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## UC-2 experiences high number of fire evacuations

By Jodi Guglielmi  
Staff Writer

Fire drills on a college campus are necessary and an important part of keeping students safe. But there's one dorm on campus where fire alarms are going off more than usual, mostly due to students overcooking food, according to Campus Security.

According to data, within the first four weeks of the 2011-12 school year, the University Center-2 residence hall experienced a total of eight fire evacuations. An evacuation is classified as the setting off of the fire alarm that was not previously planned by the school or fire department. These evacuations have mostly been caused by students burning food or allowing steam to get too close to the smoke detector, says Jeff Karpovich, Director of Campus Transportation and Security.

The UC-2 has also experienced two planned fire drills. A fire drill is a planned setting off of the alarm in which the school notifies students ahead of time. The purpose of a drill is to make sure all equipment and evacuation procedures are working properly. Other residence halls such as the Village 1 and 2 have not experienced any fire evacuations, only planned fire drills.

Residents of the UC-2 acknowledge there have been a high number of fire evacuations.

"There are so many great aspects of the UC-2, but the fire evacuations are absolutely dreadful; it actually made me reconsider where I live," says Jake Blackwell, a freshman living in UC-2. "I don't understand why our sensors seem to be so much more sensitive than the other buildings..."

While other buildings have experienced a fire evacuation or two, none have experienced as many as the UC-2. According to campus security, Blessing Residence Hall has only had one fire drill and two fire evacuations. One of the evacuations occurred at 2 a.m. and was caused by burned food.

"I was angry that I got woken up in the middle of the

night on a school night, but I was also thankful that this was our first, and only, accidental fire drill," said freshman and Blessing resident Gallagher Foxworthy.

The UC-2 evacuations are a known problem to others who have lived there in the past. Austin Barrow, a junior at High Point, reflected on his time in the UC-2 as a freshman saying, "I laughed when I heard about all the fire evacuations at the UC-2 this year, I went through the same problem when I was a freshman. I don't know why they are such a problem..."

He even noted that as a sophomore living in UC-1, there were not nearly as many fire drills. The only thing separating the two buildings is a small courtyard, so one begins to wonder why exactly what makes the UC-2 so evacuation-prone.

Karpovich told the Campus Chronicle that burning food or steam has caused most of the fire evacuations. He also noted that sensitivity could be a problem; because the University Center was built 2 years ago, the smoke detectors in the building are different from



Photo by Allie Dearie.

residence halls built in previous years. But he says something is being done.

"We are exploring the option of having new smoke heads installed in all the residence halls, which would hopefully help contribute to fixing the fire alarm related problems," said Karpovich.

Even though the alarms have seemed like an inconvenience at times, it is important that students take every drill or evacuation seriously, assuming it might be an actual fire. Students need to take the proper precautions and follow the procedures of evacuating the building immediately and waiting outside until an administrator or resident assistant says it's OK to go back inside the building. As they say, "a fire is a fire," and students should take these alarms seriously.

## Honest Abe's hair, and other U.S. Presidency relics on display

By Eleanor Christopher  
Staff Writer

Walking into the Sechrest Art Gallery's current exhibit is like taking a step back into time. As one comes through the doors, to the left of are the signatures of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of

Independence. Heading deeper into the gallery, visitors comes across the signatures of all of the forty-four United States presidents, from George Washington to Barack Obama, along with pictures, hand written letters, and historic artifacts. Advancing up the stairs, one catches sight of a piece of the Berlin wall, the official National League Baseball, and the two pistols Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr used in their notorious duel. The history is all displayed right there, for the viewer to gaze upon.

The current exhibit is titled the Historic Memorabilia Exhibition: Office of the U.S. Presidency, which is on loan until Oct. 13 from an anonymous father of a current HPU student. The collection consists of 65 pieces.

"[The owner] purchased everything from a company who put it all together for him," said Maxine Campbell, curator of the Sechrest Art Gallery.

One interesting object in the collection is a single strand of Abraham Lincoln's hair. It was removed from Lincoln's bullet wound after he was assassinated on April 14, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth.

The exhibit also features a letter from Blaze Starr, a burlesque performer who claims in the letter that she had an affair with

John F. Kennedy. The letter is written to a friend, and Starr writes about her encounter with Kennedy in the Lincoln bedroom of the White House and her vision of Lincoln's ghost as she was leaving the room.

"I learned a lot of new, interesting things in the exhibit," said freshmen Meredith Wharton, who visited the gallery for a class. "It was cool to be able to take a glance back into history and learn

more than just what you would learn in class about all of the individuals in those time periods."

The exhibit is separated into two sections, with pieces upstairs and downstairs.

"I organized the gallery so that the presidential signatures and exhibits are downstairs and the miscellaneous items and signatures including those of Clara Barton, Queen Isabella I of Spain, John Glenn, Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Patrick Henry are upstairs," said Campbell.

The exhibit has been in display since Aug. 22.



The current exhibit in the Sechrest Art Gallery features 65 pieces related to the U.S. Presidency. Photo by Eleanor Christopher.

Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 1-5PM, with some special extended hours. Call 336-803-1815 for further information.

## WeCar program provides extra source of transportation to get off campus

By Chelsie Gastright  
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High Point University has gradually moved towards being a small school with a big school atmosphere. Many larger universities have already implemented a way for students without vehicles on campus to rent cars for weekend trips out town and now, HPU students can do the same. The campus has recently joined Enterprise Rental's WeCar program, and two new Toyota Prius's are available for rental.

WeCar is a car sharing program founded in 2007 that allows students who otherwise have no means of transportation to go on short weekend trips back home or to events outside of campus. According to Charles Jeffries, area sales manager for WeCar, since the WeCar program began in early September, nearly 40 students have signed up for a membership.

WeCar is affordable for college students because they are not only able to waive the application fee, but the cost of fuel is included in the rental price. There is an annual membership payment of \$35 dollars, and to rent a Prius from WeCar costs \$8/hour or \$65/day. If you plan to take an overnight trip, the rate is \$40.

However, if you are under the age of 18, or not a member, renting a Prius will have to wait.

"I would have **See WeCar, Page 3**



# Opinion

## Are people relying too much on technology?

By Amanda Mayes  
Staff Writer

Cell phones. Laptops. iPads. iPods. Social media. Every moment of our day is consumed by technology. It organizes our lives; it creates chaos. And it has become the driving force for most aspects of our lives, from politics to the economy to our increasingly impersonal social interactions.

Ultimately, technology is a powerful tool that can create and destroy. And someone thought it was a great idea to give us access to something so important. As of late we have not been wielding this power in the most responsible way.

I have frequently heard it said that we are the technology generation. Our parents beg for lessons on how to open the Internet browser or change fonts in Microsoft Word. With unwavering connections to Facebook and Twitter, we have instant access to our friends' lives and stalking material. My iPhone supplies me with a wonderful array of news applications, keeping me continuously up-to-date. Academics struggle with the appropriate use of technology, whether or not it can revolutionize the way we think or simply reinforce incorrect or biased views. We must adjust to constant upgrades and changes or risk being left behind. We claim to be adept at change, comfortable with alteration...

Or at least we are supposed to be. We seem to spend a good majority of the day with our faces pressed to the screens of phones or laptops, avoiding actual communication and responsibility while claiming to be rehearsing multitasking skills. The numerous Facebook status updates about the recent layout change caused me to lose a bit of faith that our generation is capable of leadership and responsibility. After all, in a few years, the county will be in our hands. It remains to be seen whether or not our hands are qualified for this monumental task. This change and the necessity of adapting to it permeate so many aspects of our lives.

