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Campus Voices: What are your plans for Spring Break?

"Going to Maryland to work in a nuclear theoretical physics lab."
Colin McGuire, junior



"Going to the Bahamas with my parents."
Cetera Wright, sophomore



"Nothing fun or interesting, just necessary."
Ben Hensley, senior



"Going to Washington D.C. to visit my boyfriend, and going on daily adventures. Finally spending spring break in America."
Taylor Janzen, freshman

Prognosis is good for full-time doctor at HPU*Staff Editorial*

HPU students must have stopped eating apples because now the doctor's going to be here full-time. HPU administrators just announced that Dr. Danielle Mahaffey, who currently serves as the part-time doctor at Student Health, will punch in more hours at the clinic starting this July.

This move has many positive implications for HPU. First of all, as many students have experienced in recent months, the last cold and flu season hit campus hard and kept the Student Health office full. Having a full-time doctor could help prevent and control widespread flu virus infections in the future. According to HPU's press release, Dr. Mahaffey will focus on "health education and preventative measures to staying healthy year-round" in her new role.

The best part about Dr. Mahaffey being made full-time is the effect it will have on our school's reputation: with the change, HPU will join the big leagues in North Carolina's private institutions by becoming the third to have a certified medical doctor serving as medical director of the Student

Health Clinic. The other two schools are Duke and Wake Forest.

Dr. Mahaffey's promotion is representative of the overall changes that Student Health has made in last couple years. Last year, the clinic adopted a computerized system for check-ins, which helps streamline the waiting room process. Also, those who have visited the office in the last month might have been surprised to discover its most drastic changes: a new entrance and floor plan for the entire facility. Due to the relocation of the clinic door from the West to the North side of the building, Wilson residents don't have to worry about the security threat that was posed by the old design; in the past, anyone could have access to the dorm since the old entrance led to both Student Health and students' apartments.

This improvement to campus is one of the more practical amenities that HPU has to offer students. Students can't enjoy the pool if they are sick in their rooms. Hopefully having Mahaffey here full time will help students fight off the cold and flu season with greater ease.

The C is for convenience

By Jordan Oliver
Staff Writer

I was a culprit; in fact, most of us Panthers still are or used to be guilty as charged. The crime? We walk into our on-campus convenience store—otherwise known as the C-Store—take



one look at the prices, and walk right back out, convinced that we can buy that toothbrush or box of cereal for three dollars cheaper at the local Food Lion.

"A lot of people come in and complain about the prices and how high they are," stated C-Store student employee Beth Meloro. "But in reality, this is a convenience store, and compared to everywhere around here that is a convenience store, we actually are cheaper."

C-Store customers don't realize that the convenience store cannot be compared to a grocery store—*ever!* The two are completely separate and cater to entirely different needs.

By definition, according to AllBusiness.com, a convenience store is

a "small centrally located store featuring ease of access, late-night hours and a limited line of merchandise designed for the convenience shopper. Convenience stores charge above-average prices compared to large supermarkets that generate large-volume sales."

"People don't realize that part of the price is paying for your convenience with it being so close and so quick and easy," stated Meloro. "And it's not the same as a Harris Teeter or a Food Lion or Target."

Although the C-Store prices can't technically be compared to those of nearby grocery stores or other food markets, their prices are still looked unfavorably upon by many High Point students.

"I thought they were insane," said freshman Sam Paetow. "I would always go in and not want to buy something because I was like, 'This is crazy, I'm spending way too much money on this bag of chips when I could get it for so much cheaper at a grocery store.'"

What we all must keep in mind is that we are paying for the mere fact that we are able to purchase those chips in the same building as our dorm rooms.

It may be true that a 12.8 ounce box of Cinnamon Toast Crunch costs \$4.59 at the C-Store while costing only \$2.99 for a 17-ounce box at Harris Teeter, but how practical is a last minute trip to the

grocery store for a student without a car on campus?

"It's a convenient store, it makes it easier," Paetow said. "But still it's like 'Uh!' I'm still spending this money when I could go to a grocery store and get it cheaper. I accept the prices, I just don't like them."

Many students do not understand that the C-Stores are not meant to compete with surrounding food markets; they are simply unaware of the underlying purpose of the campus stores: to get them what they need, and get it to them fast.

With a new understanding of the term "convenience" and thus of the C-Store itself, student complaints should be silenced.

"When you go in initially, you think, wow, this is totally overpriced but when you do think of it in terms of going to a 7-Eleven or a Rite Aid—some sort of convenience store—the prices do make more sense," said sophomore Katie Bayer.

Do you want a midnight snack while you're cramming for that midterm, or not? Then stop complaining, pay the extra \$1.40 for that box of Nilla Wafers, and carry on with your studies.

After all, the ability to shop in your pajamas comes with a price.

The real world: There is "No Such Thing"

By Amanda Mayes
Staff Writer

Get used to the alarm blaring at an ungodly hour of the morning. Learn to make grocery lists. Understand the wonderfully tedious process of balancing a checkbook. Learn how to balance personal and professional lives in order to make it in the real world after finally leaving the world of academics.



This phrase is used continuously, but what is the "real world"?

Our years in college are supposed to prepare us for the responsibilities of adulthood – a job, a car, a living space, bills, a spouse, a family. There is nothing wrong with any of these things. But I cannot help feel that there has to be more to life than this. Something hidden between the cracks of ordinary.

This concept of the "real world" has been drilled into our minds for most of our lives. The education system has done an especially excellent job of stressing this concept. Students are frequently told that every homework assignment and every test are not merely busy work, but are teaching how to develop work ethic in preparation for life as an adult. Emphasis is placed on career, and black-and-white portraits of success defined by socioeconomic

status are painted readily.

Education is essential in shaping individuals and unearthing a wide range of experience and knowledge. But does the outmoded style of education to which we are exposed for most of our lives ultimately restrict the self-exploration necessary for success and finding happiness in the "real world"?

I have a wealth of knowledge, but how do I make use of it?

Society has created a new trend that prolongs the ambiguous period of life between childhood and adulthood. How can we prepare for our future if the age marking adulthood is pushed later and later into life? As a result, college is a period of irresponsibility and stunted self-awareness for some. But for others, college is a time to frantically prepare for the "real world." Driven by a nagging feeling that life and the chances for achievement and happiness are passing by, some individuals are in perpetual motion preparing for the future, but forgetting to live in the present. But what are we so frantically preparing for?

I am convinced that the "real world" does not exist. It is a concept used to hem individuals into the tattered fabric of a mundane world, where ordinary visions of the future shroud the endless potential and choices that life offers. Creativity in career choice, the pursuit of happiness, and living for that something else that life offers have been sacrificed by the drive for financial success.

John Mayer had a point in his song "No Such Thing": I just found out there's no such thing as the real world / Just a lie you've got to rise above."

Sports fans really make a difference!

By Brendan Agans
Special to the Chronicle

So it's the fourth quarter and the game is on the line. I know my team is counting on me. It's crunch time and I have got to do something to help the



team, so what do I do? I hop off the couch and flip and beg my 45-inch television set to let us win.

As a sports fan, I am part of a unique breed.

We eat, breathe and

live sports. They do not call us sports fans for nothing. If you did not already know this, fan is short for fanatic in this context and there is no better use of the word.

Why else would I stay up until 1 a.m. to watch my team play a game while wearing face paint? Oh yeah, I forgot to mention that I am on the other side of the country, but I stay up because I know that I have an impact on the game.

I can't explain it, but I just know that if I fell asleep, the world-class athletes on my team would crumble to defeat.

This is why I sit here in my chair, which is reclined all the way back, half awake, because as a guy with no athletic ability, I am helping my basketball team win the game.

I eat the same snacks every game - nachos and chicken wings - because those are what really get us victories.

I must have an impact; why else would I refer to them as my team? I'm not technically on the team, but I am definitely a part of their success.

What am I saying? Of course I meant our success.

I wake up the next morning late for work for the third day this week, but it's okay because we won last night.

After every victory I wait for my post-game call from the coach, but it never comes. That's fine though because our success is all the gratification I need.

Just last week I saw my favorite player and said hi. He ignored me only because he couldn't upset all the other fans by showing me special attention.

He doesn't have to worry because nobody has to tell me how important I am to the team.

A BARREL FULL OF ENVY BY: ALAINA FARRISH

ONE DAY IT
WILL BE
MY TURN!



A moment with the editors

Freddy or Jason?

Which season is your favorite?

What's your favorite hobby?

Katie Nelson
Editor-in-Chief



Freddy

Summer

Music

Tierney Gallagher
Opinion Editor



Neither... I hate scary movies!

Fall

Crafting

Trent Schneider
Online Editor



Jason

I hate bugs, so winter!

Video Games

Will Rains
Advertising Manager



Jason

Summer

Going Out

Refreshingly real: 'Blue Valentine' breaks away from staying together

By **Chelsie Merone**
Staff Writer

Not every relationship can be a happy one. Some seem to start off great, transitioning into the typical "honeymoon phase" where arguments are irrelevant and happily-ever-after is just around the corner. But what happens when reality sets in? What happens when two people who are so in love start to slowly destroy themselves? "Blue Valentine," starring Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams, is a look at the reality of being in love: the pain, the anger, and, most of all, the truth that no one wants to see.

Dean (Gosling) and Cindy (Williams) have been together for six years. With a daughter to think about, the two try and salvage what is left of their relationship. In between work, parenthood, family,

and personal issues, this surprisingly real couple struggles to get back to a time where they were truly happy.

Today, in Hollywood especially, marriage, dating, and relationships are portrayed in a very idealistic light. People seem to live in a state of bliss with little to no personal or financial struggles; even if there are some, they are resolved at the drop of a hat. This movie, as heartbreaking and painful as it is, is actually the first movie I have seen in a while where no one really wins. As awful as that concept is, it's refreshing to see. That is probably one of my favorite parts about this movie, the others being the outstanding performances given by the two leads and the direction.

Williams plays a quiet, independent woman who is looking to move up in the medical world. However, coming from a home where love wasn't shown

or encouraged, she is resistant towards others. Gosling plays your typical sensitive, misunderstood, bad-boy that every girl dreams about. Still, don't let that seemingly generic description fool you. Gosling definitely put his own twist on the role, nabbing himself three award nominations for male lead in a motion picture. Together these two characters both balance and overpower each other, making for an interesting dance over control.

