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Malcolm Gladwell brings his intellect, advice, humor to campus

By Jay Rinaldi
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On Nov. 2, New York Times best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell spoke at High Point University to students and faculty and select members of the community in the Hayworth Fine Art Center at 8 p.m. Gladwell is the author of four books and has been a writer for The New Yorker magazine since 1996. During his time at HPU, he participated in a Q & A session with president Nido Qubein and spoke to triad-area young business leaders, as well as giving a speech and sitting down for an interview with the Campus Chronicle.

Gladwell admits that a common theme within all of his books is his belief in the importance of the environment in which we live, and its superiority to the individual. This theme also carried over into his talks at HPU.

"I can never get enough of that notion of the impact of the environment. I don't really believe in the individual personality. Personality is a function of what is going on around you."

As he stated in a question and answer session with Qubein, a big reason why he considers himself successful today is because he capitalized on the opportunities that his environments presented to him. "Who we are cannot be separated from where we're from," Gladwell writes in *Outliers: The Story of Success*.

"We just happened to not grow up in a Chinese village that raised their children in sweatshops," said Gladwell during the event.

According to *Outliers*, people misunderstand success

because they emphasize the individual and deemphasize the culture around them. In the book, Gladwell uses examples from The Beatles to Bill Gates to argue that a person's achievement of success is not only attained because of who they are as individuals.

"We look at Bill Gates and think that he's just this genius, and we fail to understand that he was incredibly lucky," Gladwell has stated in numerous interviews on talk shows and news shows.

However, Gladwell does not disavow the fact that it also takes the individual to have the drive and the passion to identify and exploit whatever vehicle it is that may possibly lead to their success. Bill Gates happened to go to a school that had time sharing computers, but not all of his classmates chose to wake up at two in the morning to use those computers. However, those opportunities still were available to him because of the environment he lived in.

~Malcolm Gladwell

"Incompetence annoys me. Overconfidence terrifies me."

When asked about what individuals should most take away from *Outliers*, Gladwell's response followed his belief of the environment over the individual.

"One notion is you can't completely control your success. Part of it is out of your hands, which shouldn't be used as an excuse, but it should give us a little more patience with those who aren't successes and bow down a little less to those who are."

Gladwell also incorporates this belief in *The Tipping Point*, which has been on the New York Times Bestseller list since it debuted in 2000.

"As human beings we are constructed from the outside in. That is to say, who we are on the inside is a function of what's going on around us. The Tipping Point is about

how the world around us affects which ideas spread," said Gladwell.

Gladwell also spoke about his concern with the United States. He feels that the level of social mobility that a society has, which basically means the ability of individuals or groups

to move up and down in the economic class system, parallels with the level of prosperity a society experiences.

In effect, Gladwell is arguing for a greater analysis of where the advantages are in a society and where they are trending. Gladwell believes that when the advantages of a

society becomes more concentrated on a minority of individuals, the path to success for others diminishes substantially, as does the success of the society itself. Gladwell sees this happening in the United States because economic inequality has been growing at an unprecedented rate in the last twenty years.

"In the 1950s and 1960s...it was pretty easy to go to the middle to the top, bottom to the middle..."

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Best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell speaks to students on Nov. 2 at 8 PM. Photo courtesy of Chad Christian.

Media Entertainment Fellows begin inaugural year with freshman class

By Whitney Yount
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Last March, along with their acceptance letters, 16 incoming freshmen received invitations to be members of the inaugural class of the Media Entertainment Fellowship Program (MEFP).

These students were selected based on the interviews that took place during the Presidential Scholarship weekends in February. This year, the students were selected based primarily on their interviews, high school transcripts and extracurricular activities.

While there was no application process for the program this year, a separate application and interview process will be put into place for the program beginning in 2012.

The Media Fellowship was created to give eight male and eight female communication majors experience in their fields of choice.

The program includes students enrolled in all five communication tracks – Electronic Media, Game and Interactive Media Design, Journalism, Media and Popular Culture, and Strategic Communication.

In addition to working together on projects and enrolling in the same classes, the Media Fellows live together. This year, the eight girls share a suite in Belk, and the eight boys share the suite next door to them. Since they live in close proximity, the students can work together easily, and are surrounded by an environment that supports their interests in media.

"Living together brought us all closer together; the sixteen of us are like a family. By living together, we push each other to excel, while providing support at the same time," said Christina Brunson, a freshman fellow.

Because the fellowship program is in its first year, many of the plans for the students are still in the first stages of development. While most of the trips, projects and internship opportunities for the Media



The Media Entertainment fellows pose for a group picture. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

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Study abroad faculty-in-residence program to spend semester in Prague

By Erica Allaby
Staff Writer

Next semester, High Point University will be offering the opportunity of a lifetime to its students. For the first time, HPU will be sending a group of approximately 10 students to the Prague Institute for a faculty-in-residence study abroad program.

"Prague is the first location that students here can study abroad in Eastern Europe", said Dr. Marlon L. Winters, who will be leading the first Prague Institute faculty-in-residence semester abroad this Spring of 2012. "I've never been to a place in my life with more culture and livelihood than Prague."

The Prague Institute is located in a historical old monastery, in Old Town Square, a central location in the capital city of the Czech Republic.

"It is an extremely unique experience in one of the oldest cities in Europe", said Winters. "The Institute occupies three floors in a beautiful facility just yards from Old Town Square."

According to the website for Experiential Learning, there are lecture rooms, studio rooms, common areas for the students to hang out in, computer labs, kitchens for student use and office space for the staff and faculty. Students take a full load of 12-16 credit hours, or four to five courses, taught by the faculty member from High Point University and faculty from North Carolina State University.

What makes the faculty-in-residence programs so special is that a High Point faculty member goes with the group of students and teaches a course. This is a key element when it comes to the safety and well being of the students.

"[The faculty] are there to mentor, teach and help the students," said Winters. "Often times, parents need to know that their child has a safety net while they are out of the country. The professor is there to guide and assist the students."

One of the most notable elements of the Prague semester is the fact that the trip is offered to students with a sophomore standing, meaning students with 29 completed credit hours and above are eligible to participate in the experience. Students must also maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to meet requirements for the application.

Many times, students find themselves overwhelmed when it comes to thinking about spending a semester abroad. This hesitation is due to the specific major's graduation requirements. It is crucial that students begin their trip planning from day one, in order to realize that studying abroad is extremely possible for all High Point students.

"My goal is for students to start thinking and planning which semester and where they want to go abroad from the second they step foot on this campus as a freshman," said Winters.