Think about it. Think at all of the media outlets at your disposal thanks to technology innovations. Think about how much breath and anger and frustration was wasted on complaining about Facebook – something utterly out of our control and utterly unimportant in the grand scheme of things.

Consider the number of issues that you could have used your voice for: The unemployment rate in the United States remains at 9.1 percent, no matter how the government pokes and prods the economy. Good luck getting a summer job or a career after graduation if this nonsense continues. Palestine recently made a bid at the United Nations for recognition as an independent state. The price of college continues to skyrocket while the quality of education diminishes. Several countries in the Middle East continue their bloody push for democratic governments. Troy Davis was executed in Georgia despite the haze of uncertainty hanging over his supposed guilt.

But speaking on these matters would require taking responsibility and becoming informed by effectively using the large quantity of technology at our disposal. Becoming a respectable, responsible individual takes time and relinquishing our selfish nature in favor of empathy for individuals we may never meet. Our generation's apparent resistance to change could mean disaster for the future of our country when we take power.

I have no magic solution to accept change and use it to create positive transformations in society. I do not know why our generation has become so resistant. Is it fear of uncertainty? Is it the comfort found in old ways? Is it desire for things to be different but a complete lack of interest in personally taking a stand? If we can learn to overcome hurdles thrown by constantly shifting technology, then we can learn to control change in order to shape a better society. Start now.

## Secondhand News:

### Think Positive

By Jordan Oliver  
Opinion Editor

Your thoughts become your actions, and your actions affect who you become. There is only one right way to think—and it's positive.

One of the best things you can do for yourself is to keep a positive mindset. By doing this alone, you create your own happiness. Not only will you find that you are happy, but that others are happy to be around you.

Envision your own success, for that is the foundation to your becoming successful. Your mind is one of the most powerful and mysterious parts of your very being—take advantage of it!

You have been given the gift of thought, and with that, the power to think yourself to greatness.

## What did you think of your ropes course experience?

By Chelsie Gastright  
Staff Writer

"It is a wonderful experience when you complete the course and fly down the zip line at the end!"

—Virginia Dannelly, Junior

"High Point's new ropes course is by far the best one I have been on!"

—Andrew Suriano, Freshman

"It's a real test of team work"

—Joel Wilson, Sophomore

"By the end I was relieved and excited to get down the zip line. It was a lot of fun and I would definitely do it again soon."

—Matt Miller, Freshman

"I would love to go back and I highly encourage all students to try it out at least once."

—Leslie Touassi, Senior

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## Ham's restaurant offers good eats and interactive experience

By Jodi Guglielmi  
Staff Writer

If you are looking to get off campus and explore the city of High Point, and you are looking for somewhere new to eat, Ham's restaurant is the perfect choice.

Ham's is a bar and grill style restaurant located at 2001 N. Main St., a short, five-minute drive from campus. Ham's offers a large variety of food options from sandwiches and salads to wraps, wings and fries, so there should be no problem finding something you'll like on the menu.

Ham's is also a Passport Partner, so that means you can use the money out of your general account on your HPU Passport Card to pay for your meal.

Not only does Ham's offer great food, but they also have nightly entertainment to enhance your experience. One of their most popular events, "Trivia Night," occurs every Tuesday starting at 8 p.m.

"My roommates and I get so excited to go when we can. We love getting everyone together and competing against the local residents of High Point," said Laura Sukys, a freshman at HPU who attends "Trivia Night" almost every week.

Laura was also proud to mention that they are frequent winners of the competition.

Along with "Trivia Night," Ham's

also has live bands that play while you enjoy your meal. If you like being the one in the spotlight, however, there is also karaoke night where you can show off your singing skills.

For details and dates for such events, you can go to hamsrestaurant.com to find all the answers.

Ham's prides itself in being a place where students like to gather together and socialize while eating. April, a waitress there, described the restaurant as having a "laid-back atmosphere where students can come and enjoy themselves."

This philosophy seems to be proven true among High Point students.

"I've been going to Ham's for years and I don't plan on stopping," said Kelsey Riggs, a junior at HPU. "Their cookie dessert is absolutely amazing, and the service is always fast, and the waitstaff are all so friendly."

Ham's is a good time with great food! You will not regret trying it out; in fact, there's a

good chance you might just get hooked.



Step inside Ham's! Photo by Allie Dearie



# University Provost and VP of Academics, sits for in-depth interview

By Alex Nelson  
Staff Writer

Q&A with Dr. Dennis Carroll:

**Exactly what is the role of a provost?**

The provost is the chief academic officer of the institution.

**What exactly comes with the role of chief academic officer?**

Basically, I'm over all faculty, all curriculum, all academic related parts of the university: the library, the registrar's office, academic services, disability services, graduate school, and evening degree program. I supervise the six deans and subsequently the faculty under them. So, I'm over anything academic in the university.

**How long have you been at HPU?**

I've been at HPU since 1988, so this is my 24th year. I came here as dean of the school of education. I became Provost in 2006 when President Qubein arrived.

**You've been with HPU for 20+ years so you can provide a unique perspective of HPU from past to present. How do you paint that picture of transformation to us, the current students?**

Well, actually, High Point University has always been a very fine institution, and we've always treasured teaching and looked at that as a very significant part of what we do. Obviously, it's better and better than ever, now. We have students who are absolutely amazing. They're bright, they're energetic, they're mindful of community need, they're just simply good citizens. Of course the numbers are higher, we have more students and the faculty has more than doubled. Teaching, what we've always done, we still do well. But we have greater resources. We have better students. We have better facilities than we have ever had before.

**Why do you think students are flocking to HPU?**

I think because the campus atmosphere is very positive, there is a "can-do attitude" with everybody on campus. It's a friendly campus. I think we have beautiful facilities, and we also have engaging, challenging ac-

ademic programs that are enticing students to come here.

**Where is HPU heading academically?**

Toward a doctoral level. We are poised to become a doctoral granting institution in the fall of 2012. We intend to start our first doctoral program in education, in the fall of 2012. In the fall of 2014, we'll open our programs in physical therapy and pharmacy, both of which are doctoral programs. Along with the doctoral granting institution, we'll have more research conducted at the university, particularly in the health sciences and pharmacy, as well as in education.

**What were the criteria for creating the new school of health sciences? Why health sciences?**

President Qubein and I talked about this for a long time. Clearly if you look at careers of the future, health careers is a hot area. Part of the reason is age and population. Folks are simply living longer now, so there is greater need for health care. So that was clearly a direction we needed to go. Also, this university historically, other than our pre-professional programs and athletic training, had not had any type of health science career. So it was a new avenue for us to build upon our strengths in our undergraduate biology, chemistry, biochemistry and exercise science programs. It was a natural area for us to grow. We also saw that



health sciences was a natural extension of our affiliation with the United Methodist Church, which is all about social principles, fairness and taking care of other people. It was a logical place for HPU.

**The School of Education was promised a new building several years ago. Why did it take so long for the University to actually start building, when you had the land and the funds?**

First of all, we really had to decide how big we wanted to make it, and we had to become committed to the fact that we wanted the doctoral program. So I'm glad we waited, because the way it will be built now, it will have the room to house that doctoral program. It was really a matter of economics and waiting to see what kind of need we had there. It was good that we waited until we had curriculum direction and that we know now that we're doing the doctoral program.