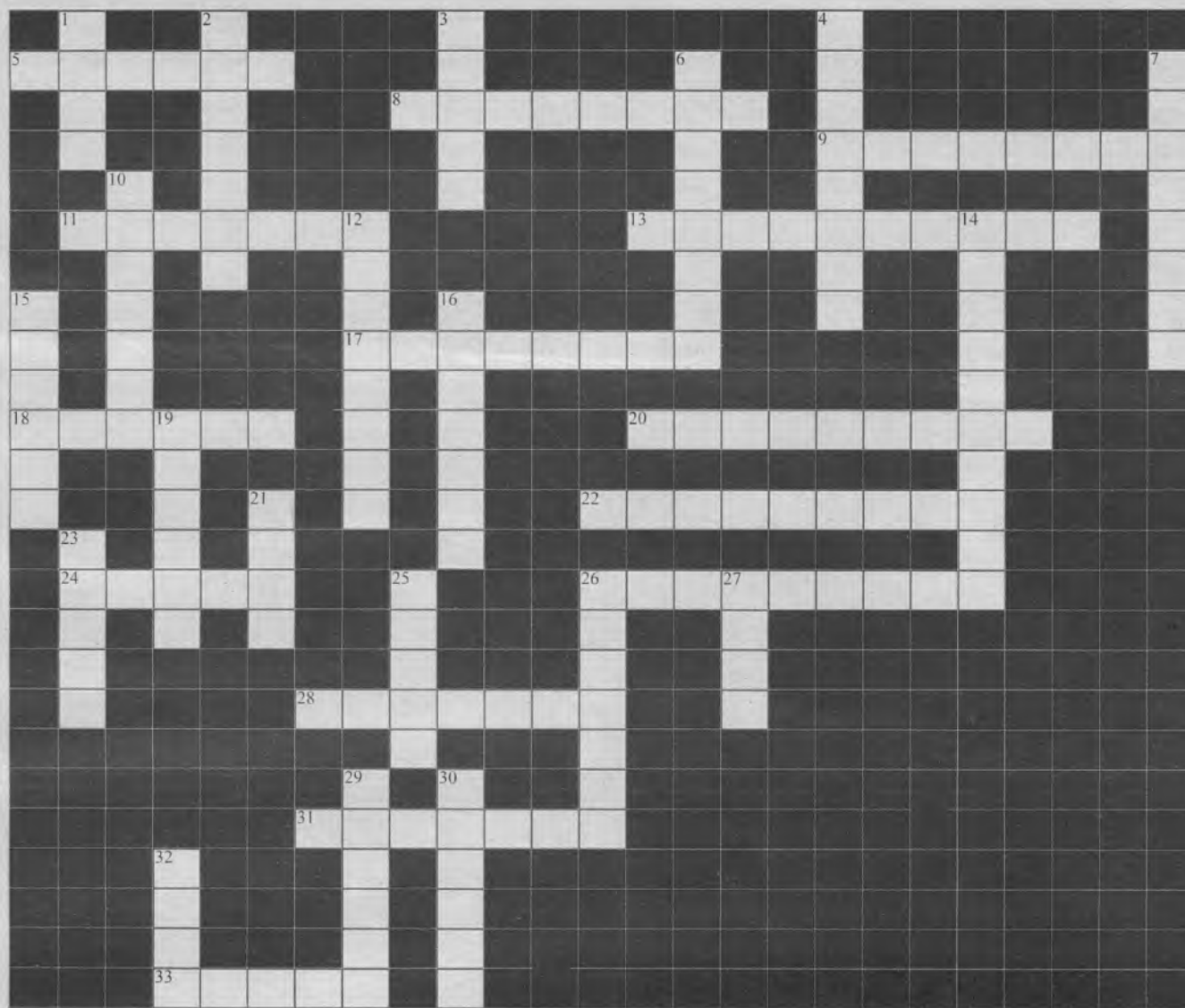
After a series of mistakes and coincidences bring them together, the struggles that come with married life and an unfulfilled need for the other's love tears them apart. Directed by Derek Cianfrance, who also co-wrote with Cami Delavigne and Joey Curtis, "Blue Valentine" is shot from a fly-on-the-wall perspective, allowing the audience to eavesdrop on the

most intimate aspects of this failing relationship.

Truthfully, not everyone will be able to relate to the characters because not everyone has been in such a serious and intense relationship. Still, the message about love, commitment, and admitting the truth to yourself and others is something that everyone should be able to understand.

Initially I was on the fence about this film. There were certain scenes I didn't connect with, or bits of dialogue I thought were off, but after I really thought about all of the pieces as a whole, I realized this was an incredible collection of so many cinematic elements. Using dramatic close-ups, crosscutting, and a painfully romantic score, this film's overall product is amazing. Anyone who doesn't mind a little heartbreak should absolutely see it.

Homage to our forefathers: facts from the White House



Across

5. First president to donate his salary to charity.
8. Served 30 days in office.
9. Grew up in a family of 13 children.
11. Played golf, poker twice a week, followed by baseball and boxing and snuck off to a burlesque shows.
13. A skilled chef, he was famous for his vegetable soup, steaks and cornmeal pancakes.

17. He installed the first bathtub and kitchen stove in the White House.
18. Purchased Florida from Spain for the cancellation of \$5 million in debts.
20. Personally hanged two murderers.
22. He was related by blood or marriage to 11 former presidents.
24. Swam nude in the Potomac River everyday.

26. First president to shake hands with guests.
28. At 6 foot 4 inches, he was the tallest president.
31. He stood 5 feet 4 inches tall and was the shortest president.
33. First vice president to assume office after the death of a president.

Down

1. Survived a gallstone operation at age 17.
2. He was the only president to appoint his brother to a cabinet post.
3. He lived 90 years, 247 days.
4. One of his eyes was nearsighted and the other farsighted.
6. Was once punched in the eye by the mayor of Boston.
7. He took his four years salary,

- \$100,000, in a lump sum at the end of his term.
10. He was the only president to have been a prisoner of war.
12. He was the last of seven presidents born in a log cabin.
14. The only president elected unanimously.
15. Refused to sleep in Lincoln's bed during a White House visit.
16. Played the saxophone in a jazz trio.

19. He made more than 50 movies, mostly westerns of action pictures.
21. Vomited on the prime minister of Japan.
23. Wife refused to serve alcohol in the White House.
25. He was arrested for driving his horse too fast and was fined \$20.
26. U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million.
27. He was a model for Cosmopolitan

- and Look magazines.
29. He was the first president who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.
30. He installed the first central heating system in the White House.
32. He inaugurated the custom of the president throwing out the first pitch of the beginning of the baseball season.

Crossword by Brandon James

Donkey Kong returns with a barrel-blasted vengeance!

By **Trent Schneider**
Online Editor

Donkey Kong Country Returns is a long awaited sequel to the Super Nintendo classic Donkey Kong Country. The game encompasses many of the same qualities as the original, while adding a few new tricks of its own.

The story of the new game tells the tale of heroes Donkey Kong and Diddy Kong, who are battling the minions of the tiki masks, which are very reminiscent of the Crash Bandicoot series. The masks have stolen their supply of bananas. It isn't a very enthralling story, but then again, as fans will tell you, the best feature of this platforming game is the gameplay, not the storyline.

The game itself plays very much like the original game. Players run, jump, swing, and shoot out of cannon barrels while making their way to the inevitable boss battles. Donkey Kong Country Returns, however, has many new tricks for the duo to perform that will help them on their journey. One of these new tricks is the barrel jet.

The barrel jet is basically a rocket pack that Diddy Kong wears during the game. It allows the player to essentially hover either left or right after jumping, which can be really great for those

they don't share. For Donkey Kong, this includes the ground point where he literally smacks the ground while damaging enemies or altering terrain. With Diddy Kong, there is the peanut

added to this list in Donkey Kong Country Returns is the rocket barrel, not to be confused with the many other barrel-based objects. Exactly as its name describes, the rocket barrel is a barrel that flies like a rocket. This allows for a few levels of side scrolling and top down flying action.

One other interesting feature of the game is the super guide system. This is a feature where those who are having trouble with a certain part of a level are given the option to have the game control your character and beat the rest of the level for you. When I say that it will beat the rest of a level for you, I'm not just talking about standard levels, I'm talking about the boss fights too. This is an interesting feature that acts as a double-edged sword. On one hand, it can really help those who have tried a level fifty times and just can't seem to get past it. On the other hand, you can use this feature as

many times as you want, which means the game can essentially play itself.

As a whole, Donkey Kong Country Returns is a great game that has earned its right to be the successor of Donkey Kong Country for the Super Nintendo. It has managed to take an already great game and raise it to the next level.



Donkey and Diddy Kong battle Tikis in Donkey Kong Country Returns to regain his stolen bananas.

Photo courtesy of Nintendo.

long jumps that you just don't quite hit properly. Then there is the good old-fashioned blow ability that allows Donkey and Diddy to use their breath as a way to trigger switches or even blow out fire enemies that cannot be touched until their fire is gone.

There are also unique skills that

popgun. The popgun allows Diddy to shoot peanuts at enemies and take them out from a safe distance.

Along with these new moves are some new "vehicles" for Donkey and Diddy to use. In the original game, players could ride a full set of different animals as well as mine carts. Newly

Tiger Woods + The Masters = true love (for gamers)

By **Jared Johnson**
Staff Writer

Lately when people hear the name Tiger Woods, it has nothing to do with golf. Whether it is about his divorce or another sponsor letting him go, golf is the last thing on everyone's mind. Hopefully for Woods, he will be able to turn some of his luck around with the upcoming release of this year's version of "Tiger Woods PGA Tour" video game.

Due to the help of Electronic Arts (which has been responsible for developing and publishing the game over the years) and Tiger Woods' name, the franchise has always been a great success. This year, however, the game has something even better to offer. For the first time ever, The Masters at Augusta National will be included in the video game. It doesn't take a sports guru to know the significance of The Masters. It is the most sought after victory in all of golf.

People who have purchased the game in the past have always asked the same question: where is the Masters? Well those people finally have an answer.

Owen Good, a reporter, sports columnist and weekend editor for Kotaku (an online gaming blog), wrote about the development of the newest Tiger Woods game.

"More than three years in the making - under unbelievable secrecy - EA Sports and its Tiger Woods PGA Tour franchise will at last deliver Augusta National,

Everyone's assumption of why The Masters was never in the game before was simply that people thought The Masters was too elitist to be in video

only when the course was perfected for presentation and playability would Augusta National approve its inclusion."