Although the application deadline for studying at the Prague Institute during the spring 2012 semester has passed, the deadline to apply for the faculty-in-residence program to Oxford, England during Fall 2012 is March 1, 2012. Students must be in junior standing and maintain a GPA of 2.8.

"The best suggestion I can make is for students to check out the information on the faculty-in-residence site,"

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Opinion

The fire to learn has been burned out

By Amanda Mayes
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Your alarm clock is cursed every morning as it welcomes you to the daily routine; it never meant to do any harm. The hands on the clock hanging on the wall behind you seem to be super-glued – they never move. A marker squeaks on the white board. PowerPoint slides flick by at lightning speed while your pen flies across the page—can information possibly sink in with this hurried fashion of instruction? The same people answer the professor's questions; the same opinions are consequently heard. An endless cycle of readings, tests, essays. A letter determines your academic worth, but does it accurately prove the quality of your mind?

What happened to the enthusiasm with which so many of us embraced every day of school? Perhaps it vanished with the years that found us buying crayons and searching for the coolest backpack and lunch box. How many years have we spent in classrooms? We have devoted a good part of our lives to the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake and in preparation for our unique futures. Has it been worth it? Are there other ways, other methods that would better prepare us, that would broaden our minds and hearts? Only time will tell.

Time has rendered changes on the American education system. White boards have replaced the dusty atmosphere created by chalk boards. PowerPoint has taken the place of crystal clear sheets on a muddied overhead projector. Websites and e-mail have increased speed of communication, but ultimately made it impersonal – a contradiction to the close-knit nature of a small private institution. But these changes all involve technology, rather than curriculum and the ways by which knowledge is imparted.

The education system in America is broken. Fractures and deep cuts exist, but it seems that too many are willing to use Band-Aids where stitches are needed.

A highly structured environment stifles the mind and murders creativity. The classroom becomes a cage, trapping students in a black-and-white world lacking the option of color. Some professors are lulled into a sense of routine rather than innovation. The pace of the classroom has slowed in an attempt to ensure that students of all academic achievement levels will be on supposedly equal footing. This inevitably results in déjà vu of cut-and-dried high school courses trapped in the throes of "No Child Left Behind." Archaic courses and information passed on from the proverbial yellowed notes results in lack of academic rigor. Regurgitation of theories and research is valued over original thought. Insistence on one

emphasis and one career stunts both personal and mental growth, and dooms an individual's future in an increasingly globalized world that requires a diverse skill set. The most crippling break in the system involves a sense of entitlement. Many individuals

feel that college is a right rather than a privilege earned, and colleges and universities often encourage this belief with a certain amount of coddling and handholding.

I would give anything to restore passion for knowledge. I want to see eager children running around in Target and Wal-Mart, searching for shiny new pencils and dreaming of entering a classroom to learn. I want to see my peers engaged in intellectual pursuits, hyperaware of the honor of attending a university to gain a valuable education in preparation for the future. I was made to believe that burnout was my own fault because I was weighed down by perfectionism and unbridled curiosity. I do take responsibility, but I also point to the failings of the education system. Innovation cannot wait; America faces a very dim future if minds are not allowed to be bright.



Secondhand News:

God: Key to confidence, key to happiness, key to fulfillment

By Jordan Oliver
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A relationship with God is all you'll ever need. This is a bold statement, but one by which I am fully convinced. I have witnessed the overwhelming presence of God in my life and in the lives of others, and when you sense that he is near, there's no mistaking it. He will take care of you if you take care of your relationship with him. You have been blessed with the power to offer your worries and doubts to him, and the assurance that he will put them to rest. With God, you will be the happiest person you can be, and you will feel a certain life-long relief that his presence, alone, can only provide.

Your relationship with God is one of the most important aspects of your very being. When you trust in him, you come to realize that you have nothing to fear; He will always take care of you—He will always lead you in the right direction.

You may not know it at the time, but once you're living contently, you'll realize that it was God who directed you to that point. Believing and trusting in God is the greatest thing you can do for yourself, for you are bringing fullness, as well as purpose, to your life.

With God, you have [someone] to live for—a lifestyle to aspire for. Living for God should be at the core of your lifestyle, for pleasing him should be your highest goal. You'll find that in living for him, your life has greater meaning, and your soul, an untouchable happiness. God has provided you with so much. (For starters you're at High Point University!) What better way is there to show him your thanks, than to live your life as he would want? With him on your side, you will feel the strength to conquer anything and the confidence to live openly and unafraid to be the person he made you to be.

It's easy to create your own happiness, and it begins with developing a relationship with God. You'll know that you're never alone, for he will never abandon you. He knows your purpose and will do whatever it takes to help you fulfill that purpose. Build, and continue to build a stronger faith, for you will soon come to realize that your life is not always in your control. With God on your side, you can learn to accept this life-long "suspense" and will have an easier time managing any surprises that are thrown your way.

If you live your life as you know God would want, you will be rewarded in all you do. Learn to live in peace, for God will handle your stresses. Be kind to everyone and live with an open heart. Live right and live faithfully... God will take care of the rest.

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Is owning a luxury car necessary for college students?

By Sarah Kee
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Taking my normal route after a gruesome day of classes, I walk with a friend to the parking lot behind Congdon Hall and notice something that may not have been so obvious before: High-end, luxury cars.

That's right, BMWs, Mercedes, Audis and Lexus's are common among High Point University's campus this year. Nearly every week another student pulls into the parking lot behind the wheel of a car that could be sold to end world hunger. Now correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought we were in a recession?

With heated seats and an option to parallel park itself, who wouldn't want to say they drive an automobile worth six figures? But I think students are already not learning values by owning a luxury car.

It's unclear as to whether or not operators of these cars essentially know their car; but they do know they look good driving it.

"I wanted an SUV [sport utility vehicle] and my parents wanted me to have one as well," said Macy Morton, a sophomore at HPU and owner of a Lexus rx 350. "I love Lexus's and have always liked the model but I didn't really now everything about the car I was buying—I just knew it would be good because it was a Lexus."

Most teens place style, appearance and

performance before anything else; and tend to place less importance on mileage, warranty and safety.

"Since I own a Mercedes-Benz, the performance of the car and the versatility is what separated it from the other cars,"



Vroom, vroom! A growing number of HPU students drive expensive, foreign and fast cars. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

said HPU sophomore, Chris Eaton. "My car is an E55 AMG so it can go zero to 60 mph in 0.04 seconds which is pretty cool."

