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Basketball with a Cherry on top

By Tony Gutowski
Sports Editor

Sometimes a little bit of blue, Carolina blue that is, can help goals and dreams come true; at least that is what the High Point University men's basketball team is hoping for when it begins Scott Cherry's reign as head coach at home on Nov. 14 against UNC-Pembroke.

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On cover: First-year head coach Scott Cherry speaks at his introductory press conference in March. Photo by Mike Nuckles.

Staff Profile: Mary McDonald

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

When Starbucks opened on campus nearly four years ago, there were five employees who are still on staff. One of them is Mary McDonald who refers to the group as the "original Starbucks old G's."

Before working at Starbucks, McDonald had done work as a cosmetologist for about six years before medical reasons forced her to change jobs. McDonald still practices cosmetology but only on her friends and family.

As a High Point native, McDonald loves her job because she enjoys "seeing people from different places from around the world." Not only does McDonald like interacting with all types of people, she also partakes in a variety of activities such as bowling and singing.

Bowling is an activity that several students take part in when CAT facilitates cosmic bowling. While McDonald feels that she has gotten a bit "too old" for cosmic bowling, she has been an avid league bowler for a good part of her life.

In fact, she has received six trophies for her endeavors and says that strikes are her favorite part of the sport. When she is not bowling she is out enjoying other hobbies.

Shopping is another one of McDonald's hobbies. Her shoes are her favorite thing to buy. Nine West and BCBG are two of

her favorite brands, and she proclaims that "any day is shopping day." However, not all days are shopping days.

Movies are another way that McDonald likes to spend her time. She mainly watches action movies but her favorite film is *The Green Mile*. McDonald thinks the movie is wonderful because it is "emotional and heartfelt."

Another thing that McDonald loves is her family. She has three girls and one boy, which include a set of twins.

The twins, Shenika and Renika, were quite a surprise. The girls were born in 1977, which was before the time of ultrasounds, so it was quite shocking "because I didn't know I was having them."

McDonald liked having twins. She dressed them up the same, and they still dress alike at age 32. Everyone always mixed them up but they never played any tricks on people.

Although they had "secrets and signs" between each other, they got along really well with their younger sister, Alicia, and brother Prince Charles. Along with these children, McDonald also has five grandchildren.

Her family connections are very closely tied to her spirituality. McDonald's says her wish "is for everyone to notice the serenity prayer and abide by it. After my mom died last year, it put me in another dimension and I had to read serenity over and over again to keep my stability."

McDonald is a regular at 1st Mission Baptist in Thomasville. She sings in the choir there and has been attending for five years.

Her spirituality leads her to be a "free spirit with a warm heart; don't let my face fool you."

Students ring closing bell at New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street

By Timothy Southerland
Staff Writer

On Mon., Oct. 12, 11 students, faculty, and President Qubein traveled to Wall Street for a rare experiential learning opportunity.

While on Wall Street, Dr. Qubein, alongside of the students and faculty, rang the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange—a privileged tradition in the business realm. The day ended well for both the group and the NYSE; the Dow Jones closed at 9885.8—the highest since

Oct. 6, 2008 at that time.

"It was a marvelous experience to be with fellow students and administrators as we closed the market for the day. We learned a lot and had a great deal of fun learning about the financial district of Manhattan. It is through experiences such as these that HPU empowers its students," junior business major Andrew Realon said.

Before the closing bell ceremony began, the students toured the trading floor and met several prominent stock traders. Furthermore, each student received a personalized engraved name tag and metal token of appreciation from the NYSE.

The students also toured the city. Junior and finance major Josh Motter recalled "learning a great deal of history about the city—even down to the different subcultures New York has to offer."

Qubein recognized this experience as both a learning opportunity and irreplaceable media coverage for the university.

"It was an amazing experience before the 100 million viewers who watch worldwide every day. Taking the exposure of HPU to such a level was the right thing at the right time in the right way. Our students loved the trip, which was chock-full of learning and fun," Qubein said.



Nikki Eak and Emily Erdman went as blue baracudas from Legends of the Hidden Temple

Photo by Alaina Farrish.



Valerie Payne and Alyssa Romeo were part of a group that went as Mother Nature and the four seasons.

Photo by Alaina Farrish.



Gail Bodner and Case Gilger display their painted pumpkins.

Photo by Alaina Farrish.



Meighan Avalos poses in her rubrik's cube costume.

Photo by Alaina Farrish.

Drinking should only be for the right reasons

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

In the last edition of the Chronicle, I reported on my ride-along with HPU security. I had so much to write about that it exceeded the amount of room available.

So I am going to write a bit more about it in today's column. This article is not about the ride-along but about a topic that is highly connected with security.

This article is about people's attitude toward drinking. I am neither condoning nor encouraging drinking but I am merely commenting on some inconsistencies and fallacies that are surrounding drinking.

Even though you are in college, it is still against the law for someone under 21 to drink alcohol. When you choose to drink, one of the things you have to think about is getting caught.

I think students sometimes get the idea that they are entitled to drink because they are in college. This is an illogical path of thinking.

Being in college is not a justification for drinking. Yes, you are in college and have more freedom. No, it does not mean you can drink without any consequences.

Sometimes when you do something wrong you get caught; other times you don't. When I drink, I take the risk of being caught.

I understand this so I do not try to draw a lot of attention to myself when I drink. If you get drunk and start running around campus in your underwear, chances are you will be reprimanded.