Leave it to the Masters to make sure every detail has to be perfect in a video game for them to give the "ok."

Another new feature that will be offered in this year's game is caddies.

"Wearing the iconic Augusta National-issued white jumpsuit when you play that course - will make their first appearance in the game," Good said. "They will be a secondary character progressing with a player's career, dispensing club selection and shot placement advice."

This is just another touch to make this game as authentic as possible.

The release date for this game is set for March 29 and for fans of this franchise, it is an obvious no-brainer to purchase this game. The Masters is what everyone has been waiting for and what most people believed would never happen. Not

having The Masters is like a football video game without the Super Bowl. It will most likely be the closest people will ever get to playing at The Masters themselves.



Tiger Woods PGA Tour 12 features commentary by CBS sports commentator Jim Nantz.

Photo courtesy of EA Sports

Amen Corner, the Green Jacket, and The Masters, the most famous sporting event never to appear in an American video game," Good said.

It is a great gift that will be offered in this year's game and to think that for three years nothing was ever leaked to the public.

games. However, that was not the case.

"The wait came largely from EA Sports Tiburon's 80-man development team, knowing they had to hit every detail perfect on the first try," Good said. "So while the two sides had been in agreement on bringing The Masters to a video game for several years,

Grad school has more reading but cooler classes

By Stephanie Schwartz
Staff Writer

Do you think that you have a lot of homework? Try balancing a regular undergraduate program with graduate level classes. That's what students like Brandon Rivera and Matthew Wells have been doing. Rivera and Wells are amongst the first group of students to enroll in the B.A. to M.A. Strategic Communication program that allows students to start their master's degree while completing their undergraduate degree.

"Graduate school is so much harder than undergraduate classes," Wells said. "It requires so much reading and studying outside of class. Before, I could skim some reading and fake it enough to get by, but now if I do not read before class I am in big trouble. I love the new open discussion type classes where we sit around for three hours and discuss a topic, but it requires that you read!"

Wells has all of his graduate level courses at night from 6-9 p.m. He has many days during the week free, which allow for lots of studying for his rigorous schedule. Although faced with a demanding program, these students are goal oriented. "After the program I want to get into producing. I may end up in Texas or even in New York, but wherever this takes me I will go. I really want to intern at SNL, so that's a fun option!"

Rivera has had a similar transition as Wells into graduate level courses. "Graduate school is a large step up from undergraduate studies," said Rivera. "You are required to think more in-depth and read to enhance your knowledge. While it is harder, you are more connected with the professors and faculty to help you on a weekly basis with readings and writings."

Why choose such an intense program? "A lot of studying goes into graduate work. But it is easy to manage with diligence and commitment to ensure you com-

plete all your assignments on time," Rivera said.

After five years of study, students will be able to go on to achieve their goals in a more timely fashion. "I plan on furthering my studies to receive my doctorate degree, but I need to pay off the buildup of student loans first. So I will try and find a smaller college to teach Communication at, until I have the finances ready to get my Ph.D. and teach at a higher level university," said Rivera.

Dr. Virginia McDermott, director of the Master's Program in Strategic Communication, appears to love her job. When asked what it was like to work and teach in this accelerated program, she had nothing but praise for the students, program, and direction in which the program is moving. "Ask professors what their dream teaching assignment would be, and this would pretty much be it," McDermott said. "I get to work with a small group of smart, motivated students who are all interested in the same general topic. The students who participate in the B.A. to M.A. program are among the most creative, hard-working, and talented students we have, so it's great working with them. And the key part of this program is that we're working together—it's not me lecturing, it's us discussing and figuring out approaches to public relations and health communication."

For most students on campus, they have never heard about this new program. "I think our graduate students will be our best advertising," said McDermott. "I think many students are interested in earning their master's of arts by staying just one additional year, but once they realize that

they get to design a program around their interest and create actual campaigns, I anticipate many more students applying for the program. In fact, a number of freshmen have already said that they want to start planning for this program and have asked what they can do to get ready to apply."

McDermott anticipates the program growing to a small, selective number of forty to fifty students within five years. If students are interested in applying for the program, contact McDermott at ginny@highpoint.edu or call 336-841-9384.



The B.A. to M.A. Strategic Communication program began classes in January 2011.
Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

Do deer like grape juice better than Starbucks?

By Skylar Mabe
Staff Writer

I am addicted. I saw more in my first hunting trip than most people see all their lives or so I hear.

It began at 8 a.m., not too early thank goodness. I woke up and drove to meet my hunting buddy. He surprised me with my own pair of Bass Pro Shop coveralls and a new pair of camouflage hunting boots. If I didn't kill anything, at least I would look good trying.

Our first stop was a little side of the road truck stop where we had breakfast. I got the tenderloin biscuit, a guaranteed good start to the day.

An hour and a half later we arrived in Caswell County. It's in the central hunting region of North Carolina, about 30 minutes from Virginia.

I arrived at Weadon Road Hunt Club, where 1500 acres were waiting for me to hunt, or get lost or who knows what else. It was then that I made a critical decision.

I had a Starbucks coffee in one hand and a Welch's grape juice in the other. I was advised, no matter which one I took on the stand, to keep the drink closed at ALL times. Deer can smell things as far as a mile away and they apparently do not like the smell of human mixed with juice or coffee.

So of course, with my newly found knowledge of deer I decided to take the grape juice. I thought hmm... it's natural and fruity. The deer won't like it but they can't possibly hate it.

According to my hunting buddy my day began in a hurry. It's nearly impossible for someone to see action a mere 45 minutes into sitting. Well call me a miracle worker for I have defeated the impossible. This next part brings chills to my bones just thinking about it.

It's 10 a.m. I'm perched on a 16 foot tree stand. I hear leaves crunching all around me but I see nothing except squirrels.

My tenderloin biscuit is settling; I'm bundled up in my new coveralls and boots. Lucky me, I chose the stand with the foot rest. I propped my feet on the foot rest, shifted to the right so the trunk of the tree wouldn't be square in my back, crossed my arms and dozed off.

...daydreaming

..... Eye lids flutter

.....open eyes to make sure there are no bears or monsters that could get me

Coast is clear

...back to sleep

Crunch Crunch Crunch Crunch. SSSSSSSSSSSstttt. Okay, I'm awake now.

Something much larger than a squirrel had awoken me from my slumber. Whatever it was had walked up behind me and now it was directly underneath me.

You see, there was a reason why I went to sleep. I dropped my grape juice cap, a NO-NO in the woods, so I decided it was best to doze off until my scent on the cap had faded away, which would take a couple of hours.

Well whatever it was, was more interested in the grape juice than my scent. It urinated on my tree then pawed at the cap, turning it over and sniffing it. It pawed at my tree like a bull paws the ground before a charge

Grape juice, it let off a smell the deer wasn't pleased with.

It let out a grunt through its nostrils. I will never forget that sound.

It was like he breathed in all the air in the woods and exhaled it at one time, snot and all, on my grape juice cap.

This thing was directly under me. I couldn't see it and to be honest, I didn't really want to. I was a nervous wreck. My hands started shaking and my heart was beating so fast I couldn't breathe. I had to make a move but he would make the first.

He turned around and walked to the pines he had come from. I tried to compose myself and lifted one sweaty hand to unlock the safety on my .243 Winchester featherweight. Click. Click.

He heard it. S***. His antlers turned my way so that they were horizontal. He was beautiful, eight points in all.

I sat still; the only thing moving was my heart. His head dropped and leaves began crunching again. The next time I saw him, he was about 40 yards to my left. I had to take a shot. It was my first day of hunting; if I shot him I would be a legend- If I didn't, there's always next time.

I raised the gun to my underarm, the soft place between my chest and my shoulder. I found him in the crosshairs on my gun and pulled the trigger.

Within the first few hours of opening day, I missed my first deer. A tree too small to be seen from my stand stood between the buck and the bullet.

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What happens when charities collide?

By **Kim Wilson**
Staff Writer

Relay for life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, is beginning its second year at High Point University thanks to students Emily Garrish, 19, of Baldwin, Md., and Natalie Mazzei, 19, of Fairfax Station, Va. Arriving at High Point University as freshmen Garrish and Mazzei were randomly assigned as roommates. They found out they were both involved with Relay For Life in high school and were disappointed that it wasn't at High Point.

From there these two girls decided to take the initiative to start Relay For Life at High Point.

Their first attempt to get the event started was shot down, but their confidence was not. "We had a lot of motivation to show the faculty and school we could accomplish something that hadn't been done before by freshmen," Mazzei said. Thanks to their motivation, Relay For Life was granted permission.

Meeting their goal of \$20,000 last year and enthused to host Relay for a second year, Garrish and Mazzei raised the goal of the event to \$40,000. They felt confident until another fundraising event came into the picture causing concern for Relay.

Mazzei and Garrish feel Livestrong, a fundraiser run by the senior class, could possibly jeopardize Relay's success this year. Relay for Life, a student run organization with limited support, finds itself up against Livestrong, an organization that has the support of select faculty members and the entire senior class.

After being contacted by Livestrong reps, Mazzei attended a meeting that left her discouraged. It was suggested that Relay combine forces forwarding their

proceeds to Livestrong.

Maghon Walker, from the Livestrong campaign, said Livestrong's attempt to combine forces was, "for the sake of working together to fight cancer." Still, respectfully, the option of combining was unacceptable to Mazzei and Garrish, whose intentions were to raise money for The American Cancer Society.

Their other option—there would be competition.

"For me I felt kind of betrayed," Mazzei said. The girls feel like they haven't really had the support their charity deserves, "At the end of the day there are only select people who really want to help," Garrish said. However, Walker doesn't feel Livestrong has more support than other events that have been held.

Mazzei and Garrish fear

Livestrong's presence will make it hard for Relay to succeed, "So now it's a struggle because we are up against this huge event that is basically doing the same thing as us," Garrish said. Walker said Livestrong is just seizing an opportunity to "Do something fun and give back."

Mazzei and Garrish's hopes are that

Livestrong and Relay For life can both succeed without clashing and it seems that is what Livestrong's intentions are as well. "We are all doing the same thing here, raising money for a good cause, not a competition," Walker said.

is unsure if they will reach their goal either. "Relay For Life is a national fundraising event and this is just a one year event raising money for a good cause, and both can happen," Walker said.