**What other degrees may come to HPU several years down the road?**

I think we may add some additional health science careers. We have looked at nursing. We have looked at occupational therapy. We have looked at public health. We have looked at some joint programs with the school of business and the school of health science, MBAs in health communication for example. We may look at another professional school at some time, but we're not certain right now.

**Students and the public hear a lot about the building projects around campus that are not tied to academics, such as Greek Village, the Townhomes, the basketball arena, new sports teams, etc. How do you plan to ensure educational features when it puts much of its financial resources into buildings instead of academics?**

The School of Communication, the

School of Commerce, the School of Business are all academic buildings, and certainly the School of Education is an academic building, so we have had academic construction and renovation of current academic buildings. However, one of the points that we acknowledge is that our students have to be comfortable and safe in order to function effectively in the classroom. We're all in this together, so we see the need for housing and recreation facilities that supplement what goes on in the academic buildings. The largest percentage of the budget of the university is on academic programs. Approximately 70 percent [of the budget] is on academic programs.

**Are there any plans for using the Oak Hollow Mall property for academics? If so, what for?**

The administration of the university hasn't decided that yet. Stores are still under lease there it is still operating as a retail center. We haven't made any decisions about the use of Oak Hollow Mall.

**In the summer, when the School of Education moves out of Roberts Hall, what are the plans for that space?**

We're not sure yet. We may have to relocate some academic departments of some faculty there until our new health science buildings are completed. This building [Roberts Hall] will always house the administration of the university, as it has historically.

**This or That with Dr. Carroll**

- Text or call
- Birthday or Christmas
- Cookie dough or brownie batter
- Sunrise or sunset
- Green apple or red apple
- Noise or silence

## HPU competes in organ donor challenge with other area schools

By Caroline Weller  
Staff Writer

"Ten years ago this past August, I lost a very close friend, Heather, from a fatal car accident on her tenth birthday," said junior Megan Kurtzman.

In commemoration of Heather's 20th birthday, Kurtzman is organizing an event to honor the memory of her close friend by extending a challenge to the students, faculty and staff at HPU: become a registered organ donor.

Heather's parents were able to donate five of her organs (heart, lung, liver, and both kidneys) to five other people who were in need of them, and Kurtzman wants everyone to have the chance to do the same.

"Last semester, I got in touch with a lady from the North Carolina Donor Services, and she told me about the Campus Challenge that they put on each year with various schools from North Carolina," said Kurtzman. "High Point will be in a competition with East Carolina University, Meredith College, and possibly Lenoir-Rhyne University."

The competition, *Donate Life: Campus Challenge*, will take place from Oct. 31 through Nov 4. People who are interested in registering to become organ donors can visit the tables outside the Café every day that week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

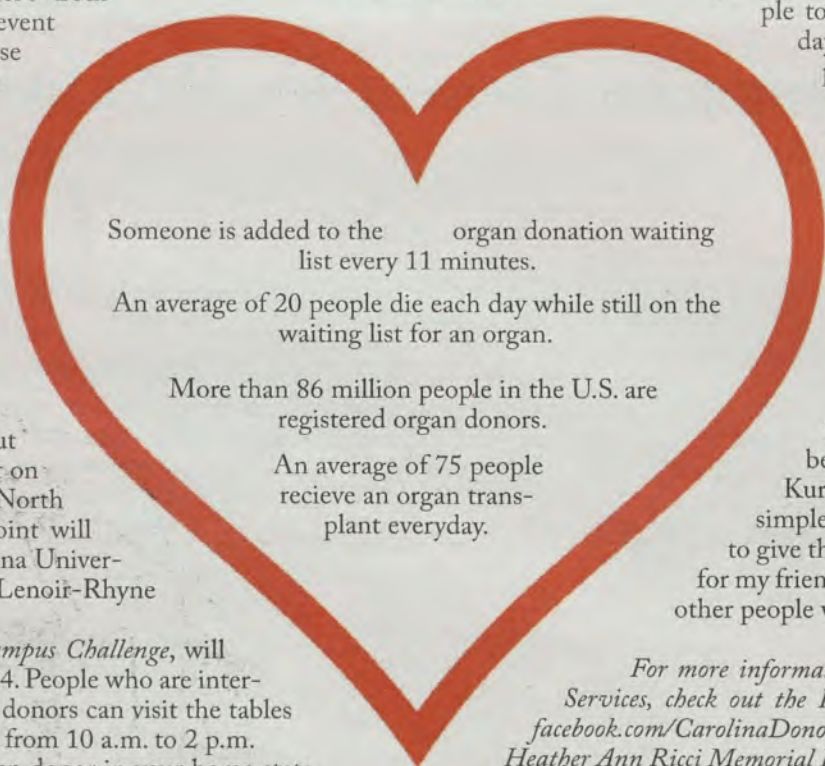
If you are already a registered organ donor in your home state, the campus challenge allows individuals to sign up to become an organ donor in the state of North Carolina. Freshman Davis

Whitmer, a non-native of North Carolina, fully supports the idea of signing up.

"I'm an organ donor in Virginia, so I would definitely do it here as well... If I no longer needed my organs, I would love to be able to change someone else's life."

In addition to the challenge, there will be a table set up at the game on Tuesday, Nov. 1 for people to register. On Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m., a special showing of the blockbuster film "Seven Pounds" will take place in the Extraordinaire Cinema. Heart transplant recipient Brian Avery will also be speaking during this event.

For those debating whether or not to become an organ donor, Kurtzman says, "It's just as simple as anyone should want to give the gift of life. If it wasn't for my friend Heather's organs, five other people wouldn't be here today."



Someone is added to the organ donation waiting list every 11 minutes.

An average of 20 people die each day while still on the waiting list for an organ.

More than 86 million people in the U.S. are registered organ donors.

An average of 75 people receive an organ transplant everyday.

For more information on Carolina Donor Services, check out the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CarolinaDonorServices](http://www.facebook.com/CarolinaDonorServices). Also visit the Heather Ann Ricci Memorial Fund page where you can learn more about charitable activities, events and make donations: [www.heatherriccifund.org](http://www.heatherriccifund.org).

**From WeCar, Page 1** liked to try the cars, but since I am not 18 yet, I cannot," said freshmen Michael Messer, "even though I have a license."

Some of the praise is coming from students who have not even used the cars yet, but just the ease of setting up the membership and the helpfulness of the workers at WeCar have impressed them.

"I haven't actually driven one of the cars yet, but I contacted Enterprise a few days before it was announced to the school and they started the process (of buying a membership) up very quickly for me," said freshman Mike Erdeljac. "I like how we don't have to pay for gas and our startup fee is waived. The reservation system is extremely easy as well."

The reservation system is done completely online. Students go to [wecar.com/highpoint](http://wecar.com/highpoint) and click on the purple "Join Now!" button. Information that is requested for joining includes personal information, emergency contact information, driver's license information and payment information. Finally, the student agrees to the terms and user agreement policies, and then the application process is complete.

There are penalties for students who reserve a WeCar but then decide not to use it. The student, or responsible party, is required to still pay for the time of use even if the car is not used.

Jeffries is available to answer any questions that students may have about renting a car on Wednesdays between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., next to the Slane Concierge desk.

While the number of students who have actually used the Prius from WeCar wasn't available, it is easy to see that the customer service and convenience of having a car readily available is drawing many HPU students to this new program.

