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Students Step Up



The KD's performance made them the champions of the "Greeks got Talent" competition. See page 8 for more "Greeks got Talent" photos. Photo by Adam Spear

Lincoln takes office as SGA President

By **Jordan Oliver**
Staff Writer



Nicholas Lincoln has been a part of SGA since his freshman year.

Watch out High Point University: there's a new boss in town, and his name is Nicholas Lincoln.

Sworn into the presidential office of the Student Government Association (SGA) by past president Eric Skinkle, Lincoln is ready to lead HPU during his senior year come fall 2011.

"I'm quite looking forward to it," he said with a smile.

As president of SGA, Lincoln will serve as a representative of the entire student body. He will also be involved with the Student Life committee as well as all other SGA positions, keeping everything running smoothly.

Holding down the fort should be no foreign task for the new president, for Lincoln has been heavily involved with student government since the sixth grade.

At High Point, Lincoln has been a part of SGA since his freshman year. Last year, he served as the attorney general and this year as the judicial vice president.

He'll hold roughly seven open SGA meetings

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Terrell joins Journey of Hope in a mission across America

By **Christine Reinicker**
Staff Writer



Justin Terrell will begin his trek in Seattle and end in Washington D.C.

Fraternities on campus have philanthropies that they support and try to bring hope to. For Justin Terrell, a brother of Pi Kappa Phi, this summer will literally be a journey of hope for him and his philanthropy.

Terrell, a junior, will be part of the crew for this summer's Journey of Hope, a cross country bike trek with starting locations in Seattle, where Terrell will start, and San Francisco before ending in Washington D.C.

The event is sponsored by PUSH AMERICA, an organization formed to raise awareness of people affected by disabilities. PUSH AMERICA is Pi Kappa Phi's philanthropy.

Terrell will be joined by Geof Racine, a senior and a brother of Pi Kappa Phi, who will be cycling.

This trek starts at the end of May and goes until the beginning of August.

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Campus Voices: What are your summer plans?

"(I will be) working, going to see Taylor Swift, buying sparkly things, and getting stoked for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part Two."

Kelsey Tate, freshman

"Working a lot and going to many outdoor concerts and going to Boston frequently."

Caitlin O'Handley, junior



"(I will be) going to Germany, France, and Italy with the HPU Maymester program. (I am) going to take some classes, and interning in the operating room at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center."

Trent Carter, sophomore



"Moving to Washington D.C. and finding a job in communication and politics."

Harris Walker, senior

HPU built upon hard-working, dedicated staff*Staff Editorial*

As the year comes to a close, the Chronicle editorial staff would like to reflect on some people who have really made a difference to us and who have made the HPU experience wonderful.

Our university motto, which is etched in every student's brain for at least four years, is that "at High Point University every student receives an extraordinary education, in an inspiring environment, with caring people." Without a doubt, High Point University is full of caring people.

At most universities, a faculty member's office hours are the only time students would hope to get a glimpse of their professors; some of them only teach the class once a year. However, the faculty members here not only are readily available during their office hours but do many things outside of their office to help students.

For example, Drs. Josh Fisher and Jon Epstein, anthropology and sociology professors respectively, hold their office hours and extra time in the UC and Slane to have coffee with students.

Students can discuss a number of issues with these professors in a relaxed atmosphere at a more convenient location. This is an incredibly caring act that is rare on college campuses.

Coffee hour is almost equitable to a roundtable discussion with faculty. Normally, students have to pay extra for that.

Faculty members also show that they are caring through the amount of contact information they give students throughout the year. Many faculty members put their cell and home phone numbers on the syllabi so that students can contact them whenever they need. Many faculty also text with students and have Facebook pages.

All of this shows how much the faculty members want to be there for students and want to support them in any way they can. However, this caring nature is not limited to the faculty members but extends also to the staff on campus.

Take Starbucks for example—the baristas don't just make drinks. They get to know students, not just by memorizing their drinks, but by taking a real interest in the people they are serving coffee to.

When people like Kristy Norton ask students how their day is, they actually mean it and always have a smiling face.

Security also does a lot to perpetuate the image of caring people. Although part of their job includes doing things like breaking up parties and giving students citations, security officers do much more to help students and

enhance their experiences.

If students ever feel unsafe walking across campus, security officers will gladly escort them to their destination. The transportation department will pick up and deliver students to their classes when they are injured. At many schools, students would just have to suck it up and find a way to get around on their own.

Campus Enhancement workers also go to great lengths to make sure students are provided with everything they need. This goes beyond the standard cleaning up after weekends of fun and fixing anything that happens to break in the dorms.

Campus Enhancement workers will help students if they see them struggling with a heavy load, give them an umbrella if they see them walking in the rain, and even bag their wet umbrellas at Slane.

These people and their kindness are what make HPU such a great place to go to school. Ice cream trucks and "free" parking are wonderful enticements to get freshmen to the school, but the caring people are what make people stay.

The faculty and staff here are much more valuable than a thousand fountains and a sea of "free" T-shirts.

Mayes doles out advice for Generation Y

By **Amanda Mayes**
Staff Writer

We are Generation Y. Our future is ambiguous because it is just beginning as we prepare for life after college. But it is well within our means to guide the direction of our future, to mold it into something bright and beautiful and unknown.

We have come of age during an exceptionally difficult time in the world. Technology has rapidly transformed communications and led to a constant technological and media bombardment.

Socioeconomic conditions are shifting as globalization takes hold and forces interdependence between countries



All of these changes have led to a political nightmare – violence and conflict have increased, while partisanship and corruption have become the cornerstones of government.

Yet hope is trying desperately to shed light on a turbulent and unpredictable period. Generation Y has inescapably been shaped by world events and now faces a choice between cynicism and positivity.

But instead of overcoming less than optimal circumstances, Generation Y has turned inward – increasingly wrapped up in ourselves, blind to the world around us, disconnected from those who walk beside us. And we have been blinded by our own hands.

Technology has taken the place of true communication. A sense of entitlement has led to self-confidence bordering on arrogance. We will never be capable of accepting our responsibilities and finding a hopeful future if we place so many obstacles in our own path.

Social historians Neil Howe and William Strauss believe that history is a series of cycles – political parties fall in

and out of power, countries are created and destroyed, war and peace struggle for control, the economy rises and falls. Generations influence this ebb and flow of history. Generations shape history, and history plays an equal hand in shaping the destiny of a generation.

But what does it take to wake up a generation? Could we fall through the cracks, becoming a new "lost generation," overcome by the things we cannot change? We cannot afford to abandon a tumultuous society in search of leadership and strength.

JFK once said, "We have the power to make this the best generation of mankind in the history of the world - or to make it the last."

Failure is not an option in the endless march of history. Stop being afraid of the unknown. Learn to become a leader and a voice for the downtrodden. Stop avoiding our place in this world and accept that we have responsibility. We have the ability to enact change if we learn empathy and selflessness. Let us start now.

Nuclear energy, good or bad, walks a fine line

By Jake Grim
Staff Writer

With plans coming together for Japan to finally bring its worst nuclear crisis fully under control, the future of the nuclear energy industry is being called into question. In light of the potential failures, or even meltdowns, of nuclear power plants, should nuclear power still be considered a viable alternative energy option?



For those of you who haven't been able to follow Japan's nuclear crisis, the Fukushima Dai-Ichi power plant, located 135 miles north of Tokyo, has been leaking radiation since a magnitude nine earthquake and a tsunami struck Japan on March 11, 2011.