Relay For Life, with just over 15 percent of their goal accomplished, has a long way to go, but the attitudes of the girls seem like they are up for the challenge. Hosting their event indoors this year will keep costs down and with more fundraisers planned there is still hope for success.

"We just really want people to get involved," Mazzei said. Anyone can sign up for \$10 and start donating and fundraising on their own. The actual event will be held on April 9 in the Millis Center. According to the American Cancer Society, participating in Relay For Life is, "a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have

battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease."

Although their lofty goal of \$40,000 may not be met, charity should not be measured merely by quantity but by the very act itself. Garrish and Mazzei's motivation is what got them started and it is also what will keep them going.

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What I learned from crayons and jump ropes

By Katie Harmon
Special to the Chronicle

It's enough to knock you out. The mingled stench of day-old beans, dirty diapers, cheap beer and human sweat sears through the dust of the dry dirt streets and smolders under the Costa Rican sun. It is our fifth day in La Carpio, a squatter-town that had been built atop a landfill, and I am still not used to the smell.

"I don't think it would be so bad if it wasn't for the heat and the wind," I say to whoever complains, and they always answer, "No. I think it would."

Beads of sweat run down my back as I lay out the materials for the day: crayons, Legos, face paint, glue, paper plates and a jump rope. These alone remain of the trunk-loads of supplies we had gathered and hauled over from our school in North Carolina.

We are a group of less than 40 high school seniors, and in only five days we have added a second story to the only church in this shanty town. It has been my job to lead and organize a Vacation Bible School in the church for the children in the community, and I'm tired. Everyone is tired. It is only 9 a.m., and already, as I look at the faces of my classmates, I can see my own weariness reflected in their eyes.

There are too many

Four days of nearly 80 children a day, starving for our love and attention have left us completely drained. All of our clothes are stained with dirt and face paint. Our feet are bruised from walking over mounds of rock and glass, and I've never seen so many teenage boys so badly in need of a shave. Yet, we laugh and joke and smile at each other. Somehow in the past four days I think we have come to appreciate something about life that we hadn't really noticed before. I can't quite put my finger on it.

It is time to start. Just now, the church pastor walks into the room and says something in Spanish to Mrs. Vestal, one of our chaperones who doubles as our translator.

"Hay demasiados." That is all I can make out. He said, "There are too many."

Mrs. Vestal informs me that there are over 100 children lined up in the street outside the church. We have enough supplies for about 60. "What do you want to do?" she asks. I don't know what to do, so I'll let the others decide.

I walk across the dusty concrete floor of the sanctuary and stand before my peers. "There are too many children outside. We don't have enough supplies for them. I know you've all worked really hard, and you're tired. What do you want to do?"

As I spoke, I watched the faces, which had been so overcome with weariness only moments before, light up with excitement. "Let them in," they say.

As we open the church door we are greeted by 15 or 20 pairs of little twinkling eyes. Five or six tiny brown hands reach out to take mine, and a chorus of little voices begins to scream out some of our names. "Miguel! Raquel! Esteban!" Michael, Rachel and Stephen run out to answer those screams. Each of us searches the line for faces that we know, but the line never seems to end. Along the cinder-block wall of the church, past a row of tin and plastic huts, around the corner, past the barred windows of the local market, the line

goes on and on.

Within seconds laughter peels through the tiny church. A hundred different versions of "Jesus Loves the Little Children" ring out in Spanish, and a stampede of bare feet race to the pews in anticipation of the day's lesson. It is "Daniel and the Lion's Den." Little eyes grow wide as the children hear of how God helped Daniel escape the jaws of hungry lions.

"God helped Daniel because He loved him," a timid voice says in Spanish. It is Miriam. I met her on the second day. I had helped her fasten the thread-bare mud-caked things she calls shoes. Since then the six-year-old hadn't left my side.

"Yes," I answer, "and He loves you too."

"I love Him too...and I love you," Miriam smiles.

"I love you too," I smile back.

Lost in translation

After a few rounds of songs and games we send the kids home for lunch. Most just play in the street or wait by the church door.

We had been told, before we left home, that we would eat a lot of black beans and rice. We did not know that "a lot" actually meant "only." The church ladies provide us with lunch every day, and every day they proudly present us with black beans, rice and plantains.

Today, however, as we walk into the back room that serves as a dining hall, we smell something wonderful... something fried. Word spreads quickly that lunch will not be the usual beans and rice, and the construction team, streaked with dirt and sweat, hurries in to take their places at the table.

Styrofoam take-out boxes are placed in front of us, and upon opening them we find that the women have made us a surprise lunch: fried chicken and French fries.

As we clap and cheer gratefully, the church ladies begin to cry. "Gracias, gracias," they mutter as they move around the table kissing each of us on the cheek. By the time lunch is over, every plate has been cleaned.

We prepare for the children to return for the afternoon craft. They will probably come back with a sibling or neighbor, and I am still not sure what we are going to do once our small stock of craft supplies is gone. We pour water into the face paint and break the crayons in half in an attempt to make them go farther, but still I am worried.

We open the heavy metal church doors and I am at once surrounded by a sea of glossy black curls. "Te queremos! We love you!" they scream, as they present me and the other girls with dark red flowers that they have picked from a bush outside the church.

"Te queremos! Te queremos!"

By the time we get them settled enough to start their crafts, I have 11 or 12 flowers tucked behind my ears, arranged in a ring around my ponytail and shoved into the pockets of my shorts. We begin our craft, making lion masks out of paper plates.

"Oh no, what's wrong now?" I think to myself when I hear the first sounds of crying. It's Genesis. She is very young, and the older children have left her out.



Genesis was one of the younger children at the program.

Picture provided by Katie Harmon.

There are not enough plates for her to make a mask. I reach down and pick her up. This is what I was afraid of.

"She... color with me," a small voice says in broken English. It's David. I look down at him and laugh. He has a big yellow star painted over his entire face, and he is looking up at me with a wide toothy grin.

"Gracias, David," I chuckle as I put Genesis down beside him. He reaches over, wipes her tears away, and breaks his already-too-small crayon in half for her.

I walk over to where four of my classmates are playing jump rope with some of the older kids. I take one end of the rope and begin to sing "Miss Mary Mac" as my friend John, a big burly 17-year-old, starts to jump double-dutch with three 12-year-old girls. He trips and falls on purpose, and we all roll around on the floor laughing like it's the funniest thing we've ever seen.

It is almost 5 p.m. and the sun is beginning to sink over the "rich coast." It is time to send the children home. At the end of every day we usually give them a small gift to take with them: a matchbox car, a ribbon, some bubble

gum. But not today. There's nothing left to give them.

"Lo siento. No mas." "I'm sorry. No more," We say sadly.

"Gracias!" They laugh, and kiss my hands and run outside. They're grateful anyway.

One man's trash is another man's treasure

We start to clean up for the last time, though there is little left to clean up. We sweep and straighten the pews and say our goodbyes to the pastor and the church ladies.

We begin the long trek back to our bus that waits on the outskirts of the town. As we walk, we pass the huts where our children live. They come out and take our hands. They want pictures, so we stop and take pictures with whoever asks. Many of them have never seen a picture of themselves.

They walk with us the rest of the way, pulling on our shirttails and pressing the backs of our hands against their cheeks. We kiss them goodbye and get into the bus. As it starts to pull away, tears run down their dirty faces and they beat the sides of the bus with their hands. "Te queremos," they scream.

"Te queremos tambien! We love you too!" we

scream back, and they run after us for as long as they can. I bury my face in my hands and cry.

On the ride back I sit next to Rachel Haferman. "I don't understand," she says to me. "They're so happy. They have so little and live in such horrid conditions compared to us, and they are so much happier. I don't understand."

"Well, one man's trash is another man's treasure," David Stapp laughs from behind us.

I smile at him. Maybe that's it. Maybe that's the thing I couldn't put my finger on. In the past five days I had been more tired, and dirty, and truly happy than I had ever been. That's it. We came here to help them, to teach them, but they had taught us something too. Here we had no cell phones, computers, or televisions to monopolize our attention. There was nowhere to go, nothing to dress up for, no one and nothing to work for but the kids. In having nothing we had gotten pretty close to having exactly what we wanted, what everyone wants. We had learned to be happy, happy with nothing because they were grateful for everything.

Johnston transformed by study abroad experience

By Margaret Fanning
Special to the Chronicle

As she walks through the campus she can feel the stares and hear the snickers from the other students. Today is no different than any other day.

She's dressed in white pants that are tight to her shin and then puff out with fabric that flows from her knees to her thighs then fits snugly on her waist again; her shirt is a cream fitted v-neck with a black decorative print on it, the shoes: a brown leather sandal that ties up the ankle. Her dirty blonde hair is securely wound in dreadlocks, freshly waxed that morning. Her jewelry consists of a mixture of sand colored hemp rope, blue, green and white beads and dark leather articles placed on her neck and wrists, each containing significance and a memory.

That's Jillie.

"I hear the people laughing. A girl has even gone up to my friend and asked why I was dressed like a pirate. Then I walked into the Café and the cashier woman looked me up and down and just started laughing at me," Jillie Johnston said.

Johnston is a senior at High Point University. Majoring in sociology, she has a genuine interest in people, which has caused her to become active in many facets of campus life. As an ambassador, she gives tours of the High Point campus to interested students. She plays on the women's soccer team, is involved in a service sorority and also is involved with Athletes in Action. She's a hard working student who does well and enjoys having a good time with all sorts of people. But once she steps into her closet, she sets herself apart from the rest.

Unlike the array of dresses, skirts, blouses and leggings you would find in the average female's closet, Johnston finds herself looking through brightly colored shirts, baggy, hippie pants along with a number of different vests, like her brown and white plaid vest with an almost wool like texture and vintage jackets. Vintage jackets that even the late Michael Jackson would be envious of. None of the apparel resembling anything that her roommates and friends would be caught dead in.

Before she visited Greece last spring, her life seemed to all fit into a little box. Go to school, dress like everybody else, become a lawyer, do the "normal" things that everybody else does. But for Johnston, there was unrest. She was unhappy with being who everybody else wanted her to be.

"I would dress more to conform because that was the cool thing to do, and that's why and how people accepted you. Whether it was high school or the first couple years of college, that's what you had to do to be accepted. I would dress more like everyone else."

The Study Abroad

Life changed when she moved to Greece through the HPU study abroad program.

