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Sept. 11 memorial event honors 10th anniversary

By Jodi Guglielmi
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As the Hayworth Chapel bell tower rang to announce that it was 4 p.m. on the cool sunny Sunday afternoon, hundreds of High Point University students and faculty were seated in David Hayworth Park, patiently awaiting the start of the September 11th remembrance ceremony. There was a calm silence as the crowd sat and awaited the ceremony to begin, with the Market Street Brass Band playing softly in the background. At the start of the ceremony, Dr. Marc Foster, Chair of the Department of Music, sang the national anthem. As everyone rose, placed their right hand over their heart, most still holding the American Flag they were given when they walked in, one could see the pride and passion in their eyes.

Nick Lincoln, President of the Student Government Association, welcomed all of the guests to the event, including HPU President Nido Quebin. Lincoln also introduced each individual speaker.

When it was time for a moment of silence, every member of the crowd bowed their head in respect for the soldiers and citizens lost.



Members of High Point's ROTC program present the colors at the start of the ceremony. Photo courtesy of High Point University.

Members of various campus organizations spoke at the event about their Sept. 11 experience. Bradley Taylor, the President of the Inter-Residence Council led the crowd in the invocation and moment of silence. Taylor recalled the first time that he visited Ground Zero, saying he stood there in "disbelief." Sarah Cayan, the President of the Panhellenic Council, stressed the fact that while we all have our own accounts of what happened that day, it is important that we not forget anyone who was lost; we must remember everyone.

Toward the end of the ceremony, a medal of recognition was presented by the U.S. Department of Justice to one of High Point University's own students, Virginia Dannelly. She was awarded this medal of recognition in honor of her mother who is currently serving in Baghdad.

Dr. Hal Warlick, dean of chapel, gave the closing remarks and benediction. In his message, he stressed the importance of strength as Americans. He emphasized the strength Americans possessed immediately after the terrorist attacks, and how that event made America bond together as one. He then compared that strength to now, shocked at how 10 years later, our bond has seemed to vanish. He explained that in times of distress and even in times without distress, Americans need to come together as one - because strength and unity is the very basis of our country.

As the brass band began playing once again, people rose from their seats, and as they were leaving, they stuck their American



Don't fall! A look at the new HPU ropes course, located off-campus. Photo by Eleanor Christopher.

Students take ropes course for test run

By Eleanor Christopher
Staff Writer

You start by climbing up a ladder made of ropes. You feel your heart begin to pound faster and faster. You reach the top of the ladder and hook yourself to a cable with a clamp connected to your harness. You're not sure what amount of fear you'll feel in a matter of moments when step out onto another cable that you'll have to walk across - one high above the ground. But you place one foot in front of the other, slowly transferring your weight. You might be terrified. You might be shaking. But if you're like many students who have already tested High Point University's new ropes course, you'll keep going.

The new ropes course has been built on a property donated by Molly Millis-Hedgecock to the university. It's about six and a half miles away from the main HPU campus, and the ropes course is planned to be used for students, student organizations and clubs, and classes for teambuilding, confidence-building and goal-setting activities in a safe manner.

"The ropes course will be a great compliment to our experiential learning program," said Roger Clodfelter, associate vice president of Communication and Culture at HPU. "Students will gain both leadership and confidence by completing the course."

The entire vicinity contains a high ropes course, a low ropes course, a zip line, a climbing pole and a practice area, where students learn how to use the equipment necessary for the courses before they begin.

Since there are so many activities, it will be possible for 24-36 people to be at the ropes course at once while still remaining active. While students complete the courses, they will each wear a harness connected to two ropes with carabineers that attach to cables above. If students become unbalanced or fall, the harness will catch them, and the staff at the ropes course is trained to help students get back up and across safely.

"It is meant to be an escape into nature," said Clodfelter. "It is just far enough away from campus so it seems as if you are getting away, yet close enough for short-round trips."

HPU Recreation services will provide transportation to and from the retreat. Students can sign up for trips to the ropes course at the Rec Services desk in the Slane Student Center.

The high ropes course takes approximately two hours to complete. To experience all of the attractions, it takes approximately four hours. A three-story rock-climbing wall is being constructed on the property and will be available in the spring of 2012. Also, a fence will be built in order to set the boundaries of the 25-acre property.

In recent weeks, previewing opportunities of the ropes course have been given to select groups of students.

"It was a good teambuilding exercise that was also really fun," said freshman Brian Burke, who tried the course on Sept. 13.

"It was one of the scariest things of my life, but I am proud of myself for what I accomplished," said freshman Ellie Jacobs, who also had the opportunity to test out the course.

Clodfelter said the ropes course will be a popular attraction for students, as well as a valuable learning experience that will build confidence and self-esteem in many individuals.

For more information, stop by the HPU Rec Services desk.



Help me! Students lend a hand while trying out the practice cables before attempting the ropes course. Photo by Eleanor Christopher.

Christian speaker brings message to students, staff

By Chelsie Gastright
Staff Writer

Dr. Marcus Borg, Christian speaker and author, will be visiting HPU on Sept. 23 to share his message and insight on religious life with students and staff.

Borg has accumulated an exceptional amount of praise throughout his years of Christian work. Among his many accomplishments, Borg was named Canon Theologian at the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon, in 2009, and he is also the author of twenty books and known internationally as both a biblical and Jesus scholar. He also held the Hundere Chair of Religion and Culture in the Philosophy department at Oregon State University until he retired in 2007.

All of these achievements, however, are just barely encompassing the exceptional work he has done as a Christian speaker and author. Even though these achievements highlight his current career, this was not always what Borg had wanted to do. In his autobiographical sketch first published in 1993, *Me & Jesus—The Journey Home*, he mentions that he had originally wanted to be an astrophysicist, and then changed to wanting to go to law school. Borg mentions in the book that even though the idea of Jesus and Christianity had always been a part of his life, by the time he reached college he had become something of a "closet agnostic".

It was not until 1964 when he got an offer to go to seminary paid-in-full for at least one year that he finally came to terms with his religious path. It was because of this offer that Borg began his journey as a biblical scholar.