Since then, the area has been hit by many aftershocks. Nearby towns and cities have been evacuated to protect the citizens from the leaking radiation and the potential for reactor meltdown in the plant.

Nuclear power has many advantages, but do they outweigh the potential for meltdowns or other failure? I would pose the answer that yes, they should, and the world should continue its investments into nuclear power and, ideally, increase those investments.

Nuclear power is a cheap source of energy, costing almost as little as

coal, produced by splitting uranium atoms. While cost may be comparable with coal, it does not have many of the disadvantages that coal has.

Nuclear power is not a fossil fuel source of energy; it does not emit carbon dioxide into the environment. Nuclear power produces huge amounts of energy from small amounts of fuel and produces small amounts of waste.

At the same time that it has these advantages over burning fossil fuels, it is also more reliable than solar power or wind.

Countries should look at the Japanese nuclear crisis as an event to learn and progress from. This was an event that took place after a major natural disaster, a magnitude nine earthquake, the subsequent tsunami and many aftershock earthquakes. These are things that are difficult, if not

impossible, to plan for and ended up, knocking out both the nuclear plants power grid and backup power.

Continuing to invest in nuclear power and progressing nuclear power plant technology will both improve the efficiency and the safety of nuclear power, so the world can continue to rely on a source of energy that doesn't contribute to global warming and doesn't change the chemistry of the ocean because of its carbon dioxide emissions.

Only through continuing nuclear programs can the advantages of nuclear power be taken advantage of; at the same time, the disadvantages—most notably safety—are minimized.

Because of this, nuclear power should continue to be a viable choice when it comes to alternative sources of energy.

Gallagher: mixed feelings on graduation, advice for underclassmen

By Tierney Gallagher
Opinion Editor

Anyone who has ever met me knows that I'm not one for mushy things. So just to give a fair warning to those of you who don't – this isn't going to be a sappy farewell.

As the school year winds down, I now have to not only say goodbye as the opinion editor of the Chronicle, but also as a student here at HPU.

When I was asked to write a farewell column for this edition, I honestly had no idea what to say or where to start.



The last four years have meant a lot to me. There's so much I could say about how many great memories I've made, how much I've learned (in life and in class) or about how much I'm going to miss this beautiful campus and the time I've spent here with some of the best people I've ever met. But don't worry, I'll skip the personal stuff and get right to the point.

With graduation just days away, I, like most other seniors, am stuck in a phase of mixed feelings about the bittersweet moment in life that is soon to come. We alternate between reflecting on good memories and stressing out about getting our lives together. Frankly, the rollercoaster of feelings is really annoying.

There are a lot of things in college I won't miss. All the tests, quizzes,

projects, papers, assignments, homework and all-nighters. Goodbye to all of this, I'm glad I'm done! But at the same time, there are also a lot of things I will miss. The free food, movies, concerts and all the things that make HPU pretty much the best campus ever.

I know that when I look back in a few years, it's not all the schoolwork that I'll remember, but all the good times I had here. I miss it already and I haven't even left yet.

For this reason, I encourage those of you who still have time left here to appreciate it for what it's worth. HPU has been called many things – a summer camp, a country club, basically anything but real life – and it's true in a way. Our campus is unreal and amazing. But nonetheless, I will always think of it as home and I'm not ready to leave. Enjoy

your time here. I can't promise that I'm older and wiser and convince you that you should listen to me. But I can tell you from experience that four years fly by in the blink of an eye. Don't take it for granted, because you never know what you have until it's gone.

For those of you who will be making that walk across the stage with me soon, I'm sure you share the same feelings I do. Say goodbye to the easy life. We thought we worked hard these past few years, but it's only going to get harder from here. So let's live it up in the time we have left and make the most of our last few days as HPU students.

Seniors, I'll see you on the other side. Good luck and let's have fun until May 7.

A moment with the editors

Fave cartoon show?

Pirate or ninja?

Fave video game?

Fave Spy?

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Pirate

Guitar Hero

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Pirate (guns, duh!)

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Britney Spears' comeback: I am the 'Femme Fatale'

By Janeen Leppert
Staff Writer

Whoever is managing Britney Spears these days is doing a pretty great job.

The pop princess is making her second attempt at a comeback, and from the looks of it, it seems the Britney we all fell in love with 16 years ago may be back.

After seeing Spears' performance at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards, any hope that she was finally herself again was quickly erased as she stumbled through the worst performance of her career.

Now, four years later, Spears is reappearing on televisions and blasting from radios across the country with the release of her highly acclaimed album, "Femme Fatale."

On March 29, the Grammy award winning singer's seventh studio album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Album charts, making "Femme Fatale" the sixth No. 1 album of her 12-year career. At no surprise to her fans, the singer's first single, "Hold It Against Me," also debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 and iTunes. Selling over 1 million copies, the single still remains on top in over 15 markets worldwide and her



Spears with her sons on her first comeback covershoot.

Photo provided by gossiponthis.com

music video is No. 1 on MTV and VH1.

It's hard to believe that only four years ago Spears, after famously and erratically shaving her head, was

involuntarily committed into a California mental hospital. Then after checking herself into rehab multiple times, lost custody of her two children, Preston, 5 and Jayden, 4.

The 29-year-old singer has continued her comeback with a surprise one-night performance in Las Vegas, Nev., the weekend of April 1. Spears surprised fans and performed a short concert for the crowd, leaving little to no doubt that the singer's borderline psychotic behavior is behind her.

When asked in a recent MTV special, "I am the Femme Fatale," about how she feels about her future and where she is now, she said, "I always hoped I would be doing this. It gets better as you get older and I genuinely love what I do...this is what I love to do." Clearly, Spears has no intention of slowing down anytime soon. Being one of the top-

selling artists of all time, selling over 67 million albums worldwide, Spears will continue to captivate audiences, and with the release of her second single, "Till The World Ends," Spears, with hip hop superstar Nicki Minaj as her opening act, she will be going on a 26 city summer tour beginning June 17 in Sacramento, Calif.



Britney Spears' No. 1 album "Femme Fatale."
Photo provided by music-albums.net

Bell leaves playlist to be remembered by

By Dianna Bell
A&E Editor

Saying goodbye has never been my forte.

Especially when I know that "farewell" implies that I won't be seeing the person for an extremely long time.

So as I near May 7, there is that familiar sense of dread in the pit of my stomach. I'll be saying goodbye to professors and friends. Teammates

and roommates. It will be hard.

But knowing that I'm off on another adventure dulls the pain.

My time at High Point University is coming to an end. It's time to see new things. Meet new people. Get a real job (hopefully, one that could point me in the direction towards an actual career).

I still have a lot left to learn, but

I've taken all that I can from High Point.

It's time to move on.

And thanks to the beauty of social networking, my friends will only be a click away.

I may not have an exact plan figured out, but I think that's the point of having an adventure. No set plans.

All I know is that come September, when Chelsie Merone takes over the

Arts & Entertainment section of the Chronicle, I'll be heading to Boston. Doing who knows what.

But, if thoughts of the future aren't soothing, I like to listen to music that reminds me of the people I love. So, if you want to remember me, here are a few tunes to keep me in your thoughts.

If I'm not familiar to you, these songs are still a worthwhile listen.

Now everyone has my playlist. Consider yourself lucky.