"It was the most freeing feeling. No one knew who I was and I would never see most of those people ever again. I could be who I wanted to be and do what

was never going to see them again.

She continued her metamorphosis through her experiences in Greece, but the time came when she had to travel back to America. She knew it wasn't going to be easy. She had to find a way to express herself freely and not fall back into the mold that others wanted her to be.



Jillie Johnston studied abroad in Greece in the Spring of 2010.

Photo provided by Margaret Fanning

I wanted to do and it didn't matter."

In Greece, Johnston discovered that life is not about what you wear, how you look or even what people think of you. She would go to class sweating on most days following a long run. She was also encouraged by her friends in the study abroad program and those whom she had met in Greece to pursue her desire to get dreadlocks, which she did.

But her transformation was more than just skin deep. Johnston realized that the desires she had and the vision she shared were not discouraged; rather, they were encouraged by those she surrounded herself with. If she wanted to go drink wine on the Acropolis she would do just that because she was surrounded by people who did not judge her. She was able to reinvent herself, and if there were people who did not agree with her or like her for who she was, it did not matter because she

The Internship

Upon arriving home, Johnston had a summer internship with a law firm. She had always thought that law was something she wanted to pursue mainly because she wanted to help people and "put the bad guys away." What she did not realize was that practicing law was a bit more complicated. There was not reconciliation or forgiveness, two concepts Johnston had learned to accept and put into practice while in Greece.

"When I was over in Greece I became more comfortable with myself and who I was; I learned how to forgive a lot more and accept people for who they are. I talked to a lot of people and met a lot of people and everyone has their own story to why they are the way they are and why they became that way." She saw that all the lawyers in the firm would just conform and try to be like ev-

erybody else. They would sacrifice their morals, not to help people, but strictly to better themselves.

Johnston also didn't anticipate such criticism over the way she looked, the way she wore her clothes and how her hair looked. She couldn't understand why those whom she was working with didn't see that others are more than just a hair style or their outward appearance, a prejudgment that she herself could relate to.

"The first day I went to my internship, I met my supervisor and she said: 'Oh, so this is the girl that we have to worry about her hair.' And she never said another word to me for two months."

Johnston would dress in vivid colors while others would wear white, black, grey or brown every day. There was an instance when she wore very professional long shorts with black tights underneath them, so one could not see her skin, and a blazer. The supervisor came up to her and wanted to send her home because of her hair and what she wore. She thought that Johnston represented her home state of Illinois in the wrong way. Johnston was reprimanded, but when Johnston looked around the office, she saw larger women wearing clothes fitting and clinging too tightly to their bodies but the supervisor said nothing to them.

The Lesson

Johnston turned the negative experience into a positive. She realized that she was not meant to be a lawyer and that her dreams had changed. Rather, Johnston's interest for people has taken a turn in a different direction. Instead of heading off to law school after she graduates, Johnston plans to get a passport and plane ticket and head overseas to Europe, Asia and possibly South America. She wants to study the cultures and the people and hopefully become a stenographer. She desires to immerse herself in the new and unfamiliar cultures, learn their language, their traditions and then write about it to inform others about a different way of life. She desires to let others know that there is life outside of the "American bubble" and that we should embrace it, not discourage it or think that it's weird or strange. By traveling around Europe for such a short amount of time, Jillie realized there is so much more than what we see in America.

Going home was a hard transition, but going back to school proved to be even harder. Entering school with a completely different look and style, Johnston found her relationships to be in transition as well.

"You find who your friends are and who are the people that are going to like you for who you are."

Around campus she has found that some people look and make automatic assumptions about her. They don't take the time to get to know her.

"I didn't have any intention on being different. I put on these clothes because it is what I want to wear and it's just an outfit that I picked out of my closet."

As she keeps walking past the snickering, Johnston begins to smile knowing that she is who she wants to be and she is confident in that. She is a senior, a women's soccer player, but more importantly, she is her own person.

HPU lands private screening of movie

By Julia Coiro
Staff Writer

How many times have you used the word “retard” without really paying attention to its meaning and the people it is affecting? Pi Kappa Phi is on a mission to stop the misuse of the “r-word,” and to bring awareness to those suffering from disabilities such as Down Syndrome.

This year Pi Kappa Phi is coming together with the Special Olympics to bring even more awareness to people who have disabilities. This year, there will be the premiere of the HBO movie “Monica and David: A Love Story” in the University Center Cinema. The film will be showing on March 3 at 9:30 p.m.

“The screening of this film is part of our effort to raise awareness of this campaign,” said Kendall Hagar, a student involved in making this event happen.

“Monica and David: A Love Story” is a documentary that first aired on television in October 2010, but has not yet been released to the public. HPU is getting a private screening of this film. This documentary has won multiple awards including Best Documentary from the Tribeca Film Festival.

According to the movie’s website, MonicaandDavid.com, this movie explores the lives of two adults with Down Syndrome and the family who strives to support their needs. It captures the love of this couple, and also the struggles of living with Down Syndrome.

Every March there is a nationwide campaign “Spread the Word to End the Word,” according to Hagar, which is an ongoing effort by Special Olympics, Best Buddies International and their supporters to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word “retard(ed)” and encourage people to pledge to stop using the r-word. This year the date of the campaign falls on Wednesday, March 2.

Hagar said in previous years, the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on campus has brought this campaign to HPU through their work with “Push America.”

According to pushamerica.org, “This organization was founded in 1977 by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity with the purpose of instilling lifelong service in its members and enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities. Push America is still fulfilling the purpose it was intended for, but has grown into a nationwide organization with numerous programs educating undergraduates, alumni, and communities about the abilities of people with disabilities.”

“Please come join us to watch this beautiful documentary about a couple with Down Syndrome as they explore independence, face the challenges of living with a disability and share their extraordinary love,” Hagar said.

For more information visit, www.monicaanddavid.com or see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MonicaandDavid.

Editor speculates how Oak Hollow Mall could be used

By Steven Haller
Sports Editor

Alright Panthers, we bought the Oak Hollow Mall. Is a football stadium in the works for that property?



President Nido Qubein announced the purchase in an email to the student body on Feb. 24 where he also said that the purchase includes 660,000 square feet of space and 45 acres of land. That is more than enough space for a football stadium.

A football program was also included in Qubein’s \$2.1 billion growth plan announced last September. That plan is designed to unfold over the next 10 years, but football just may have been pushed forward on the time table with the purchase of Oak Hollow Mall.

In Qubein’s email, he said, “We will continue to evaluate the potential long-term uses for this property.”

So, let’s evaluate. The photo below is from Google Maps with BB&T Field, Wake Forest’s football stadium,

laid on top of Oak Hollow Mall. The photos are proportional and the stadium fits perfectly over the mall space without losing much parking lot space.

The fact that it fits is not reason enough to build a football stadium in a certain location; there has to be more to evaluate.

A few features are already in place for the

football stadium to become a reality. For example, the ground has already been leveled and all of the plumbing is in place, so HPU will save some money there. HPU would also not have to build a new parking lot because it is already there, and that amount of parking would be plenty to accommodate a crowd for a college football stadium.

In addition to saving more money than it could building a football stadium at another location, HPU would be able to help the local businesses around the mall loop.

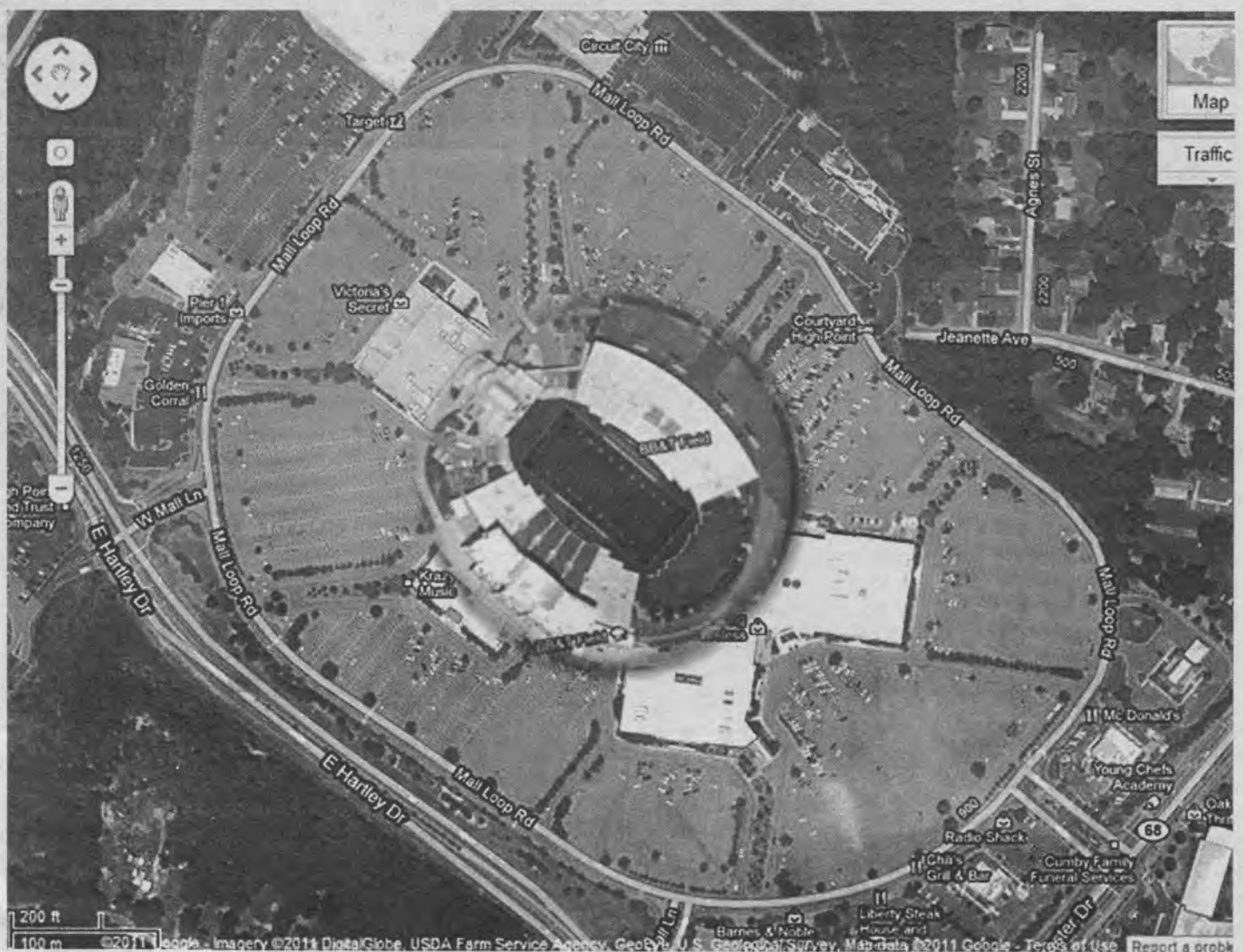
On game days, and days that HPU rents out the stadium to other community events and games, restaurants such as Chili’s and Liberty Steakhouse will be able to garner considerable business from the crowd that will be at the Oak Hollow property.

