2008. This year she focused on making sure the sororities did less of the administrative aspect such as reserving rooms.

Another huge help McCrea noted was the work of the Panhellenic Executive Council. Some nights those women stay far past midnight to make sure the week went smoothly.

With Panhellenic leaders doing the grunt work, the current sorority members were able to relax and meet the recruits. McCrea said this relaxed many of the women during the sometimes stressful time.

McCrea stated the university is looking at extending Greek life to incorporate another Panhellenic sorority. The process is long and regimented. The process is only in its infancy.



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Women's basketball beats UNCA, holds second place in the Big South

By Drew Littleton and
Mike Nuckles
Staff Writers

Overshadowed by Christmas break and a recent men's basketball home stand, the women's basketball team is second overall in the conference with a record of 6-1. They are set to play first-place Liberty on the road on Saturday.

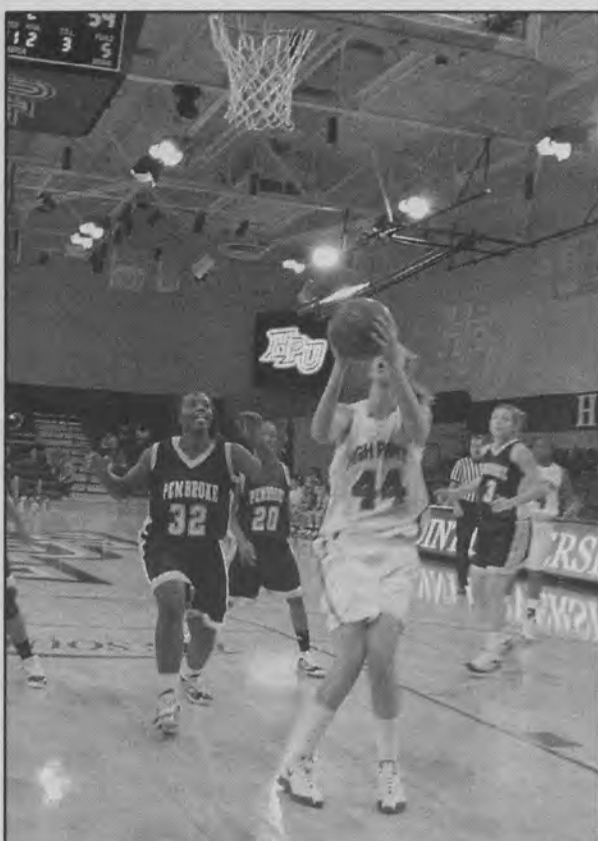
Most recently on Monday, the team defeated the third-place Asheville Bulldogs, 59-51. Sophomore center Mackenzie Maier set a new single-game school record in blocks, recording seven on the night, and also scored 16 points. LaTeisha Dean was the main ball-giver since Frances Fields was in foul trouble for most of the night. Dean delivered a career-high seven assists. Shamia Brown had a career-high 15 rebounds, while scoring 16 points.

The team dominated last-place Presbyterian last Saturday, 75-33, at one point going on a 54-8 run. Dean led the team with 15 points and seven rebounds. Fields dished out five assists, while Maier rejected four shots.

High Point lost a nail-biter to

Winthrop on Jan. 19, 55-54. Winthrop led most of the game, but the Panthers never let the Eagles grab more than a seven-point margin. In the end, High Point was able to take a shot for the win, but a desperation shot fell short, and the Panthers suffered their first conference loss of the season.

The team concluded their non-confer-



Sophomore center Mackenzie Maier takes a shot in a game earlier this season. Maier needs one block to tie the school record for blocked shots in a season (52). Photo by Mike Nuckles.

ence schedule against its oldest rival, Elon. The two teams have played each other 73 times, with the Panthers holding the 37-36 margin. In years past this game had been close, such as last year's 77-71 overtime win by the Panthers, but this year the game was dominated by High Point from the opening tip. At the first official timeout, the Panthers were up 15-2, and that set the tone for the rest of the

night. Brown, the conference's highest-scoring freshman, was 11-for-12 from the floor, and finished up with a career-high 22 points. Every player saw action, and ten players finished with at least three points. That concluded a perfect four-game homestand to keep the Panthers undefeated at home.

As students were returning back to campus on the Monday after Christmas break the Lady Panthers played host to Gardner-Webb, which entered the match winless in conference play. Sophomore Jurica Hargraves led High Point with 22 points, 15 of which came from behind the arc, but the story was the team's defense, which forced 26 turnovers from the Bulldogs. High Point won its second consecutive game by an 11 point margin, defeating Gardner-Webb 55-44. In the Panthers' previous game, the conference home-opener against the Radford Highlanders, the team led for the majority of the game, and won the game, 65-55.

High Point, winners of eight of its last nine games, will look to stay strong for the rest of the season and will hope to continue their momentum into the conference tournament, which will be hosted by High Point this season.

