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A view of the Sixth Street Apartments as seen from North Avenue.

Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

## Sixth Street doubles Sixth Street doubles

By Lauren Reese  
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With the beginning of fall 2010 High Point University will embark on many changes, not only with the curriculum, but also with housing.

Student life announced before Christmas break that all Sixth Street bedrooms will be changing from singles to doubles. With the expansion of students attending HPU it is evident that there will also need to be an increase in places to live.

Sixth Street apartments are one of the most popular places to live on campus. They include a kitchen, living room, private bathrooms and single bedrooms. Sixth Street includes many amenities such as washing machines and dryers, ovens, and dishwashers, which many dorms on campus do not have. Many students hope that by senior year they will have the chance to live there.

With this change, however, Sixth Street apartments could become the most undesirable place to live on campus. Student life claims that living standards will be similar to living in the complex and that two people should be able to live comfortably in each room.

Tyler Chaney, a junior and vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, currently lives in one of the Sixth Street apartments but is making plans of moving off campus next year because of this change. He found studies that have shown an increase in infections for people who live together in small areas. Due to this information, the choice of no longer living in Sixth Street apartments was an easy solution for him.

He says, "I am not in favor of the change because it doubles the amount of residents here [in the apartments]." Currently 140 students live in Sixth Street apartments.

Although the apartments seem small and possibly hazardous for six people to live in, there are no fire hazards with having six people live in one apartment. The rooms will stay exactly the same way they are now; however, two people will be sharing a room as well as a bathroom. This layout is similar to the way Wilson is set up.

Even though it may seem short-sighted that the administration would change the apartments from singles to doubles, there is reason behind their decision. Since the apartments are among the most sought after place to live, they want to give more students the opportunity to live there.

Last year there were about 300 students on a waiting list to live in the apartments. As a result, they thought changing the apartments to double occupancy rooms would be an effective way to make more students get their first choice of living. See **Doubles**, page 4



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# Panther pride punishes opponents

**Staff Editorial**

HPU Athletics has come a long way in the past several years, moving from a dark, quiet gym to a technologically advanced, fan-friendly arena. The Millis Center is the most obvious of the Department of Athletics' upgrades in recent years.

However, from a true fan's perspective, the much more significant move coming from Steele Hall in the past couple years is the culture. The prevailing attitude has advanced from reserved optimism to raucous fanaticism.

Across the board, High Point's athletic teams are excelling among Big South competition. The women's soccer team, under first-year coach Marty Beall, was an underdog winner of the BSC Tournament in 2009, even-

tually falling to top-seeded North Carolina in a 1-0 contest in Chapel Hill. The men's team had a ground-breaking year, finishing 5-1-2 in conference play before being upset as the second-seeded team in the conference tournament.

High Point's most revered basketball programs have also seen nearly unprecedented success in 2009-2010. Coming in as the preseason favorite to win the Big South title, the women's basketball team is living up to its expectations. The team has won seven of its last eight games, and is currently 4-1 in Big South play, only falling to 2008-09's tournament runner-up Gardner-Webb on the road. The highlight of the year so far was a championship run at the Gator Holiday Classic, where the

Panthers defeated William & Mary and Florida in back-to-back nights. The win over the Gators was particularly significant in that, according to *SportingNews.com*, UF's athletics budget topped \$89 million in 2009-2010.

Coming off of a woeful 2008-09 season that concluded with the firing of head coach Bart Lundy, the men's basketball team has gone above and beyond under first-year coach Scott Cherry. The team is a perfect 7-0 at home, and has quality wins against Gardner-Webb and UNC Asheville, as well as Big South preseason favorite Radford.

One of the most surprising phenomena of 2009-10 has been the upswing in fan support. This year, both the men's and women's basketball teams have increased av-

erage home attendance, and that does not even include the majority of conference home games, which typically draw more fans to games.

The sports marketing department was able to draw several groups to games during the winter holidays in order to keep the stands packed and the arena loud.

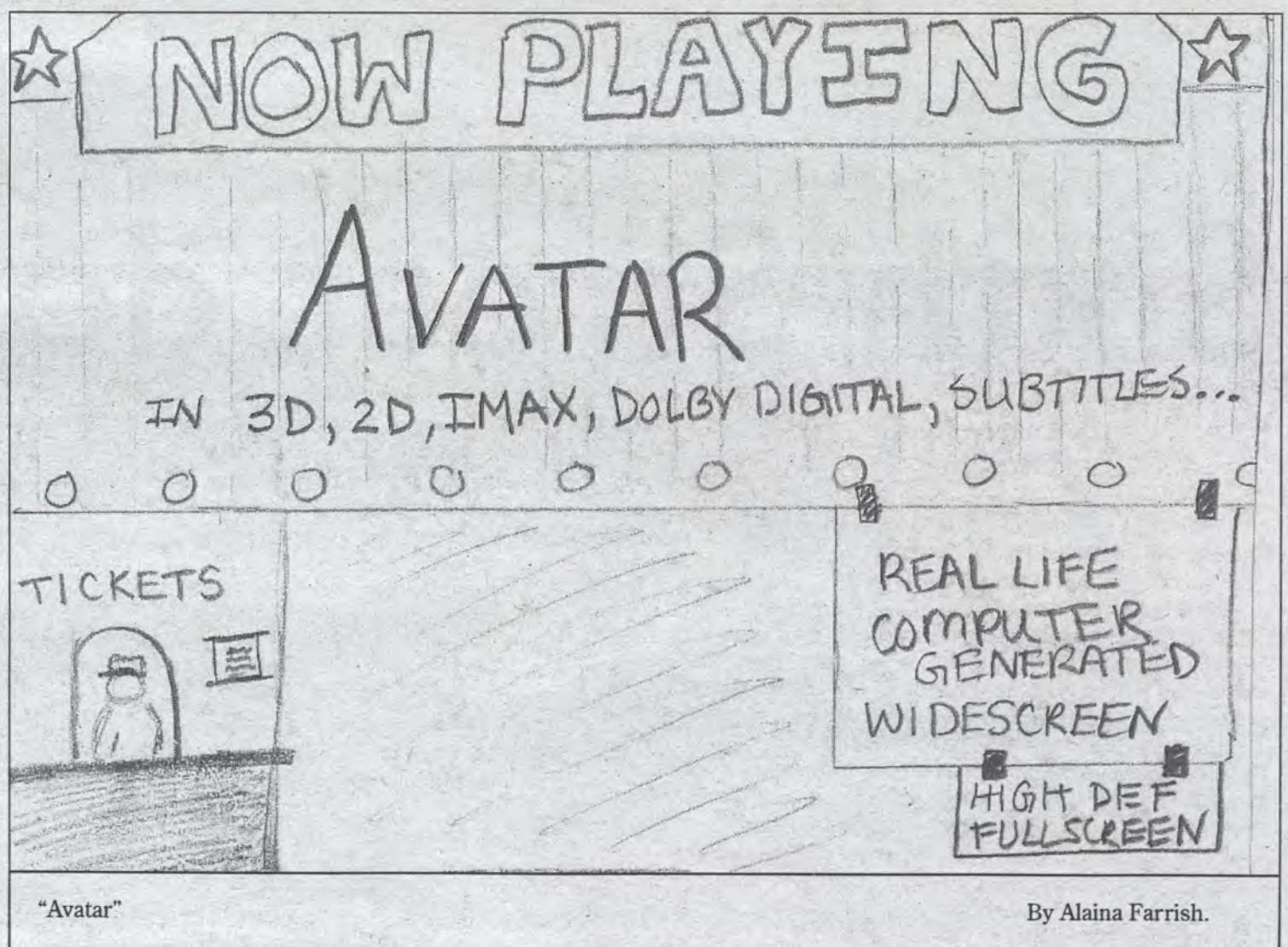
Overall, it is refreshing that the Department of Athletics is catching up with the growth rate of the rest of the university. For five years now, the campus has seen huge renovation and construction projects, as well as a change in attitude. Now, athletics is proving they have a place with the other "wow" factors of High Point University's campus.