I'm not going to get mad at the authority figure because I get caught. During my time here at HPU, I see many students get belligerent with security.

Now I realize that a lot of this has to do with the fact that you are drunk when you are dealing with security. I am just pointing it out as something you should consider. The other justification I see to drinking is that "you can't have a good time without it." This is absurd. You can have plenty of fun without alcohol.

Now I understand drinking loosens you up and you do things that you wouldn't normally do. However, these things are generally things you regret doing.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a good time and not wake up feeling horrible? It is possible. I realize that High Point is not exactly the most exciting town in the world, but there are still things to do. Fall Formal is a good example.

I went to Fall Formal sober, had a fabulous time, and have great memories of it. While I was there, people complained about being sober. Others told me that they drank because they felt "limited" by their sobriety. I fail to understand how you are set free by being drunk. I know you relax more when you are drunk. However, the ability to walk and form coherent sentences is also lost when drunk.

There are different levels of drunkenness and people react differently to alcohol. Some people are able to go out and drink and not act like totally idiots. Others are huge messes to deal with and need constant attention while they drink.

I'm not here to tell you that you shouldn't drink; that is your decision. I just want you to think about why you are drinking. If the only reasons you have for drinking are "I'm in college" and "It makes me free," then you need to rethink why you drink.

Disrespect: it's more than broken pool cues

Staff Editorial

Disrespect is the most widespread issue among students at HPU. The examples can be found every day, especially for those who live on campus.

Anyone who uses the pool table at York knows that there is currently only one pool cue because the others have been broken, and the rack on the wall is in disrepair. In recent years, even stealing the pool balls has become commonplace.

Security handled a case of vandalism at the Village about a month ago concerning students who had smeared

purple face paint down the walls of a hall in Village I. This kind of thing is not new or rare.

While the branding may seem tacky at times and the gift-giving excessive, this school affords its students many luxuries to ultimately make them feel appreciated. The point here is not to promote these sorts of "extras," but to demand respect towards them.

The disrespect stems from a sense of entitlement students here seem to have; the thought being that, because they pay thousands of dollars in tuition, they should be free to do what they like to the items this money is used to purchase. This idea is absolutely false.

The conveniences on this campus are for the whole student body, and for a student to try to justify wrongdoings in that way is just selfish. We all pay tuition and receive education in return. Brand new buildings and pool tables are bonuses; not entitlements.

The life lesson is simple: integrity is everything. Those with integrity know that, even if no one is watching, it is not right to steal or destroy things that belong to someone else. It really isn't funny and needs to stop. HPU needs a classier student body—now.

The Editorial Board approved this staff editorial, 9-0.

Creativity is lacking in HPU's stifling environment

By Amanda Mayes
Staff Writer

"Everything everybody does is so – I don't know – not wrong, or even mean, or even stupid necessarily. But just so tiny and meaningless and – sad-making. And the worst part is, if you go bohemian or something crazy like that, you're conforming just as much as everybody else, only in a different way," Franny laments in J. D. Salinger's "Franny and Zooey."

I am quickly beginning to understand and believe in Franny's observation.

I look around me at an homogenous student body. There is a disturbingly distinct lack of quirk. Not just in clothing, cars, and all things material, but also in thought, attitude, interests, and aspirations.

A majority of the students here at HPU are different in exactly the same way. Those who march to the beat of

their own drum have a certain amount of courage and add some much needed diversity to this overwhelmingly uniform campus.

Why is there a lack of originality? I cannot accept excuses of difficulty finding pieces of self, effort involved, or any kind of external and internal pressures to fit into "normal" society.

Sometimes HPU manages to smother creativity and individuality. A clear lack of outlets for expression exists.

For example, we do not have an expression wall, like the Free Expression Tunnel at NCSU. It makes absolutely no difference that HPU is a private institution; students at private institutions have just as much to say and create as those at public universities.

Apogee, the campus literary magazine, is only published once a year. Students must get permission to post flyers for upcoming events on bulletin boards. The time-consuming nature

of this process often outweighs the benefits of ensuring the announcements are seen.

Students do have a few remaining outlets for their own voices to be heard, but they rarely take advantage of them. The Campus Chronicle is perfect if only students would learn to put words to paper and write a letter to the editor.

A variety of clubs exist for a variety of interests if only students would get involved.

I challenge HPU to provide students with more ways to explore and express themselves, and allow them to do so. I challenge the students to discover themselves: find those unique thoughts and passions that are obviously stifled now.

Stop caring what others might think. Stop being different in the same way. Find your voice and use it. Formulate your opinions. Be you. Not the "you" others want you to be. Use these outlets and create some diversity.

What to be: a doctor in Africa or a journalist?

By Liz Welborn
Staff Writer

I am waking from a dream. A dream that consisted of me not having to worry about the future of bills and adult life. Instead I'm worried about the drama between my friends and more importantly, worrying when the next fraternity party is.

In August, I reluctantly awakened from my dream and was horrified by my reality: I was now a senior in college. Soon I will not be dependent on my parents anymore. I will be alone.

Without money or any real plans for the future, my reality is one big freakin' question mark about where my future should be.

The scary part about my reality is the knowledge that I have no definite plans for my future. Does anyone remember when we were younger, more naïve and gullible, when we dreamed big?

I used to tell my parents that I

would be a doctor with a hospital in Africa. This is the point of the story where I laugh—me a doctor? Seriously?

After my first biology class I realized that becoming a doctor was impossible—unless Africa doesn't mind someone not having any ability in science... then maybe.