"Louder Than Ever" by Cold War Kids
"Wild World" by Cat Stevens
"Both Sides Now" by Joni Mitchell

"Will You Return" by The Avett Brothers
"Struck Dumb" by The Futureheads
"Satellites" by Kisses In Cities

"Combat" by Metric
"Moves" by The New Pornographers
"Reptile" by Performance
"Paper Moon" by Shout Out Louds

"Heaven for the Weather" by The Streets
"Now We Can See" by The Thermals
"Come Pick Me Up" by Ryan Adams

Hungry? Try these quick and healthy snacks for summer

By Emilee Cook
Staff Writer

We all know summer is a time to kick back and relax; however, it's easy to find yourself quickly falling into couch potato mode. Remaining active is key in order to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Days with cool summer breezes are perfect for a stress relieving run or a pick up game of beach volleyball with friends. But, we all know fun in the sun is shortly followed by hunger.

Here are five quick and healthy snacks to munch on while enjoying the crisp summer air.

Fresh fruit is always a great go-to when your sweet tooth is calling. But beware of fattening fruit dips! Instead, pair strawberries with nonfat Cool-Whip or a light whipped cream for a refreshing alternative.

Another fresh fruit option is what I

refer to as the perfect poolside snack. This tropical fruit salad contains mango chunks, mandarin oranges, and pineapples topped with a dash of sweetened coconut.

Craving ice cream on a scorching hot day? Skinny Cow Ice Cream bars are a delicious low calorie choice when craving something cold. My personal favorite is the French Vanilla Skinny Cow Truffle Bars. They are drizzled in chocolate and are only 100 calories per bar!

For a more filling snack, pair raw vegetables such as baby carrots with hummus. Although hummus may not sound overly appealing, it is incredibly

beneficial because it's rich in fiber, protein, and Omega 3 fatty acids. Sliced apples and almond butter are also a great combination.

Greek yogurt is a snack that I've grown to love. FAGE and Chobani Yogurt are all natural options that contain about double the amount of protein and half the amount of sugar found in any typical

yogurt. Fresh berries or flax seeds are a great addition to add more taste. Greek yogurt comes in numerous

flavors from honey to strawberry, so you're certain to find a flavor fit for you!

Think all cheese is fattening and detrimental to keeping a lean body? WRONG! Mini Light Babybel cheese rounds are only 50 calories apiece and incredibly easy to eat on the go.

The Laughing Cow also provides light cheese spreads for only 35 calories a wedge! Combine one of these cheese options with Nabisco's reduced fat Wheat Thins for a completely guiltless snack!

Whether you're participating in an intense game of cornhole or bronzing for hours in the sun, remember to stay hydrated by drinking a lot of water.

Healthy snacking allows you to feel better inside and out. It not only allows your summer glow to truly shine through, but also gives you the confidence to strut in that bikini!



Skinny Cow sweets have 50-170 calories per serving. Image courtesy of skinnycow.com

Summer fashion trends and tips

By Emilee Cook
Staff Writer

The warm weather we all wished for has finally arrived! Time to throw your over-the-knee boots, Uggs, and oversized sweaters into storage and break out the bandeau tops, maxi dresses, and wedges. Summer is your time to shine, and by following these summer trends you'll be able to unleash your inner goddess in no time.

Familiar with the term "au natural"? Well if you are not, now is the time to embrace it. While makeup is created to enhance our outer beauty, it can also work against us. When applying foundation and bronzer, go for the sun kissed rather than the cake-face look. You want the sun to highlight your natural skin tones rather than tempt your friends to chisel off your excessive layers. When the summer's sun is beating upon your face, remember that less is more.

Did you love the maxi dress trend last summer? Well if you bought some last year you're in luck; they're in style again this 2011 season! These free flowing dresses are not only comfortable, but they stand their ground against the strong summer breezes! Since maxi dresses aren't clingy, they are incredibly flattering for all shapes and sizes. For a more casual poolside look, wear a neutral or solid color maxi dress with a pair of decorative sandals

such as Jack Rogers or Tory Burch flip-flops. To achieve a more sophisticated look, strut a floral maxi with a pair of wedges. Brands such as Dolce Vita and Seychelles have beautiful summer shoe options.

Bandeau tops are the ultimate go-to in the summer. Coming in an incredible array of colors and patterns, including lace and microfiber, retailers such as Forever 21 and Target sell bandeau tops as cheap as \$6. Loose clothing is without a doubt the most comfortable option in the summer heat. Therefore by wearing a loose tank or cropped top over



Jack Rogers has a decorative twist on classic flip-flops.

Photo provided by shoppingblog.com

a bandeau, you can remain comfortable and stylish at the same time. Swell.com



Wedges are the perfect shoe to go with the new summer trends.

Photo provided by coolspotters.com

has a wide selection of loose tanks and cropped tops in both bright and neutral colors.

Last, although this may not come as any surprise, lace and stripes are once again a huge hit this summer season. Every year they seem to evolve in some way, shape or form. However, it is not necessarily how they have changed, but rather how you wear them. Lace can be added to spice up an outfit, or it can be the outfit itself. Stripes will also always remain a staple piece for summer style trends. You can't go wrong with the nautical look; it's classic!



A maxi dress will look and feel great in the summer heat.

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'The High Point Song' makes an appearance on Tosh.0

By Katie Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

On April 19, a music video entitled "The High Point Song" made by the HPU "WOW" Factor variety show was featured on the website of the Comedy Central show, "Tosh.0."

"Tosh.0" is a comedy show in which the host, Daniel Tosh, does a running commentary on YouTube videos.

"The High Point Song" is a parody of "Friday" by Rebecca Black, which has been mentioned on the show several times. "Friday" has been a YouTube sensation, getting over 113 million views in two months.

The video was created for the "WOW" Factor student variety show, which is an upper-level communication class, TV production.

Adam Keelan, a junior, recorded, animated, edited and came up with the idea for the video. Matt Wells and Brandon Rivera wrote the lyrics and performed

in the video with a brief appearance by Keelan. Wells and Rivera also performed the song and the music was provided by Z Fields.

"We wanted to revamp the song to be about HPU and give the students a funny music video that they could relate to, and the main reason I even chose to do a music (video) for my final project for the class was just so we could try out the new green screen in the Communication building," said Keelan.

"It was a great experience getting to work in Studio B with the green screen, and we're just really pumped about the hits it's been getting and about even making it to the tosh.0 website in the first place," added Keelan.



Wells and Rivera party it up in the music video "The High Point Song," which has gotten over 600 hits on the "Tosh.0" website.

Photo courtesy of Adam Keelan

Blue Bourbon Jacks is an improvement to Triangle

By Brandon James
Staff Writer

Blue Bourbon and Jacks is the new bar that has opened up where the old Club Triangle was located. The grand opening was three weeks ago on a Wednesday night and many college students made the trip down Lexington Avenue to try out the new bar.

Jared Johnson, a senior at High Point University, said, "It was a blast, much cleaner and better atmosphere than Triangle."

The atmosphere appears to be fun and exciting, and there is a good buzz

about the new bar in High Point.

"There was good music, a huge dance floor and great drink specials," said Daniel Suseck, who also has been to Blue Bourbon and Jacks multiple times.

Blue Bourbon and Jacks admits those who are 21 and up, so underage students are not allowed to be inside the bar.

The cover charge at Blue Bourbon Jacks is only a dollar, which was cheaper than Triangle's cover, which ranged from three to 15 dollars depending on the night.

There is also a greater variety of

beer and liquor to choose from as well. The specials don't only just include one kind of beer, but a couple of choices of domestic or imported beer. Specials are available every night and the beers are also less expensive.

The staff at Blue Bourbon and Jacks has completely re-done the interior of the bar and dance floor. The bar has much more a respectable feel than that of Club Triangle.

The dance floor has been extended farther out so that there is more room for people to dance.

The stage is also bigger so artists will not be as cramped as they were before

when performing.

