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### Student Duo



Bridget Simon and Billy Myers (bottom), freshmen at High Point University, perform together at Harrison's Restaurant on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Read a review of their music in A&E on page 4. Photo by Jesse Kiser

### Tuition increases by seven percent

By **Jordan Scruggs**  
Staff Writer

High Point University announced two months ago its decision to increase tuition by seven percent next year bringing the total cost of attending the university to approximately \$33,000 per year.

With so many transformations taking place on campus, many view the spike as necessary and even expected. Administration and faculty alike look to the increase in tuition as beneficial.

President Nido Qubein supports the financial increase, saying, "The truth is we are the least expensive in our peer group. Most schools are over \$40,000 a year and High Point University is \$33,000 – with huge value and extraordinary student experience."

Dr. Mark Setzler, department chair of political science, commends High Point's use of its fiscal resources.

"Frankly, I think that the university's leadership team does an

excellent job of efficiently spending student resources and the millions of dollars each year that are donated to improve the school."

Wellington DeSouza, vice president of information services, looks at the increase as an opportunity for further growth and development of the technology department. DeSouza says that the university is constantly looking for ways to improve its services, and a significant portion of these financial resources is deposited into making the university more technologically friendly.

This increase in tuition is not good for everyone, however.

Carolina Thompson, a freshman at HPU, will not be able to attend next semester and is looking to transfer to Appalachian State University.

"With the recession our economy is going through, it's just no longer feasible for me to stay at High Point," she said. "I can get the same degree at a public university and save

**2009-2010 Tuition:**  
**\$33,000**

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### Students' feelings differ toward University Center

By **Sarah McArthur**  
Staff Writer

Students have some mixed feelings about the new multimillion dollar University Center, scheduled to open fall 2009 and house 600 people.

The building will be an advantage to some students who are looking to live in a place with amenities. The University Center will include a virtual bowling alley, an expanded post office, 250 seat movie theater, four levels of dining including a steakhouse and outdoor covered walkways.

For sophomore Andrew Realon,

the University Center will be home next year. Realon is currently a resident assistant in Blessing Hall and has been hired to continue his job next year in the University Center.

"I am looking forward to having everything right there. The University Center is in a great location, and for many things I won't even have to leave the building!" he said.

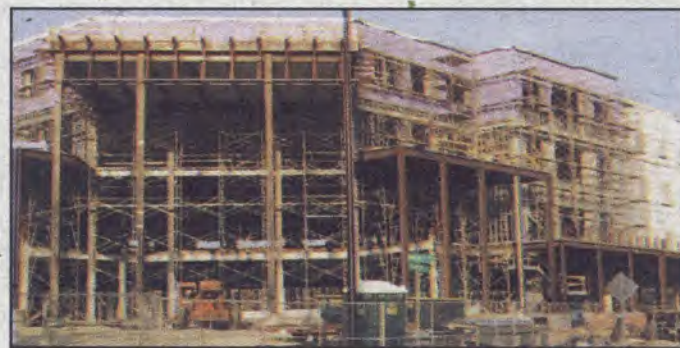
As a resident assistant, Realon will not have to share his room with anyone else and pays the lowest room rate that is included in tuition costs.

Realon recently had the opportunity to visit the showroom in

downtown High Point that houses a model of what the new dorm rooms will look like.

"My first impression was 'hotel room,'" he said. "The rooms are very spacious, and the bathroom is very nice."

After a year of living in the Village and having to commute to campus every day for class, junior Lexie Polivka is excited about the opportunity to live



The University Center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. Photo by Pam Haynes

in the University Center. "The building is at a great location on campus,"

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### On the Run: What's new

#### New York Times columnist visits campus

Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author of "The World is Flat," will visit campus March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pauline Theatre of the Hayworth Fine Arts Center.

A limited number of tickets are available for students at the Campus Concierge. IDS credit will be given.

#### Second scholarship weekend invites 300 students

A second Presidential Scholarship weekend takes place today and tomorrow. Approximately 300 prospective students have been invited to the event.

High Point University added the second scholarship weekend due to an increased number of qualified applicants applying to school, according to Andy Bills, vice president of enrollment.

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# HPU stimulates the economy

Staff Editorial

Every news station you watch or newspaper you read features another headline about the current downturn in the economy. With more and more layoffs and business closings it is a depressing financial time, and rarely do you see any positive news. The city of High Point has felt the hurt from the nation's slowing economy but there is some positive news to be mentioned.

HPU has seemingly been shielded from the outside economic horrors, thanks to construction, job creation and its residentially transplanted student body and their spending.

According to a recent High Point Enterprise article, Impact of Job Loss is Pervasive, which ran Feb. 15, HPU has been doing its part to feed the local economy.

"The university... may be one of the largest employers in the city that hasn't laid off significant numbers of workers or indicated job cutbacks as a distinct possibility," wrote Paul B. Johnson. HPU currently has 580 full-time employees.

HPU, according to the article, has reassured its employees that their jobs are safe. With a six-year high unemployment rate in the city of High Point of 8.8 percent, according to the article, this is a positive sign in depressing times. But employment is only a drop in the bucket when considering the impact of the university in the community.

The construction on campus is a part of that impact. Current construction, including the University Center, Nido R. Qubein School of Communication and the Plato S. Wilson School of Commerce employs more than 500 workers.

These new facilities, along with the students and events, bring guests to HPU. Lots of them. According to a press release by Tracy Anderson, the

university's media relations coordinator, there is an estimated 9,650 visitors coming to the city of High Point because of the university in the month of February alone; 1,560 came to the first Presidential Scholarship Weekend, Feb. 13 through 14.

Those visitors are estimated to bring \$1.2 million into the community. Annually there are 58,000 visitors in the city of High Point thanks to HPU.

Athletics has carried its own weight in economic impact with an estimated 6,590 visitors attending throughout the eight home games in February, according to Anderson.

**"The university... may be one of the largest employers in the city that hasn't laid off significant numbers of workers."**

Where do those guests go when they are here?

"We house quite a lot of athletic department traffic in and out of the city," said Fred Sowers, the director of sales at Hotel High Point, formerly the Radisson, who also said the business coming in has helped the hotel through this tough economic downturn.

"With the meetings industry being down and travel being down, we certainly do appreciate the business we get," said Sowers.

He is anticipating more sales in the future, thanks mainly to the sports teams, some prospective students and families, and especially the upcoming second Presidential Scholarship

weekend, Feb. 27 through 28.

On Feb. 13, Hotel High Point had 25 rooms of High Point University visitors. Sowers considered this a significant number.

"For that weekend, yes, that's a good number," said Sowers.

HPU's student body is mainly composed of out-of-state students. These students who are transplants would normally not have found themselves in High Point if it were not for the university. Neither would their money they spend in the community.

Recently President Obama approved \$200 million for Federal Work-Study in the economic-stimulus plan, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. The plan is expected to help an additional 130,000 students. This extra money will help communities like High Point across the nation.

Students spend money on the obvious things in the community, such as groceries and the necessities. Not to mention the nonessential spending by both those students and the faculty.

"We are now still seeing an economic crunch," said Russ Hilderbrand, general manager of Liberty Steakhouse. "We have definitely seen a drop off."

But despite the slow business Liberty is still grateful for the steady stream of customers thanks to the university. Hilderbrand said he sees a steady stream of faculty as well as students, but more students on the weekends.

"It seems like people are saving their money for the weekends now," said Hilderbrand. "Friday nights and Saturday nights are still all right."