Since my naïve younger days of delusion, I have switched my major three times. Three times!? Is that a record?

I haven't felt passionate about any major of mine. I envy people who love their major and can't wait spending the rest of their lives doing it.

My current major of journalism even seems questionable to me. Do I really want to spend the rest of my life writing stories that the editors will undoubtedly butcher anyway?

Internships today seem to be a tease for us students—it takes a mad hatter to be able to find an acceptable internship with today's economy and job market. If you ever do find one, how much

is it really teaching you about your prospective job?

People that I know with internships seem to leave them feeling more weary and confused about their future.

The questions that I put to all of us are this: are we all wasting our time here in college on majors that hardly fascinate us?

Are we just here for the degree? Will we be happy along the path we have chosen for ourselves?

Are these questions that float around in your mind? Or are they questions that I just ask myself?

My college life ending seems surreal to me. I feel I just graduated from high school and I thought I had a lot more time to decide who I want to be.

But as I sit here writing this, I have no idea who I am, nor who I want to be.

It seems like I have made a mistake somehow. I used to have a plan and I used to laugh at people who had no idea what they wanted in their lives.

Straight talk from Dr. Qubein: Creativity is achieved through knowledge and change

Change can be confronted with an air of resignation or of challenge. If you accept it with resignation, you're at the mercy of change. If you accept it as a challenge, change is your creative instrument.

Creativity is often assumed to be an inborn trait, but it can be learned.

Your creative energies often can be ignited by a two-word question: What next?

What next? Puts the ball in the future's court, and it calls for change. It keeps you from being married to an unproductive idea. You say, "This isn't working: what next?" and immediately your mind begins searching for another solution. It lets you build on your experiences.

"This method is an improvement over the last one, but it isn't quite what I'm looking for. What next?"

Knowledge is to creativity what a bed of coals is to a fire. It provides a reservoir

of resources to keep the creative fires burning. So to develop creativity, acquire a thirst for knowledge. Read, travel and explore. Browse through libraries, book stores, and magazine racks. Savor new places and new experiences. Share your knowledge with other people and ask them to share theirs with you. Don't be afraid to use borrowed ideas and borrowed methods. Be open to innovative thinking and innovative procedures, regardless of where they originate.

Change is challenging, stressful and often uncomfortable. To deal with it successfully, you need to be healthy in body and mind.

Physical fitness therefore is an important asset for anyone coping with change. It gives you both physical and emotional energy.

Good communication with peers is a source of emotional strength for deal-

ing with change. You'll feel better when you're able to talk over your challenges and opportunities with people who understand them and who sympathize with you.

Set aside time to think about the changes you anticipate. If you understand the causes and probable effects of the changes, you'll be in a better position to deal with them.

Keep your perspective. Take a balanced approach. Confront the challenges, but find time to enjoy yourself too.

Cultivate a sense of humor. Humor is the pleasant lubricant of life. If you approach change with a sense of humor, you'll take the sharp edges off the adjustments and smooth the way for you and those around you. As Marianne Moore put it, "Humor saves a few steps, it saves years."

You can't deal with change by resisting it. You have to accommodate it.

What's on your iPod?

By **Jen Paolino**
A&E Editor

To some people, their iPod is an extension of themselves, an extension of who they are. You'll find countless people strolling down the promenade, in their cars, or at the gym with earbuds jammed in their ears, getting lost in their own musical world. But, have you ever wondered what they are listening to?

When they immediately offer up the name of their favorite artist or song, or graciously offer you a headphone to listen with them, you politely smile and nod, giving the song a listen. But it's when they stutter, mumble, and quickly change songs that you can't help but wonder what exactly they just got caught listening to.

Here are four students who weren't afraid to tell me the most embarrassing song on their iPod.

Name: Scarlett Hester
Song Title: "I'm Still A Guy"
Artist: Brad Paisley
"I always bash country music because it's kind of out of character for me to be listening to it, but for some reason I just enjoy listening to his music."

Name: Karole Johnson
Song Title: "That's How I Beat Shaq"
Artist: Aaron Carter
"Sometimes I'll have my iPod on shuffle when I'm in the car with my friends, and that song will come on and I can't change it fast enough; people always give me really strange looks when they hear it."

Name: Katie Stanley
Song Title: "Invisible"
Artist: Clay Aiken
"I have no idea why I even put that song on my iPod in the first place. He was just another *American Idol* contestant who didn't do anything with his career."



Photo by Allison Hogshead.

Who says music and fighting don't mix?

By **Domenique Black**
Staff Writer

Who doesn't like a game where you can pick up a guitar or turn tables and start playing or spinning without any formal training? Maybe you want to take that guitar and a battle axe and fight creepy looking monster people. Or perhaps you want to play a game where you just fight people in general. Well here are the games to check out.

Name of Game: DJ Hero

The newest installment of the "Hero" game franchise. With the game *DJ Hero*, you can pretty much expect the same thing you saw in the first guitar hero game but with a cooler controller. Yes, you use a dj turntable to control the game; there is a record with buttons and a scratcher to work your way through the levels. This game is a must have at a party, great to play with a group of friends. The mixes in this game are crazy; it will be hard to find tracks you haven't heard of. DJ Hero is an

all around great game to get for the holidays. This game was released Oct. 27 for PS3, PS2, Xbox360 and Wii.