This one step in his life not only took him on a new path, but has developed an exceptional foundation for his life work. When Borg comes to speak with the students at High Point University and the general public, he wishes to help them more than just by explaining the story of Jesus, but to help them view and find Jesus in different ways and in multiple different scenarios.

"One form of Christianity today emphasizes 'believing' - believing a set of statements about God, the Bible and Jesus to be true," said Borg. "Another form emphasizes 'transformation' - that the Christian life is about a twofold transformation: of ourselves and of the world."

Borg has a diverse background of education, ranging from the basic classes for astrophysics, then moving into a more political background and finally coming around to seminary. There is mention in his book *Me & Jesus* that the "popular" viewing of Jesus is what the students see in Sunday schools and other church scenarios. However, there are many ways to view the story of Jesus, such as politically or in a more modern progressive way.

Among helping the people of America understand many different aspects of religion, he also has time to reflect on exactly how his own relationship with Jesus has helped him and how this relationship can help others as well. When it comes to Borg, he finds that this relationship has helped him become more centered in himself and others. He even mentioned that he barely suffers from anxiety, which is uncommon in many adults today.

However, if you are a student and are having

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Opinion

As freshman class grows, so do lines for on-campus dining

By Caroline Weller
Staff Writer

Laurie Colwin, author of cookbook and memoir, *Home Cooking*, stated: "One of the delights of life is eating with friends, second to that is talking about eating. And, for an unsurpassed double whammy, there is talking about eating while you are eating with friends."

I couldn't have said it better myself, and I know that Colwin and I are not the only ones who feel this way.

One of the greatest parts of college is getting to eat with your friends nearly every single day.

Here at High Point University, there are so many fantastic places to eat, and swiping a passport instead of digging for cash makes it even better; it almost feels like it's free.

Sometimes, however, I show up to HPU's sports bar, The Point, and the line looks similar to what McDonald's would look like if they were giving away free Big Macs for the rest of eternity. I exaggerate (but sometimes when I'm really hungry, it does seem that way).

As I'm sure you've heard, the incoming freshmen class has been exponentially larger each year for the past several years now.

No surprise there—this is a terrific school. Who wouldn't want to come to a place with exceptionally nice faculty, a stunning campus, and an upscale steakhouse?

Correlated, however, with this positive increase in freshmen, is the not-so-positive increase in wait time to get food at certain eateries around campus.

"One time I was going to The Great Day Bakery, and the line was from the front of the bakery all the way back to the green and orange chairs. I've never seen the line that long," said HPU senior Aliya Wilk.

However, Aliya remains optimistic about the situation.



Students wait in line to order food at the Great Day Bakery. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

"Yes, the lines for food are much longer than normal. But, fortunately, we have a large variety of eating facilities, so it's manageable. I really enjoy the new Bistro that has opened—the lines are actually very short."

Danielle Lehman, both a student and server at The Point, has also noticed an increase in the wait lines for food.

"Many days we have a line of about 20-30 students," she said.

In order to reduce the lines and wait time, she suggests that students vary where they eat on campus.

Danielle would still like everyone to know that despite long lines, "we work very hard at The Point to serve you and we will continue to do so."

The Point and The Great Day Bakery are definitely two of the most populated locations at meal times, so if you don't like waiting, hop on over to The Café!

We have an incredible cafeteria at HPU.

There are so many options that are quite honestly delicious. The best part?

Zero wait. The Café is made to accommodate large groups of people so there are not big lines even at prime eating times; take advantage of it!

In the meantime, students can simply remain patient. Those 15 minutes you might be in line? Catch up with a friend, bring some homework, or just use the time as a breather in the middle of a busy day. Your time at this school is what you make it, and that includes your lunchtime. Live up to the HPU standards and make it extraordinary.

Secondhand News: Never settle for less than your best

By Jordan Oliver
Opinion Editor

Life is too short to live as anyone who's less than your best—who falls short of even your slightest expectations. Leave your mark; make yourself known as someone who completes a job, and does it right.

Never settle for mediocrity. You have too many gifts, and too many tools that have been given to you to use those gifts, to make them known in any way but mediocre.

God created you to be you, and only you. He has blessed you with more than you can imagine, and what better way is there to thank Him, than to strive to be the best that He knows you can be.

This "living to your best thing" doesn't apply only to the way you do things, but primarily, and most importantly, to the way you accept them.

Don't settle for anyone or anything that doesn't influence you to be your best. You don't owe a thing to anyone, (except to your parents), and therefore know that you never have to please someone in a way that seems uncomfortable to you.

You have far too much going for you to waste any of yourself on people or objects that are too blind to see all that you are—for there are too many people who love, appreciate and look forward to all of the good that you have to offer.

"I ain't settlin' for just getting by;
Had enough so-so
for the rest of my life.
Tired of shooting too low,
So raise the bar high.
Just enough ain't enough this time—
I ain't settlin' for anything less than
everything."

Lyrics from Sugarland's, "Settlin'"

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Who's gonna rock the House? Of Congress, that is

By Jay Rinaldi
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama has hit the lowest approval rating of his presidency this past week. It is now at 40 percent. Thus, his re-electability is in question. Obama is angering his own party for not being "liberal enough" while simultaneously angering the opposition for being "too liberal." Obama, it seems, is not pleasing anyone.

I do not think that Obama is the liberal socialist that the Republicans depict him as nor the malleable centrist that liberals lambast him for being.

As a liberal, I too have found myself angry with the president for giving in to Republican demands while not being given the credit for doing so. My theory for this is that he's cognizant of the dangerous political climate of the 21st century. He understands the powerful influence of the media and the impressionable character of the American voter; but in terms of Americans coming together, it seems that all can unify around their dissatisfaction with President Obama.

Reviewing the history of incumbent presidents running for re-election, one can glean from the statistics and come to the conclusion that Obama is more unlikely to win than likely. Every president since Franklin D. Roosevelt has lost his re-election bid when unemployment was above 7.2 percent; President Reagan won re-election when it was just that in 1984.

Even the White House's own econo-

mists project, as in predict or calculate, that the unemployment rate will be 8.2 percent in the fall of 2012—the time of the election.