*This editorial was passed by the editorial board, 6-0.*



Men's basketball player Corey Law dunks against Hampden Sydney.

Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.





## Remember 9/11? America is still fighting the War on Terror

By **Kait Heckenberger**  
Staff Writer

Good morning! Time to grab your books, your jacket, swing by Starbucks for that morning pick-me-up, and head off to class. After barely staying awake in class, it's time to chill with some friends, veg out in front of the TV playing the new wicked video game your parents (or Santa) just got you for Christmas and enjoy the day doing whatever it is that you please. Sound like your day in some aspect? It's a typical day if you're not in the military.

There are about three million people serving in our Armed Forces today according to the National Military Family Association. Most college students only see the war on the news and can delete it from day-to-day lifestyles. Fact is, the war is real!

Your grandmas and grandpas can remember during the early 1940s fighting Germany, Italy and Japan in WWII. Your grandparents and parents can remember the Korean War, Vietnam War, Bay of Pigs Invasion in Cuba, Grenada, U.S. invasion of Panama, Persian Gulf War against Iraq, and the Intervention in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our school history books are filled with information about what the American people did through each of our past wars and the hardships they dealt with every day. We do not see these hardships anymore.

Most students can recall September 11, 2001. It was a tragic day for all Americans, including myself with a father who is a pilot and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. Do most of us realize the U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 against the Taliban regime? Do most of us realize the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003? I'm crossing my fingers hoping the answer is yes.

Do most of us realize we are still in a War on Terror with a total of 4,373 U.S. military casualties in Iraq, 952 in Afghanistan,

and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi and Afghan civilian casualties, according to Military Families Speak Out. The numbers are only getting higher unfortunately.

So how much does the war take effect in our every day lives? Gas prices rose. Do most of us think about the war every day or what we can do to help support the war or get our troops safely back home?

Military families deal with the hardships of knowing their loved ones are across seas and not knowing if they are safe. It's a fact of military life: the families are frequently separated and constantly on-edge about the war.

My intentions are not to get you to jump onboard with the war all gung-ho and ready to fight. My intentions are also not to protest the war. My views are my own, but my intentions are to remind all the students that war is a reality that is taking place. No matter what your opinion is about war, do something about it.

Every day, thousands of servicemen devote their lives to protect our freedom, give us our peace, and provide support so we can live in the melting pot Land of the Free. The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard protect and fight so Americans can go about their everyday activities without fear.

Put down the video game for an hour, flip open the newspaper while sippin' on your morning Starbucks coffee, chill in Slane with your friends discussing what our American soldiers are fighting for so you can play air hockey in the UC arcade.

Everyday Americans are fighting for our freedom. Take a step back from your own reality to think about what the soldiers are doing for you. The War on Terror is real whether you choose to accept it or not. Let's remember what our military has done and is doing for us at this time.

## Show a little compassion to your fellow human beings

By **Amanda Mayes**  
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"How are you?"  
"Fine. And you?"  
"I'm good."

This conversation is played out endlessly on a daily basis. It is asked of friends, professors, and strangers. Or, my favorite: in the doctor's office. I receive allergy injections on a weekly basis, and I sit in the office waiting for my chance to be tortured. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard the nurse ask a student, "How are you today?" The student almost always responds with, "I'm doing fine." Oh, okay. You are doing fine. Then why are you in the doctor's office?

A meaningless phrase, continuously repeated out of courtesy or societal ex-

pectations. Why have we disconnected from those around us to the point that a simple, but important, question has become something expected rather than something thoughtful and compassionate?

Fear is often a strong motivator. Are we afraid of what others might think of us if we strip away the barriers and illusions, giving them a peek into our personal lives? Is it because we want to appear normal to others? But what is the definition of "normal"? If everyone was normal, or conformed to the set,

accepted social norms, what a boring place we would live in. Or do we not want to whine? Everyone complains at some point in time; if we did not, we

would internally combust.

Apathy and self-absorption may be at the root of this problem. We may claim we

do not have enough time to listen to a brief, necessary release from a friend or depressed or elated stranger. Caution is exercised around others; walls are constructed, all in an effort to remain

firmly in our own private lives. We see others, hear them, feel their presence; we interact on a daily basis. But we are looking right past one another; we are talking past each other. We are losing our ability to connect with other human beings.

I urge you to care for and show interest in the people in your lives, no matter if you see them on a daily basis or if their faces blur into a continuous stream flowing through your life. Bring meaning to those words; eliminate their position as a robotic phrase uttered to every human being that crosses your path in a given day. Tolerance, kindness, and understanding are lacking in this difficult and isolated world, and the perpetuation of selfish and disinterested attitudes is incomprehensible. Dispel apathy and reconnect with those around you.

**"If everyone was normal or conformed... what a boring place we would live in."**

## Straight Talk with Dr. Nido Qubein: Principled living leads to success



People without principles are like boats without rudders; cars without steering wheels. Their directions are aimless and their decisions are haphazard.

When principles occupy the center of your life, they help you arrive quickly at the right decision for you when opportunities open or crises loom.

When your life is centered on people, the important thing to you is what others want. When it's centered on possessions, the important thing is what you have. When it's centered on activities, the important thing is what you do.

But when your life is centered on principles, you are being true to yourself. Your principles can be like a compass, quickly pointing in the

right direction when crisis time arrives. They can be like an anchor, providing a source of steadiness amid tumultuous circumstances. And they can be like the

nozzle of a hose - directing the stream of your thoughts and efforts in a purposeful way while concentrating their power on the things that matter.

Successful people don't lie awake nights agonizing over decisions and directions. They simply consult their principles. They make decisions that are in harmony with these principles. They don't second-guess themselves and seldom reverse themselves. You can choose the principles you want to guide you by first identifying the values you hold dear.

First, think of the roles that are important to you in your family life, vocational life, community life and religious life. Now think of the people, activities, and qualities you value in each role.

For each value, write a supporting principle. Make it personal. State it in the form of a sentence describing yourself as you would like to be, in the light of these values. Do this for each of the roles that are important to you.

When you have identified the principles you want to guide your life, use them in measuring each possible choice. When you have found a pursuit that conforms to your basic principles while allowing you to do what you do best and enjoy most, you will have found your ideal calling. Go for it!



# Steakhouse still accepting Magic, meals now \$40

By RJ Read  
Staff Writer

Over the past week a rumor has surfaced around campus that the 1924 Prime Steakhouse will no longer accept Magic Meals. Since the Steakhouse opened in mid October, the student body has had the opportunity to dine at the steakhouse once a week. The steakhouse has received excellent feedback and is very popular among students. "The fine dining experience provided by the steakhouse allows me to eat with my friends while not having to spend a lot of money; it's also a great reason to get dressed up," said Jessie Brennan, junior.