Name of Game: Brutal Legend
Yes, this is that highly anticipated Jack Black game. In the game Black is the voice for the lead player Eddie Riggs, a roadie who somehow ends up in an imaginary world fighting the evildoers of heavy metal with an axe and a guitar. This game incorporates lots of heavy metal music and album cover artwork. Fighting through different challenges to gain better guitars, *Brutal Legend* is a fun adventure game that is available for the PS3 and Xbox 360.



Photos courtesy of EA Games, Activision and Namco.

Name of Game: Tekken 6

Just like its predecessors Tekken 6 holds up the job of being an awesome fighting game. In this installment there are more characters, better graphics, a story that no one really remembers, and lots of different modes to play in. There are around 40 characters to start the game off with. I don't mind less to unlock, making it easier for me to pick who I want to play as. The story line in this game gets even more confusing and the new campaign mode follows two new players as if it were an adventure game. All in all if you like a fighting game or are just a fan of the franchise you will like Tekken 6. Released Oct. 27 for PSP, PS3 and Xbox360.

Upcoming concerts 'you just can't afford to miss' including Cobra Starship and Brand New

By **Jen Paolino**
A&E Editor

Ever hear about a show one day too late and kick yourself because you wish you had known about it? Well I'm here to make sure that never happens again.

Here's a list of upcoming shows at different venues that you just can't afford to miss:

Venue: Greene Street Club

Location: Greensboro

Ticket Information: greenestreetclub.com

Tues., Nov. 10: Bayside with Jonas Sees in Color, Down on Luck, and Nugget

Wed., Nov. 18: Forever The Sicket Kids and The Rocket Summer with Sing it Loud, My Favorite Highway, Artist vs. Poet, and Kelsey & The Chaos

Sat., Nov. 28: Mayday Parade with There For Tomorrow, The Dangerous Summer, Vega Under Fire, and The Fear of Falling

Venue: Amos' Southend

Location: Charlotte

Ticket Information: amosouthend.com
Sat., Nov. 7: Mutemath with As Tall As Lions

Tues., Nov. 10: Boys Like Girls with Cobra Starship, The Maine, A Rocket To The Moon, and VersaEmerge
Thurs., Dec. 3: Switchfoot

Venue: The Fillmore

Location: Charlotte

Wed., Nov. 11: Brand New with Thrive and Crime in Stereo
Sat., Dec. 5: Rise Against

Thurs., Dec. 10: LMFAO with Schwayze and guests

Thurs., Dec. 17: Dashboard Confessional

Venue: Tremont Music Hall

Location: Charlotte

Ticket Information: livenation.com

Tues., Nov. 24: Hawthorne Heights with Just Surrender, Punchline, Monty Are I, and Nightbeast

Thurs., Dec. 10: Life On Repeat with Hollywood Lies and Sent by Ravens

Unknown bands trade hits for a little fan support

By **Jen Paolino**
A&E Editor

For a band, success is the ultimate goal. But it doesn't come easy; it takes hard work and dedication, and sometimes a little support from the fans. Regardless of whether or not these artists have what it takes to hit it big, they are still definitely worth a listen.

Band Name: You Me At Six
Album Title: *Take Off Your Colours*
Who/What They Sound Like: The vocal intensity of pop-core bands like Just Surrender and The Audition with the clever drum beats of artists like Boys Like Girls and early Fall Out Boy.
Why You Should Listen: Because lead vocalist Josh Franceschi pours his heart into his lyrics, singing with the kind of gut wrenching feeling that everyone can relate to. Plus, their music is pretty awesome too.
Tracks To Check Out: "Kiss and Tell" and "Take Off Your Colours."



Photo courtesy of Epitaph Records.

Band Name: Kids In Glasses Houses
Album Title: *Smart Casual*
Who/What They Sound Like: They claim to draw influences from pop acts like The Beach Boys and The Police, but they can more easily be compared to bands like Glassjaw and The Movielife.
Why You Should Listen: Fans of punk music might find that their sound is a little on the lighter side, but the roots are still there.
The band appeals to a wide range of people; pop-punk and dance-pop fans will find themselves side by side at their next show.
Track To Check Out: "Me, Me, Me."

Band Name: Save Your Breath
Album Title: *Nothing Worth Having Comes Easy*
Who/What They Sound Like: The Starting line, from their *Say It Like You Mean It* days on tracks like "Saddest Girl Story" mixed with early Blink 182.
Why You Should Listen: Their slight English accents make them sound probably a little more punk-rock than their music would allow, but their fast paced drum beats and almost too-hard-to-sing-along with lyrics keep them in the punk-rock game.
Track To Check Out: "The Lost Boys."

Band Name: All Night Dynamite
Album Title: *Chiller - EP*
Who/What They Sound Like: Somewhere in between the upbeat, poppy sounds of Cash Cash

and the synth heavy melodies of Breathe Carolina. If, of course, these bands were around in the 80s.

Why You Should Listen: It's the perfect soundtrack if you want to turn down the light while wearing really bright neon shirts. In other words, this EP is a compilation of really fun songs, and it doesn't require much to enjoy them.
Track To Check Out: "Stay Up All Night."



Photo courtesy of Warner Music Group.

Band Name: Eye Alaska
Album Title: *Genesis Underground*
Who/What They Sound Like: An emotional rollercoaster that bleeds through with heartfelt

lyrics and powerful music.
Why You Should Listen: The music might not make you get up and dance but it has a certain intensity that is hard to ignore. You can feel the pain in lead vocalist Brandon Wronski's voice. It makes you wonder about the meaning behind lyrics like, "So many days we were living the dream.../Wondering if all this life's a game..."