For more information on renting a WeCar, visit [wecar.com/highpoint](http://wecar.com/highpoint).

**Interested in writing? Like taking pictures? The Campus Chronicle is always looking for people to join our staff! Meetings are on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Nido R. Qubein School of Communication, Room 233.**



# A & E

## Students 'road test' university couches in search of most comfortable

### The Criteria

1. Flop on the couch
2. Lay down on the couch
3. Sit cross-legged on the couch

### The Scoring

Each couch was scored 1-5 by the individual judges. The final score was averaged between the judges, and decimals were rounded up.

### The Judges

Jessica Strickler, News and Layout/Design Editor  
Tatiana Krefesky, Staff Writer  
Catie Schultz, Staff Writer

### Qubein School of Communication



Score: 1

**Cracked Couch:** This couch moaned when I sat down and moved around, which was awkward. Laying down was weird because the arms were too high and put your neck at an odd angle. Sitting cross-legged was uncomfortable because the back was too hard. - Catie



Score: 3

**Brown Couch:** Had no padding when I flopped, be warned. Laying is alright and the cool leather felt good on a hot NC day. Cross-legged was nice, good for studying. - Tatiana



Score: 5

**Tan Couch:** Sank into this couch in the best way. I could have easily fallen asleep in this couch for a mini nap between classes. Felt like I was sitting on \$20,000 of goodness and felt guilty putting my feet up, but it was so worth it. - Jessica

### Phillips School of Business



Score:

**Red Couch:** Produced loud wooshing noise when I sat down... and the noise continued for an oddly long period of time. Definitely able to sit criss-cross and study on this couch, just don't slide off on the slippery material. - Jessica

### Slane Student Center



Score: 4.5

**Loveseat:** It is too small to lay down in, but the arms of the chair are comfy so you can sit back and put your feet up on those. This is the perfect cross-legged study chair... support everywhere! - Catie

Score: 5

**Sectional:** Good flop with a homey feel. Best place to lay and a good view across the ponds. Not exactly great for sitting. Definitely best for lounging! - Tatiana



### Wilson School of Commerce



Score: 3.5

**Gray Couch:** It melts with your body and has a marshmallow effect. The pillows are awkwardly heavy. Laying, is comforting and hugs your body. Sitting is comfortable too. - Tatiana



Score: 2.5

**Cracked Couch:** Too short to lay down and take a nap. Very squeaky, I felt self-conscious of the noise. Most comfortable when sitting in the middle, but too hard to get comfortable for a long period of time. - Jessica



Score: 2.5

**Tan Couch:** The flop wasn't too bad, and definitely better than expected. Laying down is not comfortable, it's too hard. Sitting up right is the best position for this couch. - Catie

## Costume Crisis? The Dos and Don'ts for Halloween 2011

By Molly Tavoletti  
Staff Writer

*Halloween is the perfect holiday for a college campus. It's a great way to have fun and be unique; however, the problem most people face is costume choice. More often than not, costumes are unoriginal or overdone. This year, abandon the mundane and show off with some creativity!*

### DO: BE ORIGINAL

This year, avoid the stereotypical nurse and police officer outfits, the angel vs. the devil, and the Catholic school girl. Try to think of something totally original!

High Point is huge on soccer so why not show your school spirit and originality with an oversized jersey and shorts? Throw on some eye black and knee-high socks and you're ready to hit the field!

Still, for some people the thought of going out on a limb with a solo costume is terrifying. If that's how you feel, recruit your friends, roommates, or suitemates to do a group costume. Try to avoid the conventional "Jersey Shore" cast and kick it old school instead. Maybe a tribute to Spice Girls or Destiny's Child?

Have a boyfriend or a guy best friend? Couple costumes are always a hit, but only if they're done right. Get a good laugh by going as Ronnie and Sammi; spend the whole night fighting and getting back together.

### DON'T: SPEND A FORTUNE

You're in college. Even though you're used to a cashless campus, you probably can't afford to spend \$100 on a costume for an overpriced Halloween megastore.

This year, be frugal and hit a few thrift stores like Carolina Thrift or Goodwill. So many costumes can be made from items found in these stores. Also, look through the stuff you already have or borrow from a friend. Save your money for buying candy and renting scary movies!

Try and build an outfit out of a single item of clothing that you've always wanted to wear. Have your eyes on a pair of leather jeggings but know you'll never have anywhere to wear them? Be Sandy from Grease. Throw on a leather jacket, tease your hair and you'll be summer lovin' all night long.

### DO: SHOW YOUR PERSONALITY

Halloween gives you the opportunity to be someone else for a night, but in college it's easy to get swept up in what all the other girls are doing. However, just because you're in a new setting, doesn't mean you have to change who you are! You don't have to show

skin to get attention, so stay true to yourself, and you're guaranteed to have a good time.

If you're a person who loves music, be a famous icon like Madonna or Lady Gaga. Being something that interests you can be an automatic conversation starter, because people will see your personality shine through!

### DON'T: BE AFRAID TO BE UGLY

You spend every weekend getting all dolled up, make this weekend different! I'm not suggesting that you should go roll around in some mud and call it a costume, but you don't always have to be a picture-perfect princess either.

Be a rough and tough football player or a zombie dancer. Something with a little edge that shows you're not afraid to be a little less than perfect. Chances are you'll have more fun in a costume that's more exciting. So ditch the crown and don't hesitate to "ugly it up" this year!

### DO: DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

So you have the perfect idea for Halloween planned: a cute fairy that consists of a micro-tutu, a leotard, wings and skyscraper sandals. While this sounds adorable in theory, many girls forget that Halloween takes place mid-fall, and the weather is not exactly going to cooperate. Yes we are in the south, but when you're going from frat house to frat house in the middle of the night, 50 degrees seems very cold.

There's nothing worse than someone mistaking your angel costume for an avatar because you're turning blue from freezing outside. It's possible to be cute and still be warm!

Try thinking of a costume that involves pants, or boots. Cat ears paired with black pants and a black long sleeve shirt can be adorable and practical at the same time. Keep it cute by wearing red lipstick and drawing on whiskers. Add a tail and you're good to go walk in the fall weather all night!

There are so many ways to be creative with your outfit, and if you pull it off, it will be well worth the effort. Not only will you be completely original, but you will be standing out while everyone else is blending in.



# Neighborhoods gets released: 'Blink' is back!

By Bronte Dakota  
Staff Writer

In the midst of regrouping after a four-year long break and headlining a tour, Blink-182 is once again topping the charts with the release of their latest album, *Neighborhoods*. Still, getting to album number six, wasn't an easy road.

The saga began in 1992, when vocalist and guitarist, Tom DeLonge, had a vision of creating a band and making it big.

When DeLonge met wild-man Mark Hoppus, who played bass and sang, he realized they had the same vision. Drummer, Scott Raynor, was added shortly after.

In 1994, the band released their first studio album, *Cheshire Cat*. Even though it was wildly inappropriate, it took off in the San Diego area instantly. Three years later, upon the release of their second album, *Dude Ranch*, they became a huge commercial success.

Over the next two years, the band went on multiple world tours; gaining fans and selling 1.5 million copies.

In 1998, after a turbulent tour due to Raynor's drinking problem, the band hit its first speed bump, and Raynor was asked to leave mid-tour. They asked Travis Barker to fill-in for the rest of the shows.