Eaton wasn't the only one intrigued by what his luxury car could do. To some, status means the world when it comes to cars; but others do think they're sometimes judged - whether in a positive or a negative way - for the type of car they

drive.

"I feel like there's a stereotype attached to owning a luxury car like a BMW," said Chris Williams, a sophomore from Maryland. "People are too quick to judge what kind of person is driving a nice car. But I definitely like what I look like when I'm driving my car."

It's human nature to want what others have and to be envious of those that have what we want. However, students owning luxury cars are wasting away hard earned money that they could be using for things such as college or their future. Instead, they are paying more for oil changes, gas and insurance just to fulfill instant gratification and a materialistic lifestyle.

Do not just pick a car because of its status. If you cannot give insight as to what kind of car you drive, then you shouldn't be driving it. Try working hard and earning your own money. When you're middle-aged, with a steady job, making enough money to support a family, then you can start the bragging rights; but until then, don't be too quick to show off your luxury car you know nothing about.

Getz meets birth mother for the first time in September 2011

By Lewis Pifer
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The bond between a mother and her child is like no other. After more than 18 years of separation, this bond has been resealed between High Point sophomore, Dietrich "Dietr" Getz and his birth mother, Rae Meland Bryant. Getz and Bryant reunited with each other on Sept. 20, 2011 in Winston-Salem, N.C., but the story of this reunion began more than 18 years ago.

Getz was born Troy William Meland on Dec. 11, 1992 to the then single Bryant.

"I was 28 [years old] when I had Dietr. I didn't have a good job. I was single. Living at my parents. Just not [t] ready to be a mom," said Bryant.

After Getz was born, he lived in a Pennsylvania foster home until a judge approved the adoption, since his adoptive parents lived in Virginia. Catholic Social Services (CSS) carried out the adoption, and the last time they were together was in a CSS office in Scranton, Pa., when Getz was about a month old. At that time, Bryant met his adoptive parents, Kathy and Gary Getz. They renamed him Dietrich.

Bryant asked Getz's parents to keep some promises.

"One of the promises my [adoptive] parents made upon my adoption... was that they will raise me telling me that I was adopted," said Getz.

Bryant also wanted to make sure that Getz knew why she gave him up for adoption.

"She gave me a letter explaining things to me. She gave it to my parents when they adopted me... [They made a] promise to give me the letter from her when I turn 18," said Getz.

And that was the last time Getz and Bryant saw each

other for 18 years.

On Dec. 11, 2010, his 18th birthday, Getz opened the letter from his birth mother.

"She knew that she could not take care of me properly at that time. So did her mother," said Getz. "They realized that the best possible chance for me to live a happy successful life is to be given to people who were financially able to take care of me."

After reading the letter, Getz contacted CSS to try and arrange a meeting with his birth mother. The adoption agency worked with both of them to find a suitable date to meet. More than six months after his 18th birthday, they settled to meet on Sept. 20, 2011 in a CSS office in Winston-Salem, N.C.

On the day of the meeting, Getz was with his father, Gary. His mother, Kathy, was not able to attend, due to her new job at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. Bryant was with her mother. Both Getz and Bryant were initially nervous, but it turned into joy.

For Getz, he felt natural sitting there. Even though he expected that he would cry, he did not.

"The emotions. They are so many of them and they're so complicated [that] trying to put them into words," said Getz, "The best poet in the world probably couldn't do it."

"It was probably the scariest thing I ever done in my entire life... but after the scariness went away, it's been amazing, almost unreal," said Bryant.

Bryant's mother, Janet Meland, describes how hard the reunion was for her daughter.

"It was the hardest thing she ever done before or since then, but this was the universe coming around to her because of the sacrifice she made for him," said Meland.

During the meeting, they started to learn about each other's lives. Getz learned that Bryant is now happily mar-

ried and living in Orlando, Fla. They share a love for science fiction, TV shows like "Doctor Who," chorus, and theater. Getz learned that he has a younger half-sister; they have similar personalities and a talent for singing. "That entire family was proof of nature in the nature vs. nurture debate," said Getz describing his similarities with Bryant's family.

After the initial reunion at the CSS office, they drove to High Point University so that Getz could share a part of his college experience with them. Following the tour, Bryant and Meland returned to Orlando, and Getz' father Gary, went back to Chicago.

Even though the meeting is over, they are continuing to learn about each other through Facebook such as likes, dislikes, or anything else that comes to mind. They are also planning to see each other over winter break. Getz will be able to meet his half-sister and the rest of Bryant's family. Getz's mother, Kathy, thinks it is great that Getz is visiting Bryant.

"It's fine for Dietr to visit Rae," said Kathy Getz. "It's good for both of them to have an ongoing relationship."

Bryant's husband, Rick, plans to welcome Getz into his home, and family, with open arms.

"I think that it will be good to get to know Dietr and hopefully become friends. Dietr... always will be welcome in our home," said Rick Bryant. "I consider him a member of the family. I am hoping that he will be comfortable here and that he thinks of this as his second home."

According to Getz, this story is still in the making. Through the help of his biological family, they are currently finding information about his biological father, Mark Cochran.

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said Dr. Kelly Norton, Director of Experiential Learning. "The site includes an incredible amount of information about the programs in Prague and Oxford. And we are investigating additional locations for faculty-in-residence study abroad."

"Our two hubs provide the best educational and cultural experience," said Winters. "We've never gotten the message out about how special the Oxford and Prague locations are."

If traveling specifically to Prague or Oxford is not something of interest, there are a wide variety of abroad opportunities through HPU. From May terms to winter break trips, there is a study abroad experience available for whatever type of travel you may want to do.

With further investigations into creating additional faculty-in-residence programs, this article will surely not be the last time you hear about these tremendous "crown jewels of study abroad," says Dr. Winters.

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[America was] never stronger than when we were relatively economically equal," said Gladwell.

Furthermore, as he warned in the essence of his speech to High Point University students and staff on the night of Nov. 2, powerful individuals tend to have a dangerous degree of overconfidence. Overconfidence is easily achieved when individuals have had success. Therefore, people who have made a lot of money have a reason to believe that they are good at what they do; they are more likely to be overconfident in their capabilities. Moreover, they generally hold positions of great power and influence.

"Incompetence annoys me. Overconfidence terrifies me," Gladwell said.