Tracks To Check Out: "I Knew You'd Never Fly" and "Walk Like A Gentleman."

Meetings signal start of sorority season

By **Lizzie Cothran**
Staff Writer

If you take a look at High Point University's monthly calendars this year, you may notice sorority interest meetings throughout the fall semester. The little bit of information on the calendar could leave some women questioning what the meetings are about or if they are invited to go.

The sorority interest meetings are being held during the fall for anyone interested in women's recruitment in January.

Meredith McCrea, Greek Life Coordinator at High Point University, wants to encourage women to at least come out and see if they are interested. "If anyone has questions, concerns, or anything putting them on the fence, those questions could be answered at these meetings," McCrea explains. She thinks that even if female students haven't found a connection with any of the current sororities on campus, they might find one with the upcoming Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Four current sororities and Tri-Sigma, starting at High Point in the spring, will be involved with these meetings with the women. The meetings will

introduce them to each sorority. There are three other sororities on campus, but they are a part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, which are historically African-American, international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities. Those have a different council and will have their own recruitment.

The sororities at the meetings are expecting to see and hear from freshmen, sophomores, and even some juniors. Although if joining later in your college career, McCrea cautions that you should be aware that going Greek is a big commitment and will take a lot of effort.

Each meeting is set up to have a separate purpose. October's meeting was set as an open house, allowing the girls to meet people from each sorority to get an idea of what each was about. In November, interested girls will be split up into smaller groups so that they have more of an opportunity for one-on-one interaction. Last names starting with letters A through M will be in the first group, meeting with the sororities for about an hour, then girls with letters N through Z will meet for another hour.

The last, mandatory meeting in December will let girls know more about the details of joining. There will be a discussion of recruitment rules,

the girls will pay registration fees if they haven't already, and then they will be put into small groups with a Rho Chi member. Rho Chi members are members who are part of a sorority who have disaffiliated for a few months to serve as mentors for girls interested in recruitment, but not to persuade the girls to join a certain sorority.

Each meeting also has an element to encourage philanthropy. At the October meeting, girls were asked to bring canned goods. In November, the sororities will be collecting school supplies for elementary schools. The December meeting's philanthropy contribution is still undecided, but ideas of working with Angel Tree or Make-a-Wish Foundation are in discussion. McCrea explains that the purpose is to remind women that there is a community service component to joining a sorority in addition to the social element.

Although the process can be overwhelming, McCrea thinks it is very important to come and try the meetings, even if you may think you have no interest in joining a sorority. She likes to remind women that it doesn't mean you have to take a bid if offered one. "Just come and see if any chapters match what you are interested in," added McCrea.

HPU welcomes new leadership and success

By **Matt Wells**
Organizations Editor

With the growth HPU has seen over the past year in new buildings and amenities, it is no surprise that it keeps attracting new organizations such as the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS).

The NSLS was founded by Gary Tuerack for success-oriented people who wanted a forum to express ideas and push each other toward achieving goals. The common goal here at HPU: become a better leader!

The excitement over the possibilities with this new organization were expressed to founding member Laken Stinespring last summer when she least expected it. "I was looking for internships and found out about the National Society of Leadership and Success. I knew that the students here at High Point would join the group and benefit from something like it. After going through the interview process I got to meet lots of cool people and I got some great tips for our chapter here!"

The society will allow for students to network with each other and set goals for work done on campus, such

as papers and homework assignments. The groups will be goal oriented but will leave it up to the students to set their own goals and determine individually what they want to get from the experience. "My hopes for the Society are for it to become a part of every enrolled student's experience here at High Point. I think it would be perfect for incoming freshmen to take part in and help them establish and achieve short term goals, as well as long term, career oriented goals," explained junior Colin Kennedy about his hopes for the NSLS.

Another benefit the society offers is requiring members to attend sessions with motivational speakers. There are a total of six each year and students must attend at least three including the first session with speaker Alexis Jones, a 25-year-old beauty queen who already has her dream job writing for a magazine. Previous speakers include Goldie Hawn and Patch Adams.

The popularity of the NSLS took off once it reached students at HPU and now has over 300 members. "We are incredibly excited with the 300 members who have joined NSLS. We know it will be a challenge managing this large group since originally

we only expected a maximum of 30 members; however, we are up for the challenge," student member Jenna Maserian excitedly said. "We are so pleased with the large group we received and look forward to next semester. We plan on aiming for even more members to join in the future."

The biggest perk the members of NSLS are talking about is the personal letter of recommendation that comes upon interviewing for a job after graduation. The letter is signed by founder Gary Tuerack and is accompanied by a certificate, pin, and a shirt from the organization. "We are true believers in the benefits of this organization such as the introduction to vital skills necessary to further your career, personal job references from the founder of this organization, a more secured entry to the job market, online job banks, and best of all the extra push to realize your goals in life and how to achieve them," continued Maserian. "This organization is a great opportunity for all students to network, meet students with the same goals and motives as themselves and boost their chances of obtaining a job after graduation."

TOMS Shoes makes an impact overseas and in High Point through students

By **Samantha Tuthill**
Online Editor

TOMS Shoes is a worldwide charity organization that has been helping needy children in developing nations since 2006. This group works to prevent death and injury caused by diseases in feet, the results of not wearing shoes. The concept is simple. For every pair of shoes the group sells, one pair will be given to a child who needs them. For many of the children who receive TOMS Shoes, it is the first pair of actual shoes they have ever owned.