Upon returning to campus for the spring semester, many students and their families were under the impression that the steakhouse would no longer accept magic meals and start charging students a flat \$40 fee to dine. Many students were concerned about this rumor, considering a monetary fee would mean less visits to 1924 Prime. When asked about whether this rumor was true or not, Tim Applegate, the general manager of 1924 Prime, confirmed that this rumor is false. Mr. Applegate went on to say that the current partnership between Applegate LLC, the group that is contracted to run 1924 Prime, and the school is exceeding all expectations and has been

very successful. "The only changes that will be made to 1924 Prime will be to improve the experience for the student," said Applegate. Roger Clodfelter, the Director of WOW! also said, "High Point University is proud of the educational opportunities 1924 (Prime) provides our students and want to ensure students are able to utilize the Magic Meal program to make frequent dining realistic for our students."

It seems that the rumors regarding the discontinuation of Magic Meals were the result of a misinterpretation on a flyer sent out regarding the upcoming Alumni and Parents Weekend. The flyer mentioned that each family will be provided a certain amount of

Magic Meals during the weekend, which can be used at all campus dining options except 1924 Prime. If students wish to dine at the steakhouse with their families they must make reservations ahead of time. Students will be able to use their magic meal to pay for their own meal, but each non student family member must pay the \$40 flat fee. 1924 Prime is now providing more entrée options and variety on their menu, on top of the excellent service they have been providing throughout the year. Any student interested in making a reservation should do so through the webpage, [www.highpoint.edu/1924prime](http://www.highpoint.edu/1924prime).

## Wesleyan Arms residents move out; HPU students move in

By Alaina Farrish  
Editorial Cartoonist

Recently, students have been buzzing with questions regarding the new dormitory that will be located at the Wesleyan Arms Retirement Community.

When asked why HPU decided to buy Wesleyan Arms, instead of building a new dorm, Donald Scarborough, Vice President of Community Relations, replied that they took advantage of the chance when it presented itself.

"The opportunity purchase of the Wesleyan Arms property was a valuable opportunity for HPU's future. The property provided the University with a number of residential and administrative options that are not available on campus," Scarborough said.

HPU administration has many plans for the space: an office building, a group of patio homes (townhouses),

and a three-story apartment building.

The first group of residential units, the patio homes, consist of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. These residences are much like U-Ville 1 and 2. The University will take possession of them in March 2010 (giving time to prepare them for the fall semester). "These units have a great deal of parking and recreational areas for the students. It is our opinion that these residences will be very popular resident facilities," Scarborough said.

When asked where the elderly people who live there will go, Scarborough explained that HPU did not buy the location until the residents there had found another place to live.

"High Point University was the buyer and not the seller. Once the university became aware that there were issues for the residents of the three-story apartment building at the corner of North College Drive and Eastchester

Drive (across from Barnes and Noble Booksellers), we informed the seller that we would not accept the property until every person there had found acceptable alternative housing. We listened to their concerns, worked with the seller and others to address the concerns, and continue a conversation with many of the residents," Scarborough explained. "On their behalf, we contacted the local government and housing authority, the regional office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), our United States congressmen and senators. These influential individuals interceded on behalf of the residents and significantly escalated the time frame for them to receive their HUD housing vouchers. Many of the residents have already found housing. Even though the property is not scheduled to be turned over to the University until October 2011, we stand behind our commitment not to accept

the property until all of the residents are relocated."

So, who will be allowed to live there? How will students get to and from the main campus? Sarah Haak, Director of Residence Life, said upperclassmen would have dibs on rooms at the new place.

"Any student that is a rising sophomore, rising junior, or rising senior will have the opportunity to select Wesleyan as their residence for the fall of 2010. Students that have more credit hours will have first choice at where they live, but all upperclassmen students are able to live at Wesleyan," Haak said.

In regards to the transportation question, Jeff Karpovich, Director and Chief of Security and Transportation, explained that the University plans to have additional trolleys to "maintain pick up frequency."

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"I think that this is a wonderful opportunity for more students to be able to live in one of our highest demand areas. The rooms are no smaller than any of our other double rooms on campus. High Point University has such an array of housing options for our students, that if a student feels as though this creates a more confined area, they can choose to live in another residential community," says Sarah Haak the director of Residence Life.



The Sixth Street sign by the 904 apartments.  
Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.



The layout of a typical Sixth Street Apartment bedroom.  
Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

When students pick where they want to live during the fall semester, this year the top choice may be different from years past. Haak stated that "from year to year housing demands change." As demands change, so will the living situation for students at HPU.





By **Katie Nelson**  
*Foreign Correspondent*

When I was looking at colleges in high school, I had a list of requirements that each school really needed to meet: small classes, vegetarian options, sociology major, and study abroad to Australia. Thankfully, HPU had all of these things.

I have been in Australia for almost two weeks now and I love it. It took me 26 hours by plane to get here but it was worth it.

I am living in the Orlando, Florida of Australia. The first week I stayed in Surfer's Paradise, which was magnificent. I was a block away from the beach, my hotel was attached to a Hard Rock Café, and there were many opportunities for fun all around me.

I went to the beach on my second day and discovered just how laid back Australians are. Now just to explain, swimming in America and Australia are completely different experiences.

In America you just jump into the water and swim. However because ev-

## Tales of the deep from Down Under

ery dangerous creature that has ever been known to mankind and probably some that haven't been discovered lives in Australia, swimming is limited. There are flags posted on the beach and you can only swim between those flags.

On the first day I went swimming, there was a sign posted that said "Danger Marine Stingers." Marine Stingers are something akin to jellyfish. Their bodies are about an inch in diameter, made of clear plasma. Then they have blue tails, which are about two feet long. They are not lethal but quite painful.

Now this made me extremely hesitant to get in the water, but it didn't seem to bother anyone else. I watched one guy come out of the ocean, show the lifeguard how he had been stung on his arm and all over his chest, get some medicine, and then dive right back into the waves. He acted like nothing had happened.

I think that is one of the biggest cultural differences because if that had been Myrtle Beach, people would not have been so carefree.

However, that's just how people are here. They are very carefree, and the phrase "no worries" gets passed around a lot.

Now before I came to Australia, my picture of an Aussie was a cross between Crocodile Dundee and Hugh Jackman's character from "Australia."

I'm sure I'm not the only one with these perceptions since there has not been a lot of media exposure for Australians. Keith Urban, Nicole Kidman, and Hugh Jackman are about it.

However, the movie stereotypes I just named are of bushmen. Bushmen are people who live out in the country and do things like herd cattle. I met

while in action.

Most Australians are not like that though. I think Australia is like America's cool uncle. They have the European influence in the sense of government and fashion. Everyone seems to always be dressed fashionably, especially the guys. However, they love to party and have a great time with their mates.



Surfer's Paradise Beach in Australia.

Photo by Katie Nelson.

one of these people at an event on campus, and he sounded and looked a lot like Crocodile Dundee. He gave us a demonstration of how to crack a whip, which is the way herders communicate

When it comes to the rules, they just say "Ahh no worries mate."

Next time I check in, I will have started classes and we'll see how that compares to life in the USA.



HPU  
through the  
eyes of  
chief  
photographer  
Jeremy Hopkins



Clockwise: Gandhi statue on the International Promenade, lawnchairs by the ponds, Hayworth Chapel, clock on the International Promenade outside of Finch, fountain at the ponds, flower outside the UC.  
Photos by Jeremy Hopkins.



## Fist pumps and fake tans cause controversy; spark Jersey Shore fandom

By **Megan Plasket & Allison Hogshead**  
Staff Writers

What is it about MTV's new show *Jersey Shore* that's getting many people of different backgrounds in America all riled up?