Barker was heavily tattooed and energetic. He was a huge change from Raynor. MTV reported that he learned 20 songs in less than one day. He was just what the band needed, and was offered a full time position immediately.

After that, the band's popularity started to grow. They were known for their wild stage antics and sick humor. They often changed up their song lyrics at concerts.

After the tour ended the trio headed into the studio and released *Enema of*

*the State*, which became an instant success and gained a huge amount of airtime. The band even appeared in the movie "American Pie."

In 2000, they released *The Mark, Tom, and Travis Show (The Enema Strikes Back!)*, which was based on recordings from their concerts, portraying their carefree and lively potty-talk shows.

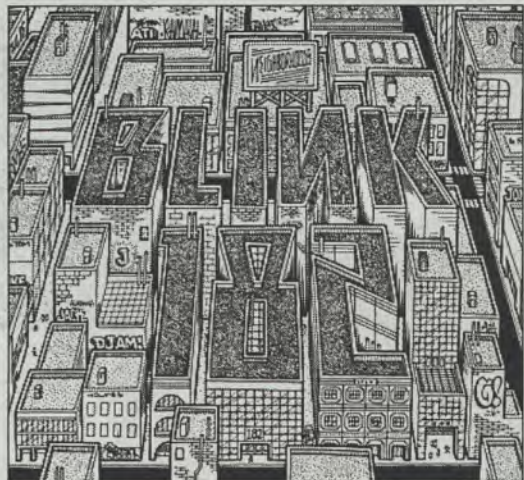


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They then released *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket*, which was packed full of singles and was a huge hit with their fans. It was full of teen angst, drunken nights and falling in love.

In 2003, the band released their self-titled album. This album showed a more serious side of the band; maturing as artists. They experimented with different sounds, as well as darker lyrics. Critics reviewed the album's new sound with praise. But then, the band started struggling to get along.

They had their own ideas, priorities and families. DeLonge ultimately left the band, and they went on an indefinite hiatus. During this period, the members all took time for themselves. DeLonge battled a pain-killer addiction, which drove him to start Angels and Airwaves, a great electronic band that sings about love and human compassion. Hoppus and Barker started +44 which had a fun and mellow sound, but never gained any commercial success.

But when Barker was almost killed

in a plane crash, the band decided they were here for a reason. After his recovery in 2009, Blink-182 was determined to heal their strained relationship. They toured that summer, selling out stadiums and bringing together old and new fans of all ages. And after two years of touring and recording, Blink-182 released their sixth album, *Neighborhoods*, on September 27, 2011.

*Neighborhoods* explored a much more mature side to Blink-182 that had never been seen before. This album has a dark and gritty sound, with wailing lyrics. It is a clear collaboration of the trios other musical endeavors, drawing inspiration from what it is like to be alone or confused, and exploring the ideas of death and depression.

The first single "Up All Night" became a huge hit, showcasing a new electronic sound and powerful guitar riffs, allowing the band to express their internal struggles and demons. "After Midnight," the second single, expresses a feeling of isolation and struggle, with a simple catchy melody. Other songs, such as "Kaleidoscope" and "Ghost on the Dance Floor," express a darker side of Blink-182, and how they got to where they are now.

The New York Times recently stated that "no punk band of the 1990s has been more influential than Blink-182." It has even been said by others, that if it wasn't for them, there would be no rock bands like Fall Out Boy, Boys Like Girls or The Maine.



Photo courtesy of b182news.com

Over the past two decades, these punk rockers have somehow made it all work, continually growing with their audiences.

It's been a long road, and many bands fail at transitioning to the next stage of their music, but *Neighborhoods* is another promising step towards an even more successful career.

## The Everyday Fashionista "Hidden Boutiques of the Triad"

By Jordan Breetz  
Staff Writer

**A**ttention Fashionistas! Are you having trouble finding your favorite spot to shop? Don't fret; there are plenty of hidden boutiques in and around High Point that will fill this void.

Let's face it, every bad day needs a little pick me up, and what better a way to help with this than a change of scenery. Replace the everyday school setting with these fashion hot spots:

**Wildflower** - Wildflower is one of the most fashion forward boutiques in the triad. Located in Winston-Salem, Wildflower is THE hot spot for any look you are trying to achieve, and is a personal favorite. This family owned boutique believes in "creating beauty and inspiration so every woman can find her inner wildflower." Not only have these girls accomplished their mission statement, but they have opened up a whole new world of fashion opportunities for the triad. Trust me, it's worth the drive.

**Snob shop** - The snob shop, also located in Winston, is not your usual consignment shop. These ladies have established a great name for themselves, and carry anything from 7forallmankind to Gucci. Don't let the name scare you off; they are actually very nice people.

**Anthropology** - Not wanting to take a risk on the unknown? Anthropology is just around the corner. Having recently opened in Greensboro's Friendly Center, this go-to fashion destination will always have something to brighten your day; as long as your wallet doesn't mind taking a beating.

**Wild and Crazy Vintage** - Feeling unique or in need of a costume? Wild and Crazy in Greensboro is the spot for you. Not do they have really great pieces but they are for a great price as well. Who can say no to that?

**Poshh** - Don't want to travel far or are in need of a last minute outfit? No problem, try Poshh! Located here in High Point, this store has some pretty adorable tops and some pretty crazy jewelry as well.

Moving to a new place can be scary, but finding somewhere to replace your favorite shopping spot with can be downright frightening. So next time you are having a bad day, or just need a shopping get away, stop by one my favorite spots. You'll be glad you did!

# Monthly extraordinary leader award: September - Steven Haller

By Pam Haynes  
Campus Chronicle Adviser

A new way that High Point University is recognizing the hard work and dedication of its students this year is by presenting a monthly Extraordinary Leader Award. The Campus Chronicle is proud to report that Steven Haller, editor in chief of this student newspaper, is the first recipient of that award, which was presented to him in September.

Haller is a humble leader who asked this not be published in the Campus Chronicle due to his position with the paper. But, as his adviser, I insisted that acknowledgement of this award was necessary and set down at the keyboard myself to explain why.

First, it's important to understand how the Extraordinary Leader Award works. According to Gail Tuttle, vice president of Student Life, the entire HPU community - students, faculty and staff - make nominations each month. The nominees are asked to complete an online survey that asks questions such as, "How have you impacted High Point University?"

A committee made up of top HPU administrators reads each individual's an-

swers and selects the individual with the responses that best embody true leadership.



Steven Haller anchored for Panther News in this studio. Photo by Chad Christian

Haller, a journalism major, is involved in numerous ways on campus. Not only is he one of the youngest editors in chief of the Campus Chronicle in the paper's recent

history, but he's also a presidential scholar, president of HPU's chapter of the National

Society of Leadership and Success, president of HPU Sports Link, the student sports broadcasting club, Vice President of Campus Activities Team, Director of Videography for the HPU Student Marketing Team, a justice for the HPU Honor/Conduct

Court, and budget chair for SGA. Awards he has received include "Most Dedicated Journalist" awarded by the Campus Chronicle last year and "Most

Outstanding Executive Council Member" awarded by Campus Activities Team. He also currently interns at WGHP Fox 8 in High Point.