As TOMS gains rapid national attention, campuses have been

developing their own chapters that work towards promoting the cause. High Point University has its own TOMS Group on campus starting this year. In October a fundraiser benefit show was held featuring The Stairwells acappella group from William and Mary and HPU's own Toccatatones. Videos showing the effects of not wearing shoes in third world countries were shown. Students in attendance saw the disfigurement of people who have suffered infection from cutting their feet while walking to get food. There were also videos of TOMS representatives delivering shoes to grateful children in Africa, South America, and India. The event raised \$525.25 in donations and raffle tickets to

win a pair of shoes. The money collected will go to help support the travel costs of shoe deliveries.

HPU seniors Whitney Frost and Brittany Loomis got TOMS started in High Point. After hearing about the cause from a UNC representative, they both applied to be campus representatives themselves. "It was just so shocking to us that something as simple as shoes was the main form of prevention for disease and defects in so many people around the world," said Frost. "So many High Point students have been lucky enough to live privileged lives. We have at least had the proper clothing to wear for our entire lives."

The group has been growing rapidly

SGA: Student's Senate

Bills Passed:

- International Club Conference
- APO Fall Break New Orleans
- Campus Chronicle Conference
- SEA Trip

Last Meeting:

- Gate Protocol for entry to campus
- New Building Questions left open for now

What's Next?:

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- David Bryden on Academics

Looking Ahead:

- November 12

United Way Auction

Get Involved:

- E-mail SGA at sga@highpoint.edu
- Go to weekly Thursday 7 PM meeting

on campus, and others are encouraged to join in. By going online to www.tomsshoes.com it's possible to order a pair of shoes and have a pair be given directly to a child in need. The site also has a link called Getting Involved, which students can follow to fill out an application to become campus representatives themselves. Members of the group collaborate to plan events across campus that will continue to raise awareness for this cause. "Helping people in even the smallest way is a great feeling and all it takes is the simple task of spreading the word about TOMS, which is something everyone can do," Frost said.

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Cherry, who played on UNC's 1993 National Championship team, was hired as head coach on March 26 to replace Bart Lundy, who was let go after a frustrating 9-21 season. Apart from his impressive resume as a player, Cherry also brings with him a unique blend of coaching experience at all levels, from high school to the last 10 years as an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech, George Mason, Western Kentucky and, most recently, South Carolina. He believes it is this variety of different experiences that will help him relate to his players in the upcoming season.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to lead these young men and to help take this basketball program to new heights," said Cherry during his introductory press conference back in March.

Cherry added more Tar Heel heritage to his bench on April 4 when he announced the hiring of former UNC guard Wes Miller as assistant coach. "Wes is definitely a winner and somebody who will work hard and I can't be happier to have him on my staff," Cherry said.

The program further boosted its coaching staff again with the additions of former UNCG assistant Kevin Easley on April 10 and former Miami Hurricanes assistant Mike Balado on April 28.

All the new movement and changes has the team and its staff excited, but they realize that it will be a process and that a challenging season is about to begin as they continue to adapt and learn a new system that requires effective speed to push and operate the ball in transition on offense and play a man-to-man pressure defense.

High Point returns seven players who accounted for 80 percent of its scoring from last season. Sophomore guard Nick Barbour (14.2 ppg last season) was selected to the Big South Preseason All-Conference team. Barbour is joined by returning starters Cruz Daniels, who led the Big South last season in blocks per game at 2.8, Eugene Harris (9 points shy of 1,000 for his career) and David Singleton, who averaged 4.8 assists per game, which was ranked second in the Big South last season.

The Panthers were selected sixth in the Big South Preseason Poll on Oct. 13. Last season's Big South Conference champion, Radford, led by 2009-10 preseason player of the year Artsiom Parakhouski, was selected again in finish in first, receiving 24 out of a possible 25 first-place votes. UNC-Asheville, Winthrop, Gardner-Webb, and VMI rounded out the top five.

After opening up at home against UNC-Pembroke on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m., the Panthers hit the road for their biggest challenge of the season when they take on ACC power Wake Forest on Nov. 18. High Point will also face SEC member Auburn when it visits the Tigers on Nov. 25. The team will open up Big South Conference play on Dec. 3 when it travels to Clinton, S.C. to take on Presbyterian. Big South Conference foes Radford and Coastal Carolina visit the Millis Center on Jan. 9 and Feb. 11, respectively. The Panthers host long-time rival Winthrop on Feb. 25.