Photo courtesy of Technorati.com

Furthermore, approval ratings of a president in close proximity to a re-election bid are somewhat suggestive of the chances a president has to win. Since the 1940 presidential election, with the exception of Harry Truman, every President seeking re-election has won when their approval ratings were above 50 percent eight months before their respective elections. Obama would have to increase his approval ratings by at least 10 percent in seven months.

Therefore, President Obama has a chance, but just a chance at best, and probably a bad one. But since I'm supportive of Obama I'm optimistic. I want Obama to

win re-election more than I wanted Uggs before the cashier at J.C. Penney Co. told me they were for girls.

The probability of Obama winning re-election would increase significantly if a non-formidable candidate like Sarah Palin somehow took the Republican Party, or maybe Rick Perry with his politically incorrect rhetoric.

But as I watch Mitt Romney looking strong and confident, I'm afraid that he's going to be our next president. It has little to do with his beliefs, his policy endorsements, or his history in the private sector or as governor of Massachusetts; it has mostly to do with the economy and the lack of national approval of President Obama.

Contrary to the statistics, I still feel that Obama can win because of his incredible oratorical skills that took him to the White House in 2008. I think Obama has the rhetorical capacity capable of convincing me that having other guys take my girlfriend out on dates makes sense.

You saw this if you watched Obama on Sept. 9 when he was pitching his jobs speech to Congress. In vintage form, he spoke with a confidence that has been asleep for the past few years.

I am also optimistic because I do not think that Obama has been explicit in his accomplishments. When it comes closer to the election, he will have the opportunity to convey his accomplishments to gather that same enthusiasm he had last election cycle.

High Point hosts RNHA forum, panel includes Jeb Bush Jr.

By Jay Rinaldi
Staff Writer

On September 10, the Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RNHA) held the Conservative Hispanic Issues Forum at High Point University. The environment of this event could be easily identified as conservatism. When you entered the event, patriotic and Christian songs filled the room. The first few speakers spoke of free enterprise and the protection and sustainment of conservative values. These people believed in less government, Christian values, and their nation. This is the RNHA's main objective, according to Victor Guzman, Chairman of the RNHA, North Carolina; increasing Hispanic support for the Republican Party by educating them about the conservative ideology.

The RNHA began to assimilate during President Nixon's re-election campaign in 1972. The Spanish Speaking Committee, which paved the way for the RNHA, was established to help in the endeavor of garnering Hispanic support for Nixon's reelection. President Nixon ended up getting 60% of the Hispanic vote in 1972, and the Committee was credited for having an integral role in this accomplishment. In 1974, the RNHA was eventually and officially organized under the leadership of then Republican National Committee Chair President George H.W. Bush. As the RNHA homepage mentions, they are the only Hispanic organization "recognized as an ally of the Republican National Committee."

After a few speeches were given, including one by High Point University's own College Republican Vice Chairman Matthew Goff, a forum was held moderated by Kory Swanson, Executive Vice President of the John Locke Foundation. The panel included Jeb Bush Jr., Chief Operating Officer of Jeb Bush and Associates and President of Bush Realty, Mark M. Garces, Chairman of the Florida Chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, Brittney Morrett, Communications Manager for CampusReform.org, and Israel Ortega, The Heritage Foundation's chief spokesman to the Spanish-language media.

Many issues were discussed during the forum, but the most overarching idea was how to get the conservative message into Hispanic communities. Multiple remedies were offered by the speakers and panel participants, including one articulated by Morrett, saying that Republicans needed to bring their message directly to the community.

"Let's be honest, a majority of the people in this room are white," said Morrett.

This statement addressed the paradox of the event. The

main objective of the RNHA organization is to increase Hispanic support for the Republican Party. However, that message was being delivered to a predominantly white crowd, the majority of which presumably affiliated themselves with the Republican Party already.

Jeb Bush Jr., the most well-known figure at the event, spoke a number of times and was very insightful. But this event was not about Jeb Bush Jr. It was about how to infect Hispanics with the conservative virus. Across the panel, all participants spoke of their disappointment in Hispanic support for the Republican Party. They condemned the left-leaning colleges, media, and President. The remedial step, they preached, was to counteract it with just as much force.

Morrett talked about the importance of communicating with Hispanic Americans and understanding their backgrounds:

"When you show you know more than general about a person's background, it kind of builds rapport, it builds respect."

Since a number of Hispanics are not fluent in English, the conservative message has to be delivered to them in Spanish. A Hispanic man in the audience toward the end of the event said that "we [conservatives] need a Spanish-speaking Rush Limbaugh!"

But one could not disregard the facts. Not even the moderator for the panel. Republican support among Hispanics pales in comparison with Democrats. In the midterm elections of 2010, near 70% of Hispanics voted Democrat and only 30% voted Republican. The panel attributed this to Republican's failure of delivering their message to the Hispanic American community. As panel participant Mark Garces said, there are Hispanics, like Victor Guzman, that believe in self-reliance, that believe in an entrepreneurial fostering government, and that believe in family values. Those Hispanics need to be made aware of the Republican Party because that is what they stand for.

The Dream Act was also discussed by the panel as a hot button issue. The Dream Act is a legislative proposal introduced by two Republican senators in 2001. The proposal would make it easier for illegal immigrants to gain citizenship status in the United States. It has been voted on multiple times and has yet to pass. This past May, The Dream Act was voted on and failed to pass due to strong Republican opposition. Marco Rubio, a freshman Hispanic Republican senator from Florida, who won in 2010, was among those who voted against the bill.

Actions like this make it all the more necessary for Republicans to explain to Hispanics their justification for voting against the bill and what they plan to do about the nation's immigration problem. As a Pew Hispanic Center survey found in October of 2010, 53% of Hispanics

believe that illegal immigrants should pay a fine but not be deported, 28% believe they should not be punished at all, 13% believe that they should be deported, and 6% did not know what to do with them or refused to answer the question.

Hispanics accounted for more than half (56%) of the United States growth in the last decade (2000-10). Thus, it would be politically beneficial, if not necessary, for both major political parties to show interest in amassing Hispanic support. It might take more than ideological ubiquity. It probably is going to have to be accompanied with actual concrete action.