Is it because the show has been accused of stereotyping, or could it be the interesting emergence of a new sub-culture that people in many other regions of the country haven't seen before?

The show is based around a group of eight young men and women living in a house and working together at a t-shirt shop on the Jersey shore. Like *The Real World*, a camera crew follows their every move and fist pump.

Cast members include Mike "The Situation," Sammy "Sweetheart," Jenni

"J-WOWW," Nicole "Snooki," Pauly D, Ronnie, Vinny, and Angelina, who was kicked out of the house early on for refusing to work at the t-shirt shop.

All the members define themselves as Guido/Guidette, which is characterized by big muscles and gelled hair for the guys and poofed hair or extensions and fake tans for the girls.

The Italian-American-New Jersey stereotype has become a new social culture that had everybody glued to their TVs for the show's short duration.

The show has touched on issues ranging from love (including Ronnie's infamous quote), dating (did J-WOWW cheat?), violence against women (episode where Snooki got punched, anyone?), and the general moral code that Guidos and Guidettes follow.

MTV is no stranger to controversial issues and shows broadcast through

their network, and the drama continued with *Jersey Shore*, whose season finale aired last night.

The reality show relies on the support of commercials, and the network faced boycotting issues when the show aired.

**"Don't fall in love  
at the  
Jersey Shore."**

Dominos pulled its commercial campaign from airing during the show and, with the help of Italian-American group Unico National, pushed for other

companies to also boycott the new reality show.

However, MTV fought back by saying that the network did not intend to harm and suspected that the show would attract a small audience.

So is it the viewer's fault that the show is receiving so much controversy? The "Guido/Guidette" sub-culture is new to many people, so of course we're curious; it's human nature. Some students have stated that "watching *Jersey Shore* is like watching a train wreck: you know it's horrible to watch but you just can't turn away."

MTV clearly had to know that a large audience of both people interested and uninterested would end up watching the show because of its curious nature and its ability to delve into a culture that, until recently, has remained a secret.

## Our generation's web surfing: from Facebook to FAIL Blog, Myspace to MLIA

By **Allison Hogshead**  
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"Today, I was watching a movie on my laptop. My cursor is a dinosaur. I then spent the rest of the movie terrorizing the actors with the dinosaur, sound effects and all. Movie well spent? I think so. MLIA."

When Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter don't cure the boredom, FAIL Blog, My Life is Average, and FML will do the trick. In the past years, these sites have grown in popularity and submissions from users are in the thousands.

FAIL Blog (failblog.org) is a website dedicated to exposing the stupidity of mankind. Fans will submit images or video of ironic or stupid, but most importantly laughable, situations that we can all relate to. The word "FAIL"—in all caps—will appear on the picture. Occasionally, a picture that is stupid but commendable will have the word "WIN"; for example, a picture of a man balancing a beer bottle on his enormous belly.

My Life is Average (mylifeisaverage.com) consists of text-based anecdotes that mainly relate to the inner kid. The

submissions are typically short, succinct, and end with the acronym "MLIA," which is meant to be the punch line. They consist of pop culture references, so the humor is geared toward people in their late teens and early 20s who would be most able to pick up on these.

FML (fmylife.com) follows the same format as MLIA, but is meant to relate to those "bad day" moments we all have. For example, "Today, I went to go meet my new upstairs neighbor, only to find out nobody actually moved in. The

either "average," which is an affirmation, or "meh," which is equivalent to a thumbs down. FML has two choices: "I agree, your life sucks" and "you totally deserved it."

A few more websites that have

speech from the cats and are meant to be so cute that they are funny. "I Can Has Cheezburger" is an example of such a statement with the spelling a cat would apparently use.

Texts From Last Night has a similar set-up to MLIA and FML in that the submissions are short, but this is because they typically are copies of texts sent from those who have been drinking about their late night antics. A fair amount are just amusing texts with no connection to alcohol consumption.

These websites are a source of amusement for the current generation of teenagers/college students. One can kill lots of time by clicking through hundreds of pages of humorous anecdotes and pictures. There is also a social aspect with these websites. They can be a conversation starter, and they help keep the world connected despite the fact that many people believe the Internet keeps us apart. Though the posts of anecdotes and pictures are



An example of an icanhascheezburger.com submission.

Photo by Allison Hogshead.

noises that have been coming from up there were made by rats. Lots of them. FML."

Fans of these websites can vote on submissions. FAIL Blog readers vote a simple thumbs up or down based on whether they agree that the situation is indeed a "fail." MLIA voting consists of

grown in popularity but relate to smaller groups of young adults include icanhascheezburger.com and textsfromlastnight.com. I Can Has Cheezburger.com is a site based on images of cats—whether Photoshopped or as is—that include grammatically obliterated statements of thoughts or

done anonymously, the subject matter makes it possible to relate to hundreds of people who thought the same image or story was amusing. In terms of burning time when boredom strikes, it's either this or Farmville.



## Fashion: Battle of the 2010 bulge

By Casey Pantalone  
Staff Writer

Now that the holidays are over and the New Year has come—we're all a little heavier with New Year's resolutions to lose weight, get to the gym, eat healthier, yada yada yada. As we all know though, New Year's resolutions seldom last, so in the midst of doing them and/or forgetting them, let's talk dressing for your post-holiday figure.

For you men out there who actually read this article, keep your style sleek and classy; solid colors, dark wash jeans, and a nice pair of shoes. Nothing scuffed up—we all think it looks shabby. For you more flamboyant dressers though, wear that color! Just remember to keep it simple as less is definitely more. As for the extra holiday pounds, don't go out in your flannel pajama pants (like my boyfriend) or wear oversized baggy t-shirts either. Stay well dressed and polished and your whole image will change.

We're now in the transition phase, as the question of what to wear lingers in the air. I know you're all saying, "Nothing fits me right anymore" or "This used to look so great on me"; believe me, I sympathize completely.

If you're feeling rather large from the extra holiday pounds,

wear long tunics. Tunics with beading and garnishings on them are so hot right now and add something extra to a great top.

Also, ballet flats with sparkles and accessories like headbands with feathers or long necklaces help attract the eye from the stomach. I promise this is what to wear when you're feeling large and in charge. Also a hit this season was the rider boot. The boot should come right below the knee to pull off that effortless chic look. The hot colors were tans and of course, black.

However, when you're feeling bloated or big though, wearing tight clothing is just not the right way to go. I always stress confidence in your style and let's face it, when you don't feel good, you don't look it either.

Here's a trick to use: Try buying a pair of comfortable inexpensive "transition" jeans one size up until you fit better into your old ones. They don't have to be pricey because after all, your resolutions are to lose weight, not gain more.

This transition season, try long layers, tunics, accessories and darker colors until you've shed those unwanted holiday pounds. Let's face it; the holidays are a killer on your budget and your waistline. Wear your outfit with confidence and you'll always look like a winner.

## Borderlands breaks new ground

By Trent Schneider  
Staff Writer

When you first put in *Borderlands* you think, "Great, another post-apocalyptic shooting game," that is until you continue to play. It doesn't take long to realize that *Borderlands* isn't your average game.

The developers over at Gearbox Software decided that making the game just a

shooter wasn't enough, so they decided to make it an RPG, role-playing game, as well. This combination turned *Borderlands* into a great game that will keep you hooked for hours. From its huge arsenal of weapons to its great sense of humor to its four-player co-op, *Borderlands* has much to offer.