Of course, do not expect this to happen quickly. If a football stadium is built in the name of HPU, it is going to be done right. It would need to have all the amenities that come standard with all campus facilities at HPU: state of the art technology, the likeness of multiple inspirational figures and of course, a plethora of luxury High Point furniture.

There will also have to be plenty of fund-raising and planning that takes place before construction will begin on a stadium, but the HPU administration probably has a pretty good idea of how it will make it all work.

Count me in.

What do you think we should do with the mall? Send your letters to news@highpoint.edu



BB&T Field, Wake Forest’s football stadium, fits easily in the space where the mall complex is located.

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Women's basketball finishing strong

By Brian Brennan
Staff Writer

Despite an injury to senior starter Frances Fields, the High Point women's basketball team has won two of its last three games.

Following their 68-54 win over Charleston Southern on Feb. 12, the Panthers returned to the Millis Center two days later and won by one of their largest margins ever. The Panthers dominated from beginning to end and rolled to an 85-43 victory over the Presbyterian College Blue Hose. High Point was up 38-31 at halftime, but the second half was a whole different story as HPU outscored Presbyterian 47-12. The home team limited the Blue Hose to just 4 of 24 shooting. The Panthers forced 11 second half turnovers and blocked six shots. High Point outrebounded the Blue Hose 27-13 following halftime and held PC to just four offensive boards in the period. It was the fifth time in six games that HPU had held an opponent under 60 points.

Loy was visibly impressed with his team's effort following the dominating victory. "I thought we had just a great second half here tonight," Loy told highpointpanthers.com following the win. "We really picked up our energy defensively in the second half. I was

disappointed at the half with how we were performing on the defensive end and got after them a bit at halftime. The team really responded and that was probably the best half of defense we have played all season."

In the win, Parker had 17 rebounds, which is good for the second-highest single game total in HPU's Division I era, and one shy of the Panthers' record of 18 set by Amber Manuel in 2007. Parker also finished the game with nine points and a team-high five blocks.

Following the game Parker received another honor as she was named Big South Freshman of the Week for the sixth time this season. Parker is just the third player in Big South history to earn this honor six times in a season.

As if blowing out one of its conference rivals was not good enough, the win evened High Point's record to 12-12. The Panthers will now take to the road one last time and play Coastal Carolina tonight at 7 p.m. before they return home for their final two games of the season versus Radford and UNC-Asheville, respectively.

The Panthers have a 7-3 home record this season and being the host for the Big South Tournament makes them one of the favorites along with Liberty and Radford to be dancing come March.



Cheyenne Parker (left) boxes out while Shamia Brown (right) shoots the ball. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.



Senior forward Mackenzie Maier shoots a long jumper in the Millis Center. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.



Senior guard Amy Dodd runs past a defener against Coastal on Jan. 22. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

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NCAA Cracks Down

When the NCAA adopted new rules in 2003 intended to improve athletes' graduation rates, it raised questions about whether schools, under pressure to keep athletes progressing toward a degree, might cut academic corners to help the athletes stay eligible to play. This became known as the 40-60-80 Rule, which took effect for athletes entering school after Aug. 1, 2003. To stay eligible to play, athletes must complete 40 percent of their degree work by the end of their second year of enrollment, 60 percent by the end of their third year and 80 percent by the end of their fourth year.

According to NCAA statistics, after these rules were set in place, the schools did not make academic cuts but rather the student-athletes stepped up and improved their grades dramatically and dismissed many rumors of cheating their way through college.

Now statistics show that student-athletes make progress towards

graduation quicker than non-athletes. The NCAA's latest graduation numbers show nearly four out of five student-athletes earn their diplomas on time, an all-time high. Federal statistics show athletes are still more likely to graduate on time than other students. Their statistics also showed that on average student-athletes graduate with a higher G.P.A.

The change in expectations by the NCAA caused the overall '03-'04 student-athlete class to actually graduate at a higher rate, 64 percent, than the overall student body, at 63 percent.

The 2003-04 freshman class was the first to be subjected to academic reforms. These reforms included the Academic Progress Rate, new eligibility standards for freshmen, and more stringent requirements to tie athletic eligibility to making progress toward attaining their degrees.

NCAA officials said then they hoped that the changes would force athletes to perform as well in the classroom as they do on the playing field, and it did. Since then, the numbers have continued to climb.

The NCAA continues to chip away the image of the "dumb jock," releasing new statistics this year for graduation-success rates at 79 percent for college athletes.

Off the Field

For student-athletes, a social life is the absolute last priority. Between practices, study hall and hectic game schedules, there isn't much time for anything else. Even on weekends the student-athletes are busy with either traveling or games or individual structured workouts.

"I guess you could say that baseball players are like their own clique," said Schils. "So, we kind of hang out with each other pretty much every weekend. We just chill in one of each other's room and play video games or we go out... sometimes. We can't get in trouble or we'll be punished, so we have to worry about that too."

So the all time myth has to be answered: Do student-athletes receive special attention and accommodations from their schools, tutors and teachers?

No. This is 100 percent false, according to Beall.

"At a lot of schools they do," says Beall. "But here at HPU our student-athletes are students just like every other student here. They don't get specialized tutoring. We don't have athletic tutors that do everything for the athletes."

Balancing ones time and energy as a college athlete can often be frustrating but hundreds of thousands of students do it for a reward much greater than anyone could imagine. The reward of playing on a collegiate level and representing the thousands of young adults at the school they love each time he or she is cheered onto the field to begin another game.

Schils explains, "I definitely enjoy my time on the team because coach just teaches you stuff about life. It's not just baseball. If we have bad grades, he says, 'You know you want to do well in school; because we want to plan our future. If we don't make it in the pros, we have something to fall back on.'"

Men's basketball winding down now

By Pat Budd
Staff Writer

The High Point University men's basketball team has closed out its regular season at home and looks to finish strong in the Big South as the team prepares for Big South Tournament play. A dramatic double-overtime win against Winthrop on Feb. 15 and a tough loss against Appalachian State on Feb. 19 concluded the Panthers' regular season in the Millis Center. The team finished with a 9-5 record on its home court, a place where the team has historically played well.

On Feb. 15, the Panthers welcomed in the Eagles of Winthrop in the team's annual "black-out" game where the fans are all encouraged to wear the black t-shirt that was given out. The Big South rivalry continued, as High Point gutted

out a 70-69 double-overtime victory on a last second shot by Nick Barbour.

After trailing by 15 points at halftime, Winthrop crawled back into the game after going on a late 9-0 run. High Point only made three field goals in the second half as Winthrop tied the game with 15 seconds left and sent the game into overtime.

But Nick Barbour's 22 points, including the game winning shot with 2.2 seconds left, propelled the Panthers to victory as they split the season series with Winthrop, 1-1.

"That isn't coaching right there, he made a heck of a shot, that's a guy making a great play," said Panthers' coach Scott Cherry after the win. Cherry has led his team to victory in the "black-out" game in each of his two seasons at HPU.

"On the second bounce I said to myself 'It's going to bounce in' but I was expecting a whistle for a foul because there was a lot of contact on the play," said Barbour, who leads the team in scoring, averaging 17 points per game. Barbour, in his junior year, now ranks in the top ten in all-time scoring in HPU basketball history.

"For me it's a great win. It was a great basketball game and you hate to have a loser out of this game, but we have to keep looking forward and better ourselves," said Cherry. The Big South Conference tournament will begin on March 1, and the team knows it can make a run at a championship despite low points in the season.

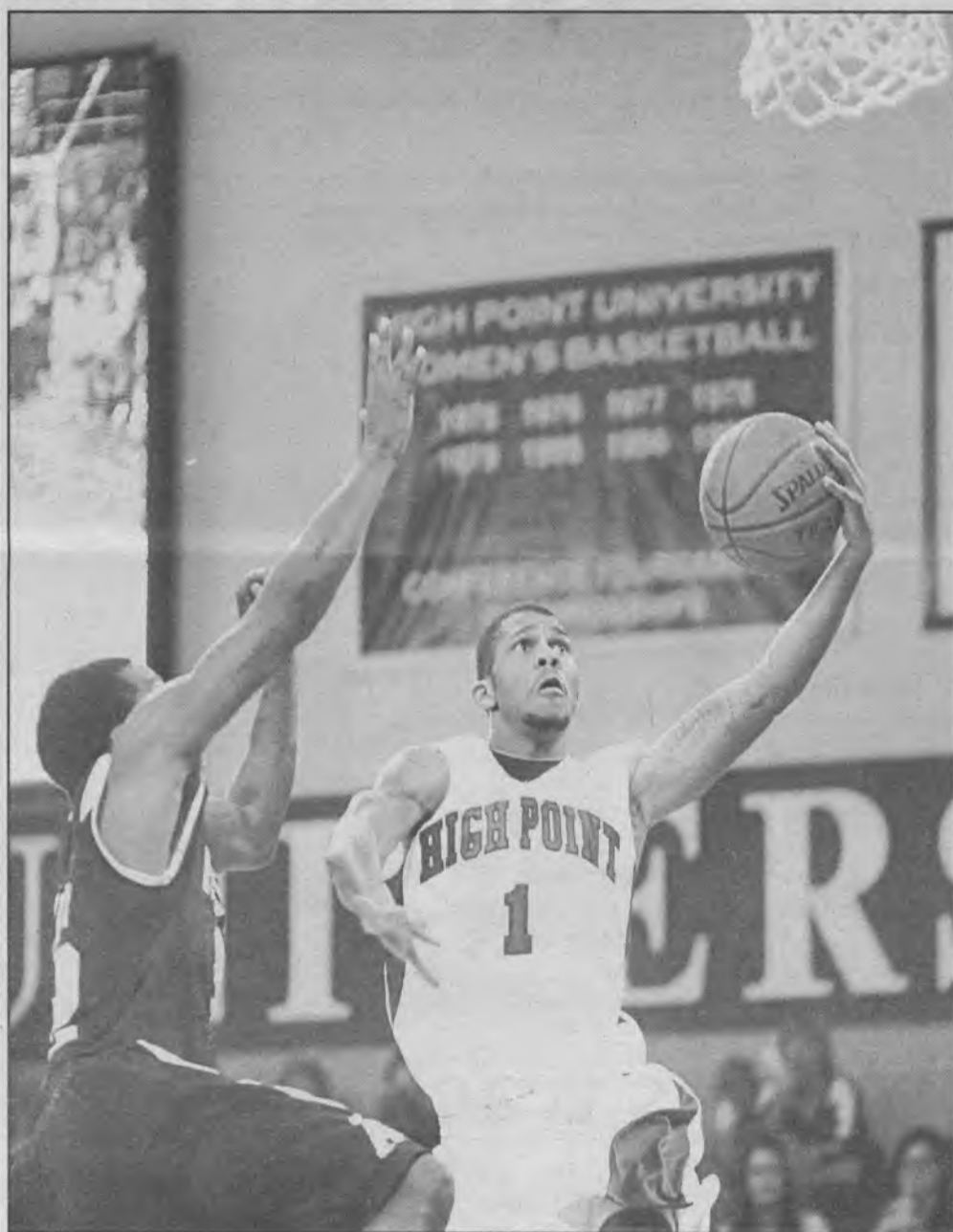
Some of those low points are attributed to injuries to senior Earnest Bridges, Justin Cheek and Corey Law.