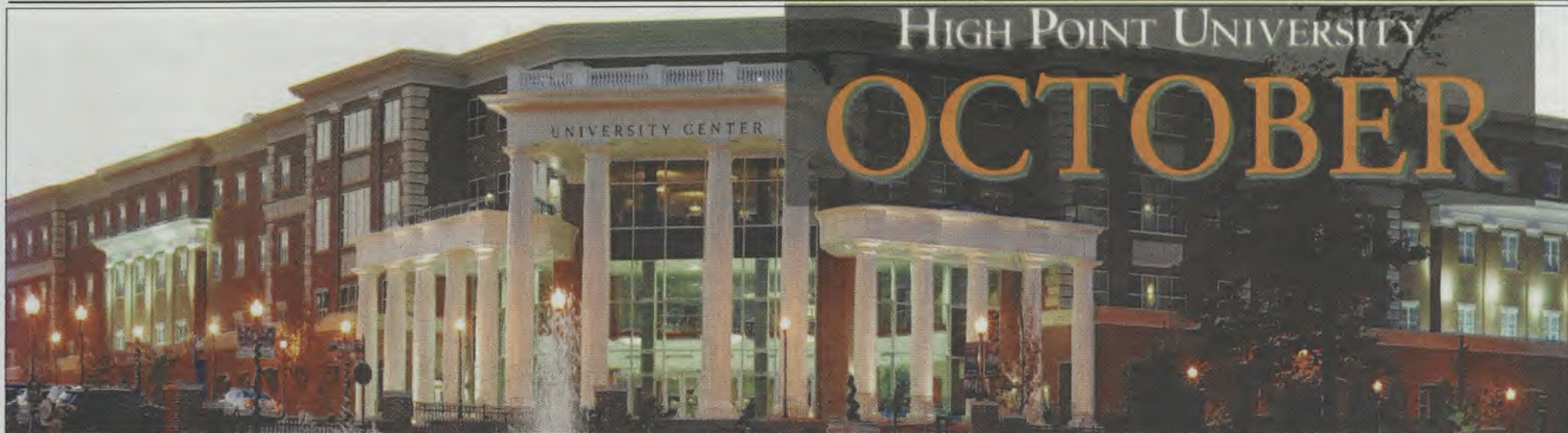
These activities and accomplishments are enough evidence to prove that Haller is involved, but the fact that he has the passion and dedication to balance all of these responsibilities while keeping a genuine smile on his face and a positive attitude is what defines him as a true leader.

His answer to the question, "How would you define an 'extraordinary education?'" sums it up:

"Students can learn so much in the classroom, but they can learn even more if they also apply and dedicate themselves to responsibilities outside the classroom. Through my extracurricular campus organizations, I have been able to hone many other skills: I have learned how to work well with others and how to motivate and lead multiple groups of people to accomplish multiple unified team goals. In short, an extraordinary education means to not only survive college, but to thrive at college...."

The Campus Chronicle will continue to spotlight Extraordinary Leaders each month.





Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

### CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

- 1 HPU Theatre-Crimes of the Heart**  
7:30pm (Oct. 1); 2:00pm (Oct. 2);  
7:30pm (Oct. 6-8); 2:00pm (Oct. 9)  
Empty Space Theater
- 1 HPU Lecture Series 2**  
**Dr. Kimberly Reich "Elite Athletes:  
Born or Bred?"**  
9:00am - Phillips Hall

- 1 HPU Lecture Series 3**  
**Dr. Vernon Farrington**  
"21st Century Learning: Preparing Today for  
Tomorrow's World!"  
1:00pm - Phillips Hall
- 1 HPU Lecture Series 4**  
**Dr. Amy MacArthur "The Trolley Problem"**  
4:30pm - Phillips Hall
- 1 Family Weekend Choral Concert**  
7:30pm - Hayworth Fine Arts Center
- 29 Instrumental Ensemble Fall Concert**  
7:30pm - Hayworth Fine Arts Center

**MONDAY MOVIE**  
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*IDS Event Today*  
1 IDS Event-Crimes of the Heart  
Empty Space Theater 7:30pm  
IDS Event-Choral Concert  
Hayworth Fine Arts Center  
7:30pm  
IDS Event-Lecture Series: 9am-  
Dr. Reich; 1pm-Dr. Farrington;  
4:30pm-Dr. MacArthur  
Women's vs. Coastal Carolina  
University 5pm  
Men's vs. Winthrop 7PM

*Family Weekend*

<b>2</b> <i>IDS Event Today</i> IDS Event-Crimes of the Heart Empty Space Theater 2pm  Family Service Hayworth Chapel 9:30am	<b>3</b> <b>DINNER CLUB</b> Wilson Commerce Ballroom 6pm  <b>MONDAY MOVIE</b> EXTRAORDINAIRE CINEMA 8PM	<b>4</b> Sign up to go <b>DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR</b> at the Campus Concierge  <b>DINNER CLUB</b> Wilson Commerce Ballroom 6pm	<b>5</b> Worship Service Hayworth Chapel 5:30pm  <b>LASER TAG</b>  5PM-10PM	<b>6</b> <i>IDS Event Today</i> IDS Event-Crimes of the Heart Empty Space Theater 7:30pm <b>HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY GREEN TEAM</b> <b>MARKET IN THE PARK</b> Hayworth Park 12pm-2pm SGA Community Affairs Board Meeting The Extraordinaire Cinema 7pm  Cuisine & Culture Series	<b>7</b> <i>IDS Event Today</i> IDS Event-Crimes of the Heart Empty Space Theater 7:30pm  vs. Liberty 7PM <b>CATFLIX</b>	<b>8</b> <i>IDS Event Today</i> IDS Event-Crimes of the Heart Empty Space Theater 7:30pm  vs. Radford 4PM <b>CAT</b> DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR
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*Family Weekend*    **Alcohol Awareness Week • Alcohol Awareness Week • Alcohol Awareness Week**    *Alumni Weekend*

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**5pm Fall Break**    **Fall Break**

<b>16</b> <b>FACULTY LITERARY</b> <b>17</b> <b>FILM SERIES</b> Located in The Extraordinaire Cinema	<b>18</b> <b>CAT HALLOWEENFEST OCT. 31</b> SAVE THE DATE Outdoor Scary movie, Funnel Cakes, Pumpkin Carving, Costume Contest and More!	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Women's vs. Virginia Military Institute 7pm
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<b>23</b> GSC: 7am - midnight hourly BDU/CUE: 8am, noon, 4pm, 8pm and midnight <b>Fall Break</b>	<b>24</b> <b>MONDAY MOVIE</b> EXTRAORDINAIRE CINEMA 8PM Resident Assistant Application available (on Community Bb)	<b>25</b> <b>DINNER CLUB</b> Wilson Commerce Ballroom 6pm Men's vs. Longwood 7PM	<b>26</b> Worship Service Hayworth Chapel 5:30pm <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE</b> Jazz Band GREAT DAY BAKERY 8PM	<b>27</b> <b>SGA</b> SGA Meeting Phillips Hall 120 7pm	<b>28</b> <b>SOCCER</b> Men's vs. VCU 7PM <b>CATFLIX</b> 10PM Last day to drop with with a W grade	<b>29</b> <i>IDS Event Today</i> IDS Event-Instrumental Ensemble Fall Concert Hayworth Fine Arts Center 7:30pm <b>CAT</b> SIGN UP AT THE CAMPUS CONCERGE
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# Sports

## Athletes choose HPU over other big name recruiters

By Henry Molski  
Organizations Editor

**W**hen Willie Medina first visited High Point University, it was a freezing cold day in the middle of winter and he was nervous about his visit to a relatively unheard of school.