Some of you may wonder,

"Well this was all well and good back in October when it came out, but what does it have to offer now?" To this I respond with two words, "downloadable content." Since its release in October, *Borderlands* has already come out with two downloadable add-ons: *The Zombie Island of Dr. Ned* and *Mad Moxxi's Underdome Riot*.

The first adds a comical horror story to the game that brings in the one thing that first person shooter fans all seem to enjoy shooting: zombies. The Second add-on throws intense arena battles into the mix. Think *Mad Max Beyond the Thunderdome*, which clearly inspired the name, with guns and no bungee cords.

Overall, *Borderlands* is a great and innovative game that provides hours of fun gameplay and has great replay value. Who knows what great new add-ons they'll come out with next?

### Game Review

## It's all about the lyrics; new music for a new year

By Jen Paolino  
A&E Editor

Band Name: Holyfield  
Album Title: *Holyfield*  
Who/What They Sound Like: High energy synth-pop with the staying power of a real rock band.  
Why You Should Listen: This time of synth-pop isn't something that you haven't heard before. In fact, you've probably heard it over and over again. But unlike most of the pop music that seems to fade away before the song is even over, it's the lyrics in these tracks that make the biggest impact on the listener. The music speaks for itself, but it's the maturity in the words that put this band over the edge.

Band Name: The Rocket Summer  
Album Title: *You Gotta Believe - EP*  
Who/What They Sound Like: Bryce Avery, in all his glory, making music that can melt hearts.  
Why You Should Listen: It's not like The Rocket Summer hasn't been around forever, with Bryce Avery pumping out heart-wrenching tunes for years, but something about his new EP seems... hopeful. Not in the sense that this might be the EP that catapults Avery and his band to the top of the Billboard charts, but hopeful in the sense that maybe there is something worth fighting for after all. Wow. That was deep... totally unlike me.

Band Name: Call The Cops!  
Album Title: *Motion Sickness - EP*  
Who/What They Sound Like: If Me-trostation lasts another 15 years, they

might hope to sound like these guys.  
Why You Should Listen: Because the music is fun, and everyone needs a little fun in their lives. The lyrics are poignant, yet easy to relate to, but you don't need to pay a whole lot of attention to enjoy this kind of music. You'll find yourself tapping your fingers on your desk with your headphones jammed in your ears. What do you think I'm doing right now?

Band Name: National Product  
Album Title: *Luna*  
Who/What They Sound Like: At first listen, you might think it's Switchfoot. But it's definitely not. Trust me.  
Why You Should Listen: Because their music is pretty. No, but really. Some music has the ability to touch you in a way that you never thought it could. It can call to mind memories of things that

you may have thought you had forgotten. So, if you're not afraid to... "feel" music, then you absolutely must check these guys out.

Band Name: Awake and Dreaming  
Album Title: *It's Always Midnight in Sin City*  
Who/What They Sound Like: Something catchy, something clever. Something different and meaningful that you'll want to listen to... a lot.  
Why You Should Listen: I don't use the words "prolific" very often when I talk about music (unless of course I'm talking about Paramore, duh), but I'm going to use it now because these guys have the chops to be something great. It seems like I'm really into music that "moves" you these days, and that's exactly what the tracks on this record have the ability to do.

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part of *HPU Radio*?

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## Even SGA has New Year's resolutions

By **Claudia Mota**  
Staff Writer

New Year's resolutions are usually individual commitments that people make in hopes of improving themselves, somehow, someday. SGA president Andrew Realon has made some New Year resolutions of his own, but unlike traditional resolutions, Realon is concentrating on High Point University's student body.

"As the president, I want to focus on a few key issues this semester. Regarding support of campus organizations, publicity is a big concern. We need a centralized place for events to be publicized. I'm working on getting us something useful for our organizations to use. I want it to be easier for campus organizations to use spaces

on our campus," says Realon.

Another goal that SGA has set for 2010 is getting more students involved. "Any student wishing to get involved should come to an SGA meeting. Every chartered campus organization is represented, so it's easy to find a contact," says Realon.

SGA will also concentrate on expanding its philanthropy effort in 2010. Last semester SGA adopted the United Way campaign as its philanthropy and has set a goal of raising \$5,000 during this school year.

Students have received the e-mails about Student Senate, and Realon wants the community to know that the senate isn't just there to pass bills and write checks; they are there to explore campus issues.

"I want students to realize that SGA is more than a meeting that

happens seven times a semester. We are an organization that continually lobbies for student's needs. Students can make suggestions or ask questions at any time by emailing [sga@highpoint.edu](mailto:sga@highpoint.edu)," says Realon.

Realon and his staff have their work cut out for them this semester. But their hard work does not go unnoticed. "Andrew has done an excellent job with the Community Affairs Board, and his Executive Council works diligently to be inclusive about all issues and improvements to our campus community.

"SGA made history this year by hosting and initiating the first ever student body United Way campaign. Our campus is filled with not only student leaders, but caring student leader," says Gail Tuttle, vice president for student life.

## Recruitment kicks off the new year for sororities

By **Alex Ruano**  
Staff Writer

The second week of January signals more than just the start of classes. It also signals the start of sorority recruitment week, starting on January 13.

"It's a very constructed process," said Meredith McCrea, Greek Life Coordinator at HPU. "The week is broken up into three rounds; the first round is broken up into two days due to the high number of women rushing."

During the first round, women attend parties at all four sororities; these sororities include Zeta Tau Alpha, Phi Mu, Kappa Delta, and Alpha Gamma Delta.

Afterwards, they make selections about which sororities they would like to be invited back to; the sorority chapter also submits a list of people they would like to see again.

During the second round, the women in recruitment can only be invited to three parties at most for the second round, but some only attend one or two.

The last round is called preference round in which the women attend one or two parties, depending on how many they were invited to.

Following the preference round, they go to the chapel and sign a "bid card"; it is basically a binding agreement in which a woman accepts an invitation to one to two chapters that

invited her back to their parties during the preference round.

Many people have different reasons for rushing. "Some rush because people in their family were Greek, some want leadership roles and reach out to the community, others want to expand their friends," said McCrea.

"I chose to rush because one of my teammates convinced me to; she looked really happy," said Lora Robinson, a sophomore. "I'm looking for fellowship and camaraderie; it's a really friendly atmosphere and the girls here are just fantastic."

"I want to meet a bunch of new people and expand my friendships; I thought rushing would be a great way to do that," said Lany Wenke.

Everyone, from those rushing to current sisters within the sororities, are looking forward to a specific event during recruitment week. Some of the current members of different sororities expressed what their favorite events were. Many women would say Bid Day is the most memorable and exciting.

"My favorite night would have to be final preference night because this night is the closest to ritual a potential member can experience," said Mary Chong, a sophomore and current Phi Mu sister.

"My favorite part of recruitment week is Bid Day," said Jacquelyn Reilly, a sophomore and current Kappa

Delta Sister. "I will forever remember my Bid Day because it was a day that I went from having no sisters, to having 86. There is nothing better than this experience."

"Bid day is probably the best," said Katie Latham, a current sister of Alpha Gamma Delta. "We don't know who we are going to have in our sorority until they come running down the hill with their red balloons; it's both exciting and nerve-racking."

"I'm really excited for bid day. I think it will be a really great memory," said Wenke.

Last year, 240 women registered for rush; this year, that number jumped close to 300. "We have seen a lot of fluctuation," said McCrea, speaking of the growth of interest in sororities.

Three years ago, the percentage of women on campus who were in sororities was 13 percent; this figure has grown to 22 percent, nearly slightly over a fifth of the student population at HPU.