Liberty holds live entertainment on Friday nights and occasional Saturday nights, which Hilderbrand said brings in many students.

"When summer's here we can't wait for school to start again," said Hilderbrand. "Just ask any one of our servers - they can't wait."

## Go Green while doing laundry

By Dianna Bell  
Staff Writer

Laundry—everyone on campus has to do it. It is not my favorite task in the world. I actually hate doing it. I love clean clothes but dread the effort. This leads to a build-up in my hamper and a full day of laundering.

On these days of washing, go green.

Start by using warm or cold water to wash your clothes. Approximately 90 percent of the energy produced from washing clothes comes from heating up the water, according to a story that appeared on CBS News on Aug. 14, 2008. By using cooler water, you reduce energy use by 50 percent

per load. By choosing cold, you reduce up to 90 percent.

Secondly, wash full loads. It is a pointless waste of water to wash one pair of jeans. Don't do it.

When buying laundry detergents, use an eco-friendly cleaner.



Choose fragrance free products. Many detergents contain petrochemicals, which are suspected hormone-disruptors. This means that

the product can irritate your eyes, nose, and skin. It also means that these products disrupt aquatic life and can work their way into our drinking water.

By purchasing concentrated detergents, packaging is reduced, which decreases waste and the frequency of how often you purchase the product.

When drying, if possible, hang your clothes in the sun. This wastes absolutely no energy. If this is not possible, dry synthetic and natural fabrics separately to reduce static cling and the use of dryer sheets. While these do make our clothes smell nice and fresh, they are deadly for Mother Earth.

Although laundry is a daunting task, keep the Earth in mind. By taking these simple steps, you will save loads of energy usage.

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# Improvements in security make a big difference

By Katie Nelson  
Opinion Editor

"It's 11 o'clock; Do you know where your children are?" is my mother's favorite public service announcement. She is constantly worried about me and thinks that at any moment I am going to be kidnapped, held for ransom, and smuggled to some foreign country. Needless to say she wasn't allowed to see "Taken."

So when my car battery died at 1 a.m., I was not inclined to call my family for assistance. Instead I called security and they were efficient and happy to help me.

The security team on this campus is wonderful. They have made vast improvements over the two years I have been here. Also they are phenomenal compared to other schools.

I toured over 15 schools before choosing High Point, and the security at most of these institutions paled in comparison to HPU's. There were no posts with emergency call buttons. The strategy at most schools is that if you have a problem, just call security on your cell phone.

The flaw in the logic of this idea is pretty apparent. I don't know of too many muggers who will allow you to call the cops before they rob you.

The security officers themselves have vastly improved at High Point University. Last year many of the officers patrolling campus were quite seasoned. Some of them seemed like they would have difficulty chasing down a perpetrator.

The new team of 44 officers is a bit fresher. Many of them have their undergraduate degrees in Criminal

Justice and have come here straight out of school.

They are courteous and always willing to lend a hand. When I had surgery and was confined to crutches, security not only drove me around campus but they also helped me into every building I needed to go to.

Accessibility is also a wonderful quality of the security team. There are always several cars, trucks, and segways patrolling both main campus and the villages.

In the past year the security office has purchased a vast fleet of security vehicles. They currently have 3 electric cars to be more environmentally conscious. A collection of Impalas and Nissans has also been assembled. Last but not least they have two segways to accompany the three T3s which are basically segways with an extra wheel.

A sense of safety and comfort is established when one can walk across campus and see at least three security vehicles during the trip. They also do foot patrol through the library and the Villages, ensuring our security at all hours of the night.

The new officers also look much more official with their new uniforms, which are a close resemblance to those of city police officers. Looking more professional does a lot even if one does not realize it at first.

If you are speaking to someone in a uniform you tend to have more respect for him or her. This makes situations run more smoothly and efficiently.

The changes in the security department have been the best ones to occur on campus.

# College presents numerous opportunities

By Mike Nuckles  
Sports Editor

Coming into college, nobody ever says what opportunities are really out there. The reality is that this is the time in one's life when it is easiest and most logical to really get out in the world and have unique experiences.

There are so many things to do that one person could never hope to do everything in just four years. But there are little things that one can do that will make a lasting impression. Below are some suggestions that you can consider to make your college years extremely rewarding.

## 1. Volunteer in the community

Most students are aware of campus organizations such as the Volunteer Center and Alpha Phi Omega, whose missions are to give back to the community. But anyone can donate time and effort regardless of membership in a club. The below opportunities can be accessed through our Web site, [www.campuschronicle.org](http://www.campuschronicle.org).

- The North Carolina Zoo, just south of the Triad, has a huge amount of volunteer opportunities, including Wildlife Rehabilitation and Zoo Host Volunteers.

- The Victory Junction Gang, in nearby Randleman, is a camp that gives children with serious illnesses a camp experience that they will treasure and never forget. Pit Crew members assist with programs, help run events, and serve as counselors for the campers.

- Animal shelters always need more volunteers. Whether you are a lifelong friend to nature or just a dog lover, organizations such as the Guilford County Animal Shelter will always welcome your unsolicited help. You can help future pet owners select their perfect companion, work at rabies shot clinics, or even help with TV shows that help raise awareness for pet adoption.

## 2. Study Abroad

Everyone knows it is a possibility to study abroad while in school. What most people don't necessarily realize, however, is how feasible it is. Granted, you'd miss out on a semester of being "wowed" here at High Point, and it isn't as well-suited for those with multiple majors, but for the majority of students it is easily attainable.

Studying abroad typically costs about the same as normal HPU tuition costs - you even pay High Point for the credits, instead of the foreign institution. Most of High Point's scholarships apply when you study abroad. The Presidential

Scholarship program now provides students with a stipend for students who choose to study abroad.

In an ever-increasing trend toward internationalization, many employers would be impressed by seeing that you have lived overseas. In the past several years, even American corporations have begun to branch out and set up premises in other countries.

The Office of Experiential Learning at High Point works with many students to try to get them a Study Abroad experience in the nation or region they desire, but there are also schools with current relationships with High Point in these countries: England, Italy, Scotland, and Wales.

## 3. Do an internship

Many High Point students do internships. What most do not do is an *extraordinary* internship. Here are some of the internships that are within the realm of possibility for many HPU students:

- Your favorite media outlet: MTV, ESPN, the New York Times, National Public Radio, the YES Network, and CNN each have internship programs - and they're definitely not *just* for communication majors! You can help out in video production, copy writing, editing, photography, sales, marketing, design, or just about anything you can

imagine.

- The Disney College Program: what could be better than a paid internship at Disney World? Seriously! They have a two-part program where for one semester you are a Team Member at a Disney Theme Park, performing any of numerous roles, including dressing up as Mickey Mouse or another Disney character. The second part is a second, optional semester of major-related work, known as Professional Internships. This is especially helpful for students in majors such as Communication, Recreation Management, Accounting, Marketing, and several others.

- Your favorite sports team: every pro sports franchise relies heavily on interns. Many of the top-tier teams pay pretty well. Minor league jobs are a dime a dozen, and most do not pay at all, or sometimes just commission.

There are so many opportunities available to High Point students, it is nearly unimaginable. Take advantage of those opportunities! You're unlikely to ever have a Campus Concierge or have the opportunity to study dolphins in Australia or be a DJ of a radio station ever again - so do them while you are still a student at High Point.

# Straight Talk: Growth leads to success

By Dr. Nido Qubein

When you set out to succeed in life, you're not just improving your present circumstances. You're creating a whole new set of circumstances, in keeping with your vision of what life should be.