Pool tables are located right where the dance floor ends, and all the pool tables are brand new. There was no charge Wednesday night to play pool.

The bar has also been extended, which makes getting a drink much easier, a huge plus for most college students because no one wants to wait in line at a bar for drinks.

"The bar was crowded but I had no problem getting a drink when I wanted one," said Jason Halsey, a senior.

Blue Bourbon and Jacks has designed a bar perfect for college students who are 21.

Nelson reflects, shares thoughts on most influential staff

By **Katie Nelson**
Editor-in-Chief

It is graduation time again and guess what that means? Tons of clichés about lessons learned from the past four years, excitement and nervous anticipation about what the future holds and many, many thanks.

I have been very blessed to attend this university and experience many facets of college life. I have studied abroad, completed an internship, been a part of student government, held many campus jobs, attended many Greek life events and enjoyed all of the facilities that High Point has to offer.

It has been a great experience and I have made friends that I truly believe I will have until I am old and grey. I have also learned a great deal, not only about academics but also about relationships, how to be an effective leader and how to use my God-given skills to the best of my abilities.

Through the fabulous faculty and friends I have made, I feel confident that I can go into the world and do many great things for myself and others around me. I am thankful to HPU for this.

I have not always felt this way about HPU. My freshman year, I was bound and determined to transfer to another small college in N.C. and get away from this place. HPU was not the university experience I had envisioned. I sent my applications out to other schools but eventually changed my mind.

I realized that HPU may not be what

I thought college was supposed to be like, but it was college and I was going to have great opportunities here. HPU facilitated many great experiences for me that I probably would not have gotten at other schools.

There are many people who have made my experience especially wonderful and are the reason I chose to stay whom I would like to thank.

The first one is Dr. Terrell Hayes, associate professor of sociology. Hayes has been my advisor and taught me many of my sociology courses. He has also been a strong influence on me in ways that go beyond the classroom.

I feel that Hayes does not always get the credit he deserves. He is currently the only full-time faculty member of the sociology department. That is a large load to handle.

Not only does he handle that responsibility well but he also instills fantastic values into his students. Hayes encourages students to think outside the box, not to take no for an answer and pursue the course of action they think is right, not necessarily what is easy.

He teaches us to think for ourselves and not just blend in with the crowd. I think these are extremely important principles and are not always easy to carry out.

I have encountered other faculty

members who have pushed me to be the best me, which has really made a difference. They have been supportive and inspiring.

Dr. Bobby Hayes also deserves much thanks. He has helped me through some of my greatest challenges at HPU and is basically my second father. His guidance has been invaluable inside and outside the realm of newspaper.

My special thanks go to the entire political science department, as well as Josh Fisher, who I wish I had time to take more classes with, and David Bergen, who always knows what to say. Y'all have been the reason I chose to stay at HPU and have given me a great amount of knowledge and skills that have equipped me for the future.

However, the amount of supportive and awesome people extends beyond the faculty. Almost every facet of the HPU campus is filled with incredible people.

Take the Academic Services Center, for example. They have a great staff who work diligently to ensure that students get the most out of their education. I have worked for the ASC for three years and it has been fulfilling in many ways.

Mr. Craig Curty is probably the best boss I have ever had. He connects

greatly with the students in a manner that makes tutoring fun for everyone involved. He is also one of the funniest guys I have met.

Camille Baldwin is another staff member whom I really love and who has been a great person in my time here. When she worked at Starbucks, Baldwin was genuine with the students. She memorized most of the drinks that regular customers order.

Now that she is at the Great Day Bakery, Baldwin brings the same amount of enthusiasm and dedication to her job, but she's making your whole meal instead of coffee. I must say I will miss her drinks.

Speaking of enthusiasm at the Bakery, Mrs. Terri Parsons is the sweetest lady on campus. She always has a smile on her face and a compliment for students. I think it is safe to say that she truly enjoys her job and she perpetuates many of the values that President Qubein wants to instill in students.

I will miss all of these people so much when I graduate and appreciate how wonderful they have been to me in my time at HPU. I haven't mentioned nearly as many people as I should, like the entire IT department, especially Matt and Wellington, Kristy Norton, Pete Mandala from Aramark, basically the whole day shift at the Bakery and many security officers.

All of these people have been fantastic and have made my HPU experience (I won't say extraordinary) special. Thank you all for your kind spirits and influence you have had over me.



Pink nails, shotguns and turkey calls

By **Skylar Mabe**
Staff Writer

When I discovered a deer's love for grape juice on my first-ever hunting excursion back in November, I also witnessed at least 50 turkeys strutting through the land I was hunting on. During winter, they "yard up" in rafters or gangs of about 20 to 30 turkeys.

Turning over every leaf and stick in their path, turkeys sound like a group of drunken men staggering through the woods. Making that unmistakable sound, I thought to myself, "Man, come spring these turkeys don't have a chance." Little did I know they too subscribe to the N.C. Wildlife hunting season booklet.

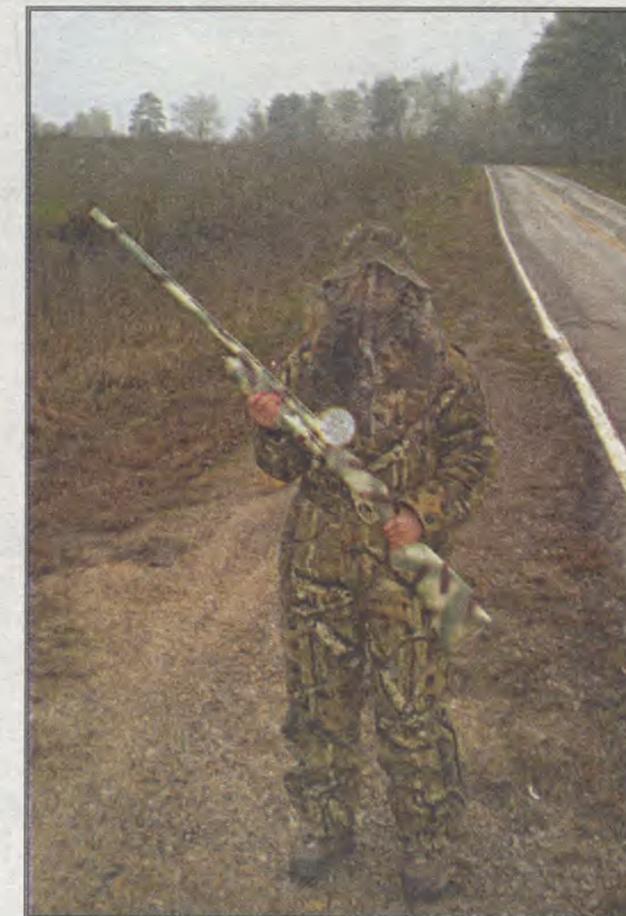
My deer season ended with zero kills, but I had hope for this upcoming turkey season. All winter I had practiced staying silent and feeling my limbs go numb as I sat still. Even when a gang set their eyes on the other people I was hunting with, I remained unnoticed.

Fast forward past deer season to April 9, the first day of turkey season. My friend, Grant Trivette, offered to take me back to the Weadon Road Hunt Club, where he and his father lease 1,500 acres. I woke up at 3:45 a.m., before the sun and every other creature make an appearance, noticed I had time to spare and added a clear topcoat to my already pink fingernails. I painted my nails pink knowing turkeys could see them and praying they'd be covered with camouflage gloves all day.