Part of the cause of the Financial Crisis of 2007-08, Gladwell argued, was that Wall Street executives did not believe that their companies were going to collapse. Gladwell says this disbelief can be explained by individual

overconfidence. For example, Jimmy Cayne, CEO of Bear Stearns, believed that he was so good at his job that anything that was indicative of the contrary had to be false. That overconfidence developed into a misperception of reality. And because of this misperception, Bear Stearns was the first company to fall prey to what is now known as "the financial crisis."

In short, individuals who are in positions of power are vulnerable to overconfidence. And in the United States, where individuals have extreme economic power, it would be in society's best interest to devise ways to guard against their potential overconfidence, for the safety of its own economy.

In essence, the common idea in the notions, beliefs and advice that Gladwell conveyed while at High Point University, as well as in his writings, is that one should not simply look to the individual to determine the likelihood of success. One also needs to look at the structural

advantages and disadvantages that have attributed to the success or failure of the individual.

"I want someone who understands that they are one small piece of a very large complicated picture and they need to understand the importance of humility," said Gladwell.

As a closing piece of advice for students tying to his idea of the power of one's environment Gladwell writes in *Outliers*, "The thing college graduates need to think about are what environments have the most advantages. The thing I've been saying to a lot of graduates recently is they should think about leaving the United States. In every generation people leave the places where there aren't advantages and go to the places where there are. Well, the advantages now in the world are in Brazil, Singapore, India and China. There is no reason anymore to think that you have to stay in America. Hop on plane."

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Fellows have not been finalized, the dean of Communications, Dr. Wilfred Tremblay, and the head of the program, Charisse McGhee-Lazarou, are working to make this fellowship successful.

McGhee-Lazarou moved to North Carolina from Los Angeles specifically to join the faculty of High Point University. She has worked in the field of communication for most of her adult life and, most notably, was the vice president of Primetime Programming at NBC for 16 years. She has also held positions at Lifetime Television and Godspeed Media and has many connections within the industry.

Dr. Tremblay, and others involved with creating the program, already had the idea for the program when McGhee-Lazarou was hired, but she created a large amount of the content that will be incorporated.

In addition to advising the Media Fellows, McGhee-Lazarou is a professor in the School of Communication. This semester, she is teaching both human communication and a senior capstone seminar.

During the beginning of their sophomore year, the Media Fellows will be traveling to both the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention. While there, they will cover the events and learn more about political coverage in the field of communication. To prepare for these trips, most of the fellows are going to take the studio production class during the spring semester.

The next summer, the students will also travel to Los Angeles and New York City to further their studies.

"These experiences will give the fellows a real world place to attach all of their skills," said McGhee-Lazarou. "They'll get to work with the people they will be working with in the real world."

She continued to say that the students' travels, both in the United States and, potentially abroad, will be used to build a bridge between their academic training and their future career paths.

The Media Fellows will also be participating in activities during the school year. Starting in the spring semester of this year, they will be splitting into small groups, and each

group will then partner with an organization in the High Point community. As of right now, the three organizations involved are the local YMCA, the High Point Chamber of Commerce, and West End Ministries. The students will build a relationship with these organizations during the first year, and eventually, the non-profits will become the clients of the fellows.

"I'm very excited about how it builds over four years," said McGhee-Lazarou.

As the students learn more in their classes, they will be able to do more for their organizations.

"It's more than just being nice," said McGhee-Lazarou, who described the organizations as learning labs. She hopes that while the students create advertisements and work with their organizations, they will recognize how crucial non-profit work is.

"It creates jobs, which is huge in this country," said McGhee-Lazarou.

She plans to help the fellows choose which organization they each will work with based on their individual interests and skills.

"We'll decide which organization is the best fit for each student," she added.

In addition to each student working with one of these organizations, they will each choose a place to intern between their junior and senior years under the guidance of McGhee-Lazarou. This opportunity will be used to gain real-world experience.

"[The Media Entertainment Fellowship] is not just about Hollywood," said McGhee-Lazarou. "It prepares the students for everything: any number of tracks, scholarship, entrepreneurship."

McGhee-Lazarou hopes that the students will participate in undergraduate research as well. To prepare for this, three of the Media Fellows are going to the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium this year as observers. This trip will give them a better idea of what they would like to do for their own research, and they will be able to bring ideas back to the other fellows.

"Not a lot of undergraduates do big research projects, so as a freshman it's really good to go watch and see what I can work towards," said Kelly Schwab, one of the fellows who will be attending the conference. "It's inspiring."

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A & E

There's no place like High Point

By Kim Wilson
Staff Writer

Upon arriving at Heathrow Airport in London, England, it was obvious I wasn't in High Point, N.C., anymore. The first indication was that I had just stepped foot into the busiest international airport in the world; and the second, I heard the expression, "cheers!" after just about everything. The airport had such a different atmosphere, and it finally hit me that I was in another country.

From the moment my flight took off, I became isolated from the United States—my cell phone company doesn't extend overseas, and not having a "mobile," as I've come to know it as, is definitely something I am not used to. However, adjusting to unfamiliar things was certainly an expected element of studying abroad.

Before exiting the airport, I collected my bags. The study abroad packet I was given from HPU suggested that I start packing two weeks before my departure. However, it should have mentioned that I would start weight lifting around the same time, because trying to handle two enormous suitcases was a challenge. I may not be able to attend the free HPU recreational classes this semester, but managing my luggage was a workout in and of itself.



I took the coach heading to Oxford Brookes University, and had my first experience driving on the opposite side of the road. I'm all turned around and backward over here! They go in the doors I feel inclined should be the "exit," and go out the doors I assume would be the "enter." I never thought crossing the street could be so frightening either.



Coaches and double deckers are the dominant form of transportation, and there are rarely cars driving on the city center roads. Remembering to always look right first, before crossing the street, is something I had to pick up quickly. (Bumping into a person is one thing, but a coach bus bumping into you is another story!)

To get anywhere off campus, I take the double decker bus (and I thought the HPU trolley was exciting). One thing is certain; the HPU trolley definitely rounds its corners more smoothly.

It's the little things like this that I never imagined would be so different. Although the English people may get mad at me for smashing into them because I'm walking through an exit, I still find it fun to learn new things and be forced to adapt to a new lifestyle.

When I got to Oxford Brookes, a man wearing an HPU T-shirt greeted me. This was finally something familiar—until I heard the British accent. His name is Peter Forsaith, the liaison with HPU, and he brought me to what was going to be my new home for the next three months.