*Harvard Business Review* compares it with the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly.

"A butterfly is not more caterpillar or a better or improved caterpillar; a butterfly is a different creature," noted authors Tracy Goss, Richard Pascale, and Anthony Athos.

Becoming the butterfly you want to be means putting the old circumstances in the past, and concentrating all your resources on creating the new ones.

This can be risky and scary.

You're leaving the comfort and security of the old cocoon and accepting the challenges and uncertainties of a free environment. It's natural to want to leave the path open for a return to the old ways if the new ways don't work out.

But if you leave the path open, you're quite likely to retrace it. At the first

sign of adversity, you'll give up the adventure and return to your cocoon - the life you were trying to put behind.

A butterfly, of course, cannot return to its cocoon. The moment it makes its way to the outside and flutters

its wings, it is committed to a new type of existence. Its life as a butterfly is not just a matter of what it does. It is also a matter of what it is.

"A butterfly is not more caterpillar or a better or improved caterpillar; a butterfly is a different creature."

You can shut off the path to retreat by transforming yourself into something you never were before.

The process of education can be transforming. Oliver Wendell

Holmes Sr. wrote that when a mind stretches to embrace a new idea, it "never shrinks back to its original dimensions." There is a qualitative difference between an educated person and an uneducated person, just as there is a qualitative

difference between a butterfly and a caterpillar.

Some people see their job as a necessary evil that has to be endured until quitting time sets them free to pursue their real life. Others see their careers as rewarding components of their real lives. They learn to integrate their careers and their personal lives so that one meshes with and supports the other.

Smart people take responsibility for their own success and for the success of the groups to which they belong. They see themselves as partners in prosperity with the group, and see the group's ups and downs as their own. They are constantly looking for things that they personally can do to contribute to success. And life is sweet when it is filled with both success and significance.



# Letter to the editor: Consider changes already made

Dear Editor,

While I appreciate the spirit of the staff editorial in the January 30, 2009 edition of the *Campus Chronicle* ("Let's shift our focus to academics"), I feel it is important to note that the university has already taken significant steps to improve the overall academic program of the university. Please note some of the improvements within the past three years:

- Thirty-seven new faculty were hired just this year. These new faculty not only have reduced the number of adjunct faculty, but have strengthened programs and brought to campus faculty with new areas of expertise.
- The average SAT score of our entering students this year increased by over 50 points. An increase is expected next year as well.
- The Office of Experiential Learning has been developed and opened. There are increased opportunities for study abroad, internships, civic engagement, and undergraduate research.
- The President's Seminar

has been created and is required of all freshmen, giving students an opportunity to learn life skills from President Qubein himself.

- The Department of Political Science has been created.
- The Department of Fine Arts has been split in to two departments: The Department of Performing Arts and the Department of Visual Arts.
- Majors in music, actuarial science and graphic design have been developed.
- A major in entrepreneurship has been added to the curriculum of the School of Business.
- The School of Communication has been established, and a spectacular, state-of-the-art building will open this spring.
- The School of Education has been re-accredited by NCATE, the highest level of Education accreditation in the United States.
- The School of Business is in the process of being accredited by AACSB, the highest level of Business School accreditation in the United States.
- The School of Communication is developing its curriculum using the guidelines of ACEJMC, the highest level of accreditation for Schools of Communication in the United States.
- The Interior Design Program has been accredited by CIDA, the most prestigious design accreditation in the United States.
- The Phillips School of Business Building has been opened, and the Wilson Commerce Building will open this spring, giving our business programs first class facilities for first class programs.
- All academic classrooms on campus have been upgraded. New sculpture, ceramics, and life-drawing studios have been added. Classrooms are equipped with the latest in instructional technology. Faculty have been trained in the use of this technology.
- Smith Library has been renovated to better serve student needs and to house the ever-growing collections of materials that support all academic majors at the university. The

Library is now open 24 hours a day on most days to provide support to all students.

- Academic Services have expanded. Free tutoring is available in most academic areas.
- There has been an increase in the number of students going to graduate and professional schools. We estimate now that 40% of our students go immediately to graduate school after graduation.

We must clearly continue to raise the academic standards of High Point University. Like most colleges and universities, we must seriously study grade inflation, student retention and the use of adjunct faculty. We are, however, well on the way to becoming one of America's finest universities in academics as well as student services. If we are indeed to be a university of destination, we must be the best in all areas.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Dennis Carroll  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

## A&E

# HPU students rock out at local High Point restaurants

By Dianna Bell  
Staff Writer

Music is a universal entity. The influence it has in our lives varies from person to person, but it remains a fixture. For High Point University students Bridget Simon and Billy Myers, music is more than just something they listen to; it's something they do.

Bridget Simon of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Billy Myers of Warrenton, Va., met this year as freshmen. They were sitting outside of Yadkin one day when Myers noticed that Simon had

GarageBand on her computer.

For those of us who are not up-to-date on our computer technology, GarageBand is a software application on Macs that allows the user to create music or podcasts.

Simon had heard of Myers before as the "boy who plays guitar." This common musical ground led to talk of jamming in the near future. After they had played together a couple of times, they had a gig lined up.

Simon had been taking voice lessons when a fellow singer set up a meeting for her with Greg Harrison, the

owner of Harrison's Restaurant. He told her she could come play that Thursday, and if the crowd liked her, she could play on a regular basis. This was in November 2008, and they have been playing there ever since.

I had the pleasure of seeing the duo myself on Feb. 12. What I found to be so amazing about Myers and Simon is that they have a unique style, yet mesh so well. Simon makes each song her own with her strong vocals backed up by Myers' skills on the guitar.

Simon has been singing all her life and been playing guitar for three

years. Myers has been playing guitar for five years and pulls inspiration from two legends in the world of music—Dave Matthews and Jerry Garcia.

The two would like to play at other venues as well. A meeting has already been set up with the String & Splinter Club, though nothing is for certain. When asked what other places they would like to play, McAlister's Deli makes the top of Simon's list.

If you haven't had the chance to check these two out, head down to Harrison's, located at 1807 N. Main St., on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

# Listen up: good movies don't always have good soundtracks

By Jen Paolino  
Staff Writer

Have you ever heard a song in a film and wished that you could play it over and over again? Well, that's the beauty of the movie soundtrack. Sometimes the greatest songs aren't found on an artists record, but on the soundtrack to your favorite movie. Here is the best and worst of movie soundtrack music.

**Album Title:** *Twilight Soundtrack*

**What It Sounds Like:** The music fits the movie extremely well; it clearly portrays the darkness and confusion that the film wishes to convey to its audience.

With big-named bands like Muse, Linkin Park, and Paramore filling the track list, this soundtrack is a must have. And for those die-hard Twilight fans, Robert Pattinson himself makes an appearance on the record, proving that he's more than just a pretty face... he can sing too.



**Why You Should Listen:** Even though I feel like the movie came up short, the music was this film's saving grace. It

gave you something to pay attention to, aside from the choppy scenes and lack of a believable story. But, I don't want to be too harsh or anything...

**Album Title:** *I Know What You Did Last Summer Soundtrack*

**What It Sounds**

**Like:** The most fast-paced and chaotic summer of your entire life. But it makes room for some down

time as well. **Why You Should Listen:** If you want something to keep you on your toes and have your head shaking faster than you thought possible, then this is the soundtrack for you. With an eclectic grouping of artists ranging

from Our Lady Peace to Toad The Wet Sprocket, you'll have this soundtrack



on rotation in your car all summer long.