High Point has major influence over alum Smith's coaching career

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

Growing up, Orlando "Tubby" Smith had dreams of playing basketball for University of Maryland. He was reared on the southernmost tip of Maryland in a city named Scotland.

He is the sixth child of 17 in his family. They lived in a cinderblock home with no indoor plumbing. His parents were sharecroppers picking tomatoes, cotton, corn or tobacco.

The idea of "family" was important. If someone didn't feed the chickens or get water, the whole house suffered.

After he graduated from high school in 1969 he had an opportunity to play for UMD. They had just hired a new coach, Lefty Driesell. Driesell was a hot commodity at the time. He had won 176 games in nine years at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Driesell told Tubby that he was more than welcome to enroll at UMD and try out for the basketball team. If he made the team, he got a scholarship. If he didn't make the team, he just was another student.

Tubby didn't like the chances.

He gave up on his dream and went to a small NAIA school, High Point College. HPC had no idea what it just received.

Driesell coached at UMD from 1969-86, winning 348 games. Tubby missed out on an opportunity.

Then again, did he actually find another?

HPC head coach Bob Vaughn, who previously won a high school state championship in Maryland, recruited Tubby. Vaughn had a relative that played at HPC years before. The relative lived in the greater Washington, D.C. area and sent many players Vaughn's way.

"[They were] recruiting some

outstanding players, me not included," Tubby laughs about finding his way to North Carolina.

HPC won 28 games in the 1968-69 campaign. Gene Littles and Jim Picka just graduated, both of whom were in the top five all-time in scoring in HPC history. Littles still leads the program in scoring. In the '60s the program had won almost 70 percent of their games.

Tubby unfortunately never was as successful as those previous teams. The teams he played for never had a winning season. The closest they ever were was 13 wins and 16 losses.

Tubby also played for four head coaches in four years. Vaughn only coached Tubby for a year and a half before Bill Davis finished Tubby's sophomore year. J.D. Barnett coached his junior year before Jerry Steele coached the fourth.

"I tell people all of the time-I ran so many coaches off, I thought I would get in the business," Tubby says with a chuckle. "I actually had four head coaches in four years at High Point. That's unbelievable."

After Tubby left, Steele would coach another 30 years at High Point before retiring in 2003.

Maybe Tubby wasn't running coaches off.

At the same time at UMD, Driesell coached all four years. His team won 77 games while losing 37. They won a National Invitational Tournament championship and also went to the NCAA Elite Eight.

Although UMD had more success, HPC gave Tubby something Driesell couldn't.

Tubby's third coach, Barnett, became very influential to Tubby's future coaching career. Tubby would become Barnett's assistant at Virginia Commonwealth University where together they won 144 games and lost 64

in seven seasons. The two mastered the art of the ball-line defense, a style Barnett used at High Point.

Tubby's head coaching career would begin at University of Tulsa. Ironically, he took over for Barnett. Tubby would coach at University of Georgia and the University of Kentucky. Currently, Tubby is at the helm of University of Minnesota's basketball program.

In the past 15 seasons, Tubby has won at least 20 games and been in postseason play. He won a NCAA national championship at UK in 1998. His teams have appeared in four Elite Eights and nine Sweet Sixteens. He has an overall record of 407 wins and 159 losses in 19 seasons as a head coach.

He also was an assistant coach for the USA men's basketball team that won gold in Sydney in 2000.

Tubby has been characterized as having one of the best ball-line defenses in college basketball. He calls it his, "defensive philosophy." In three of Tubby's first four years at UK, his teams had their lowest field goal against percentages since 1962.

If it weren't for that junior year at High Point, Tubby might never have had the chance to meet Barnett, learn the ball-line defense and get a start in head coaching.

Giving up the dream of playing at UMD, actually led to fulfilling the dream of being a head coach.

833 Montlieu Avenue did more than just cultivate one of the best basketball minds in business. It also helped Tubby find another love other than basketball.

"[Meeting my wife] was a significant moment in my life. She has meant so much to me. We have been married now 33, years," Tubby said of his wife, Donna Smith.

She was a freshman his senior

year at HPC. Being the "Big Man on Campus," as Tubby puts it, he didn't think it would work out because of the age difference.

She is a native of Richmond, Va. and on breaks Donna would frequently ask Tubby for rides home. Her house was on his way home so he would more than willingly drop her off.

He wasn't the only big deal on campus. She was a cheerleader and Homecoming queen, which was monumental at the time being African-American at HPC. When Tubby started school in 1969 he was one of only three African-Americans on campus. After three years of dating, the two married.

Tubby and Donna have three sons. The eldest, Orlando Jr. (known as G.G.) is an assistant coach at Loyola (Md.) College and played for Tubby at UGa. The middle child, Saul, is an assistant for Tubby at UMinn. Saul was on the national championship at UK. The youngest, Brian, graduated from University of Mississippi last year. He was the only son not to play for Tubby. All three sons played in the basketball powerhouse Southeastern Conference.