Volleyball team tries to dig itself out of cellar

By **Jordan Cover**
Staff Writer

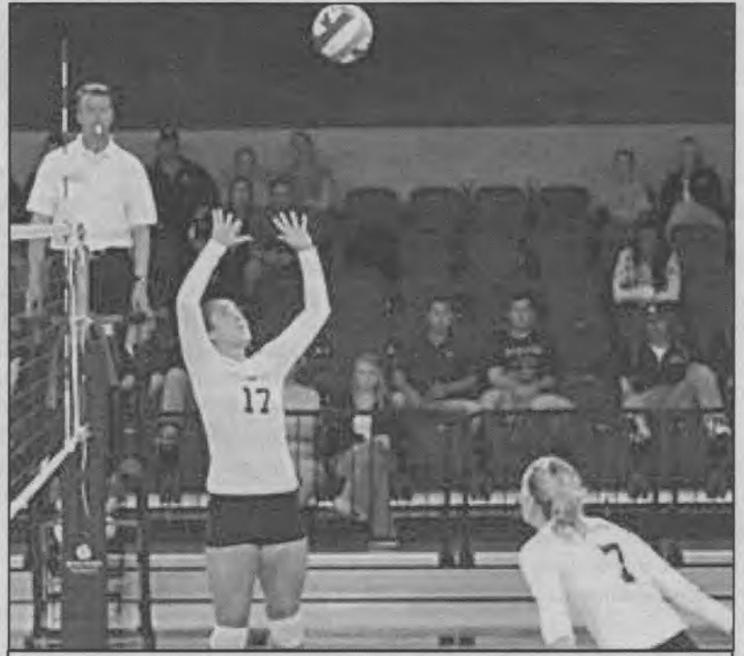
Wandering like a young child looking for his lost dog, the High Point volleyball team this season has wandered to find the ability to be consistent game in and game out. The trend that has plagued the team all season has continued.

After dropping three straight matches in the past week, the Panthers (13-14) find themselves near the cellar of the Big South conference with a 3-8 conference record.

Following two road losses to Winthrop and Coastal Carolina, two top contenders for this season's Big South title, High Point put up another disappointing effort in a 3-1 loss to Radford, which currently resides in last place. It was High Point's second loss to Radford this season. On Oct. 30, the team responded to its recent struggles by edging out a hard-fought 3-1 home win over conference foe Presbyterian. "It is something to build on in the final push toward the Big South Championship," said head coach Jason Oliver after the game.

The Panthers, currently tied for seventh in the Big South standings, need to avoid a last place finish in order to qualify for the Big South conference tournament and compete for a

spot in the NCAA tournament. High Point has responded to adversity in the past with several winning streaks and impressive upset victories in recent seasons. With three straight home games against Winston-Salem State (Nov. 3), Gardner-Webb (Nov. 6), and UNC-Asheville (Nov. 7), the Panthers hope to regain their earlier form before hitting the road to close the regular season against rival Liberty (Nov. 10) and Charleston Southern (Nov. 13). The Big South tournament will be held Nov. 19-21 at Radford.



Sophomore Holly Fong sets up a kill for senior teammate Megan Kaminskis during a home match against Big South rival Liberty. Photo provided by HPU Sports Information.

With tournament in town, men's soccer on right foot

By **Ryan McCarthy**
Staff Writer

In what started off as a season of early success and early question marks, the men's soccer team has shown its resilience and tenacity in the way it has come on and played strong as of late.

After starting the season 6-4, the Panthers began to truly show their growth and chemistry when they took on fellow Big South member Presbyterian on Oct. 10, the second game of a season-long four-game home stand. In the game, the Panthers battled Presbyterian to a hard fought 2-1 double-overtime victory on a Shawn Sloan goal. High Point followed up that victory with another double-overtime contest, this time a 0-0 tie against Coastal Carolina on Oct. 17 in which the Panthers outshot the Chanticleers 15-8.

On Oct. 21, the Panthers traveled to Raleigh, to take on the 14th ranked N.C. State Wolfpack, which resulted in a heart-wrenching 2-1 loss for the Panthers when the Wolfpack booted in the

game-winner in the 90th minute of play.

The most recent victory for High Point came against Liberty on Nov. 4. Karo Okiomah netted a 25-yard blast to take a 2-1 lead with three minutes remaining in regulation. The win means that if Radford defeats or ties Coastal Carolina on Nov. 7 High Point will clinch the top seed in the Big South Conference championship tournament.

Freshman Shawn Sloan continued to improve upon his impressive rookie campaign on Oct. 30, scoring two goals in a span of 33 seconds in the second half of a 4-0 win over conference foe VMI. The victory improved the Panthers' mark to 9-5-2 overall and an impressive 5-1-2 in the Big South.

The Panthers finish up the regular season by traveling to Lexington, Ky. to take on the SEC's Kentucky Wildcats in the regular season finale on Nov. 8.

High Point hosts this year's Big South men's soccer tournament on Nov. 11-12. The championship game is set for Nov. 15 at Vert Track and Soccer Stadium.

Whittaker sparks late-season turnaround for women's soccer team

By **Tony Gutowski**
Sports Editor

In soccer, just like many sports, a season tends to have its ups and downs. In the case of the High Point women's soccer team, it has been generally been filled with more downs than ups until recently.

After starting off this season with a disappointing 2-13-1 record, the team rebounded to reel off three consecutive victories that allowed the team to clinch a spot to compete in Big South tournament.

Following a tough 2-0 home loss to conference rival Liberty on Oct. 17, the Panthers began their recent run of success on Oct. 24 with a hard-fought 1-0 home win over VMI, followed two days later by another close 1-0 home victory over Big South foe Radford on Oct. 26.

The team traveled to Clinton, S.C. on Oct. 30 and battled the Blue Hose of Presbyterian to a

2-1 double-overtime victory courtesy of freshman Janay Whittaker's game-winning goal. The goal came when Whittaker poked in the rebound after Robin Pecoraro's shot deflected off the crossbar following a corner kick. The goal was Whittaker's third consecutive game-winning score. "It's extremely rare for someone to score game-winning goals three games in a row, especially for a freshman," said head coach Marty Beall after the win. "I've never heard of it, never seen it."

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the Panthers closed out their regular season at UNC Asheville with a frustrating 1-0 loss after an early penalty kick by the Bulldogs' McKenna Stockhausen in the 13th minute of regulation.