**Album Title:** *Can't Hardly Wait*

**Soundtrack**

**What It Sounds Like:**

The music you would hear pounding in the background at the most dysfunctional graduation party you've ever been to.

**Why You Should**

**Listen:** It will

totally make you

wish that you

were back in high

school. Or back

in the 90s. The music embodies

every single emotion that courses

through your body on the night of

graduation. Songs like "Graduate"

by Third Eye

Blind and

"Dammit"

by blink-182

do a great job of

expressing those

feelings. Mark

Hoppus said it best:

"Well I guess this is

growing up..."

**Album Title:** *10*

*Things I Hate About*

*You Soundtrack*

**What It Sounds**



**Like:** How it feels to get your heart broken. And then put completely back together.

**Why You Should Listen:** Because Letters To Cleo performs an amazing cover of "I Want You To Want Me" by Cheap Trick. Are there really any other reasons necessary?

**Album Title:** *Juno Soundtrack*

**What It**

**Sounds**

**Like:** A mix

of quirky-

indie pop

and subtle,

but still

slightly

annoying

background

noise.

**Why You**

**Should**

**Listen:**

Personally,

I was not a huge fan of this soundtrack. Loved the movie, hated the music. But, it seems as though I'm in the minority this time, as many people just adore the acoustic ramblings of artists like Kimya Dawson and Moldy Peaches. If you're looking for something that will mellow out your mood, or something that you don't really have to work too hard at, this is definitely the soundtrack for you.





## Honesty in 'Coma Therapy' appeals to readers

By Holly Iverson  
A&E Editor

His words are usually vulgar, edgy and pessimistic. He makes his opinions on life and death well-known and he's very firm in his beliefs, or lack there of. But the honesty in Eric Victorino's prose in "Coma Therapy" is what draws many of his readers.

Eric Victorino is living a life many people dream of. He's been in a couple of bands and has written many, if not all, of his bands' songs.

He was in the band Strata for about eight years, and you can tell he's had practice writing lyrics. But his book seems to avoid the lyrical quality and takes on a fragmented one instead. His style is very similar to Charles Bukowski's, but his pieces are on some different topics.

The prose in "Coma Therapy" describes Victorino's life experiences that were often dangerous in some way. And although not everyone can directly

relate to some of the situations he's been in, his words will surely paint a picture in readers' minds. In some ways, he provides his life on paper for readers to live through vicariously.

With many of his pieces, Victorino is able to capture an emotion or thought that many people have experienced, but he's able to word it in a profound way.

Keep in mind, however, that his words and tone can be harsh. He's capable of offending even the most open-minded people.

Still, despite the seemingly negative tone of "Coma Therapy," I give the book an A. The honesty in Victorino's prose is remarkable, but in order to enjoy the honesty, I urge readers to pursue it with an open mind.

"Coma Therapy" is Victorino's first of two books. His second is titled "Trading Shadows for Sunshine." It's very similar to "Coma Therapy," but feels a little rushed at times. Victorino essentially

had his whole life to write his first book, but took far less time writing his second.

Neither book can be purchased in stores. Websites like [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.ericvictorino.com](http://www.ericvictorino.com) or [www.myspace.com/ericvictorino](http://www.myspace.com/ericvictorino) provide links to purchase either of the books.

they always say  
confession is cleansing  
and i think  
that i'd agree  
but it's funny how  
coming clean  
can make me feel so dirty.

to know pain like this  
is to cause pain like this -  
to hurt someone so perfect  
is to never fault again.

- excerpt from Coma Therapy"

## 'Street Fighter IV's' simplicity will bring back good memories

By Jesse Cherry  
Staff Writer

Street Fighter IV- Xbox 360, PS3, \$60

Because of my roller rink's sub par arcade selection back in 1991, I was never able to enjoy the 25 cent splendor that was "Street Fighter II." It wasn't until three years later when "Street Fighter II Turbo" came out for the SNES that I was able to join in on the phenomenon. When I turned on my PS3 this last week and threw my first fire ball with Ryu, I was flooded with a wave of nostalgia that brought me back to the beat downs my brother would inflict on me on our 12 inch TV. After playing "Street Fighter IV" for 20 hours, the happy memories of my past had faded, and all that remained was an excellent game.

"SFIV" plays very similar to the game's earlier in the series. It is still 2D. Only two fighters are on the screen at one time. Most of the special moves are executed the same way they were back in the '90s. What I have always and still do love about "SF" over other fighting games like "Virtua Fighter" and "Soul Caliber" is the game's about execution not about memorizing a long string of button commands.

This isn't just a remake. The old formula has been altered enough to give the most veteran players something new

to chew on, and for those looking to just mash buttons, they can still do so with promising results.

Most of the characters are familiar ones like Ken, Ryu, and Chun-Li, but there are five brand new fighters made just for "SFIV." It would have been nice to see a couple more original fighters, but since every character has been slightly changed from the previous Street Fighters it still feels fresh.

Every feature in the game is typical; there is an Arcade mode where you get to enjoy an inchoate storyline while fighting the computer through a series of matches, a

VS mode where you can play against your friend on the same TV, a training mode that lacks a good tutorial to help beginner players, time attack and survival modes, and online play that works smoothly but lacks options like tournament play.

"SFIV" doesn't break new ground or evolve the fighting genre. It's a game that grabs the best things from the past and tweaks them to make it better. All I know is that I'm older and wiser than I was back in 1994. Thanks to "SFIV," I'll be able to get some revenge on my brother for the relentless onslaught he inflicted on me on our SNES.



## 'Taken' touches on a difficult, yet relevant topic

By Jessalin Graham  
Staff Writer

Spending a summer following a rock band around Europe may be a dream of many 17-year-old American girls and traveling abroad is a great way for young adults to experience the world.

However, Bryan Mills, played by Liam Neeson in director Pierre Morel's "Taken," disagrees with his ex-wife's proposal to allow his daughter to go to Paris for the summer with her 19-year-old friend Amanda (Katie Cassidy). Mills had just retired from his job as a "preventer" for the United States government in order to be closer to his daughter Kim (Maggie Grace). The skills and knowledge he acquired from his job make him aware of the danger in such a trip, but his worry and paranoia come across to Kim and his ex-wife Lenore (Famke Janssen) as him being unfair, way overprotective, and behind the times when he refuses to sign Kim's paperwork so she can leave the country. After purchasing an international cell phone and setting a few ground rules, he finally gives in - much to his spoiled

daughter's delight.

When Kim and Amanda arrive in Paris they immediately make unsafe decisions without realizing the danger. They agree to share a cab with a suave stranger they meet in the airport which take the three to the address where the girls are staying. Amanda reveals exactly what floor they are staying on and that they are staying there alone, causing them to fall right into the hands of an evil Albanian mob that specializes in human trafficking.