This year's recruitment process was different from previous years because of the addition of Tri-Sigma sorority to campus, which was added to accommodate the growing number of women who wish to join sororities. Tri-Sigma recruitment began the week following regular sorority recruitment.

"Even with adding another sorority, each sorority may get 50 girls during this period, which is an increase from 35 last semester," said McCrea.

## SGA:

### Students Senate

*Last Meeting:  
-Community  
Affairs Board  
meeting on  
the post office,  
housing, and  
security*

### What's next?:

*-Meeting Feb 4  
on athletics and  
club sports*

*-Meeting Feb  
18 on academ-  
ics and Fall 2010  
registration*

*-Meeting March  
18 on intern-  
ships and jobs*

*-Will continue  
to have guest  
speakers for the  
students*

## Founding of Theology Club creates discussion and goodwill

By **Allison Hogshead**  
Assistant Editor

Last semester, SGA chartered the creation of Theology Club after several years of effort from president Jason Moore and advisor Dr. Chris Franks.

The opportunities for members of the club, which is distinct from Philosophy Club, range from participating in theological discussions, helping the club's philanthropic efforts or attending lectures by guest speakers of local universities, which in the past have included Duke and Wake Forest.

The word "theology" comes from the Greek words "theos" meaning God—though not necessarily the Christian idea of God—and "logos" meaning study or word. This definition helps to explain the purpose of Theology Club.

"Theology Club is like Philosophy Club, but we are primarily concerned with the question of God, as well as ethics," Theology Club president Jason Moore said.

The 16-member group does have discussion meetings about questions such as "Is there salvation outside of Christianity?" but membership is not limited to Christians or religion majors. Theology Club members' majors include biology, psychology, philosophy, athletic training, computer science, and English literature and writing.

In addition to discussion on theological issues, the club is planning two philanthropic projects for the semester. The first will be in conjunction with the World Relief organization, in which the group will gather food and

supplies for a family in a refugee camp and then help that family to transition once they reach their refuge in America.

Theology Club also plans to contribute to Compassion International, whose slogan is "releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name." The club's donations will provide medicine, basic necessities, and education for a child in need.

Theology Club officers include the aforementioned Jason Moore, who also serves as the club's SGA representative, vice president Chris Meriwether, secretary Spencer Hatcher, and treasurer Clay Stradley.

Those interested in participating in Theology Club can email either Jason Moore at [moore306@highpoint.edu](mailto:moore306@highpoint.edu) or Dr. Franks at [cfranks@highpoint.edu](mailto:cfranks@highpoint.edu).

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-Meet bi-weekly  
Thursdays at 7  
p.m.*



# Women's basketball challenges perennial powerhouses

By Jarrett Rice  
Staff Writer

"We want to play as fast as we can play," says head coach Tooley Loy of the women's basketball team.

Ever since sustaining a four-loss streak toward the beginning of the season, the Lady Panthers have won nine of their last eleven games. One of those wins was against one of the Division I powerhouses, the University of Florida. That win was the first that High Point has ever had against a BCS team since moving into Division I play.

This year, on average, the Panthers have attributed their success to the depth of their team and the chemistry the team has built. Coach Loy said, "On average, you will see anywhere from nine to eleven players enter the game."

The depth in their roster allows them to execute their fast-paced style of play. This is evident in the statistics, which show that eight players on the roster average more than six points a game. Coach Loy believes that he coaches the fastest team in the conference and that is the main reason for their ability to get up

and down the floor.

The Lady Panthers also believe that points are mainly created off of defensive stops. They have accumulated 101 blocks thus far, compared to 51 for their opponents. This hard-nosed style of defense has created many 3-point opportunities in transition. Coach Loy believes that he has a team full of great shooters who can all make a

**Conference Record: 4-1**  
**Home record: 7-1**

3-pointer when needed. The team shoots approximately 33 percent from the 3-point stripe and holding their opponents to 26 percent.

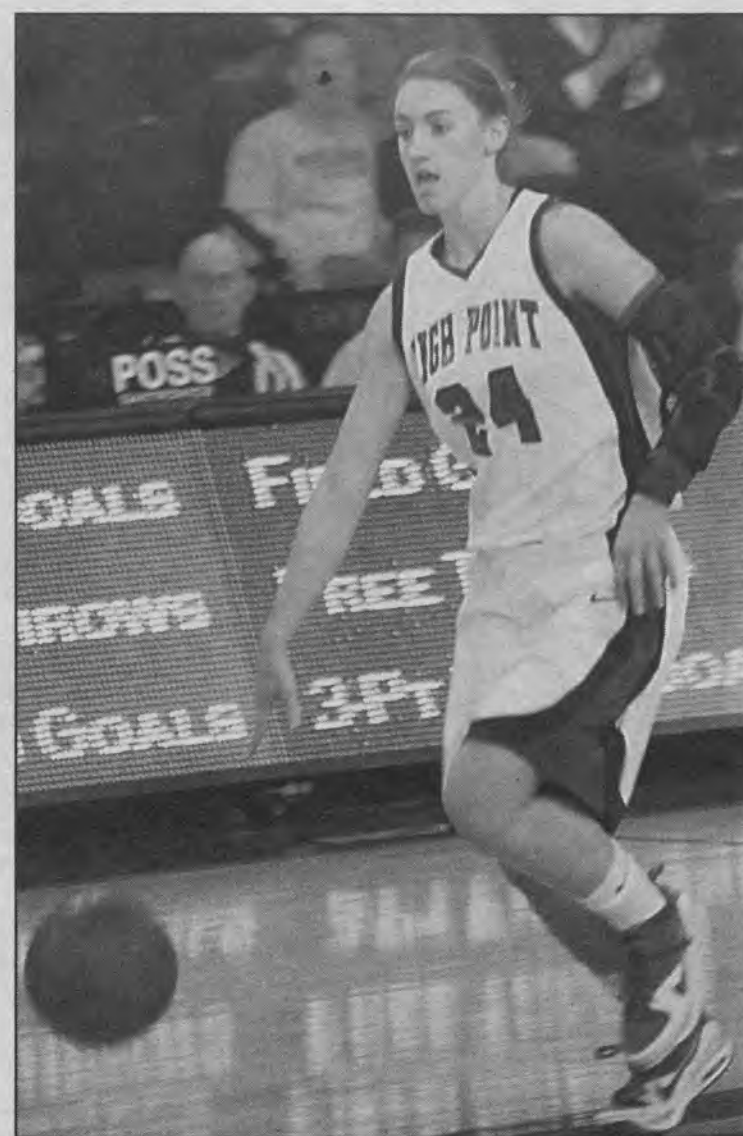
Their chemistry and willingness to help one another has been a major part behind their theme for this year, "Together!"

Coach Loy and his team are firm believers of giving extra time/energy to their team. Whitney Tarver, a fourth year senior, is the emotional and motivational leader of the team. Coach Loy says that she knows how much depth they have so she recognizes the importance of

keeping all of her teammates into the game and motivated.

Team chemistry for the Lady Panthers has gone a long way giving them a 7-1 home record and 4-1 in conference play. After the 69-60 win at home against Winthrop, the Lady Panthers will hit the road to face Presbyterian on Jan. 23 and UNC Asheville on Jan 25.

Looking towards the future, Coach Loy is excited about two recruits with a great amount of potential. The first player he mentioned is Cheyenne Walker out of Southwest Guilford High School, a 6' 4" center who will be an incoming freshman next year.



Junior Amy Dodd looks for an opening during the Winthrop game. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

The second player Loy mentioned was Carter Williams, a 5' 3" guard out of Spotswood High School in Virginia who will be joining the team next year.