Law, who led the team in rebounding, underwent surgery on his left hand before the Winthrop game and will be inactive for the rest of the season. Cheek suffered an ankle injury in practice the day before the Winthrop game.

In another low point on the season, freshman Du'Vaughn Maxwell has quit the team for personal reasons. The 6-foot 6-inch forward from Petersburg, Va., averaged 7.3 points per game and 5.6 rebounds per game and won Big South

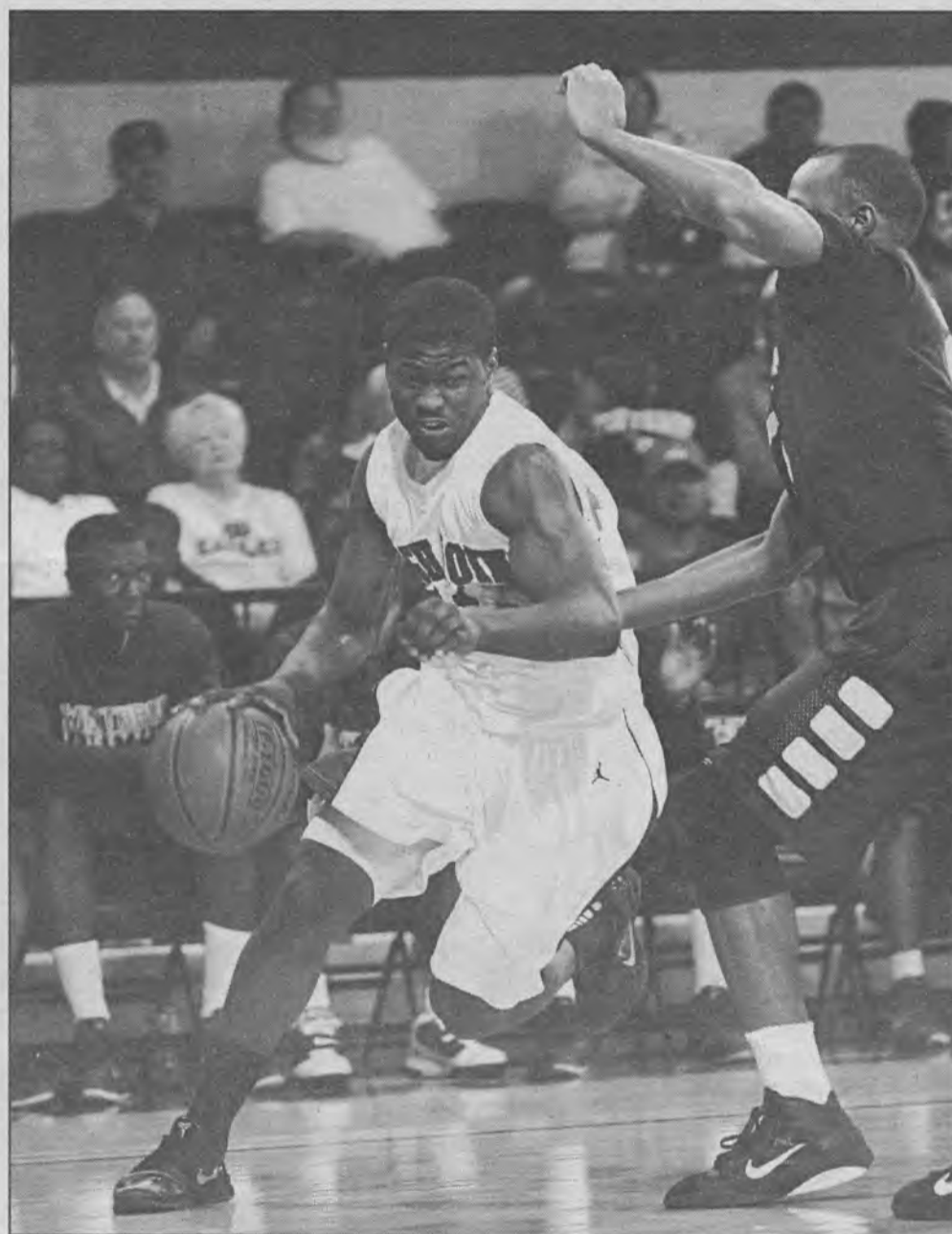
Freshman of the Week back on Jan. 24.

The Panthers will battle out their last two games in an attempt to put them in position for a first round home game in the Big South Tournament, something that should be beneficial because of their winning record in the Millis Center. The Panthers are 2-11 on the road this year.



Junior guard Nick Barbour attacks the rim in a game versus Appalachian State on Feb. 22 in the Millis Center.

Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.



Junior guard Shay Shine drives toward the basket against Winthrop on Feb. 15 in the Millis Center.

Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

Intramural basketball is a revamped program

By Jason Hasley
Staff Writer

When current HPU recreation director Matt Allred took over just days before the start of the 2009 intramural basketball season, there was a total of just 18 teams between both the men's and women's intramural basketball leagues. With campus enrollment seemingly increasing by the day, Allred set out to revamp and put some life back into the HPU recreation department.

Well, he's done just that, and then some.

The 2011 intramural basketball season features 52 teams across four different leagues. The four leagues

consist of a competitive men's division, recreational men's division, co-ed, as well as a women's division.

Allred said, "We are very excited about the rapid growth in our basketball program as well as all of our IM sports."

Besides increased participation, Allred also stressed the importance of students being active. He said, "Intramurals are an extremely important part of the student experience. They provide an environment for fun, fellowship, stress relief and a healthy lifestyle. Data suggests that students involved in recreation programming graduate on time. It improves their ability to deal with academic stress and obviously benefits their fitness as well."

In addition to the record number of teams participating, the recreation department also unveiled its new software to organize all intramural sports. Each person participating in intramurals can register on High Point's section at imleagues.com. The site gives players access to game schedules, updated standings, and displays the box score from each game.

"William Rickman, Coordinator of Recreation Services, has been a great addition to the recreation department. He has been the catalyst behind our new software which we feel provides our students with a more interactive intramural experience," Allred said.

As for the season, two teams to look

out for are, "Who Got Next" of the men's competitive division and "Powerhouse" of the women's league. Both teams cruised through the Pre-Season Tip off Tournament.

Upon the conclusion of the post-season, the champion of the Men's competitive and Women's league will earn a trip to N.C. State to play in the ACIS regional tournament. The recreation department will also host an All-Star night featuring a skills competition, a three-point shootout, as well as a dunk contest.

Allred added that they "will continue to explore more ways to make all of our programming more attractive to all levels of skill and competition."

Women's lacrosse gets first ever win

By Steven Haller
Sports Editor

The inaugural season for women's lacrosse has begun. On Feb. 20, the team earned its first victory at home versus Cincinnati 15-7.

The game's top goal scorers for High Point were freshman midfielder Sara Kuhlman with five goals and junior attacker Alexis Goldman with four goals.

"Alexis Goldman did a really good job directing draws and Sara Kuhlman did a great job one-versus-one and taking the ball to the cage," said head coach Lyndsey Boswell to HPU Sports Information.

Kuhlman is the all-time leading scorer from her high school back home in Cincinnati, where she scored 121 goals in her four years there.

Goldman played for two seasons at St. Andrews Presbyterian College under Boswell before she transferred to High Point to continue playing for Boswell.

Boswell was a two-time first team All-American as a player at Pfeiffer and led her team as the captain to win the Carolinas-Virginia Athletics Conference championship her senior season and was the conference player of the year.

Boswell was an assistant coached at

Pfeiffer for two years, and then moved on to a head coaching position at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. In three seasons there, she coached a once dismal program to its first ever winning seasons. She was hired by High Point in June 2009.

High Point chose Boswell to start the women's Division I lacrosse program, but the program will not play in the Big South like the other HPU sports programs.

Instead, the Panthers will play in the National Lacrosse Conference (NLC). The NLC is a NCAA Division I women's lacrosse-only college athletic conference whose members are located primarily in the southeastern United States.

The NLC was formed in 2009 and does not have an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Conference members will only be able to qualify through an at-large bid.

In addition to High Point, the other seven colleges in the NLC are Davidson, Howard, Jacksonville, Liberty, Longwood, Presbyterian, and Detroit-Mercy. The Panthers will play each team once this season.

Fans can see the Panthers return to action at home in Vert Stadium on Mar. 5 versus Mount St. Mary's.



Sara Kuhlman and Alexis Goldman embrace on the field the day they won their first lacrosse game.

Photo courtesy of HPU Sports Information.

Baseball starts season on 0-5 losing skid

By Steven Haller
Sports Editor

The High Point University baseball team began its third season with Craig Cozart as the head coach and the team immediately fell into a 0-5 hole.

The Panthers dropped four in a row against Troy in Alabama over a three-day span, and then returned home where they lost against Elon two days later on Feb. 22.