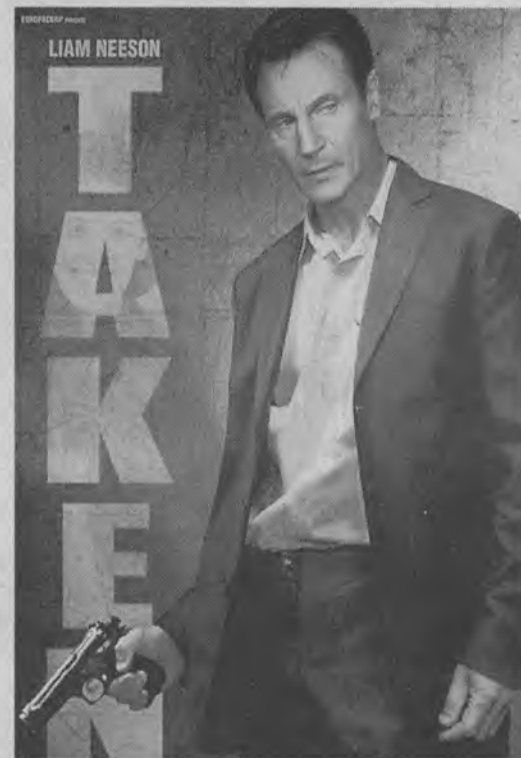
Luckily, Kim's international phone comes in handy when Mills calls to check on her just as the mob breaks into the apartment to take Amanda. Mills is able to give her special instructions on what to do while he records the call on his CIA equipment. When they come to take Kim, Mills makes a vow to her captors to hunt them down and kill them. However, after his CIA colleagues research the kidnapers, Mills finds out that he only has a 96 hour window before the captors take Kim too far away to ever find again.

"Taken" is full of action and suspense along with some graphic

scenes. The combination of Mills' CIA techniques and overwhelming instinct to protect his family shines through to the audience and provides a touching picture of just how far a father will go to protect and save his child. This film is certainly an eye opener and centered around a realistic topic we should take very seriously. Human trafficking really exists, and it is a subject that rarely, if ever, comes to mind. According to the U.S. Department of Justice website, between 600,000 and 800,000 men, women and children are trafficked internationally each year. Seventy percent of these individuals are women and 50 percent are children. A number of these are trafficked into the United States and it is estimated that 200,000 American children are at risk for human trafficking, so this is not just an issue that takes place in other countries; it is happening right here at home.

As a whole, "Taken" is a well designed film that touches on difficult subjects relevant in today's world. Even though this film may

make the audience leave the theatre feeling a little paranoid, it is good for us to be reminded of the tough topics for our own good.



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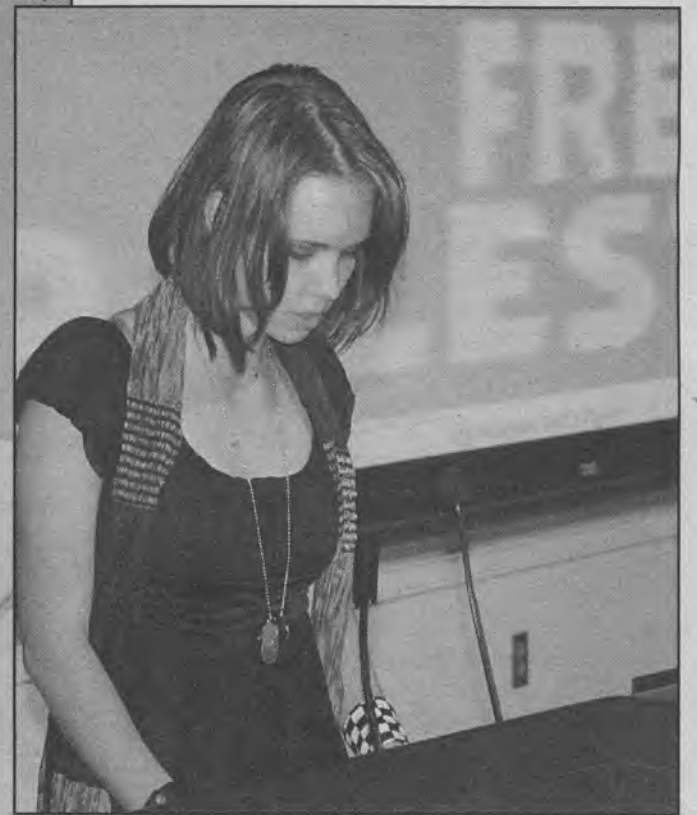


# Annual Snowball Court



The annual Snowball dance, paid for by the Student Government Association, represented the student body with the Snowball court on Feb 21. From left to right: Victoria Baxter and Dan Costello; Jenn Hastings and Daniel Short; Leah Wilson and Matt Boswell; Nicolette Adams (Hans Hodvil not pictured); Josh Fox and Charisse Duncan. Leah Wilson and Matt Boswell were crowned Snowball Queen and King. Photo by Jesse Kiser

## Gaza Awareness Week



Above: Veronica Houghton reads a poem at the performance night held during Gaza Awareness Week. Other students performed musical acts or shared their feelings about events in Gaza.

The International Club and Rotaract held a Gaza Awareness Week Feb. 16-20 where guest speakers spoke to students about the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians around the Gaza Strip. A prayer vigil and a performance night were also held to honor victims of the conflict. Left: Veronica Houghton, secretary for the International Club, holds a painting that she created for Gaza Awareness week and Manar Faraj, president of the International Club, holds a drawing that another student donated for the event.

Photos by Jesse Kiser



# Housing sign-ups change Honors floor added

By **Katie Nelson**  
*Opinion Editor*

Starting this year students signing up for housing will be doing so under a brand new system called StarRez.

The new software was added to make the housing process user-friendlier and relive some of the stress that comes with it says Sarah Haak.

The way it works is to go to [www.highpoint.edu/housing](http://www.highpoint.edu/housing) and type in your username and password, which is the same one you use on all the computers on campus.

Then you complete a housing survey, which addresses issues such as smoking, tidiness, sleeping and social habits, and noise levels. The survey also asks about comfort levels with roommate situations.

These answers are compiled into a profile along with a self-made screen name and description. Under

their roommates. You can also accept other people to be your roommates through the system. If you are not sure about someone you can send him or her a message over the system and get to know him or her a bit more.

If you want to squat your current room you can also do that through StarRez. After you sign the housing contract, you are done.

In the event that you do not receive your first pick for housing you are kept on a waiting list until school starts. This maximizes your chances of being placed in the room you would like.

Other great features of the software are the immediate notification, faster turn around time, and simultaneous updates. Additionally, your space in the housing line now depends on your credit hours, not the time you sign up.

Instead of staying up until 4 a.m. to sign up for housing you can do it any time of the day and it won't affect your chances of getting your room.

By **Cathy Caudill**  
*Staff Writer*

High Point University honors students are getting their own dormitory floor beginning fall 2009. The fourth floor of York has been reserved for students enrolled in the Honors Program.

The honors hall will be designated 24-hour quiet hours and substance free zones, according to an e-mail distributed to honors students by Sarah Haak, director of residence life. There will also be academic programs offered to the honors residents, which will be developed by the Honors Program Committee.

Such programs may include discussions on current events and presentations on law school and medical school. "It will be an opportunity for intellectual discourse," said Frederick Schneid, director of the Honors Program.

The university also plans on having one or two faculty members reside in the hall among the students as "academic mentors," according to Haak. They will be responsible for academic coordinating and holding visiting hours for students who may need their assistance. However these plans are still being worked out and may not be finalized for another two years.

Over the last several years, both honors students and parents of prospective students have made

inquiries about an honors floor. Schneid proposed the creation of an honors dormitory about five years ago, but implementation was delayed with the change in administration. Last fall, he was approached by Haak and Gail Tuttle, vice president for student life, and together completed arrangements for the dormitory so it will be available for students by next fall.

"I think that it's nice that they have a place specifically for honors students," said Abby Wood, a junior at HPU. "Fraternities and sororities have their own dormitories; honors students deserve similar privileges."