After I drank my Starbucks frappuccino, I met Trivette in Rural Hall, N.C., where he mocked my pink nails. Unfortunately, he spent so much time ridiculing my nails that he forgot to bring the gloves he had promised me. With another 90 minutes left before we reached our destination, I could feel the tinge of excitement in my stomach.

The first thing we did at the club was honk the car horn. "Turkeys want to be the loudest thing in the woods. Even an ambulance siren can cause turkeys to gobble from miles away," said Trivette.

We waited to hear some kind of gobble in retaliation to car horn... nothing. I hopped out of the truck, put on my coveralls, boots and mask and then



Skylar Mabe in her hunting gear.
Photo courtesy of Skylar Mabe

loaded my gun.

For those unfamiliar with firearms, in N.C. a turkey cannot be killed with a rifle; it must be killed with a shotgun. A rifle shoots one bullet at a time and can zero in on an object from hundreds of yards away. Easy, right? Yes...for deer hunting. Turkey hunting, however, calls for a shotgun.

A shotgun shoots a shell. In layman's terms, a shell contains copper BBs that are released after the trigger is pulled. Those BBs are aimed at the same general area, but may land yards away from the target.

Still, unreliable BBs aren't the only hindrance on turkey hunting. A turkey's eyesight is like nothing a human could ever imagine. They see color, including an ultraviolet spectrum that we cannot see. Their eyes are like telescopes; they can certainly notice a gun barrel and ten pink nails shifting an inch to the left from yards away.

Despite my inexperience, I was determined to succeed in what many people call the most challenging kind of hunting.

It's 5:45 Saturday morning; Trivette and I are greeted by a deer carcass, a missing bridge and no reply from nearby turkeys. To complicate matters even further, a newly constructed barbed wire fence had to be conquered.

After we survived the bite of barbed wire and scaled the metal beams that used to hold a wooden bridge, Trivette hits the turkey call...no response.

We continue into the woods about a mile more and he tries the call again, but the only noises we hear are birds chirping, squirrels moving through the leaves, and deer jumping through nearby thickets.

Six hours pass. Only one trace of the turkeys (droppings left behind almost a day ago).

I am certain both deer and turkey receive the hunting season dates from their advisers because during deer season I saw only turkeys most days, and on the first day of turkey season I only saw deer. Disappointed and discouraged, we head back to Winston-Salem.

On our way we pass a field of what used to be soybeans; something catches my eye! I focus in on the object just before we drive past; it is a tom (otherwise known as a male turkey).

He has gotten away today, but there are still 27 more days to pull that shotgun trigger.

Procaccini to spend part of summer volunteering in Costa Rica

By **Roxanne Tammone**
Staff Writer

Resident assistant in the Complex, member of Phi Mu sorority, vice president of operations and finance for the Panhellenic Council, SGA secretary, ambassador captain, Greek Week chair and president of the Odyssey Club.

Such an extensive list of extracurricular activities could easily make someone with even the sharpest time management skills cringe. But for Megan Procaccini, it is just another normal day at High Point University.

There are certain people who can walk into a room and put you at ease.

Sometimes it is a dazzling smile or a boisterous laugh. But for Procaccini, fondly nicknamed "Proc" or "Meg Proc" by many, it is her overall charisma.

This summer, Procaccini will be taking her time management skills and infectious charisma to less fortunate families in Costa Rica.

For the first five weeks of break, Procaccini will be living with a family in Sucre, Costa Rica and teaching English in a local elementary school. Upon her return to the U.S. she will be working at a summer camp in her home state of Connecticut.

So why not just stay in Connecticut from start to finish, especially with such

a packed academic year? Easy—it's her infatuation.

"I am very passionate about helping others and the Sucre community is one that is very close to my heart," said Procaccini.

Procaccini has taken numerous volunteer trips, but none of them have lasted for more than 14 days and none of them have been independent. They have always been with a group, organized through school or another affiliation.

Some might be wary to travel to another country on their own, but not Procaccini.

"As you could imagine, I am extremely excited to spend five weeks in Sucre,"

she said.

Her confidence and exhilaration seems to be somewhat connected to her HPU experience.

"My involvement on campus has been very complex and has allowed me to work with a very diverse community. These experiences have shaped how I interact with others and hopefully, I can apply this knowledge when I travel to Costa Rica."

Some students may spend their summers working, vacationing or even taking classes during Summer Experience. Meg Proc is not some students; instead, she will be giving Costa Rican children an irreplaceable gift—the gift of literacy.

Parsons serves up sandwiches, smiles and advice

By **Kimberly Wilson**
Staff Writer

The Great Day Bakery offers a variety of options, but it offers something a little extra Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—employee Terri Parsons.

The outgoing, always friendly and always smiling Parsons plays a big factor in enhancing the Great Day Bakery's name.

Parsons is willing to go beyond her daily tasks at the Great Day Bakery.

"If students aren't having a great day, I'm here to listen. I just enjoy the students because I get so much from you," said Parsons.

"You can do two things. Be unfriendly

and in a bad mood, or be friendly and in a good mood," Parsons added. "My reasoning is that I just want to have a great day and hopefully the students can have a great day too."

It seems Parsons chose the right place to work, hence the name Great Day Bakery.

Parsons didn't have to think longer than a second before sharing her favorite part about working at HPU: it's the students!

She also enjoys President Nido Qubein's motivational speeches, the people she works with, and the other staff at HPU.

"If I could, I'd wear a T-shirt that says, 'Walk with a purpose, and with a smile on your face,'" said Parsons.

While politely telling a student that she cannot provide an extra apple on account of getting caught for being too generous in the past, Parsons let out a slight laugh and wished the student a great day.

Parsons's charity and spirit at HPU aren't just a part of the job. She also has a Sunday school class that she takes pride in. She also shared her advice for the day, "You cannot control the wind, but you can adjust your sails."

So, if you are looking for a little something extra with your sandwich and salad, Great Day Bakery employee Terri Parsons offers a dose of cheer with every meal.



Terri Parsons serves up lunch at the Great Day Bakery.

Photo by Kimberly Wilson

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next semester, during which anyone is welcome to attend.

At the next meeting, Lincoln plans to give the other senators the opportunity to write down any suggestions they may have on how to improve next year.

"Right now, one of my major concerns over the summer, which I'll be working on, is trying to make it more transparent for senators to understand

the process of student government; [I want to] make a handbook for them so that when they come back, they'll have a complete handbook for both their senator and organization," he said.

As a double major in accounting and finance, with minors in both Spanish and economics, it's a wonder as to how Lincoln will find the time to add his presidency to the mix.

"I love being busy," he stated. "I can't stand not doing anything."

He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Omega Service fraternity and is an assistant resident director.

In his spare time, the Charleston, S.C. native loves going to the beach and hanging with his friends.

As far as his future is concerned, Lincoln plans to pursue a tax accounting

job and to one day live in a big city such as New York or San Francisco.

Lincoln encourages anyone with questions, comments, or concerns to email SGA over the summer at sga@highpoint.edu—they'll be more than happy to hear what you have to say.

"Journey of Hope" continued from page 1

Along the way everyone who is participating in Journey of Hope stops at certain places to visit people with disabilities and raises money and awareness for the cause.

Not only will this be Terrell's first plane ride and first time out West, but this is the first time he has felt like he can do something drastic to help not only his fraternity, but also his family.

"My grandmother lives me with," Terrell said, "and has a disability and had both her legs amputated, and I always wanted to do something for the cause."

He feels as though this is the perfect opportunity to make a difference for himself, his family, his brothers and people across the county dealing with disabilities.

For Journey of Hope, he has to raise a minimum of \$2,500 but he has set a personal goal of \$2,800.