High Point finished the regular season with 4-4-1 mark in the Big South and 5-14-1 overall as the Panthers head to Daniel Island, S.C. for the Big South Tournament being held Nov. 5-8.

**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
MEN'S CLUB BASKETBALL
VS. NC STATE**

DATE: NOVEMBER 7TH
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WHERE: SLANE CENTER BASKETBALL COURT

HP NC STATE

Cross country teams prowl way to NCAA Regionals

By **Kimberly Mannino**
Staff Writer

The men's cross-country team galloped through Boone, N.C. on Oct. 16, winning the Blue Ridge Open. Sophomore Neal Darmond placed seventh overall and senior Josh Morgan took ninth leading the Panthers to the victory. Junior Jevin Monds had a strong finish to place 19th. Dakota Peechee was closely behind Monds, finishing in 25th place.

The Panther men finished the day with a score of 76 points, just one point ahead of runner-up Davidson.

The women's cross country team stirred up a solid performance of its own at the Blue Ridge Open, placing eighth out of 15 teams. Junior Emily Webb was the first Panther across the finish line, finishing in 35th. Seniors Joya Canfield and Geneva Winterink followed closely behind, finishing 28th and 29th respectively.

There was a very strong field competing on the women's side, with ACC member Duke taking the win ahead of ACC rival Virginia Tech, UNC Wilmington, Appalachian State and VMI.

In the Big South Cross Country Championships on Oct. 31, which were hosted by High Point at Shady

Oaks in Winston-Salem, the Panther men and women's teams both finished in second place, respectively. The Liberty Flames won the men's team champion-

ship with 33 points.

The men's team received an impressive performance by senior Josh Morgan, who finished third with a time of 25:48,

earning All-Conference honors. Joining Morgan on the All-Conference team were sophomore Neal Darmond, seventh place with a time of 26:13, and freshman Jacob Smith, ninth place with a time of 26:24. Smith also earned Big South Freshman of the Year honors as the top true freshman finisher. Liberty's Samuel Chelanga finished first in the men's 8K in 23:50 to take home Runner of the Year honors.

"The encouraging thing is, after Josh, our finishers were sophomore, freshman, freshman, freshman," said Panther head coach Mike Esposito after the meet.

The women's team garnered second place behind Big South champion Liberty after a strong performance by Webb, who finished eighth with a time of 19:12 to earn All-Big South honors. Senior Geneva Winterink finished 11th in a time of 19:21 while fellow senior Joya Canfield finished in a time of 19:32 to place 15th. Canfield was also named to the Big South All-Academic Team. VMI's Hannah Granger finished first in the women's 6K to take home Runner of the Year honors.

Up next for the teams is the NCAA Southeast Regional in Louisville, Ky. on Nov. 14.



Seniors Geneva Winterink and Joya Canfield head towards the finish line at the Big South Championships on Oct. 31. Photo provided by HPU Sports Information.

Women's basketball named Big South preseason favorites

By **Tony Gutowski**
Sports Editor

The beginning of a new season brings new hope and new expectations. This holds especially true for the High Point University women's basketball team this season as it gets set to begin what is expected by the Big South Conference to be a successful one when the Panthers open up on Nov. 13 against Navy in the first of two games at the Phoenix Classic at Elon University. The next day (Nov. 14), the Panthers will face Youngstown State.

The Panthers have been relatively successful in recent seasons under head coach Tooley Loy, finishing last season 15-16 (10-6 in the Big South) and earning the No. 2 seed in the Big South Tournament before losing to Gardner-Webb in

the semifinals.

This season, though, brings even higher goals and expectations from not only the Panthers themselves, but also from coaches in the Big South Conference and various members of the media as High Point was selected in a tie with Liberty for first in the Big South preseason poll.

This is the first time in High Point's history that the women's basketball team has been selected for first in the Big South Preseason Poll.

The Panthers and Flames both received seven first-place votes, while Gardner-Webb came in third with four first-place votes.

All five Panther starters from last season's squad have returned, led by 2009-10 Big South Preseason Player of the Year Jurica Hargraves, the second-highest returning scorer in the confer-

ence, with 13.5 points per game. A junior biology major, Hargraves is the second player in school history to be selected as Big South preseason player of the year, following the storied career of Katie O'Dell, who received the honor in 2005.

Also returning for the team is junior center Mackenzie Maier, who was also selected to the Big South preseason all-conference team. Maier led the Big South in total blocked shots for the season with 84. She also led High Point last season in rebounds per game (6.4) and three-point shooting percentage (42.9).

The Panthers will find out very soon whether or not they can live up to all the hype and successfully respond to all the challenges that lie ahead of them from being selected the early favorites. High Point plays its first home game on Nov. 11 against UNCG before hitting the

road for a four-game stretch beginning at Wake Forest on Nov. 25, then visiting South Carolina on Dec. 2 and George Mason on Dec. 4, before finishing up the trip in Washington, D.C. against American University on Dec. 6.

Right before the holidays, the Panthers will head to Gainesville, Fla. on Dec. 21 and Dec. 22 to participate in the Gator Classic. The Panthers open up Big South Conference play on Jan. 2 when they host Charleston Southern. Co-Big South favorite Liberty visits the Millis Center on Jan. 30, followed by a tough matchup against Big South foe Gardner-Webb on Feb. 13.

High Point will host the Big South Tournament for a second consecutive year beginning on March 12. The Championship game is on March 14.

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