Greg Harwood, a sophomore in the Honors Program, does not plan on living on the hall, stating that the 24-hour quiet clause would make it difficult to hang out with friends and have parties in the room.

"It's important to hang out with people who aren't in the program," he said, concluding that the exclusivity of the dormitory would make this more difficult.

Students must maintain at least a 3.45 GPA in order to remain in the Honors Program. To graduate with All University Honors, a student must also acquire a minimum of 30 semester hours in honors courses, including a senior symposium.

"This is a very exciting and extraordinary opportunity for honors students and the Honors Program," said Schneid.

"I was president of my senior class, dance team captain, the school mascot, and a member of several clubs in high school. I also maintained a 3.5 weighted GPA. But because my SAT score wasn't high enough, I didn't qualify," she said when asked why she didn't apply for scholarships.

Still, the cost of attending High Point and the country's current economic woes seem to have had little impact on the number of students

applying to the university. Bills reports that the application received for financial aid jumped ten percent just this past year.

"The exciting news is that many students this year have qualified to be invited to our scholarship competition. This is a direct correlation to the academic profile increasing of students applying to HPU. Our national brand and reputation is growing," Bills said.

With the poor economy and the rising cost of tuition, some students do not want to pay the added cost that goes with living in the University Center. To live in a double occupancy room in the new building, it will cost an extra \$2,000 a year.

Sophomore Aline Kazanjian describes the new building as "way too expensive."

"I could never look my parents in the eye and ask them to spend that much for me to live in a luxurious dorm, when in my opinion all the double occupancy dorms here are very nice," she said.

A double occupancy room in the University Center costs the same as a single room in Blessing Hall, York, The Village, 6th Street, Finch or McEwen. To have a single room in the University Center will cost an additional \$4,200 per year.

House signups will be conducted with new online software program. Signups began Feb. 19 and continue through March 5. In order to participate in online registration, students must pay a \$250 housing deposit to the Office of Student Life.

## Students cut expenses; adjust lifestyles due to economy

By **Andrew Realon**  
*Staff Writer*

Students at High Point University are being more careful when it comes to spending money in a tightening economy. With the economic future in question, many students are reconsidering how they allocate the money they have.

According to a recent 360

Youth/Harris Interactive College Explorer Study, college students spend an average of \$287 a month on discretionary items. Nationally, that is a \$200 billion dollar market every year for college students alone.

The largest source of income for a majority of students is their parents. Many families, though, are feeling the effects of a national recession and have been forced to change their

spending habits.

David Werner, a freshman at High Point University, is using lessons learned at the President's Seminar taught by President Nido Qubein in order to budget his money.

"When looking at the small things, I ask myself 'Do I really need that?'" says Werner. "Instead of going out to eat, I will go to the Café."

One large market for college

towns is students who go out to eat as opposed to using their meal plan. However, students like Werner are cutting that out of their life to save money and budget better.

Another way students like Werner save money is by using their dining dollars for small necessities like plates and soap at The Point instead purchasing them at a grocery store with cash.

"Budgeting" continued on page 8



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- Minors need to get permission of a parent or guardian to participate in the study.

For more information, please call 336-841-1411 or e-mail [dcs@northstate.net](mailto:dcs@northstate.net).

This study will be conducted in High Point, North Carolina.

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## Staff Profile: DeSouza connects with people on campus

By **Katie Nelson**  
*Opinion Editor*

Wellington DeSouza realized that America was going to be much different from what he had expected.

In 1994 DeSouza left the tropical land of Rio de Janeiro to attend High Point University. Upon arrival DeSouza felt like he "was on vacation permanently."

"High Point University was the most accepting environment," he said.

There was a bit of a language barrier since DeSouza's native tongue is Portuguese. He quickly broke this barrier through his love of music by learning songs in English.

Since he was four years old, DeSouza has been playing the keyboard which helped him get to know people in the music scene. DeSouza enjoys going to local venues and listening to all types of music, especially jazz.

He will listen to all types of music because he will never "throw things away without giving them a try."

After DeSouza gave America a try, he liked it so much that he decided to stay.

However language was not the only obstacle that DeSouza faced. After spending his first night in Finch Hall, DeSouza woke up to a beautiful sunny morning. He threw on some shorts and ran outside to bask in the morning sunshine.

Unfortunately, it was winter and sunny does not mean warm in the United States like it does in Brazil. Needless to say, DeSouza did a complete 180-degree turn back into his dorm to change.

DeSouza quickly fit in at High Point University. He loves talking to people and engaging in conversation.

"There's nothing more rewarding than knowing the people around you," he said.

Though he was having a great time at HPU, DeSouza missed his family back in Brazil. He would visit home every summer and Christmas break during his college career.



Wellington DeSouza, director of the Office of Information Technology

Photo by Katie Nelson

His mom, dad, brother, sister, and grandparents all live in Brazil. His brother is a doctor and his sister just became a medical student. His family now refers to him as the "non-doctor" and often teases him about it.

His career at High Point has excelled over the years. Starting as a programmer in 2001 for the Office of Information Technology, the university promoted him to director in 2003. Four years later he became vice president of information services, the position he currently holds.

DeSouza is very dedicated to his job and the university. The walls of his office are covered with blueprints of the upcoming buildings and all the technology that will go with them.

He and his 16-member team are in charge of everything on campus that has anything to do with technology. DeSouza thinks it is very "rewarding to work with beautiful minds," which he finds everywhere on campus.

DeSouza believes that the students come first, education comes second and the rest comes later.

### "Budgeting" continued from page 7

Sophomores Brennan Hand and Harris Walker are also making cuts in their life by conserving gas by taking the HPU Shuttle, but are not allowing the economy to affect their weekend life.

"You've got to have fun," Hand comments. "I can keep my social life the same as long as I budget my money."

Several students said that they have not stopped going to parties simply because they can no longer afford alcohol. Students say they are being smarter by budgeting their money so they will not have to adjust their social

life to the struggling economy.

According to the Beer Institute, beer sales have grown over the past few years despite a weakening economy and are projected to grow in the United States.

For students, this means cutting trips to Cook Out to keep the party in their life. Many students are willing to sacrifice the extra meals off campus and eat at the University Café more often so that they can save the money to keep on partying.





High Point University's Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega would like to congratulate the 2009 Spring Pledge Class:

- G.W. Amos , Victoria Antonelli, Emily Barnett, Alexandra Bottone, Kenzalia Bryant-Scott, Kaitlyn Cox, Charisse Duncan, Whitney Frost, Becky Geisenhoffer, Alexandra George, Meagan Harris, Paige Keeney, Ashley Keys, Meaghan Leonard, Blair Overman, Julie Picard, Joey Plunkett, Meaghan Reaves, Samantha Robertson, Jess Schauble, Anna Seiler, Calleigh Sheehan, Kara Smith, Tom Steible, Leslie Touassi and Cartie Winchester.



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## Pike's Valentine's Day spent cleaning roads

*Special to the Campus Chronicle*

On Feb. 14, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity participated in cleaning up East Lexington Ave. Starting from the intersection of Main St. and Lexington Ave., the Pikes picked up trash and debris until reaching their destination at Five Point Park.

All active members of Pi Kappa Alpha were in attendance. The Road Clean Up was another demonstration of the members of Pi Kappa Alpha giving back to the city of High Point. Special thanks to the High Point University Campus Enhancement for supplying trash bags and sanitary gloves.