The housing situation was not what I expected. I was placed in a flat consisting of 10 single bedrooms, mixed genders, three showers, three toilets and a small—(and I mean, 'I'm taller than the fridge' small)—kitchen. Without sounding too spoiled, I'm used to the University Center's granite counter tops, double beds and arcade right downstairs.

This was one of those times where I wished I could

call someone; my mom, my dad, a friend, anyone...but I couldn't.

As culture shock set in, I tried my best to embrace it and look at everything with an up side. I was getting along with all of my flat-mates, and the living arrangement was turning out to be an interesting experience.

Oxford Brookes is located in what we would call a "college town," and having more options than Liberty and Ham's is easy to get used to. There are endless shops, cafes and sites to see in the city center. I continue to find myself there nearly every day. It's overwhelming, but in a good way, because there are so many different things to do and see here.



I have already visited London and witnessed the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace—and of course, all of the other touristy attractions. It's quite eye opening to experience the ceremonies of another country first hand and realize how different they really are.

I never imagined that England would be so different from the United States. After being exposed to all of the differences—their money, the side of the roads they drive on, their accents, their buildings and their food—this place has turned into something I cannot get enough of!

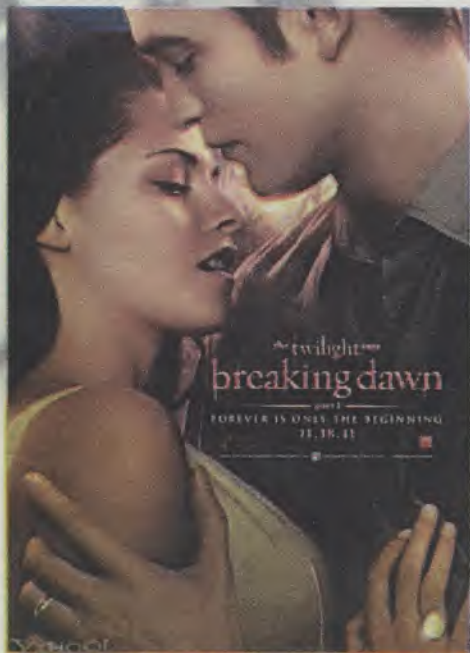
Sure, there's no place like High Point, but I've just begun my adventures, and I cannot wait to enjoy my next three months living in England. Cheers!

Photos provided by Chelsie Merone, A&E Editor.

Winter 2011 Movies: Chelsie's Picks

November

December



The Extraordinaire Cinema November Showtimes



11/5 *The Change Up*
9 p.m. and 12 a.m.



11/7 *Friends with Benefits*
8 p.m. and 11 p.m.



11/18 *30 Minutes or Less*
5 p.m. and 10 p.m.



11/28 *One Day*
8 p.m. and 11 p.m.



The Everyday Fashionista: Closet Checklist

By Jordan Breetz
Staff Writer

If your wardrobe still contains Ed Hardy, velour jump suites or jeans that have a lace up crotch then listen up; it's time to clean out your closet. Hopefully you just like to hoard clothes and these items have been hanging in your closet for years. If you actually still wear these things, we are going to need to have a chat.

Ed Hardy- is just wrong, he sold out around 2007, and it's almost 2012. If a designer starts making water bottles, pencils and stickers that are sold in vending machines, then please toss them aside - they're not coming back. I'm not just calling out Ed Hardy either. This includes any ridiculous T-shirt; like the ones that say "I'm with stupid" or have animals with silly sayings. Just throw them away, please!



fruity clothing- Shirts, purses, underwear, basically anything with fruit on it, especially cherries, are a NO (unless you are under the age of five).

Extremely Distressed Denim- Its okay for jeans to look worn, but they shouldn't look like they have been through a shredder. If there are more holes than there are jean, its probably time to throw these away - or use them as a rag.

Crocs- they might be great for working in a restaurant, but lets try and keep them there. They are not in style anymore, and thank goodness for that! They weren't the greatest idea in the first place.

Von Dutch Hats- Don't you miss these babies? Well, you're in luck! The once \$80 hat can now be purchased for around eight bucks. (Talk about decreasing in value). Be-



sides, why was it cool to look like a trucker? That's like wanting to look like a fast-food employee; it just shouldn't be high on anyone's list.

Lace-Up Jeans- I now have mixed feelings about these because they are trying really hard to come back, but I'm starting a protest; who's with me? I mean they are the tackiest pants - possibly ever. Why would you want to draw attention to your crotch, come on, what is classy about that?

Rompers- These might not technically be out of style yet, but they will be if I have anything to do with it! What is cute about looking like you're going to daycare? Do everyone a favor and donate all rompers, children everywhere will be grateful.

Ladies, I know it is hard to get rid of your splurge items or your favorite pair of barely-there jeans, but you have to part with them. Look on the bright side, now you will have more room in your closet for new things, more in-style things. So suck it up and take a deep breath, you will be fine, I promise.



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Passport Partners: Restaurant Ratings

By Jodi Guliemi & Eleanor Christopher
Staff Writers

In the mood for some Mexican? Open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., this upbeat and friendly atmosphere makes your dining experience fun and enjoyable. Their queso sauce is extremely popular and a must try if you are a first time costumer. Moes also offers online ordering, so the food will be ready the minute you get there. Another perk is that The Palladium Movie Theater is in the same complex; so after you eat go catch a movie!

Moe's ★★★★★



Mad Greek Grill ★★★★★



This restaurant has a variety of authentic Greek dishes for decent prices. You could go there for a snack and order an appetizer or a side for less than five dollars. Their entrées are delicious as well. There are plenty of salads, pitas, subs, sandwiches, and of course, hummus. If you are looking for healthier food, this is the place to go!

Carolina's Diner ★★★★★



This is a great place if you are looking for a not-too-expensive, classic, American meal. One amazing bonus is that it is open 24 hours a day, six days a week. The food is tasty and the service is quick. You should definitely check it out!

★★★★★ **Char-Grill**

Char-Grill is the place to go for delectable, charcoal grilled burgers. It's an experience to go there because of how you order. Check off what you want on the paper and place your order down the chute, then the person inside reads it. If you're looking for a laid back place to get an authentic burger and some fries, you'll love this place.



★★★★★ **East Coast Wings**

With a variety of flavors and different levels of heat, these wings are No. 1! This sports themed restaurant offers other styles of food as well. With various football teams' banners hanging from the ceiling, and a big-screen TV in the middle of the room that plays any and all major sporting event, this is the place to go to watch the big game while eating great food!