To raise the money Terrell is sending out campaign letters to students, parents of students, fraternity brothers and family, along with having fund raising events at his home in Lynchburg, Va., dorm storming and looking for support from fraternities, sororities, and local

businesses in High Point.

He is looking for fundraising and support wherever he can because of how much Journey of Hope means to him personally.

To learn more or support Terrell send him an e-mail at terrej08@highpoint.edu or visit his official Journey of Hope web page at Support.pushamerica.org/goto/justinterrell.

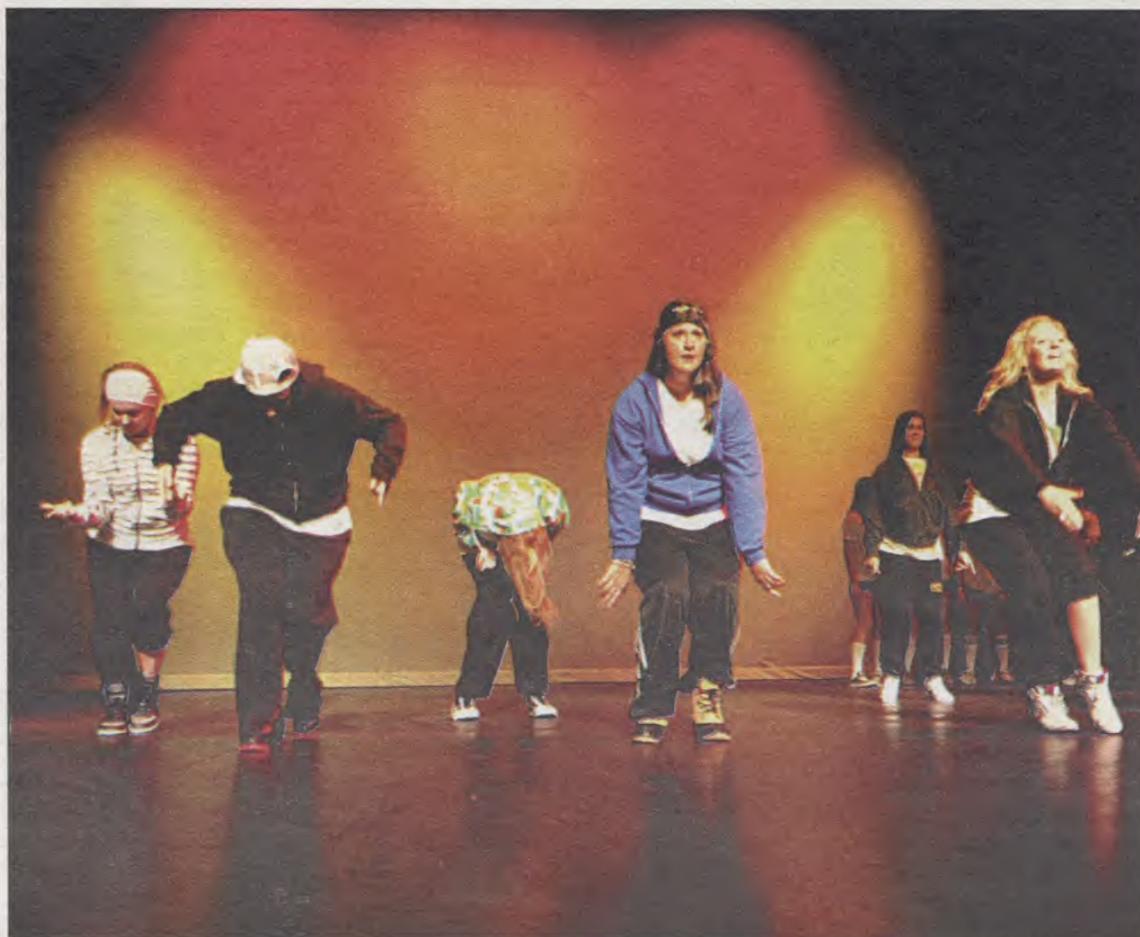
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Love to take pictures or draw?

The Campus Chronicle is *always* looking for interested students to help contribute to the paper!

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'GREEKS GOT TALENT'



The fraternities and sororities perform in the "Greek's Got Talent!" competition in the Hayworth Fine Arts Theatre on April 14. The dance performed by the Kappa Delta sorority took home the first place prize. Photos by Adam Spear

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Campus grows even more 'green' on Arbor Day

By **Meghan Deardoff**
Staff Writer

For High Point University, Arbor Day celebrations play a big part in observing the many different species of trees spread all over campus.

On April 20, High Point University held a celebration hosted by HPU first lady Mariana Qubein at the Hoffman Amphitheater in the David R. Hayworth University Park.

During this special event several presentations were made. One of the presentations was the dedication of trees on campus from the Spanish Club and the Student Government Association.

There was also a presentation made by the Arbor Day Foundation. The award was presented by Eric Muecke from the North Carolina Division of Forests Resources.

Jon Roethling, who is the curator of the grounds at High Point University, also made a presentation for the university's induction to the Woodland Hillside Garden.

The Woodland Hillside Garden is currently being installed on campus and is located across from the rear of the Blessing Residence Hall. This new garden will take over the existing tree layer and slope to provide a blend of textures, colors and forms to create a relaxing environment for students and

faculty.

"One thing I would really like to highlight is my desire to get students involved with the arboretum and botanic gardens project," said Roethling. "We have so many diverse talents in the student body that I'd love to harness."

Roethling also mentioned that there might be some students on campus who have great photography skills. These students could aid in building a great collection of images that the gardens could put to use. On the other hand, some students may just enjoy getting

their hands dirty by helping with the planting and maintenance of the gardens.

As a "Tree Campus USA," High Point University has helped to promote healthy urban forest management with its 19 gardens on campus. These colorful sanctuaries all have been created to demonstrate the wide diversity of plants found in and around the Piedmont Triad area that many students and faculty make their home.



One of the many beautiful gardens High Point's campus has to offer.

Photo courtesy of HPU

Wells gives one last shout out

By **Matt Wells**
Organizations Editor

It has been real High Point...

Who would have thought that these past four years would have gone by so quickly? It seems like I was just getting ready for my high school graduation and now this! UNREAL!

Coming in as a freshman I was a commuter student who came for class and that was it. Now, I do not think I can begin to list what I have been involved in on this campus, and even thinking about it makes my head hurt.

That is what High Point does for you. It makes you become more than you expected.

I owe a lot of what I have done and who I have become to this school. Anyone can tell you I am a completely different person.

I can base my being able to come to High Point University on my dad. He gave me the motivation to be the best I could in everything I do and to do something right if it is worth doing at all. I think about him all the time and I am so thankful that even though he will not see me graduate from college, he was a huge part in making this all possible. I am thankful for that every day! Love ya Rando!

My mom was also my support through this along with my Aunt Becky. I cannot write a farewell article without giving them a shout out for being there for me every time I needed anything, be it advice or money. I love you and I mean it guys!