## Sorority life looks to expand

By Jourdan Cable  
Staff Writer

High Point University will have a fifth Panhellenic sorority next year.

The process is underway because the school is growing and the number of women who registered for recruitment went up drastically.

During formal recruitment, which took place in January, 240 women registered for recruitment and 146 signed a bid card.

Meredith McCrea, Greek life coordinator, said with the number of women participating in recruitment, another sorority would offer more options and opportuni-

ties for women to be involved.

"We don't want chapters to be too large at a small university," McCrea said. "We need to keep the number of [women] in sororities at a manageable size. There will be more options for students and it will give other students more opportunities to find their niche."

McCrea said some sororities have expressed interest in opening a chapter.

"We've started looking into Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Zeta," McCrea said.

The four nationally affiliated sororities on campus, submitted a proposal to any of the 26 other National Panhellenic Council sororities to open a chapter at High Point University.

Panhellenic Council will narrow the applicants down to three or four sororities that will then have a presentation to the High Point Panhellenic Council.

Then, they will vote and decide upon the new

sorority. The vote will be based on presentations, other chapters in the area and local alumni support.

Jessica Quackenbush, Panhellenic Council president and member of Alpha Gamma Delta, said, "The process will be overwhelming.

Adding a fifth sorority on campus will give the other sororities, as well as the new one, a chance to be more selective and choose new members who will fit their chapter the strongest," McCrea said.

Jenna Robby, Panhellenic Council recruitment chair and member of Kappa Delta, said, "I think it will challenge [the current chapters on campus] to be better.

"We'll have to be even more on top of our game because there will be even more competition."

McCrea has a formula for starting a sorority. "They would have to be a larger, more recognizable sorority. In order for the chapter to be successful, it needs to be a strong sorority," McCrea said.



High Point University's annual winter dance Snowball, paid for by Student Government Association, was hosted at Hotel High Point Feb. 21. Seniors Matt Boswell and Leah Wilson were crowned Snowball King and Queen. Pictured above they are having their ceremonial first dance.

Photo by Jesse Kiser



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## Students show diplomacy skills

By Bryan Rothamel  
Organizations Editor

On the weekend of Feb. 14, five High Point University students participated in the Harvard National Model United Nations Conference

The conference is a competition between universities including Yale University, University of Cambridge, Columbia University and Stanford University. In total, over 3,000 students participated in the event.

Sophomore Desiree Abad captured one out of the four awards given in the NGO program for her representation of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

"High Point University is genuinely

recognized at the HNMUN conference as a strong asset," Abad said in an e-mail informing the university president on the accomplishments.

She continued, "We have already been asked to participate again next year, a clear sign of how valuable our students are."

Abad is president and head delegate of the Society for Political and Historic Awareness on campus.

Attending the Harvard conference has been a tradition for HPU for over the past 15 years. The conference focuses on preparation for and participation in the simulation given. Delegates work through debate, diplomacy and compromise to solve the simulation. This year marks the 55th session of the conference.

The Campus Chronicle will be your source of information for this year's SGA Elections!



## Men's basketball may need help to get into the Big South Tournament

By **Bryan Rothamel**  
Organizations Editor

In an ironic finish, High Point University's men's basketball team will be cheering on Winthrop Saturday, Feb. 28.

HPU (9-19, 4-13 BSC) is fighting for the final spot in the Big South Conference's men's basketball tournament. In order to claim a birth in the tournament, the Panthers need to win against VMI to help HPU's chances of getting into the postseason.

The Panthers are rooting for Winthrop to win against Coastal Carolina because any wins over higher-ranking Big South opponents will help decide any ties that might arise. Winthrop is the highest-ranking win HPU has in conference and High Point beat WU twice.

VMI is a critical game to help solidify High Point's future. The Keydets are led by identical twins Chavis and Travis Holmes. Chavis is averaging 22.2 points per game and converting on 45 percent of his three point shots.

Travis is averaging 19.4 points per game while leading the team with 5.8

rebounds per game. Combined, the twins score 40 percent of VMI's points. They are the NCAA's all-time twin leading scorers.

The Keydets are known for what Virginians call the, "loot and shoot" style of play. They play full court defense averaging 14 steals a game. VMI also shoots many three pointers. The Runnin' Roos are leading the NCAA in points per game, shots made and three pointers made among other offensive statistical categories.

The Panthers are coming off a disappointing loss against Radford Wednesday

night. High Point was leading most of the second half until the 1:20 mark when RU sunk a three pointer along with High Point's chances. HPU never recovered losing 69-64.

Nick Barbour paced HPU with 25 points, six rebounds and three assists. Barbour has scored double-digits in 10 consecutive games. In seven of those games he has scored 20 or more.

Also coming on strong lately is Gene Harris who finished with 14 points against RU. Against Longwood Harris chipped in 17 points. Jourdan Morris has scored 10 or more points in three contests while Cruz Daniels has pulled down more than 10 rebounds in three straight games.

High Point's defense is averaging just over 65 opponents' points per game while

VMI averages almost 95 points scored per game. In Lexington, Va., the Panthers lost 92-85.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. in the Millis Center. A full recap of the men's game will be on our website, www.



Junior Cruz Daniels takes the ball to the basket earlier this season against Radford. Photo by Jesse Kiser

Women's basketball second as season nears its end

By **Allison Hogshead**  
Staff Writer

Before the Big South Conference tournament, the women's basketball team has just two home games left in the season. Saturday, the Panthers will face the Winthrop Eagles at 4 p.m. in the Millis Center before the men's game at 7 p.m. HPU is 11-15 overall, and 8-6 in the BSC. At their last meeting on Jan. 19, the Eagles defended their home territory and narrowly won 55-54.

Sophomore Jurica Hargraves tops the points chart averaging 12.7 points per game and shoots nearly 80 percent at the free throw line. Another leading sophomore is 6'3" forward Mackenzie Maier with 62 blocks for the season, an average of 10.5 points per game, and a 42 percent average behind the arc. Freshman Shamia Brown is second in points per game (11.8) and sophomore Frances Fields has 57 steals.

HPU will host the 12-0 conference-leading Liberty Flames on March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Millis Center. That will be the final home game, but Senior Night will not be observed, as the team has no seniors.

## SCOREBOARD

**DAYTON 4**  
**PANTHERS 5**  
Baseball - 2/20

**DAYTON 2**  
**PANTHERS 1**  
Baseball - 2/22

**PANTHERS 61**  
**G-WEBB 57**  
Men's basketball - 2/14

**LONGWOOD 68**  
**PANTHERS 81**  
Men's basketball - 2/23

**PANTHERS 60**  
**G-WEBB 63**  
Women's basketball - 2/14

**DAYTON 9**  
**PANTHERS 12**  
Baseball - 2/21

**PANTHERS 2**  
**NC STATE 8**  
Baseball - 2/24

**UNCA 81**  
**PANTHERS 78**  
Men's basketball - 2/18

**PANTHERS 64**  
**RADFORD 69**  
Men's basketball - 2/25

**PANTHERS 60**  
**RADFORD 76**  
Women's basketball - 2/16

## Allred kicks off HPU career with busy two months

By **Kate Mills**  
Staff Writer

Watch out! Mat Allred, the new coordinator of recreation services, has assembled a new aspect of HPU recreation: the Leisure Activities Team.

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 to 12:15 there is an on-going pool-side corn hole tournament. There will be winners daily who qualify for the Tournament of Champions.