Thai Herb ★★★★★



If you like spicy food, great service, and large portions, then this will be your kind of restaurant! This could be the perfect solution if you're looking to try something different. The relaxed atmosphere and ambience also makes it a great date spot! The prices aren't outrageous, and you're almost guaranteed to have left over food to take home for a midnight snack or lunch the next day.

Organizations

Students wear PJs to raise cancer awareness

By Cheslie Gastright
Staff Writer

“I’ve always kind of dreamed big. I have always thought that if you were going to do something you might as well give it 110 percent.”

No one hopes to hear the words “you have cancer” come from a doctor. The fear, confusion, and grief of that diagnosis can be overwhelming for the patient, friends, and family. However, what if getting that news, instead of becoming worried or grief stricken, sparked a yearning to prove the statistics wrong and helped bring awareness to the issue? With a diagnosis of stage IV lung cancer and only three months to live, PJ Aldridge, who was heavily supported by friends and family, came up with the idea to form the PJ Aldridge Foundation in May of 2010.

That same year, High Point University reached out to this foundation and started a month long fundraiser to help raise both awareness and funds for one of the most underfunded and under researched cancers in America. After a month of fundraising and a day dedicated to Aldridge himself, titled “PJ’s for PJ”, the school raised a total of \$2,300 in the fall of 2010.

While most associate October with pink ribbons, HPU has attempted to help those associate October with Lung Cancer Awareness as well.

October of this year started the beginning of the PJ Aldridge Foundation Fundraiser once again. With a month to raise awareness, and incentives that range from \$500 cash to a 7 day and 6-night spring break trip with \$500 gas money included, it is no surprise that several students and organizations have formed groups to start fundraising.

Anna Lee Nocero, a HPU sophomore and Kappa Delta sorority sister, explained why last year she started a group and why it means so much to her to have this opportunity again this year.

“When this fundraiser began, my grandfather was suffering from both lung cancer and kidney cancer, which had a huge impact on my decision to start a group,” she said. “We all think that it is very important to do whatever we can to help everyone who is affected, whether it is raising money or just spreading awareness,” said Nocero.

Nocero also mentioned various ways she and her group of Kappa Delta sorority sisters, Team Elegance, were going to be helping raise money. Between bake sales and dorm storms, they are well on their way to meeting their fund raising goal.

Vera Taylor, best friend of Aldridge who assists with his publicity, expressed how crucial and beneficial it is that individuals at High Point University and others around the country are to the foundation and PJ.

“One thing that is so vital is those working to make a difference in lung cancer have to partner to make it happen. We raised the funds through many events and donations. We work hard to be different, we have fun, and we want those involved to have fun. Yes, what we are dealing with is serious. But laughing and being happy is a part of what PJ needs in continuing to push,” said Taylor.

Taylor also mentioned that regardless of Aldridge’s situation he still manages to stay true and humble to himself.

“[Aldridge] is caring, loving, humble, and sincere. When he speaks about the challenges he’s facing and how his

life is today, he crawls right into your heart. He sees his friends, family, communities rallying to support him, and he feels completely blessed,” said Taylor.

In year two of the HPU PJ Aldridge Foundation Fundraiser, held Nov. 4 of this year, it was obvious how much it meant to Aldridge that the student body and staff have come back to help for a second year.

“I don’t even know how to begin to thank you guys for what you’ve done for us. I want to say thank to the students, faculty, and parents who have reached out to us. You all have been such a blessing to the foundation. It’s such a blessing to me,” said Aldridge when he visited campus.

He also said that once he left HPU last year he had already decided every niece and nephew he could think of will be attending one college and one college only: High Point University.

Beyond the many thanks that Aldridge had for the university as a whole, he mentioned why it was important to him to keep this foundation a priority of the future.

“I kept seeing a lot of younger people get the disease,” said Aldridge. “I started hearing people who were 12, 13, 14, or even 15 getting lung cancer. I want to eradicate it so no one that young has to get it.”

Aldridge has hopes of his foundation becoming as well known as Susan G. Komen, and with the help of HPU it could become a reality. This year, the university student led groups raised a total of \$1,163. The winning group as a whole raised \$600 and was lead by Caroline Tillman. Tillman was the student in charge of the PJ Day event.

“When he speaks about the challenges he’s facing and how his life is today, he crawls right into your heart.”

~Vera Taylor

Close friend to Aldridge

Sisters sell beads to fight poverty in Uganda



Alpha Gamma Delta gathers at the Student Philanthropy Desks in the University Center to raise awareness and money for impoverished people in Uganda. The money raised from all of the beads sold was sent back to the women in Uganda who made the beads. The organization operates under the slogan: “eradicating poverty one bead at a time.” Photo by Allie Dearie



Alpha Chi Omega to add first class at HPU in 2012

By Sarah Martin
Staff Writer

This year, women interested in going through spring recruitment will have another sorority to choose from. Alpha Chi Omega will be joining spring rush this year along with Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Phi Mu, and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities. The women who founded Alpha Chi Omega in 1885 were music students at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. As collegians, they sought “friendship, artistic society and advancement of the principles of true womanhood.”

Alpha Chi Omega will be the sixth National Panhellenic Conference group on the High Point University campus. Their plans include spring 2012 colonization and moving into the Greek Village in fall 2012.

They are seeking women who display character, leadership ability, academic interest, personal development, and financial responsibility; women should not only be motivated to contribute to the colony, but also anticipate forming a sisterhood.

Alpha Chi Omega will participate in the first night of recruitment so potential new members can meet with Alpha Chi Omega sisters. If the rushee is interested in Alpha Chi Omega, she will not sign a bid card, and can rush Alpha Chi Omega the following week. In order to participate in their rush week, women will schedule interviews with the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega, and can do so by going to JoinAlphaChiOmega.com.

Greek Life Assistant Coordinator, Joe Wheelless oversees much of the Greek Community at High Point University and is excited about the future of Alpha Chi Omega.

“I think Alpha Chi Omega coming to High Point really adds a lot of excitement to the women looking to join a sorority in the spring of 2012,” said Wheelless.

Gary Beck, a junior HPU student and Alpha Chi Omega expansion consultant, also feels the excitement of another sorority arriving and sees potential for their future.

“They’re really looking forward to joining the Greek System at High Point,” said Beck. “I really think they’ll add a lot to the growing Greek life on campus.”

Alpha Chi Omega representatives will be on the High Point University campus all semester and any questions regarding the sorority can be directed to Jennifer Harrison at jbharrison@alphachiomega.org or women can visit their Facebook site.

Henry Molski, Organizations Editor, contributed to this article.