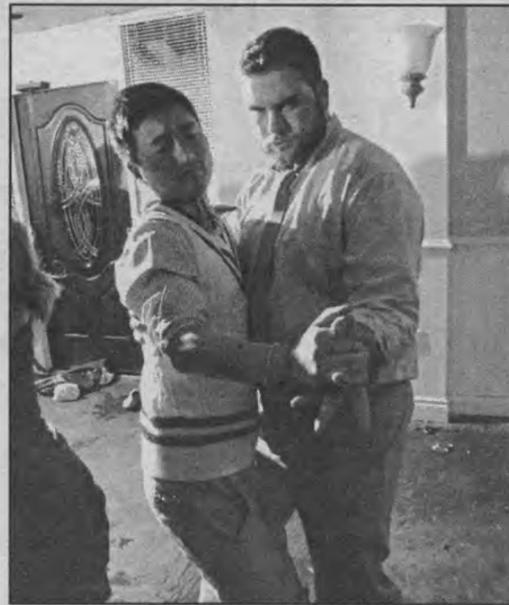
Now, on to my High Point University. "Wow!" It seems like the appropriate word to use here in reflection on my time.

Whether it be giving a tour, hanging out with my fraternity brothers, studying or saving campus as Captain Extraordinary, I have never had a dull moment here. I am blessed to have been a part of so much and still have a social life.

Do I have regrets? Of course, silly,

this is life! But the ones I do have are small. For the most part, I have lived out my college experience to the fullest. Just ask anyone who has seen my videos online or caught me on a random weekend (we have all done it). No regrets!

I need to send out a few "thank yous" and "shout outs" as well to those who



Matt Wells busts a move with Shengkai Su. Photo courtesy of Matt Wells

on campus. Thank you for putting up with my crazy schedule and teaching me the true definition of hard work! I cannot tell you how much I have learned working for you all, especially the ladies over in the admissions office! Thanks Mamajama!

To the staff and everyone I worked with at HPU Radio and the Campus Chronicle, we have bonded so much over the past couple years and have had some great times. We have had our fair share (maybe more than fair share) of adversity, but we got through it together with a few good times thrown in!

Finally, to each and every member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity here at HPU, A to B guys! I have gotten so much out of going Greek and you guys have been a big part in my enjoyment. Whether it be random trips out, caving into the peer pressure to have fun, or our amazing basement (FOAMal was, in a word, BOOM!) you guys will never know how much fun I have had and how much I love each of you.

We have faced adversity but came through it each time as better men! A few of the more memorable moments I have through the fraternity include going to Washington, D.C. for a weekend.

I will also never forget, and neither will Drew, watching one of my oldest and closest friends become a brother, gaining the friendship of my piccolo, Johnathan Jones, countless talks on the porch and attending concerts. I am blessed to be a part of such a dynamic group.

To everyone still at HPU, you will be missed! I promise to come visit when I can. Be sure to enjoy the great things this magical place offers and make sure to leave as I have, with no regrets!

have really been there for me through this journey. First of all, I must thank my professors. You have all helped teach me so much, not just about communication, but also about life and myself. I am much more prepared to face the world with your guidance and wisdom.

To my roommates, Brandon and Hugo, "preciate ya!" You guys have made this year one of the best senior years of all time and I cannot wait to see how our friendship strengthens in the future! Love ya guys!

I must also thank all of my bosses/supervisors. I have had many jobs

Improvements drive Panthers Track and Field

By **Henry Molski**
Staff Writer

When the 2010-2011 indoor track season came to a close, the Panthers knew they would have much work to do to prepare for the spring season.

With the men finishing in fifth and the women sixth at the Big South Indoor Conference Finals at Clemson University, it was far from a satisfying finish to the first half of the competitive year.

However, the Panthers have stepped up to the challenge quite well as the spring season comes to a close. Head Coach Mike Esposito says that this spring has been one in which he has seen vast improvements across the program.

Esposito says that the development that has taken place is promising and that the work put in by his event groups has been outstanding.

Audrey Malloy and Kayleigh Perry have already turned in strong numbers as freshmen, and have much room for future improvement. Esposito also praised the work of Emily Webb, who has had a very strong senior season.

Also, the work of Manika Gamble has been outstanding as well. Gamble has already been named the Big South Women's Track Athlete of the Week after she posted season-best times in her 100-meter and 400-meter hurdle races.

The numbers Gamble is putting up this spring are even more impressive considering that she missed part of the indoor season due to injury. She is one of several athletes that Esposito fully expects to see at the NCAA

Championships.

Esposito also expects Jacob Smith and Neil Darmody to also be in attendance, along with a few other Panthers.

A big blow to the Panthers this spring, however, has come with the injury to T.J. Brancaccio. Brancaccio is not only a strong senior leader on the

his best athletes. However, it was also a good thing that it happened to an athlete with the determination of Brancaccio.

"If anyone could recover from this type of injury, it's T.J.," said Esposito.

While Brancaccio works hard to come back to pole vaulting, this has become a big opportunity for others to step up. Esposito says that junior Jacob

better as well. The new throwing area for discus, shotput and javelin athletes behind the baseball field has been completed, which adds a whole new dimension for training.

According to Esposito, the new facilities not only help current athletes, but also draw in new recruits for the future.

Esposito was ecstatic with his recruiting class this spring and expects the new recruiting class to really make some noise at HPU.

"The spring recruiting went very, very well and we assembled some of the best female distance runners we have ever had," said Esposito.

Esposito was equally excited about the men's recruiting class as well. The distance runners for the men's team were very strong. The mid-distance runners coming in next year will be very strong competitors as well, according to Esposito.

With improvements on and around the track, the High Point University Track and Field Panthers have a very good base to build up their program.

As the season draws to a close, it appears strong finishes are in sight for the Panthers in the Big South Conference.



Jacob Smith is competing to make his way to the NCAA Championships.

Photo Courtesy of HPU Sports Information.

field, but off the field as well.

Esposito said that the injury was a very "flukey" one and noted how unfortunate it was to happen to one of

Matthews has to "really step up in T.J.'s absence."

The track and field teams definitely have the resources to improve and get

Women's Lacrosse finish season, gear up for playoffs

By **Brian Brennan**
Staff Writer

The High Point women's lacrosse team has continued its winning ways as head coach Lyndsey Boswell's ladies have surged by going on a five game winning streak. In its inaugural season, the team has posted a 12-3 record and has been considered one of the favorites for the National Lacrosse Conference Championship. Coach Boswell credits this to her players coming together as a team.

"When the team got here in August they did not look back," Boswell said, "We set high standards and we were determined to exceed all expectations. That's what we have built the foundation from, high standards."

Boswell also spoke of how the team has developed to be competitive. "Each day every girl pushes their teammates to be the best they can be in practice. We have been competing for starting spots since August, and we have created a very competitive environment."

In their recent games, the team has continued their domination with blow out wins against Longwood and Davidson to move into second place in the conference standings. Against Longwood on April 10, HPU dominated in a 12-7 win. Chelsea Thompson continued her impressive freshman season with another four-goal game. McKenzie Carroll added four goals as High Point downed the team that led the NLC standings for much of the season.

Also against Longwood, the Panthers



Junior Heather Zicarelli has 18 goals this season for the Panthers.

Photo Courtesy of HPU Sports Information.

arguably played their best defensive game of the season as defender Courtney McLaughlin had six ground balls and four caused turnovers. Sara Kuhlman also caused four turnovers and added an assist. HPU goalie Lauren Hayes made seven saves.

Three days later against Liberty, the Panthers continued their domination winning 17-4. Thompson had four goals

again while Grace Gaeng added four of her own. Alexis Goldman scored three goals, Ashleigh Kassab scored twice and four others hit the back of the net. Hayes made five saves and lowered her goals against average to 7.43. She ranked fifth in the nation in GAA entering the game.

Finally, on April 16, behind yet another four-goal game from Gaeng,

the Panthers were able to win their final regular season conference game 13-10 over conference rival Davidson.

With the season ending the Panthers will look compete in the NLC Championship when the tournament begins at Davidson on April 29.