The time is now

By Amanda Mayes
Staff Writer

My patience was put to the test on the very first day of my Social Ethics class when discussion turned to reasons behind the decision to vote or not to vote in national elections. Roughly three-fourths of my class does not vote.

Excuses and half-hearted explanations poured forth – uninterested, uninformed, politicians acting like unruly children and blind to the needs of our age group.

My favorite and most frequently repeated justification was this: I am not an adult. Voting is something adults worry about. I can start to worry about that after college. I have a hard enough time deciding whether or not to go out tonight, let alone make decisions about the future of our country.

As a political science major captivated by the political system and eager for jury duty, fulfilling the responsibilities of citizenship is impressed on my mind and nearly second nature. A complaint that the political system does not listen is somewhat valid.

But if there is a steady stream of complaints that nothing gets done, that politicians whine and argue, that no one cares about your needs or your future...how else will all of this change unless you step up to the plate? Learn your duties and responsibilities as a citizen, watch one less television show and watch the news or find a fossil called a newspaper.

It dawns on me that some individuals may never have been taught that voting is a responsibility. And if this basic lesson has never been learned, then what other responsibilities are being shirked out of naiveté or feigned ignorance? And when is it time to tackle these obligations?

Responsibility stretches beyond voting. We all play multiple roles in our lives and each of these roles comes with a unique set of duties. As a student we are expected to attend class, pay attention, accomplish work and maintain and strengthen a genuine love of knowledge. Upon graduation, graduate school or a career become duties towards our society and self-fulfillment. Friendship is a wonderful duty, one that provides joy and harnesses understanding. We must call our parents every now and then and let them have the satisfaction that they were right about several things we were told in our childhood.

When the decision is made to hold a door open for a woman with a child in tow; when the words "I love you" are uttered honestly; when that obnoxious paper is turned in to the professor on time; when a news article on the Republicans in the race for the 2012 election is read – and all of these choices are made effortlessly – then a responsible adulthood has been reached. Until then, the individual is a child masquerading as an adult.

In regards to when it is necessary to fulfill our responsibilities as human beings, I ask if not now, when? As soon as humanly possible is the preferred answer.

We are utterly disconnected from each other as the belief that our only responsibility is to ourselves has taken root in society. Selfishness and a sense of entitlement have choked out kindness and altruism. You cannot allow college to become four years of an egocentric illusion where actions do not have consequences on your life and the lives around you.

The time is now to shape yourself into a respectable, responsible individual ready to face reality and make a positive impact in the world.

Phoenix Festival Writing Contest Information

High Point University students may submit up to **three** works in any combination:

Poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction

- Poems must be no more than 50 lines single-spaced
- Fiction and Creative Nonfiction must be no more than 2,000 words double-spaced
- All submissions must be typed
- Use 10 pt. type and readable font
- Include your name, the title, and genre on each piece of your submission
- Email your work to phoenix@highpoint.edu
- Put your name, Phoenix Submission, HPU, and the genres you are entering (poetry, fiction, nonfiction) in the subject line of the email

The deadline is November 4 at 12:00 PM. On Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 7:00 PM you are invited to the Phoenix Festival reading by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Jorie Graham in the Cinema. The reading will be followed by a book signing and reception. On Friday, November 18 from 8:30am until noon you will have the opportunity to have morning refreshments and attend a workshop presented by Jorie Graham in Phillips 120. You will also have the opportunity to read the work you submitted attend the awards ceremony.

All submissions for the Phoenix Festival Writing Contest are judged and eligible to win really big money!

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flags into the grass.

"Putting the flags in the ground, all next to each other was really powerful to me, it symbolized the unity we have as a school and a nation," said Rachel Coulter, a freshman.

Even 10 years after the fatal attacks, the power of that day lives on. As a country and a school, coming together is an important part of honoring all of those lost during the attacks. To citizens everywhere, Sept. 11 should be a reminder of how far we have come as a nation. On September 11, 2001, our nation was shattered to pieces, and without those brave enough to stand up and fight for our country we might not have recovered as much as we have. Honoring them through remembrance ceremonies was one way that Americans across the country remembered them on this important anniversary.

A & E

"AK" teams up with B.o.B. for fall concert

By Bronte Dakota
Staff Writer

He never had conventional training. He doesn't have a recording deal. And he is a senior in college opening for a world-renowned rapper. Seems strange right? But this self-taught musician does play an instrument, "If you consider two turntables and a mixer an instrument," he says.

Adam Keelan, by day, is an Electronic Media major at HPU. His schedule includes attending classes; being an assistant coach and practice player for the woman's division-1 volleyball team; creator and assistant coach of the men's club volleyball team; and a student worker in the communication and culture department. But by night, he goes by "AK."

Being a self taught DJ from Pittsburgh, Keelan realized at a young age that there wasn't a huge "house" or "rave" scene to build on his talents, or even a venue to showcase them. His only option was to dig deep and teach himself.

He began working at age 13 as a lifeguard, teaching swimming lessons and coaching the swim team to be able to buy his equipment. "I'm broke, but it's totally worth it," he said.

He drew inspiration from artists like Tiesto, Above & Beyond, Benny Benassi and Daft Punk in order to get a handle on his sound.

"We would rent out fire halls or township halls and wire subs to car speakers, and throw our own

raves," he says. And even though he loved the nightlife in Pittsburgh, he knew that there was more out there for him.

"AK" has been seen and heard mixing at fraternity houses for parties and events. He has also played at the former Club Triangle. His biggest night was the "Tight & Bright Night," in which the club reached maximum capacity in just a few hours after opening. After that, he started getting numerous phone calls to play on the weekends. His latest undertaking is opening for the fall concert, B.o.B.

Keelan was officially asked to perform by Hillary Kokajko, Director of Student Activities and Campus Engagement, after playing at the university's annual Derby Day. The crowd responded very well; dancing throughout the promenade and stopping to listen to his skills. Everyone was enjoying themselves, and he has the same expectations for when he opens for B.o.B. "The music I play is fun," he said, "I love getting people moving." Keelan recently

finished his demo "Mixtape," which can be found on the website SoundCloud. He also has an "AK" page on Facebook where you can stay up-to-date on all his latest performances, links to his tracks, and other musical endeavors.