## Panther Profile

### Manika Gamble (Hurdles) Women's Track and Field

Hometown: Jacksonville, N.C.

Year in school: Sophomore

Major and career plans:  
Human Relations

Favorite thing to do when you're  
not running track:  
Shopping; I really like fashion.

Most memorable track and field  
moment at HPU:  
Qualifying for NCAA Regionals in  
400-meter hurdles

Interests/Hobbies:  
Traveling, I just got back from  
London

Favorite Celebrity: Sanaa Lathan



Sophomore Manika Gamble  
Photo by Steven Haller.

#### Favorite Quote:

"Put your best foot forward and let the chips fall where they may."  
-Coach Dowdy, Jacksonville High School

One thing you could never  
live without: Chapstick

Greatest motivation when  
running a race:

I do not want to disappoint my  
teammates or myself.

Best advice someone has ever  
given you:

"You cannot love anybody else  
until you love yourself."

Music you listen to before a  
game:

Rap, not hard rap though. I like Lil' Wayne and Drake.



# Track mixes it up against top schools

By **Steven Haller**  
Sports Editor

After a three-week break from classes, the High Point track and field team is back in action and getting down to business.

Last week, the team's best athletes traveled to Blacksburg, Va. to compete in the Virginia Tech Invitational. HPU athletes raced alongside some of the best athletes from some of the most athletically prestigious schools in the East and were able to prevail with top-ten finishes in multiple events.

The annual Virginia Tech Invitational featured schools such as Wake Forest, South Carolina, University of Virginia, UNC Charlotte, and conference rival Coastal Carolina. These teams are among the most competitive in the Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina areas. For this reason, according to Head Coach Mike Esposito, the Panthers only sent their premiere athletes to compete in Blacksburg.

"As far as Virginia Tech [the

invitational], it is a higher level of competition, which is why we are kind of selective with who we take up there," explains Coach Esposito. "Coming back from break now, we really start to get into our season. Our distance kids have been working really hard all year round and our other athletes have been working since the beginning of school. Just like any sport, you want to get out and play to really see where you are at."

The Panthers did indeed play, and garnered quite a bit of success. On the women's side, senior Joya Canfield, junior Christina Fenske, sophomore Vanessa Piacente, and sophomore Manika Gamble were among the athletes representing High Point. Canfield was the top finisher for the Lady Panthers, finishing third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:16.40. Canfield also produced a personal record 2:59.36 in her 1000-meter run seventh-place performance.

"Joya had two good races this weekend," comments Coach Esposito. "She is setting herself up for a really good spring and I am very pleased with how she competed."

Another notable performance was that of former North Carolina state champion hurdler Manika Gamble, who finished ninth in the 400-meter with a time of 58.05 and was very close to a personal record with a time of 25.62 in the 200-meter, where she finished 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Vanessa Piacente finished tenth in the 1000-meter with a time of 3:04.90 and 11<sup>th</sup> in the 1600-meter with a time of 5:11.72, and Christina Fenske finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the high jump with a height of 5'3.

On the men's side, T.J. Brancaccio, Neal Darmody, Corey Grove, Josh Morgan, Jevin Monds, and John Taylor all earned a top-ten finish in their respective events. Brancaccio placed second in the pole vault with the height of 15'3, Darmody finished second in the 5000-meter with a time of 15:10.48, Grove finished seventh in the 1000-meter with a time of 2:33.94 and sixth in the 800-meter with a time of 1:57.05, Morgan finished seventh in the 3000-meter with a time of 8:36.12, Monds finished ninth in the 3000-meter with a time of 8:44.42, and Taylor finished ninth in the high jump with a height of 6'4.75.

When asked what he wanted to take away from this meet, Coach Esposito replied, "There are several things. You want to see where the kids are at in their training. You want to see improvement in the areas their coaches have been emphasizing. In the hurdles and field events, it is a little more technical and you want to see that they are working on those things. For the kids, it is just a good way to gauge their fitness at this point. You also want to see them compete and see how they will mix it up."

With a plethora of top ten finishes it is safe to say the Panthers mixed it up very well. Today, the High Point track and field team travels to Johnson City, Tenn. for the two-day Niswonger Invitational at East Tennessee State University where redshirt senior Jesse Cherry will return to compete in a High Point uniform. Coach Esposito will be taking the whole team to compete at ETSU in order to get a better idea of how the team compares to those of other schools this season.

## Men's basketball emerging as conference title contender

By **Jordan Cover**  
Staff Writer

The High Point Panthers men's basketball team has exceeded expectations thus far in the 2009-10 season. Despite receiving only modest expectations before the season, High Point has emerged as an early contender in the Big South Conference with a 9-8 overall record, including a 4-3 mark in conference play. The Panthers have been particularly successful at home, with a perfect record of 7-0.

The surprising early start is especially promising due to the fact that the Panthers, who finished in last place in the Big South in the 2008-09 season, are one of the nation's younger teams. While they do possess senior leadership from guard Eugene Harris and center Cruz Daniels, the majority of the roster consists of underclassmen. High Point has relied on

many of its younger players to carry the load.

Guard Nick Barbour, a sophomore, has emerged as one of the conference's best players. Several freshmen have also made an impact, including forward Corey Law, who has started every game this season, and guard Jairus Simms.

HPU's early success can be attributed largely to its exceptional shooting and guard play. Led by Barbour and Harris, High Point boasts a formidable backcourt. With a strong group of three point shooters and success from the foul line, High Point's offensive attack has blossomed into its biggest strength.

It remains to be seen whether High Point can continue to progress and potentially win the Big South, earning what would be its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Its biggest adversary will be Coastal Carolina, who has started the season 16-2 and is undefeated in conference play.

**Conference  
Record: 4-3  
Home Record:  
7-0**

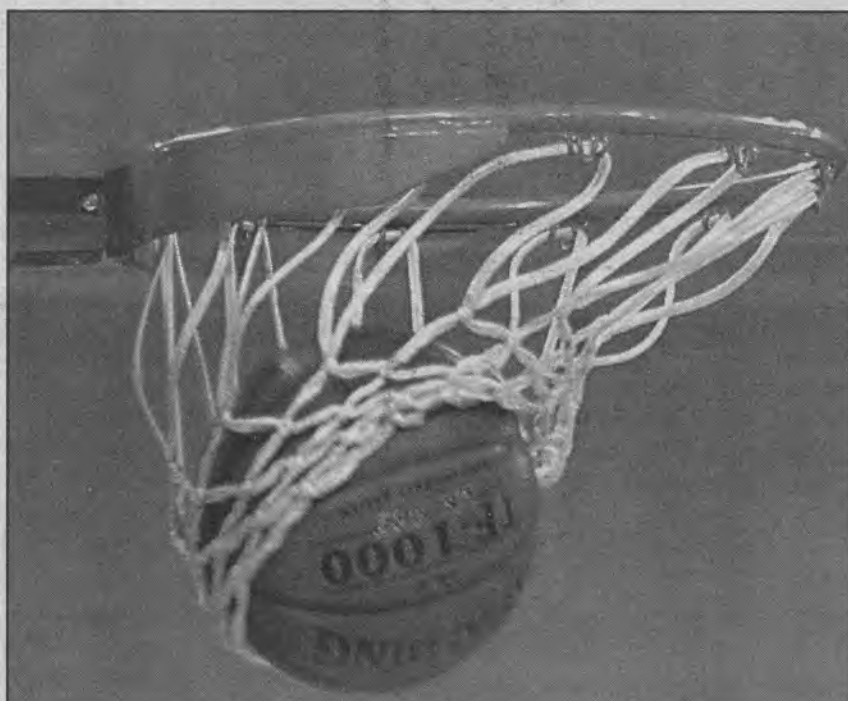


Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

## Talks of an NCAA basketball tournament expansion

By **Jordan Cover**  
Staff Writer

In recent years, there has been major support for the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, one of the most decorated events in all of sports, to expand from its current field of 65 teams per year.