The grand prize for at least two champion winners is a custom HPU corn hole set, each a \$175 value. No longer just for older folk, Allred also hopes to soon incorporate a shuffleboard course next to the outdoor basketball court.

The Rec Center held a parents' weekend 5K on Feb. 7. It was quite a challenge for Allred, starting his new job just two weeks prior to the 5K. Getting security and High Point Police involvement was a struggle along with assembling the 40 employees and volunteers needed to run the event.

"It would not have been possible without the full cooperation of the staff and faculty on campus," said Allred.

The winner of the 5K was Brad Miles, a prospective student, who came in

with a time of 15 minutes and 33 seconds. Shelby Robinson was the first female to cross the line with a time of 20 minutes and 17 seconds.

What are Allred's goals for the upcoming semester? Increasing the already high participation in IM sports.

"We at the Rec center are continuing to know more and more students," said Allred, who is excited about the energy on campus and loves the strong involvement of the students' Rec Center.

Want to go for a nice bike ride along the greenway? Or how about saving some money on a ride into town? Now available in the rec center are bike rentals. There are two bikes and two trikes, a brand of unique mobility similar to a

tricycle with three wheels. Allred hopes to soon get a tandem bike (a two-person bike) and a surrey (a four-wheel pedal cycle seating two-to-eight people).

Currently, racquetball and five-on-five basketball have been going strong. The participation levels are high and there are several undefeated teams.

"The participation is very

good," said Allred. "So far we have only had one forfeit."



Recreational basketball player Adam Hall shakes past a friend while playing a pickup game in the Rec Center.

Photo by Jesse Kiser

## COMING SOON!

A seven versus seven flag football tournament will appear on campus this spring.

"Flag football and basketball are two of the most popular IM sports on campus," said Allred, whose personal favorite sport is football. Ask him and he'll tell you about his high school years playing football.

Three versus three basketball will be held every Saturday at 1 p.m. To participate, just simply show up with two buddies and some basketball shoes. There is no registration necessary.

Keep your eyes peeled! There is a chance for some IM golf and IM softball in the near future. Keep reading for updates.

IM Ultimate Frisbee, four versus four beach volleyball, and tennis are coming this spring. Also in the works is a seven versus seven flag football tournament.

Get in on the March Madness. On your way to the café stop by the Rec Center to play The Big South EA Sports March Madness Challenge Video Game Tournament.

# UP TO SPEED WITH IM SPORTS



# Baseball opens season 2-2, wins opening series of 2009

By Mike Nuckles  
Sports Editor

With first-year head coach Craig Cozart now at the helm, High Point's baseball team has begun the season with a 2-2 record, after having won a home series against Dayton 2-1 on Feb. 20-22, and suffering a loss at the hands of N.C. State on Tuesday.

High Point took the first two games of the three-game set. On Feb. 20, the team came back from a 4-0 deficit, before tying the game in the eighth inning. Outfielder Bill Manion drove in Pablo Rosario in the bottom of the 12th inning for the walk-off run.

"We were pleased with what we got (on Friday night). I think we were guilty of trying too hard early, but we settled down. To win an extra-inning game on opening night was tremendous," Cozart said.

The Feb. 21 contest also saw the Flyers race to a 4-0 lead early before the Panthers piled on 11 straight runs in the third through sixth innings. Starting pitcher Jamie Serber gave up just one hit during that same stretch. The Panthers held their ground to earn the 12-9 win.

"After an emotional win on Friday, we maintained that level of intensity. The team never wavered, but stayed consistent," Cozart said.

The final game

of the series was a pitchers' duel throughout, with HPU's Brian Jones and UD's Chris Beesley going head-to-head, keeping the offenses at bay. High Point struck out 12 batters, walking just one. Additionally, the Panthers were struck out just twice, while earning three bases on balls.

Despite getting runners into scoring position in six of the final eight innings, the Panthers went without getting a score during that stretch. The sole Panther run came in the first when Manion scored off of a Billy Alvino double.

"It was one of the oddest games I've ever been a part of. The wind was blowing strong out to left field, yet the score was only 2-1," Cozart said.

Later in the week, on Tuesday, the team took on the N.C. State Wolfpack

in Raleigh. Going up against the ACC foe, High Point took the early lead, scoring two runs in the top of the fourth inning, when Alvino and freshman Rob Gilles got RBIs. The Wolfpack came back with a vengeance, though, scoring eight unanswered runs against the visiting Panthers. Masaki Muroya, Zach Scott, and Wally Scott combined for three innings of relief pitching, allowing just one earned run without giving up a single hit.

The Panthers under Coach Cozart will be looking to keep player rotations and strategies more consistent than they have been in previous seasons.

"We want to get a set, standard rotation. Pitchers thrive when they know their role," Cozart said.

The next series for the team will be Feb. 27 and 28, and March 1, when the team hosts Temple, a member of the Atlantic Ten Conference. The games will be at 4 p.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m.,



Freshman DH Rob Gilles (left) makes contact with a ball against Dayton on Feb. 21. Gilles drove in a run against NC State three days later, on Feb. 24. Above, starting pitcher Jamie Serber delivers a pitch to the plate against Dayton on Feb. 21. Serber earned the win, giving up four runs over six innings, including giving up just one hit over his last four innings. Photos by Mike Nuckles

## March brings end to basketball, fresh beginning for baseball team

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When the weather starts warming up, I think of two things: basketball ending and baseball beginning. I think I might be in for some good luck with both of these.

The women's basketball team is trying to start rolling again after a difficult strand of four losses. While going into the tournament 4-5 at best in the last nine games is not appealing, at least there is something to look forward to.

The Big South tournament is hosted by High Point. Another advantage is the long layover from the four game losing streak to the start of the tournament. The eight participating teams roll into High Point March 13, over two weeks since the slump.

The finals are played on March 15 and, fingers crossed, the Ides of March will be bad for someone other than the Panthers.

The men's basketball team has started finding the fountain of a mature basketball team down the stretch. Against Longwood, Nick Barbour and Gene Harris scored 18 and 17 points respectively to pace the Panthers. The outside game mixed with 12 points from Cruz Daniels and 10 points from Jourdan Morris on the inside. David Singleton dished out eight assists in the contest while chipping in six points of his own.

This balanced attack gave fans what they have been promised all year, an up and down the court attack with inside-outside offense. HPU scored 80 points and was able to overcome its 20 turnovers.

The young team is starting to figure out how to win, which becomes dangerous come tournament time. The only problem is they play their first tournament game away. Most likely the Panthers will play at Radford in the newly renovated Dedmon Center. It will be the second time in a week High Point will play at RU.

The only thing that could make Opening Day at Williard Stadium better would be about 30 degrees warmer temperature. While HPU was down four runs heading into the eighth, the Panthers came out on top scoring five unanswered runs to win 5-4 in 12 innings.

On the following day, High Point scored 12 runs, one for every inning brave fans sat through in the cold the day before. The Panthers exploded with 17 hits including a home run from Eric Marion. Not a bad day when eight players score.

The next day, while the final game resulted in a loss, starter Brian Jones gave up no earned runs in his first collegiate appearance. This season is already starting to have more excitement than previous years.

Williard Stadium saw a total attendance of 1,125 over the weekend. Not bad considering cold temperatures and a chance of rain. The numbers don't include the student section down the right field line that seemed to be lined with students every game.

Between a women's basketball tournament, men's basketball finding their flow and baseball starting, March looks like it is going to be better for HPU than it was for Caesar. Let's just raise the bar together.

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