"AK" is set to go on stage at 8:30pm this Saturday (Sept. 24). If you want to be front and center, getting there early is a must, because everyone will be coming out to hear him perform.

Chelsie Merone, A&E editor, contributed to this article. Photo by Chad Christian.



Art imitating life for Rogen in 50/50

By Chelsie Merone
A&E Editor

Is laughter the best medicine? For Seth Rogen and real-life friend and cancer survivor Will Reiser, it's the next best thing.

After being diagnosed with spinal cancer at age 25, the duo began penning a screenplay about two friends who face the ups, downs, and humorous array of benefits that come with this disease.

In the comedy, opening Sept. 30, Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays Reiser's alter ego (Adam), and Rogen plays a version of himself. The two struggle together, trying to find the lighter side of the not-so-happy news.

One already well known piece of comedic dialogue from the film, shows Rogen's character, Kyle, trying to convince Adam that he has a good chance of beating the cancer.

"What are your chances?"

"They said 50/50."

"That's not that bad! If you were a casino game you'd have the best odds."

Some may think that the film is insensitive,

but this isn't a fictional story; Rogen used actual conversations he and Reiser had as inspiration for the script. Entertainment Weekly quotes him as saying, "You see movies where people who have cancer never talk about it... But it was all we talked about. Sometimes very seriously..."

Still, Rogen made sure that they didn't shy away

from the struggles of life and treatment in their quest for comedic praise. This empowering idea is revealed in one of the more serious dialogues between Adam and Katie: "You can't change your situation. The only thing you can change is how you choose to deal with it."

Rogen and Reiser chose to laugh.



Photo courtesy of thefilmstage.com

Move over Paul Walker, there's a new driver in town

By Chelsie Merone
A&E Editor

High stakes, fast cars, real crimes -- if you are thinking this is another Fast and the Furious franchise, turn back now.

Winning Best Direction at the Cannes Film Festival "Drive," starring Ryan Gosling, is everything that the Fast movies aren't.

Fashioned as a L.A. noir type film, Gosling plays a Hollywood stunt driver who moonlights as a wheelman for anyone who will pay. With his only credentials being four wheels and a few thousand pounds of steel, he shows up, drives, and gets out; no questions asked. But when he gets caught up in a deal gone awry, he needs to use a whole other set of skills to survive.

Also starring in the gripping crime drama are Carey Mulligan, Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad), Christina Hendricks (Mad Men), Ron Perlman, and Albert Brooks.

Released on September 16th, "Drive" is movie that every thriller seeker is going to want to catch.



Photo courtesy of geektyrant.com

The Everyday Fashionista

By Jordan Breetz
Staff Writer

The "organic movement" has recently developed in American culture; and to stay up on the trends, the fashion world is jumping on board.

Two companies in particular, TOMS Shoes and Threads 4 Thought, are filling fashion magazines and the closets of some of the hottest celebrities. These companies are coming out with materials that are not as harmful to the body or the environment, while attempting to find ways to better the world.

Threads 4 Thought is an organic cotton company whose clothing line has recently exploded in popularity. With their sustainable apparel, the company has eliminated the "if its organic then it must be plain and boring" stereotype; coming up with some awesome everyday pieces, while still finding ways to give back.

The TOMS Shoes trend is another charitable company. For every pair of shoes sold, TOMS will give another pair to someone in need.

This season, the company has paired with The Row and Mary Kate and Ashley, producing cashmere TOMS. These will be a "must have" for every "Everyday Fashionista" this season!

Still, why are these organic cottons and cotton substitutes being implemented into fashion? Research shows that it is to try and cut out the pesticides used on cotton during production. "These pesticides are bad for both our bodies and our environment," says HPU senior Seth Gold.

Gold took note of this trend and started Bamboo Apparel, a company that makes pesticide free shirts composed of 70% bamboo and 30% organic cotton. "We felt inspired by TOMS Shoes," he says. "We are trying to walk towards a greener, more sustainable and healthier tomorrow, and we figured out a great way to do that." For each shirt, sold Bamboo Apparel gives back to a different country in need; this year it is Uganda.

The organic trend sweeping the States is sure to have a positive impact. With companies like Bamboo Apparel, TOMS Shoe and Threads 4 Thought, there are plenty of ways to give to others and help the environment, while helping your self as well.

So, treat yourself to some new shoes or a new tee, and give back to others.

Interested in learning how to get a Bamboo Apparel T-shirt?

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Organizations

HPU Goes Greek!

The 15 Greek Organizations of High Point came together during the week of September 5 through September 10 to compete in a number of different activities and learn more about the meaning of fraternities and sororities as well as having a little fun.



Above: T.J. Sullizan speaks to the Greeks about brotherhood and sisterhood.



Above: The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority shows their support at "Eat Like the Greeks."



Above: "Lip Sync" reached the grand finale at the Slane Center.



Left: Members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Phi Mu sorority dressed up for their Lip Sync Performance on September 10 as "nerds" and "geeks."

Right: All of the fraternities and sororities competed in "Eat Like the Greeks," in which pies, pizzas, slushies, and wings were all finished off in a matter of minutes.

Photography by Allie Dearie.



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internal struggles with deciding what to believe and what not to believe, Borg offers advice.

"Many doubts about religion flow from a misunderstanding of what being religious is about. If they involve believing things that are contrary to what else we know about the world, then doubts and disbelief are the natural result."

He emphasized that the Bible repeats the phrase "Fear not—do not be afraid."

Whether you are sure of where you want to go in life, both academically and religious, or whether you are completely lost as to what to do, Borg is still the speaker to open yourself up to. His unique views of how to see and find Jesus in today's American culture and his ability to be related on every age level is just the beginning of what he has to offer when he travels to North Carolina.

Dr. Marcus Borg will be in High Point on Friday September 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. in Phillips Hall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. If you would like more information on Marcus Borg and what he does, visit his website www.MarcusJBorg.com.

Do you know an active campus organization that should be recognized?

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Q&A with two of the top Christian organizations on Campus

CHAPEL

Meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15 in the Hayworth Chapel.