There are currently over 340 schools playing Division I, and many feel that as the NCAA is ever-expanding, the tournament needs to expand as well.

There have been many different recommendations as to the number of teams which should be added to the field. The most popular suggestions have been an expansion to either 96 or 128 teams.

However, such massive expansion is a major change, and it may negatively affect the sacred image of March Madness.

The first and second rounds of the tournament, jam-packed with exciting games all day long for four consecutive days, is annually one of the most entertaining weekends in sports. However, whenever such a major

tournament occurs, there are schools on the outside looking in who complain about "deserving"

to make it and how they were unfairly left out. A larger field would include all of these schools, that barely missed the tournament, but no matter how many teams are included, there are going to be complaints from those who just missed, and at some point the field is so big that there is no substance to those arguments. This threshold has probably already been reached.

The annual 65-team tournament consists of 31 conference champions

and 34 at-large bids. Since its inception in 1939, the tournament has gradually

**Sports Analysis:  
should the  
NCAA expand  
the men's basket-  
ball tournament?**

expanded from 8 to 65 teams. Until the 1970s and 1980s, there were very

few at-large bids available, leaving out many of the nation's elite teams just for failing to win a conference tournament. Today, however, the exclusion of the nation's 35<sup>th</sup> best at large candidate is hardly a blow to the credibility of the tournament itself. Considering the fact that there is only one team that can win a national championship, it already seems unreasonable to conclude that the inclusion of 65 teams is necessary. Adding even more teams to the field will only add to the oversaturation, and some of the league's biggest conferences would likely have 7-12 teams in the tournament; a completely unnecessary number.

Even if there are major faults concerning potential expansion, there is one factor which will probably make it inevitable: money. The NCAA Tournament already brings in massive revenue from TV contracts, and a larger tournament will only bring in even more money. However, if the tournament does continue to expand, the purity and allure of one of the most extraordinary sporting events may be compromised.



# Bringing spirit to basketball season

By **Kelsey Hinchliffe**  
Staff Writer

The HPU cheerleading and dance teams have been taking center stage at both the men's and women's basketball games this season.

With both teams becoming increasingly more competitive, these athletic ladies are two groups that should not be overlooked.

The cheerleading team, led by head coach Brittany Maullin, has grown this season, attracting girls with extreme amounts of talent. The all-girls squad is made up of 16 members, all of whom can tumble. Compared to last season, where only 75 percent of the team could tumble, this is a huge improvement, according to Maullin.

Senior captain Ann-Marie Furr commented on the increasing stunting ability of the team. "When I was a freshman only five of us could do back handsprings. It also seems to me that more girls are taking interest to come out for the team," Furr said.

The girls, along with their normal routine practices, have now begun working twice a week with the HPU strength and conditioning coaches.

Maullin, who is in her third season of coaching, has witnessed the talent on her team grow immensely each season.

"I am proud of what we have accomplished this year and I am looking to strengthen the program and carry on the Panther pride tradition," Maullin said.

The dance team has been heading in a similar direction this season with their talent rising and the competition growing. Melissa Smith, the dance team coach

of three years, has seen how much the team has evolved.

The team started as a club team under the supervision of student life and has grown to the point that the dance team is now directed by the athletic department.

The dance team is made up of 21 girls divided into two separate teams. The purple team performs at all the men's basketball games while the black team performs at the women's games.

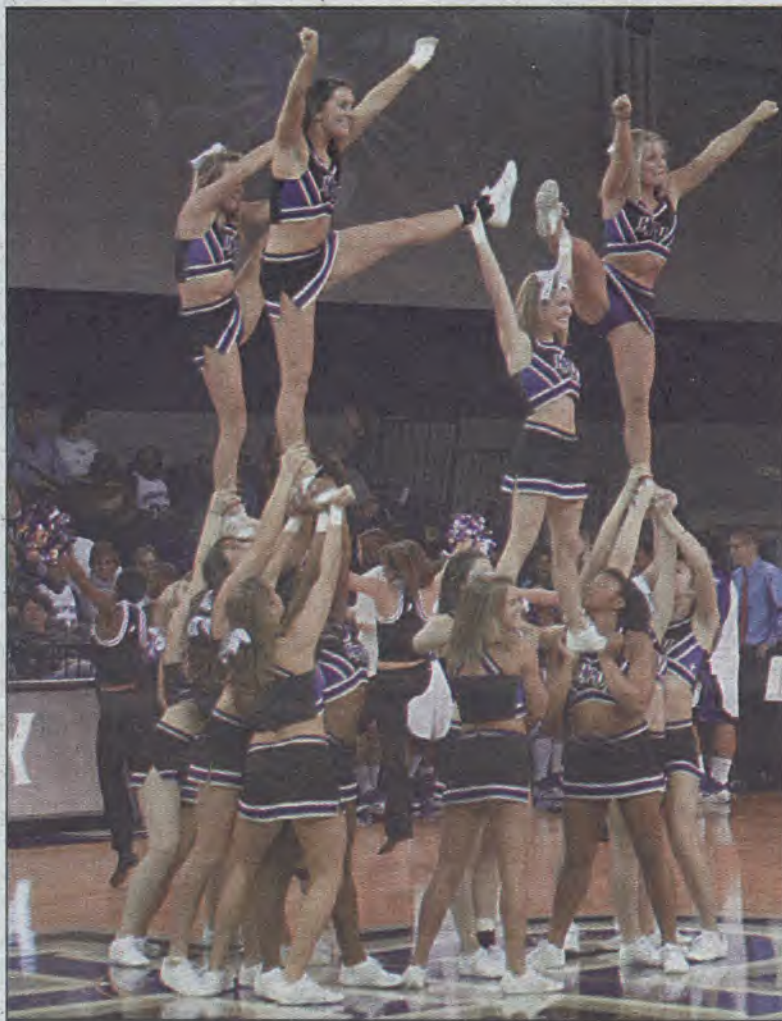
The dance team not only performs at varsity basketball games but they also take part in activities within the community. They volunteer at the Special Olympics, local middle and elementary schools, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Coach Smith wants to stress the importance of commitment that is found on her team. Her philosophy is: "If you are willing

to work, then there is a place for you on this team." The dance team's captains, Meighan Avalos, Brittany Loomis, Briana Duncan, and Charisse Duncan, support this commitment mentioned by Coach Smith.

"I am proud of the team. They work very hard, they maintain their grades, some have jobs, and they all have practice. No matter what, they manage to make the dance team look great and have an amazing work ethic," commented Coach Smith about her team.

Be sure to keep a look out for the HPU cheerleading team and dance team during their half time performances and on the sidelines at the men's basketball game this Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Millis Center.



Above: the cheerleading squad performs at halftime.

Above left: a formation leads fans in a cheer.

Above right: the dance team performs during a women's basketball game.

Right: Allison Tudor, freshman dance team member, during a performance.

Below: the cheerleading squad and dance team stand while the national anthem is played.

Left: Charisse Duncan, senior dance team member during a game.

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