However, Medina soon felt the warmth of not only the luxurious HPU campus, but from a unique baseball coaching staff as well. When Medina was asked how important the coaching staff was in making his decision on playing at HPU, he didn't even hesitate.

"It was a very big reason I decided," said Medina. "A major reason I am here is because of them. They are different than other school's coaches by them being a friend to me."

Additionally, HPU was competing against some pretty prestigious schools for Medina.

St. John's University is a powerhouse in baseball. The St. John's Red Storm boasts six College World Series appearances along with six Big East Championships. It would appear that HPU would have a hard time drawing any recruit to campus when a school such as St. John's also recruited them, but Medina proved otherwise.

One might say that the decision junior transfer Willie Medina made to join HPU was one that spoke volumes for not only HPU baseball, but also for HPU athletics in general.

Medina isn't an isolated incident in the athletic department either. In December 2010, The NCSA College Athletic Scholarship Blog wrote a full-length article on the recruitment of an Indiana-native, high school volleyball player named Caity Farus. Also, Farus was being recruited as early as

her freshman year in high school by Purdue University, and by big name schools such as Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, and Valparaiso University.

However, Farus proved to be another case of a talented athlete turning down "A-list" schools to join HPU. Farus, now a freshman at HPU, said she was drawn to HPU by arbitrary things such as "the cool pre-game video" and the "beautiful campus," but found what she was really looking for when you look closer at the school.

"As an athlete I already feel like I really fit into the school," said Farus. "I'm a part of the program where everyone helps everyone out."

As HPU continues to strengthen their younger classes through strong recruiting, their recent success can often be overlooked. The 2010-2011 seasons were a thing of beauty for High Point University athletics.

Champions were crowned all year long. Athletes rose to fame. Big recruits were signed. All and all, HPU's athletics had a year unlike any other.

Statistically speaking, it truly was the best year that HPU NCAA athletics ever

had. In the Big South Sasser Cup Standings, HPU finished third in overall athletic performance. The Sasser Cup compiles all of the wins and losses and places from all



Freshman Caity Farus chose to play volleyball at HPU over Purdue, Ohio State and Cincinnati. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

keeps up those values too, as the landscape of college athletics continues to change.

Just as Medina and Farus had done in baseball and volleyball, respectively, freshman Jeff Lacoste did in track and field. Heavyweight schools such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Tennessee recruited Lacoste. These two schools represented big name conferences from the ACC and SEC, but Lacoste chose to come to HPU in the Big South.

"Coach Esposito, the campus, and the school in general all helped," said Lacoste when asked what drove him to HPU. "I was excited with how the expansion was just the start of everything."

Farus chose her school keeping in mind that if she were to suffer a career ending injury, she would still be happy. She chose the school with "marble floors" and "tours on golf carts" and "a place where everyone waves."

With success on the field and with comfort for the athletes off the field, HPU is changing the way recruits choose their home. Lacoste, for example, mentioned how the track and field team has a pasta party just to help with team bonding. Farus spoke of how head volleyball coach Jason Oliver decided to just sit down and talk with her for an hour on her visit.


HPU is scoring top-notch recruits with success on the field, a vision of a bright future, and, perhaps most importantly, a sense of family.

After all, when Medina was asked to tell the student body about something they would never know about the HPU athletes, he chose not to talk about the pristine locker rooms, state-of-the-art training facilities, or the perks of getting to miss classes.

"It's a family here," said Medina. "A real family."

varsity athletics in the Big South and ranks the schools based on those numbers. HPU achieved a third place slot thanks to conference championships in men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and women's lacrosse. The women's soccer and volleyball teams would advance to the NCAA tournaments.

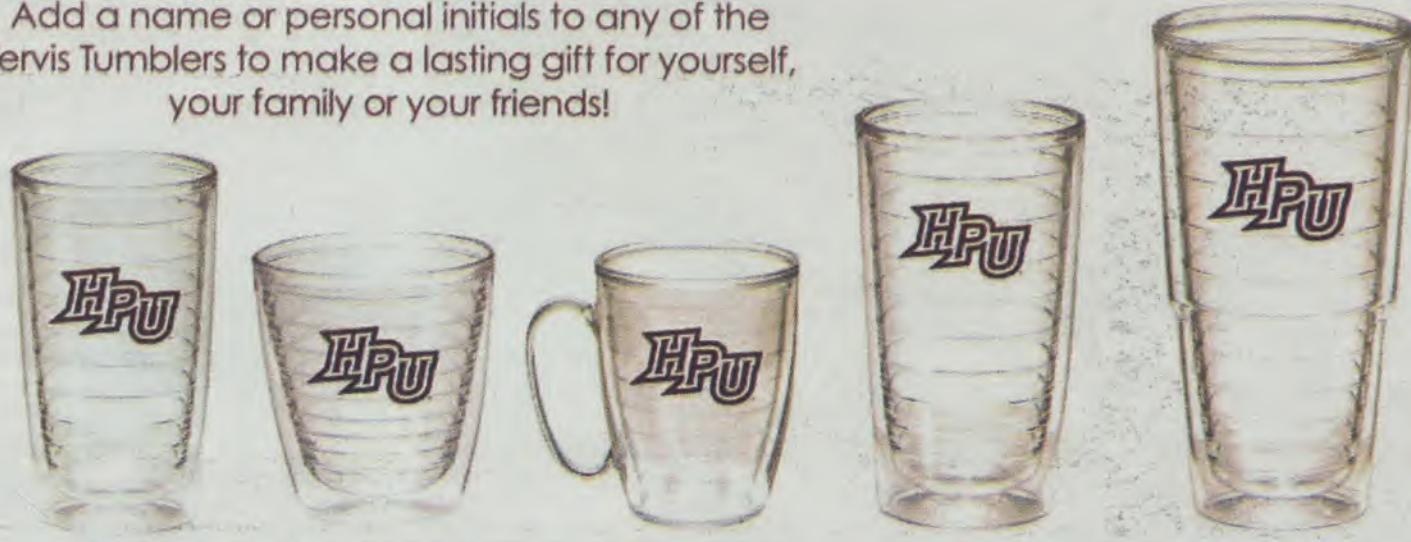
Even with all of these accolades, HPU athletics still stick to their morals. Through Farus one can truly see where the HPU Athletic Department's motto really comes into play. "Sixteen teams, one family;" the saying goes. It is important that HPU



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**Saturday, October 8**  
Volleyball vs. Radford @ 7 PM

**Tuesday, October 11**  
Women's soccer vs. Liberty @ 7PM

**Wednesday, October 12**  
Men's soccer vs. Coastal Carolina @ 7 PM

**Thursday, October 13**  
Women's soccer vs. Campbell @ 7 PM

**Friday, October 14**  
Volleyball vs. Presbyterian @ 7-PM

**Saturday, October 15**  
Volleyball vs. Winthrop @ 7 PM

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## Searching for answers, men's soccer in need of momentum

By Nolan Stout  
Staff Writer

Some things are just hard to explain. The High Point University men's soccer team has been searching for answers so far this season. Following a 1-2-1 record over their first four games, the team has posted a 1-3-0 mark to get to their current 2-5-1 standing.

The Panthers first travelled to SEC powerhouses Kentucky and South Carolina. After erasing a 1-0 deficit in the second half against Kentucky, the men sent the game to overtime. Unfortunately, the Wildcats would rise to the occasion and secure the 2-1 victory in the extra period.