Are the sermons/messages tied to scripture? If so, how closely are they tied?

The sermons are closely tied to scripture in that Dr. Warlick and even our guest preachers choose their scripture readings and fashion the sermons to be illustrations and expansions of the scripture readings.

Who preaches? How long is the service?

Usually Dr. Warlick preaches at each Chapel Worship service, but we have guest preachers from time to time, as well. Our service is 45 minutes.

What are the consistent features of the service?

A) Welcome, B) Music; anything to sing along to, C) Games or skits, D) Announcements relating to College Life or campus activities, E) The Message.

Are there any religious activities or fellowship events outside of the service that students can participate in? How can students get involved in these?

Freshman may apply to be on the Board of Stewards at the beginning of the school year and are responsible for running the services. In the fall, the Stewards take the offering and purchase toys for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. In the spring, the Stewards donate the offering to West End Ministries in High Point. This is a four-year commitment.

Any student may audition to be a part of the Chapel choir or the Genesis Gospel choir.

Aside from the particulars asked above, How does worship differ from other religious groups?

Our primary goal is to reach people who are asking serious questions about life and give them direction through Scripture. We want to enjoy life, laugh a lot, but also walk with people through their questions and point them to Jesus.

Information provided by Shannon LeFever, Chapel Office Secretary.

COLLEGE LIFE

Meets twice a month on Wednesday nights in Congdon 206.

Each message has a passage of scripture as its focal point. Our goal is to bring Scripture to life so that people can see it in a way they might not see it if it was just read.

Chris Barrett, CL leader, or someone from our student leadership team. There are 9 people, 8 of which are students, who rotate. Our service is 45 minutes to an hour.

What you call a "service" we call just call "College Life" and anyone is free to attend. We welcome everyone no matter what their beliefs or background happen to be.

Upperclassmen Bible study: Sunday nights @ 8:30pm
Freshmen Bible study: Monday nights @ 7:30.
Fall Retreat: Nov. 11-13th
Spring Retreat: April

Once again, anyone is welcome to those events as well.

Information provided by Chris Barrett, College Life leader, and pastor at Green Street Baptist Church.

Sports

All eyes on them, men's soccer brushes off hype

By Nolan Stout
Staff Writer

Talk about hype. Ask nearly any student at High Point University about the 2011 men's soccer team and they will let you know how they are one of the top ranked teams in the nation.

Last season the team went undefeated in the conference and finished with an overall record of 16-4-1, stirring up much enthusiasm on campus.

The team failed to make the NCAA tournament by falling in the Big South cham-

pionship game 3-1 to Coastal Carolina. However, to the casual observer, the numbers do not appear to tell the same story in 2011.

After four games the team is sporting a 1-2-1 record, with a win over Lipscomb and back-to-back losses against Stony Brook and St. Bonaventure. The most recent loss came in a heartbreaking overtime decision to the Bonnies of St. Bonaventure on a somber September 11.

"We've had a rough start," said head coach Dustin Fonder, "these first few games have been a wake up call, but we have a talented team and the coaching staff is confident we will turn it around."

While most people look at the record and scoff at any notion of this team being great, a closer look reveals the deep roots of a championship caliber team. The men lost only four players to graduation last season and of the 28 current players, 16 are upper classmen and 21 are entering at least their second year with the team.

Not only is the team experienced, but they also boast the first preseason All-American in HPU men's soccer history in senior forward Karo Okiomah. Through five games, Okiomah is tied for second on the team in points with three, scoring a goal and assisting on another.

Leading the way in points is sophomore Alex Martinez. Martinez is hitting his stride and leads the team with four points, scoring two goals over the past two games. "We hope this is the year that Alex starts to breakout," said Fonder.

While being outscored 6-5 in their five games, the Panthers have outshot their opponents by a margin of 67-48.

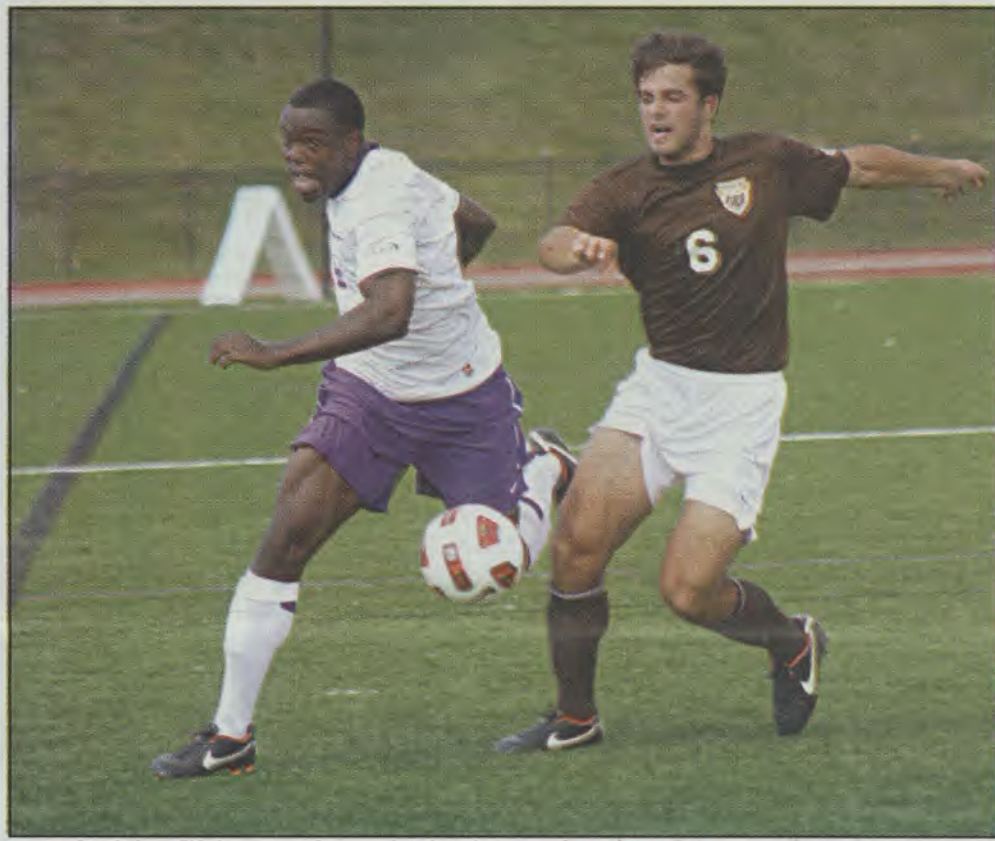
Last season, as one of the top scoring teams in the nation, the Panthers outscored their opponents 49-19, but are struggling to continue their offensive dominance this year.