Quick Facts

Brand: Real. Strong. Women.
Philanthropy: Domestic violence awareness
Colors: Scarlet and olive green
Flower: Red Carnation

October Extraordinary Leaders

Special to the Chronicle

The Office of Student Life recognizes an Extraordinary Leader each month. According to Gail Tuttle, vice president of Student Life, the entire HPU community -- students, faculty and staff -- make nominations, and 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 answers and selects the individual with the responses that best embody true leadership. The Campus Chronicle publishes the results each month.

October turned out so many impressive applications for the Extraordinary Leader recognition that the Office of Student Life couldn't select just one. For that reason, junior Rebecca Irvine and senior Graham Howard were both selected as Extraordinary Leaders.

Both of the students are engaged on campus in dozens of ways and represent HPU's holistic learning environment through the aspects of giving back and achieving success. Irvine, a presidential scholar and recipient of the Norman and Thomas Special Education Scholarship, is actively involved in the university's Teachers of Tomorrow chapter. As an education major, she assists local teachers with various projects, such as a Box Tops for Education Collection and making over a teacher's classroom. She's organized a Teacher Cadet Program for local high school students interested in education, served as a book buddy at Montlieu Elementary Academy of Technology,

raised money for local first-year teachers and received the Leadership Award from Teachers of Tomorrow. On campus, she is a resident assistant and a peer mentor.

"Through campus organizations, I have been able to expand my leadership skills and participate in various activities," Irvine says. "The hands-on approach to learning has given me the opportunity to log countless hours in local schools and bring joy to children in the area. HPU has helped me to ensure that special education is my passion."

Howard is an entrepreneurship and marketing major who is already making impressive strides in his career. A recipient of the academic achievement scholarship, Howard is treasurer of the Rotary Club, treasurer of the Philosophy Club, treasurer of the Business Student Association and an analyst with the Floyd T. Craven Investment Club on campus. He also serves as the vice president to the Entrepreneurship Club, is on the Peer Mentor Executive Board, is an assistant resident director at the Greek Village and is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

One of Howard's goals was to leave his mark on campus -- which is why he's been so involved. In turn, he's gained skills that have allowed him to already begin a full time career.

"This past summer I started a new job at Thomas and Gray Furniture Company," he said. "It had such a wide range of opportunities for me to use the education that I am receiving from High Point University in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Global Trade. I plan to stay with them and work full time while looking to pursue a Master's Degree in Business Administration."

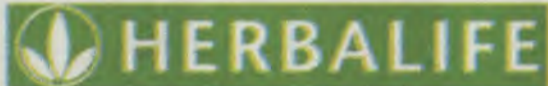


Senior Rebecca Irvine, October Extraordinary Leader



Senior Graham Howard, October Extraordinary Leader



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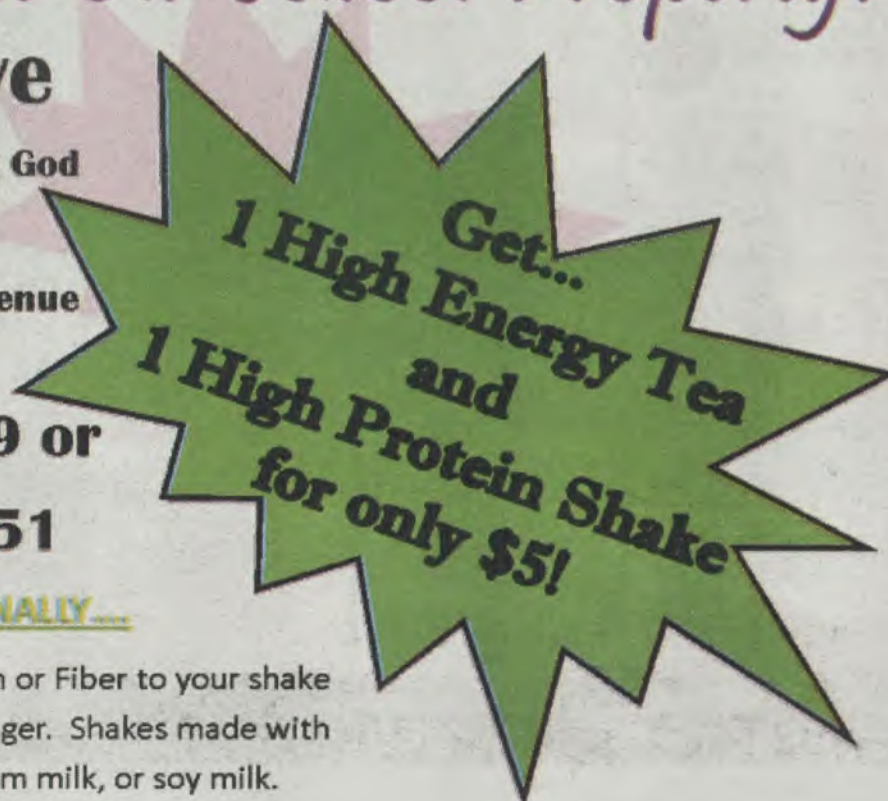
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<p>Lessons and Carols Save the Date Wed, Dec 7, 2011 Hayworth Chapel 5:30pm</p> <p>FACULTY LITERARY FILM SERIES Located in The Extraordinaire Cinema</p>	<p>1 Men's vs. Campbell 7PM</p>	<p>2 <i>IDS Event Today</i> IDS Event-Malcolm Gladwell Hayworth Fine Arts Center 7:30pm</p> <p>Worship Service Hayworth Chapel 5:30pm</p>	<p>3 SGA SGA Meeting Phillips Hall 120 7pm</p> <p>Big South Women's Tournament TBA</p> <p>PRIME Cuisine & Culture Series</p>	<p>4 <i>IDS Event Today</i> IDS Event-HPU Jazz and Percussion Ensembles Concert Hayworth Fine Arts Center 7:30pm</p> <p>Big South Women's Tournament TBA</p>	<p>5 Men's vs. VMI 1PM</p> <p>Women's vs. Belmont Abbey 4PM</p> <p>CATFLIX Admissions Open House</p>
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Clockwise from top left:
 HPU students gather with local children while on their alternative fall break trip to Guatemala.
 Taylor Elliot plays with two local kids while on the APO alternative fall break trip to Nicaragua.
 The Slane Student center, illuminated at night.
 A Complex resident hands out candy to delighted boys. The Complex hosted a night of safe trick-or-treating for the Boys and Girls club.