"Unfortunately, we had a tough weekend to open it up on the road in Troy," said Cozart. "Friday night got away from us early and you have to credit Troy for that. But, the other three games that weekend we were right there. We just did not get that hit when

we needed it or did not get that out when we needed it."

One of the reasons that the Panthers were not able to garner early wins is that they are missing some key players because of injuries.

Senior pitcher Corey Swickle was second on the team in strikeouts last season with 54. Junior outfielder Sean Wilson was 20 for 21 on stolen bases and scored 71 runs at McHenry Community College last season. Sophomore Andrew Bartlett had a 13-game hit streak last season with the Panthers. And freshman infielder/pitcher Preston Packrall had a .360 batting average for his entire high school baseball career.

All four players are supposed to be an integral part of Cozart's line-up.

"I have never been involved in something like this in 15 years of coaching," said Cozart on having numerous injured players. "I think we are tough enough mentally to not let it affect us long term, although you know it is going to show itself from time to time."

In addition to injuries, Panthers' fans should also note this season's additions to the coaching staff.

Joe Mercurio was hired to be a volunteer assistant coach last September. Mercurio was an All-Conference catcher at the University of Maine and spent last summer coaching the Glens Fall Golden Eagles in the New York Collegiate Baseball League.

Mercurio will serve as the first base

coach this season while working with the outfielders. His younger brother, Mike, is currently a sophomore infielder for the Panthers.

Another addition is HPU's own Jamie Serber, who is a former pitcher for the Panthers. He will be working with the development of the pitching corps and will be responsible for the bullpen during games.

HPU will travel to Duke on Mar. 1 and then the team will return home to Williard Stadium for a three-game series versus Dayton Mar. 4-6.

When asked about how the team will persevere, Cozart said, "We are just going to continue to play hard and put guys in situations to help us and hopefully we have success."

Coach Jenna Wrieden inspires track athletes

By Henry Molski
Staff Writer

Saying goodbye to a place you call home is not something easy to do. Jenna Wrieden had to do exactly that this summer after being hired as the new track and field assistant coach for the Panthers. Wrieden would easily say that leaving the relationships she built at her previous place of employment at Queens University has been the hardest.

But just like many of the freshman on campus at High Point, Wrieden, both the men's and women's assistant track and field coach is beginning to feel very much at home on campus. Having been at HPU for over six months now, the transition process is near complete.

When asked about their new coach, it is hard not to see a smile come across the face of any runner or track athlete. This is the kind of energy that Wrieden is already bringing to the program.

When asked about Wrieden, freshman Jacob Roach couldn't agree more with his teammates. "She is a really down to earth person and is very helpful with the way she puts training

in perspective for the runners instead of from a coach's point of view," said Roach.

It hasn't been very hard for Wrieden to fit in either, as she has said that the "genuine joy of the High Point staff has been amazing." She says that she has never been a part of an organization this special.

However, there is much more to this new job than just the joy of it. Wrieden was brought here for a reason, and that reason was to win. From the very beginning, head coach Mike Esposito praises her "wide variety of experience" and "educational

background in the sciences."

Wrieden has very high marks on her own running as well, even though she, obviously, won't be running for the university. Wrieden was one of the top runners in the Pac-10 at Arizona State for all four of her years in school. Wrieden also finds time in her busy schedule to train and run marathons.

As a coach at High Point, Wrieden says that the coaching is certainly going well, especially thanks to the help of Coach Esposito. Esposito has given her plenty of room to adjust to her new role and continues to help along the way.

For those curious as to what kind

of role the assistant track coach holds, Wrieden serves mainly as a complement to the head coach. She helps individual athletes prepare for various events in any way that she can help. All and all, she is another important coach who helps prepare the athletes to compete at the college level.

As far as the rest of the year goes, Wrieden looks forward to the team making much progress and building a strong foundation for a good track and field program. She is particularly excited about the things she has seen from the women's half of the program. Sophomores Kate Peck and Kelsey Hunt have her optimistic about the next few years at High Point as both of the young women are progressing greatly. She also is looking forward to a strong spring from senior Dianna Bell.

What it all comes down to for Wrieden, though, is finding a way to connect to these athletes and make them better competitors as well as better people. Wrieden does this not only through hard work and commitment, but finding the love that the athletes have for the sport way deep down.



Assistant track coach Jenna Wrieden
Photo Courtesy of HPU Sports Info.

College athletes: athletics vs. academics

By Kaitlyn Hodgins
Special to the Chronicle

The scoreboard is not the only thing that Steven Schils has to worry about.

As Schils steps onto the mound, he can hardly see anything past the bright lights illuminating the ballpark. Yet he knows the stadium is packed with fans eager to see him lead his team to victory.

You would think the only thing on his mind right now would be whether or not to throw a curve ball or a fast ball, but there is so much more.

Schils, a sophomore pitcher for High Point University has two tests tomorrow morning but has to concentrate on this game that could go as late as 11 p.m. Lucky for Schils it is not an away game, because if it was, traveling time would also need to be factored into the night as well.

He quickly shakes the thought out of his mind. It is not time to worry about the tests. He focuses. Chooses his pitch, corrects his stance, grabs the brim of his cap and makes direct eye contact with the batter. Blocking out all the ruckus from the fans in the stands, Schils winds back, extends his arm and throws a smooth fastball right into the catcher's glove. Strike.

"It's not the athlete part, it's the student-athlete part and you just have to be able to balance both of those," says Schils, with the passion he has for baseball visible in his eyes.

The Student-Athlete Part

Student-athletes are some of the most highly motivated people on campus but are also some of the busiest. They travel almost weekly for games and tournaments, and because of this they often have to miss class. Even though these absences are excused by the school and teachers in most cases, the students are still responsible for all missed work and due dates. The absences the games cause leave very little room for error as far as the students missing classes for any other reason.

One would think that athletes, especially baseball players, would miss many classes with as dense of a game schedule as they have. However, they don't miss as many classes as one might think, according to head baseball coach Craig Cozart.

One of the perks of being a student athlete is having the opportunity to register for classes prior to the rest of the student body. This allows the

travel season.

"It's just about being motivated and getting your work done ahead of time so you don't have to worry about it when you're traveling," said Schils.

However, Schils described how he is often doing homework or studying on the bus to and from games and in the hotel when they are traveling overnight.

Baseball players dedicate 20 hours

a week to the team in the fall for practices alone. They're in the weight room every day, and then they have strength and conditioning where they run "a lot," according to Schils. Then players will have individual mechanics practice where they are separated based on position and strictly focused on their individual skills and weaknesses. After practice is over and they break down the field, the athletes go right into study hall where they are assigned hours depending on their G.P.A. and individual circumstances.

"I always think it's hard going from practice straight to study hall because you're so tired from lifting and working out and then you just go straight to study hall and you're just like really tired," Schils said.

When the travel season begins in the spring, the schedule becomes even more hectic, with 56 regular season games spread out over four months.

"As far as the NCAA is concerned, you get one day off a week," says Cozart. "Sunday to Sunday is what our week runs."

According to April Wines, assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator who oversees student-athlete academics, not only do students have to worry about upholding their coaches expectations, but the school and the NCAA also oversee their academics and have their own set of expectations.

School Requirements

HPU requires any student-athlete who has a grade point average less than a 3.0 to complete anywhere from two to 10 study hall hours a week. Coaches, however, may change this rule and raise the required G.P.A. if they feel it's necessary. The NCAA has its own set of rules. If these student-athletes are not completing at least six credit hours in a semester or 18 credit hours in a year and are not making clear progress towards their degree, they become ineligible for competition. If the athlete is not eligible for competition, he or she can kiss whatever scholarship he or she had goodbye.

Aside from these standard requirements, some coaches may have their own set of rules for their individual team. Marty Beall, the women's head soccer coach, requires his freshmen to complete eight library hours in the spring semester if their G.P.A. is under a 3.5.

"Each student athlete has a different

level of intelligence," Beall explains. "We expect each player to maximize their potential. That means making great use of your time management skills. If I have a player that is studying all the time and only has a 3.1 G.P.A. I may not ask them to do study hall hours because to me it's all about maximizing potential."

"A lot of it has to do with their class schedule and structure, and maybe some of them, rather than doing study hall, need to be in tutoring and that would count towards their hours as well," Cozart said in an understanding tone. "So it's not really a standard based on their G.P.A.; it's based on the individual and what we know about them as a student."

There can be severe consequences for students not holding up their academics. If students are not completing their assigned study hours, on the first offense they get a warning, the second a seven-day suspension, the third a 14-day suspension and on the fourth offense they can be dismissed from the team entirely.

"There are times when they may come to me and say, 'Coach I have three tests this week. I'm totally bogged down in this class. Is it okay if I get out of practice early or miss practice to work on this group project?' We talk to our guys and tell them you're a student first and athlete second, but at the same time missing practice for a non-structured class is not an excuse, but if they can come to us that might be a reason why we work with them," said Cozart.

Between the coaches and Wines, they are able to stay on top of the student's academic schedule. Every day before practice, Cozart meets with the team as a group, gets an update as a unit as to what's going on to make sure everyone is doing okay with grades, encourages them and gives the athletes feedback. Each student-athlete is also required to meet with the assistant athletic director once a week.

"On Thursdays I meet with Miss Wines," said Schils. "She's kind of like an academic advisor. She makes sure that I'm staying on track and doing my homework. Basically, she just oversees my grades."

Wines said that in the five years she has been at HPU, she has seen several cases where a student realizes that he or she is putting too much concentration into athletics, and not enough into academics and the student removes himself or herself from the team to focus on grades.

However, Wines added, "I feel that student-athletes often do better academically than non-athletes. They are great at time management and the athletes know that they will be missing class to travel for games; therefore, they know they can't miss class when they are here."

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Steven Schils is from Cocoa, Fla.
Photo courtesy of HPU Sports Info.



As a freshman, Pitcher Steven Schils made five appearances out of the bullpen and started one game in 2010.

Photo courtesy of HPU Sports Information.

Three hours later, Schils shakes hands with his defeated opponents after a 9-4 win. The victory for High Point tonight feels great for Schils and his team. But can Schils defeat his two exams tomorrow as well as his game opponent?

maximum flexibility in selecting their schedule to work around their practice times. Their coaches, along with the team's academic advisors, work very hard to help the students schedule their classes in a way that they will miss the least amount of classes possible in their