The family man left his home in 1969 looking for something similar. Tubby has kept a relationship with all of his coaches after he graduated. Tubby tries to meet with Steele, who still lives in the High Point area, every time he comes back east. Barnett stays close with the old player. Tubby hired Barnett as a consultant for Tubby's basketball program in Minnesota.

In 1969, HPC thought it was just getting a good basketball player. In 2008, High Point University knows it has quite a notable alumnus who couldn't be prouder of his alma mater.

His alma mater couldn't be prouder of him.

Harris' selflessness an asset to his team

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Imagine doing something your whole life. Your whole life you have been on teams that have won and you yourself have won many personal accolades. People think you are so good they decide to pay for your college education to continue doing what you do.

That's how it has been for Gene Harris. His senior year of high school his team was ranked fifth nationally. His junior year of college his team is ranked in the top ten worst teams in division one basketball.

"It's an experience," says Harris. "It tests your character when you are down and out and adversity hits."

It hasn't been a bad year for Harris. He is averaging 12.5 points a game and is close to becoming the 28th member of the High Point 1,000-point club. Against VMI he scored 19 points by converting on half of his attempts.

Ask him about the game. He doesn't know how many points he scored. He only remembers one set of numbers, 92-85.

"My main focus is becoming a better teammate and putting wins up on the board," says Harris.

VMI was a game Harris didn't start for the first time in 52 straight games, a streak that stretched back to the last ten games of his freshmen year. He still only speaks of what the scoreboard of Cameron Hall told him Jan. 24; his team lost, for the eighth time in nine games.

"I came off the bench, but it wasn't about that. Our main goal was to get the VMI win," Harris says.

It is a transition time for the HPU men's basketball team with 13 underclassmen on the roster. Harris is for the first time in his college career being looked at as a leader. Two years ago he was in the same shoes as the likes of freshmen David Singleton, Nick Barbour, Steadman Short and the other six first-year players.

"Certain mistakes that young people make, I was in the same boat two years ago. I kind of told them ahead of time to try to avoid the mistakes but there is nothing like going through it yourself," says Harris.

Besides the new leadership

role, Harris also has adjusted to new defensive schemes coach Bart Lundy has implemented. Harris, known for his staunch defensive abilities, has learned new roles in the full court 2-2-1 defense and the 2-3 half court set.

"It's a nice little adjustment. Our defense is tricky, like a matchup zone. You try to dominate on the defensive end by getting deflections instead of straight shutting them down... it's more like a team defense thing," says Harris.

Harris is very optimistic on the team's future. The team still has to play every team one more time except Liberty.

Harris thinks HPU's record shouldn't ease opponents. They have lost five games by seven or less points. They almost stunned Liberty, holding the nation's

leading freshman to a measly seven points.

"We are a scary team."



Junior guard Gene Harris drives to the bucket last year against Winthrop. Photo by Jesse Kiser.

Can high school ways lead to college wins?

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Pop quiz: Can the men's program become successful?

The men's team hasn't won a game at home versus a NCAA Division I team. We have already lost seven games at home total this year. Our most losses in the Millis Center is eight. We are too close to that dubious distinction.

For most of our players this is the worst team they have ever played on by the numbers. At 5-15 they aren't setting the world on fire right now, especially considering three of those wins were against non-D1 opponents.

On realtimerpi.com we are ranked 336 out of 343 teams. We beat NC Central and they are ranked higher than us; they only have one win. Yeah, this is a tough year.

Where can we go from here? You would think there couldn't be any further fallout. We are last in the Big South with a lone win coming in Rock Hill versus Winthrop. We can only go up, right?

Well, no. We could stay last and be the first team to be left out of the Big South tournament. That would be the lowest of all lows. We could also lose every game for the rest of the year including a game on MASN against Gardner-Webb and the home contest against independent Longwood. Traditionally, we have not done well on television. Also, we lost at Longwood last year and they have key wins this year against James Madison and George Mason, albeit both games were at Longwood.

On the flip side, Bart and the boys could figure out how to hold on to a 10 point lead at half or even a nine point lead with two minutes remaining. It isn't like these guys are used to winning.

Melvin Crowder won a state championship in high school against a little guard named Chris Paul. Paul now plays in the NBA for the New Orleans Hornets. Gene Harris lead his prep team to a top five ranking nationally. Cruz Daniels' high school team went 55-5 his final two years. The prep team for Jourdan Morris was state runners up in Maryland. Steadman Short's senior year included an 18 game win streak. David Singleton lead his prep team to their first 20-win season in over a decade. Nick Bourbor lost one game last year.

This team knows how to win. They have done it before. Can they piece their previous success together to make a successful Panther program? Time is running out to answer the question. Let's raise the bar together.



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