"We have yet to find something that works for us for a full 90 minutes," Fonder said, "but we are getting better each week and when the conference schedule rolls around we should be prepared."

Of those conference games, Fonder stressed the importance of performing well against Coastal Carolina, Liberty, and Radford. Fonder has been impressed with



Junior midfielder Shawn Sloan has some hype to live up to himself after being named first-team all-Big South last season. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins



2010 first-team All-Big South Fejro Okiomah battles for the ball. Photo By Jeremy Hopkins

the attendance at the games so far this season at Vert Stadium.

"I remember when we played Lipscomb and it had rained, and we still had about 800 people there. That really meant something."

Senior goalkeeper Michael Chesler has led the defense with an impressive 1.42 goals against average so far in the season. Last season Chesler set records in GAA (0.89), shutouts (9), and wins (16). But those numbers did not get Chesler what he wants to accomplish this season. A Big South Championship.

"I'm looking forward to winning two championships this year," said Chesler. "Numbers and stats only get you so far. We want to win and I hope I can keep the ball out of the net enough to do that."

Adding to the hype is the forthcoming game against VCU that will be televised on the Fox Soccer Network on October 28th. The team is very excited to play in a televised game against a top-notch opponent. The Panthers will take on Richmond on September 24 at 7 p.m. at Vert Stadium.

Goaltending key factor for women's soccer in competing with top schools

By Ethan Winter
Staff Writer

Despite losing both games over the weekend by a score of 1-0, the High Point University women's soccer team feels encouraged and confident moving forward in the season.

The Panthers dropped a non-conference matchup with N.C. State 1-0 in overtime on September 8 in front of a record setting crowd of 2,020 at Vert Stadium.

The Wolfpack scored the game winner 41 seconds into the extra period putting an end to High Point's upset bid.

Senior goalkeeper, Andrea Ritchie, who won the Big South Defensive Player of the Week this past week, tied her career high in saves, with 11 on the night.

"Ritchie was absolutely fantastic, she kept us in the game against N.C. State, they had a couple of chances and she came up with big saves when we needed her to," said Panthers head coach Marty Beall.

"It's an honor, always, it helps to show that your hard work is paying off, but as a goalkeeper, I definitely think that this award goes out to the entire defense as a whole

because I could not have gotten to as many goals as I did without them," said Ritchie.

The Panthers then traveled up to Morgantown, W.Va., to play defending Big East Conference champion, West Virginia University.

"I thought that our girls responded the right way traveling up to play at West Virginia, they played a great game and it's tough to come back with another 1-0 loss but they were still good games for the team," said Beall.

The Mountaineers scored the only goal of the game in the thirty-eighth minute following two separate lightning delays.

West Virginia senior forward, Blake Miller ripped a shot past Ritchie from 14 yards out to score what became the eventual only and game winning goal.

While the Panthers weren't able to come out of the weekend with a win, the fact that they were able to compete and be competitive with strong ACC and Big East programs such as N.C. State and West Virginia was very encouraging.

"It's always disappointing to lose but I think we improved tremendously against really tough opponents and we made a lot of strides as a program but I don't think

we are disappointed at all even though the results weren't there," explained Ritchie.

Looking ahead towards the Conference tournament in November, both Ritchie and Beall believe that out of conference games against top schools from the ACC and the Big East will only make them better and more prepared.

"It's a great learning experience for the team and is a great motivational tool to get them to play at a higher level," said Beall, "It helps them get prepared for when conference play starts in a couple of weeks, it will definitely pay huge dividends when we get into conference play."

"We are playing the best teams in the area that we can, and we are playing so well against them that the rest of the conference better watch out and even though our record may not reflect how good we are or how well we have played, but we are confident in ourselves and are really hopeful to three-peat as Conference champions and making it to the tournament for the third year in a row," said Ritchie.

The Panthers will travel to Charlotte on September 23, and will return home to take on Charleston Southern on September 29.

Upcoming Sporting Events:

Friday, September 23

Volleyball vs. Campbell @ 7 PM

Saturday, September 24

Volleyball HPU Invitational
(All day)

Men's soccer vs. Richmond @ 7 PM

Tuesday, September 27

Men's soccer vs. Liberty @ 7 PM

Thursday, September 29

Women's soccer vs. Charleston
Southern @ 7 PM

Saturday, October 1

Women's soccer vs. Coastal
Carolina University @ 5 PM
Men's soccer vs. Winthrop @ 7 PM

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You may bring up to 3 guests. (age 18 and up)

Here's how it works:

1. Wristbands will be available in the University Center Lobby on Saturday, September 24 from 8:00am-8:00pm
2. Students will need to escort their guests to the concert station at the UC and show their HPU Passport. Wristbands will be provided for the entire group. The wristbands will be placed on your arm at this time...they are **NON-TRANSFERRABLE**.
3. There are wristbands for every student, but you may want to get your wristband early to avoid lines later in the day.
4. You will need to show your wristband at the gate to enter Roberts Hall Lawn. No bags, food or drink will be allowed. HPU will provide complimentary bottled water and snacks! There is no re-entry.

Will volleyball find its groove this season? Big dunk brings big things and make HPU 'Shine'

By Brian Brennan
Staff Writer

In two recent tournaments the High Point University Volleyball team has shown they can compete with top competition, and picked up their first win of the season.

However, the Panthers record currently stands at 1-8, but head coach Jason Oliver says his team is possibly breaking through.

"We're very close to getting where we want to be. We're showing signs of a team that is playing well, we just need to be more consistent and that's something to focus on in practice," said Oliver.