Against South Carolina, the Panthers jumped out to a 1-0 lead, but a Gamecock goal scored via deflection tied the game and gave South Carolina the momentum they needed the rest of the game. Only one minute and 40 seconds after scoring their first goal, the Gamecocks were awarded a penalty kick and capitalized, giving them a 2-1 lead that would hold for the game.

The Panthers returned home after the Gamecock classic and hosted Richmond and bounced back to take down the Spiders 2-1. Three days later, they lost their conference opener to Liberty 2-1. While these losses are demoralizing, Coach Dustin Fonder found some positives out of the experiences.

"We were very pleased with the Richmond game," said Fonder.

"I think we played better against Liberty, but didn't make good on the chances we had."

Fonder admits his team is still searching for some answers.

I'm working with and I still believe we can turn our season around."

There is no single reason for the slide to start the season for this team. On paper, they are outshooting opponents 107-97 and only being outscored 13-10. Senior goalkeeper Michael Chesler is posting 1.58

goals against average and the team has taken only 9 yellow cards opposed to 16 for their opponents.

Coach Fonder believes the cause of the team's struggles comes not from their opponents but themselves.

"Other teams aren't beating us," says Fonder, "we're finding a way to beat ourselves."

This may be evident in the ways opponents have scored on the Panthers. Against South Carolina, one goal came from a deflection and the other a penalty kick. Against Liberty, a turnover in the defensive end led to an eventual goal.

"We've dug ourselves a hole so far, but it's only a matter of time before we turn things around," Fonder said. "We're just one win away from getting the momentum we need."

The team travelled to UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Asheville last week and closed out the week with a conference game against Winthrop at home Saturday during Parent's Weekend.



Sophomore Alex Martinez leads the team this season in points. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

"We're not happy with the losing streaks we've had," said Fonder, "We're still trying to find the style of play that works for this team and can give us success."

The close play against Kentucky and South Carolina gave confidence to the team and sophomore Alex Martinez, who still leads the team, now with 8 points on the season.

"I have to stay consistent," said Martinez. "My confidence has improved since last year and now I know the group of guys

## Volleyball staying positive despite losses

By Brian Brennan  
Staff Writer

It's been a bit of a struggle lately for the High Point University volleyball team as they have lost four games in a row and five of its last six.

However, progress has definitely been made recently. HPU's one win in this stretch came against one of its toughest non-conference opponents in Charlotte University. The Panthers won easily 3-0 in their second game of the Wake Forrest Classic. Against the 49ers Junior Courtney Johnk and freshman Kristin Heldt had 11 kills each and senior Breanna Holliday came up with 17 digs in the 3-0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-19) win.

Following the 0-3 loss to the Deamon Deacons the Panthers returned home to compete in the High Point Invitational against Campbell, Norfolk State, and Maryland Eastern Shore. High Point lost all three matches but showed improvement in every game.

In the losses, Courtney Johnk, Kristin Heldt, and Michelle Chakarelis shined for the Panthers.

"Courtney in particular is starting to realize she can carry the team, which is great", Coach Jason Oliver said. The junior outside hitter has been a dominate force

for HPU this season despite the recent losing ways.

Coach Oliver also spoke of Chakarelis and of her vital improvements before conference play.

"The consistency for both of them is both something that they're really working on and when you're carrying the load, you

working, and it's good for her to get out there and get some playing time because the more she gets out there the more she's going to want to work harder", Coach Oliver said about Farus.

"She's had some ups and downs but she's slowly but surely getting stronger both physically and mentally."

Despite losing all three games in the High Point Invitational, Oliver did see some progress with his team.

"I saw a lot of good things this weekend. I saw a lot of heart. We are definitely making progress, it's a process for our team to learn how to win and it's just begun with the start of Conference Play," said Oliver.

Even though the Panthers record shows that they are 2-13,

they have only played one conference game against Campbell. Some pressure has been added to HPU after they were projected to finish second in the Big South this year behind Liberty.

"I think conference play is more important than non-conference play", Oliver said, "If we have 12 losses in conference play I won't be excited about that but conference play definitely raises the stakes. Hopefully raising the ante will be good for us and we will raise our game as well."



Freshman Chelsea Davis has been an immediate impact this season for the Panthers. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

have to figure out how to do it because everyone in the gym knows it's going to you," said Oliver of the leadership of Johnk and Chakarelis.

The next day the Panthers played arguably one of the best games of the season, despite a 3-2 loss to Norfolk State. Freshman Caity Farus delivered one of the strongest all around performances in High Point history, breaking out to record 10 blocks, six digs, five aces and four kills.

"She's getting better every day. She's one of those student-athletes that is always

## Dillon brothers bring loads of excitement to NASCAR world

By Patrick Budd  
Sports Editor

For some people, NASCAR is considered to be a "redneck sport." Many people don't understand why fans go crazy about cars driving in circles.

But students at High Point University may want to reconsider the overall neglect of not being a fan of NASCAR since HPU is well represented by two fellow students: the Dillon Brothers - Austin, a junior, and Ty, a freshman.

For those who don't know, the four main series NASCAR sponsors are the Sprint Cup, Nationwide, Camping World Truck and ARCA series. NASCAR uses a points system throughout its season based on performance in order to crown a champion at the end of the season.

Austin, a 21-year-old student at HPU is currently at the top of the points standings in the Camping World Truck series.

His younger brother Ty, 19 years old, sits atop of the ARCA series points standings.

So consider this an extraordinary fun fact about HPU - We are good at racing. Two of the four series NASCAR sponsors are headed by these HPU students.

For a sport that is not made to be a spectator sport, all the Dillon brothers have brought is excitement.

Before coming to HPU, I really wasn't a huge NASCAR fan. I didn't understand it, I wasn't entertained by racing stock-cars, and, because I grew up in South Jersey, I really didn't have a reason to like NASCAR.

Now, having common ground with the most exciting drivers in NASCAR and living in NASCARolina, I am hooked.

I am hooked to watching Ty dominate the ARCA series winning six times already this year. I am hooked to watching the Bass Pro Shops black No. 3 truck of Austin Dillon's beat the Kyle Busch at Chicagoland for his second win of the season. I am hooked to listening to the buzz of NASCAR be about two fellow students at HPU.

The Dillon brothers have brought me closer to stock-car racing and now my weekends consist of keeping up with yet another sport. I have become obsessed.

Tune into SPEED television network on a Friday or Saturday night and catch one of Austin or Ty's races. I promise you, you'll be glued to your TV pulling for the No. 41 of Ty, or the No. 3 of Austin, to win.

I can also promise you NASCAR becomes much more entertaining when you know someone racing, and you share common ground with the driver. To me, when Austin and Ty win, HPU wins. And I love to see HPU win.

But it hasn't been just me who has been hooked to watching Richard Childress Racing's most dominant racers, the NASCAR world has rallied behind the success of these two HPU students.

Austin has been offered to drive in the Sprint Cup series on Oct. 9 in the Ronald Reagan Centennial car at Kansas Motor Speedway, but he hasn't made a final decision. Ty drove in his first Camping World truck race on October 1. The brothers are moving up the ranks quickly, and drumming up all sorts of excitement along the way.

I challenge you to tune into one of the races that either Ty or Austin drive in. You may not yell and cheer at the TV like I do every weekend, but I guarantee their style of racing will make you somewhat of a fan and make you rethink that "NASCAR is boring" stereotype.