Win or lose, after the NLC tournament the Panthers will have one last game against North Carolina, one of the top teams in the nation. UNC is currently ranked No. 4 in the nation and the game will likely be one of the more important games of the year for the Panthers.

"The ultimate goal is to walk away with an NLC Tournament Championship and compete for a win with UNC in Chapel Hill on May 6," said Boswell.

Win or lose at Chapel Hill and at the NLC Tournament, the 2011 inaugural season has been a success. HPU has been put on the map in women's lacrosse, and things could only be getting better down the road, according to Boswell.

"We do not graduate anyone from our roster and we are adding nine strong freshmen. I think this means we are only going to get better," Boswell said, "Next year our freshmen will have a year under their belts, and they will be able to lead the new freshman class. With each year will come higher expectations. The goal in the future is to win the conference and get a bid to the NCAA tournament and eventually compete for a national championship."

What is next for spring sports seniors?



Rachel Webb
Women's Track
Pole Vault

Future Plans:

Work in North Carolina as a physical therapist.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Definitely the bonds with the coaches and the athletes. These are people I never would have met without athletics."



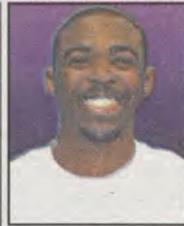
Jevin Monds
Men's Track
Distance

Future Plans:

Get into coaching and personal training.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Having the team, like a support group, around you. Your teammates are some of your best friends."



Justin Conaway
Men's Track
Sprints

Future Plans:

Work at Proehlific Park right after graduation, then own a youth sporting complex.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"My favorite part of being a Division I athlete has been being part of a family."



T.J. Brancaccio
Men's Track
Pole Vault

Future Plans:

Work with the police department, then be a counter sniper for the Secret Service.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Definitely the team atmosphere and the high competition level we have here at High Point."



Monica Delizo
Women's Track
Distance

Future Plans:

Be a physical therapist in the military and/or a track coach.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"The craziness of how you do not know what is going to come sometimes."



Bret Motsinger
Men's Golf

Future Plans:

Work my way up in a large corporation using skills learned from Business Administration.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Meeting so many people and being so close to the guys. It has been a great ride."



Nick Goins
Men's Golf

Future Plans:

Get into real estate using skills learned from a degree in Business Administration.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Being able to do everything, not just school all the time, and playing the sport that I love."



D.J. Dougherty
Men's Golf

Future Plans:

Pursue career in advertising field; goal is to make commercials.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Traveling all across the country meeting new people as I compete against some of the top players in the nation."



Mikel Rodenberg
Baseball
Pitcher

Future Plans:

Work in the front office of a professional sport, preferably NHL, MLB, or NCAA.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"The camaraderie that comes with being part of a team. You have guys that have your back."



Corey Swickle
Baseball
Pitcher

Future Plans:

Get into construction and real estate industry; renovate houses and sell them for a profit.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"The ability to compete with other schools and represent our own school."



Mike Caldwell
Baseball
Pitcher

Future Plans:

Work in construction, like his family, be a coach to help children, and work in some kind of ministry.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"I like my teammates. It's like another family. We do everything together."



Steve Antolik
Baseball
First Base

Future Plans:

Become a commercial flight pilot like his father.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Going out there and competing on a daily basis. We play guys that get drafted and see a lot of good talent."



Kyle Mahoney
Baseball
Catcher

Future Plans:

Hope baseball career continues, but then teach history and coach baseball at the high school level.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Being with the team every day. It has been an awesome experience and a ton of fun."



Murray White IV
Baseball
Infielder

Future Plans:

Land a front office job with a minor league baseball team.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"I like traveling to different places. It's pretty cool to go all over the place and travel."



Drew Geissinger
Baseball
Outfielder

Future Plans:

Be a doctor of dermatology after traveling throughout Europe.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"Being able to come to the field and spend a lot of time with these guys. It has been a wonderful experience for me."



Spencer Andrews
Baseball
UTIL

Future Plans:

Find a teaching/coaching job and settle in the Piedmont Triad area in N.C.

Best thing about being a NCAA Division I athlete:

"The competition. I feel like the teams we play and compete against are the best of the best."

Cozart brings blue-collar approach to diamond

By Patrick Budd
Staff Writer

Head Coach Craig Cozart loves talking baseball, his philosophy on the game, and how it works.

Cozart, along with the rest of his coaching staff, have quickly changed the HPU baseball program to be a legitimate contender in the Big South Conference.

Last year in Cozart's second season, he coached the Panthers to a 31-29 record, the first winning record the Panthers have posted since they moved to compete in NCAA Division I. Now this season, the Panthers are well on track in topping 31 wins from a year ago.

The team currently sits in the middle of the standings in a conference that is very "wide open," according to Cozart.

"Our expectations are very high here and remain very high. We feel that last year having a winning season was just a stepping stone in the right direction," said Cozart.

Come Big South Conference tournament time Cozart expects to build on their semifinal loss to Coastal Carolina last year.

"We've been playing our best baseball at conference tournament time," said Cozart.

He coached the Panthers to two victories last season, the most wins the team has had in a postseason tournament. This season may be a little tougher for the Panthers with the amount of injuries that have hit the team.

However, injuries are what come with the blue-collar approach that Cozart and his coaching staff preach on a day-to-day basis.

"Baseball unlike any other sport is such a daily grind. The mental part is almost just as important as the physical

aspect," said Cozart, "It's a mental grind when literally on a weekly basis you lose another component to the team."

Resiliency has been the key factor in overcoming the injuries, and continuing their tough approach. It's no surprise that Cozart has given his team a grade

Bryan Peters, Rich Wallace, Jaime Serber and Joe Mercurio, the Panthers are looking to capture their first Big South Conference Championship in their Division I era. Last year, Cozart's freshman class of 15 players, one of the largest ever in HPU baseball history, all

In the second year in operation, the Student Pavilion, otherwise known as the "Heckle Deck," located in right-center field, has quickly become a hot spot for students to take in a Panthers game. Thank Coach Cozart for being an advocate for this area to give students space to enjoy Coy O. Willard Stadium.

Secondly, with the help of Peters, Cozart has developed the annual "Baseball Olympics," a friendly competitive series of games held at Willard Stadium for HPU students. Usually held the afternoon before Opening Day, Cozart encourages students to come out, meet the team and coaching staff, and help bring in the new season.

The players have also been involved with the community program "Big Brothers, Big Sisters," a mentor program that allows volunteers to give advice to the youth, according to the program's website. On any given weekend, you can even see some of those same mentees at a Panthers baseball game.

More impressively, Cozart has developed a youth baseball league called the Panther Baseball Club, geared toward getting the local youngsters involved in playing baseball. Cozart's three children are even involved in "PBC" baseball, which also serves as a recruitment tool for HPU baseball.

The Panthers have entered the second half of the season and are in a battle within the Big South.

Maybe this is the year the Panthers add a title to the already impressive resume of Craig Cozart.



Coach Craig Cozart stands up for his players and is not afraid of umpires.
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of an A plus in mentality and toughness for the first half of the season.

In his third year with the Panthers after a 12-year stint at the University of Central Florida, Cozart has surrounded himself at High Point University with some great coaching and some great players to help him preach his hard-nosed baseball philosophy.

With the help of assistant coaches

saw playing time on the diamond.

Cozart and his staff are not only great at recruiting star players from around the country, but he also recruits fans to support his growing baseball program. His success on the field is only half the foundation that he has built in his time at High Point University. Involvement with the community and the university has made him a fan favorite.



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