On the weekend of September 3-5, the Panthers traveled to the Washington D.C. area and Fairfax, Va. to participate in the Patriot Classic with host George Mason, Navy, and UNC-Greensboro.

In their first game against local rivals UNC-Greensboro the Panthers got strong performances from Courtney Johnk and Michelle Chakirellis, who had 10 and 9 kills respectively. After losing the first two sets 18-25 and 21-25, the Lady Panthers won the third set convincingly 25-13, but dropped a close fourth set 24-26.

The next day High Point got their first win in a dominating effort, beating Navy 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-22). In her first start of her collegiate career junior Lauren Bell was the star of the game with 34 assists.

Both Bell and classmate Jaime McDonald have seen an increase in playing time

this year, for which Coach Oliver is very proud of.

"The consistency factor plays for them too," coach Oliver said, "Lauren has shown glimpses of being very good, and Jaime the same thing. It comes down to being focused and performing at a high level, and I've been pleased with their efforts".

The Panthers wrapped up their weekend in the DC area with a 3-0 loss to hosts

said, "She's a leader by example and becoming more and more of a vocal leader. She's starting to embrace that role, and she understands that just because you play well your not a leader".

High Point returned to the Triad the weekend of September 9-11 and played three games in two days in the High Point University Classic. The team dropped all three games, not winning a set in any of them.

Despite the losses, Coach Oliver wasn't too disappointed with his team's effort over the weekend.

"We definitely reached a level of resolve," Oliver said, "We need to look inside and reevaluate why things happened this weekend. I was still happy to see desire, effort, and focus will still be there for us through the errors we make."

There is still plenty of time for the Lady Panthers to turn their slow start

around into a successful season.

While their record may not be great, they haven't began Big South Conference play yet.

When they play to the level of their opponents they may very well turn the season around and begin a drive for a second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.



Junior Stephanie Kaminskas has played a key role as setter for the Panthers this year. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

George Mason (21-25, 22-25, 17-25). In defeat came a positive as Senior Breanna Holliday had 17 digs and was named the best defensive player of the tournament. Over the weekend Holliday amassed 61 digs, and as a result was named Big South Defensive Player of the Week. "Bre is defending well leading the team in digs is a huge deal for this team," Coach Oliver

Patience is a virtue for new men's lax team

By Dave Kovolisky
Staff Writer

Legendary college football coach Joe Paterno once said, "The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital."

It will be more than one year before High Point University's Division 1 men's lacrosse team has their first official game, but the attitude the team begins to have now will play a huge role in the success they wish to have in the 2013 season.

The lacrosse team will spend 2011 and 2012 building the program and preparing for its official first season in 2013.

This could be a difficult circumstance to be in while living on a college campus. The team has been expected to work hard day-in and day-out at practice, despite the fact that they will not face an opponent for two years.

Some could think of this negatively, but that is not the case for the team.

"I love it. There are a lot of kids on the team who were overlooked by bigger programs who needed that year to adjust to college, playing a Division 1 sport, and putting in that time. It ultimately is going to help us out," said Vince Garman, a freshman who will be

playing defense for the team.

Head coach Jon Torpey expressed how he and the coaching staff will continue to change things around during practice to keep the players focused throughout the year. According to Torpey, keeping things fresh for the players at practice is very important.

The fall practices will serve as a time for the coaching staff to work on an individual level with each player. Tropey said the team will look to progress and develop to the speed that is required to compete at the Division one level.

Garman noted that the practices thus far have been very intense, which he expected.

Not being able to face other college programs could easily frustrate many athletes in any sport, but freshman defenseman Nick Bittner takes a more optimistic look at it.

"We're going to be playing against each other every day. So when we get to see a different type of jersey, we're going to have that much more of a chip on our shoulder," said Bittner.

That chip will definitely be necessary as the team could potentially face in-state powerhouse programs such as Duke University and University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. The team is excited to face these well-established programs in future years to come.

Garman and Bittner explained that the goal set for 2013 is to capture both Conference and National championships.

With the bar set high, the work ethic and right attitude is constant throughout the whole team. "To be the best you must beat the best," has seemed to be the motto set for the Panthers.

That is clearly something the men's lacrosse team understands and is excited to put in the effort to do so.



The men's lacrosse team practicing at Vert Stadium. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

Big dunk brings big things and make HPU 'Shine'

By Patrick Budd
Sports Editor

Often times there are moments in history that happen in a blink of an eye, but change the future drastically.

For High Point University athletics, that moment came on December 4, 2010.

If you blinked, you missed it. But lucky for you and three million other people on the internet, Shay Shine's mind boggling dunk over a six foot, 10-inch defender would become viral on the Internet.

Shine's dunk will forever be remembered in HPU history because it was much more than a top play on ESPN's SportsCenter. It put HPU Athletics on the map, brought attention to a little Big South Conference school, and made the small-town Arcadia, Fla. native an overnight celebrity.

Everyone seems to have a story to tell about Shine's dunk; where they were when they saw it on ESPN, how many times they voted for him online to win CBS's dunk of the year, and how many of their friends called them asking if they saw this unbelievable play.

The dunk was a "gathering" moment for the HPU family. It rallied this school behind a play that was nationally recognized and made people even more proud to be associated with this university.

The unexpected publicity couldn't have come at a better time. High Point is expanding; transforming the city from a furniture capital to a prestigious college town where extraordinary things happen on a regular basis.

HPU seems to have an attitude of "if you work hard, good things will happen." The university has worked very hard the past few years, and Shay Shine's dunk is just one of the good things that have happened.

All eyes turned to HPU in the following months and many people started to notice that \$2.1 billion is a large transformation plan. Alumni, parents, and the HPU family were ecstatic to see little "High Point College" on national television. People were proud at that moment.

Having proud members of the HPU family is always a good thing, especially when thinking about how expensive it can be to bring two new division 1 teams to HPU athletics and to build a new basketball stadium in the future.

What about Shay? His humble attitude about becoming a celebrity within his own community is a carbon copy of the university's attitude. When asked what he's going to do next and if a top play is in reach, Shay says that's his goal every time he steps on the court.

As High Point University reaches new levels of national recognition, Shay Shine was a helping hand in that process along the way.