Clockwise from bottom right:

Ariel Garipey shares HPU sunglasses with two local kids in Nicaragua.

Kelsey Tate and Stephanie Kelly ride in the rain to their job site while in Guatemala.

President Nido Qubein sits down for an interview with Malcolm Gladwell on the afternoon of Nov. 2.

Complex residents show off their Halloween costumes.



Sports

Panther Profile: From the US to Italy and back

By Nolan Stout
Staff Writer

Buona giornata! Have a nice day! Just a typical greeting that redshirt freshman goalkeeper, Conor Quinn may have heard multiple times while living in Sigonella, Sicily over his last three years of high school.

Quinn was born the youngest of four children to a naval family in Virginia Beach, Va.

The typical depiction of a military family is one constantly on the move. However, Quinn only left his home in rural Southern Virginia once in his life when his family moved to Rhode Island for his father's basic training.

That all changed when Quinn's father was called to be stationed in Italy. After his freshmen year of high school, Quinn and his parents were forced to pack up and move to Sigonella, Sicily.

Quinn was enrolled in a Department of Defense (DOD) Dependent school on the naval base. While he went to school with Navy children his age, his soccer team consisted of older men.

"I had to learn how to boss them around and make them listen to me," said Quinn. "Because no thirty year old is going to listen to some high school kid telling them what to do."

Alas, Quinn's soccer career overseas was not as productive as would be expected. With soccer dominating most of the sports world in Europe, one would assume the base team would play teams from within Italy.

This however was not the case as Quinn's team played a majority of their matches against other DOD Dependent schools in Europe. The few games the team did play against Italian schools were very different than games played against other Americans.

"They play a lot more defensive minded game, their goal is to keep a shutout and win 1-0," Quinn said. "In other parts of Europe and in America it's about scoring goals and attacking the other team. Over there it's all about defense."

Quinn, however, feels that the move

did not improve his skills. Actually, Quinn believes he stayed at nearly the same skill level as he was when he left the United States after his freshmen year of high school.

"While in high school in Virginia I helped people out in their own spots and didn't just do my own thing," said Quinn.

Quinn also noticed a cultural difference between Italy and America. He described the Italians as never being in a hurry and being of a more relaxed nature than Americans.

Despite some difficulties, Quinn was named captain of his team in Sicily in both 2009 and 2010. He also was a three-year starter, named MVP in 2008, and was three-time first team All-Europe.

Quinn's attention turned to High Point

University when deciding on further education. His sister Kerry graduated in 2009 from HPU and his cousin Shawn Sloan is an electric midfielder on the Panther's soccer team.

Coach Dustin Fonder, who recruited Quinn, finds it interesting that two of his players are related.

"Conor is cousins with Shawn Sloan so there's a family bond within the team and they've got some other younger cousins that are interested in coming to High Point in the future so it's neat that that family is so invested in HPU," said Fonder.

Quinn works hard everyday at practice as one of the core of backups to senior goalkeeper Michael Chesler.

In his first season at High Point, in which he was red-shirted, Quinn was named a Millis Scholar-Athlete.

His family has now moved back to the U.S., and currently resides in Maryland.

Although playing overseas did not necessarily improve Quinn as a player, his story is still very interesting, having to move from his home during a key stage in his youth. According to Quinn, the different lifestyle within the Italian culture has given him a broader view of the world that will influence him throughout his life.

Quinn is a mathematical economics major. He is now starting his first full season with the HPU men's soccer team, and his future holds much potential.



Redshirt Freshman goalkeeper Conor Quinn is from Sigonella, Sicily. Photo Courtesy of HPU Sports Information

Volleyball struggling within Big South conference

By Brian Brennan
Staff Writer

The start of Big South Conference play has helped the High Point University volleyball team as they have won four games versus conference rivals.

Despite this success they have also suffered six close losses, with two regular season matches left on the schedule, head coach Jason Oliver's team record stands at 6-20.

However, Oliver is proud of his team's effort and claims that squad has more talent than last year's Big South Championship team.

"We're a more physically talented team than we were last year," said Coach Oliver, "but we were more mentally tough last year. Having five freshman on the floor is a different experience than having five seniors on the floor."

HPU's most recent stretch of games began with a four game home stand in which they beat three of their biggest rivals.

In arguably the team's finest effort of

the season came in last year's Big South Conference Championship game rematch against Liberty.

The Millis Center near capacity crowd saw a break-out performance from the Panthers. Freshman Kristen Heldt had 11 kills and classmate Chelsea Davis added 10 of her own, as High Point stunned the Flames in three straight sets.

The next day the Panthers followed it up with arguably its most dramatic win in recent memory against Radford. The ladies were caught in a tight battle with Radford that went down to a fifth and final set, but ultimately High Point pulled through for a 3-2 win.

Six days later HPU completed a three game home winning streak with another impressive win, coming from behind against the Presbyterian College Blue Hose, 3-2. In the dramatic victory, junior setter Lauren Bell dished out a career high 47 assists.

In lieu of this successful two game stretch, freshman Chelsea Davis was named Big South Conference Freshman of the Week. Davis posted 20 kills, 20 digs,

four blocks, three aces and a .294 attack percentage.

"Chelsea is in a position right now where she has to play six rotations and the more consistent she gets the more accolades she will receive," said Oliver, "I think all of the freshmen we have are capable of doing things like she's done."

Another player highlighted by Coach Oliver was junior Courtney Johnk. According to Oliver, Johnk's progression has been a key part of the Panthers success this season.

"She is a physical player," said Coach Oliver, "She can overpower people, she hits the ball so hard. I've been impressed with her consistency throughout the year. If we want our season to end the way we want it to we will need her."

With two games left in the regular season HPU sits in seventh place in the Big South Conference standings. The Panthers will face Coastal Carolina on November 11, and Charleston Southern on November 12.

Coach Oliver says that his expectations for his players remain the same.

"I expect to win every game," said Oliver, "Our players have bought into that mentality. To go out there and perform at that level is something we have to do and I'm expecting us to steadily improve and continue the process of learning how to win."



Freshman standout Chelsea Davis digs a serve. Davis was named Big South Conference Freshman of the week on October 10. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

Women's Cross Country wins first ever Big South Conference Championship

By Patrick Budd
Sports Editor

For the first time ever, the High Point University women's cross country team can call themselves champions.

But it wasn't easy.

The team knocked off two-time defending champion Liberty to win its first Big South Conference Championship on October 29, in Conway, S.C.

Led by sophomore Kayleigh Perry, the team scored 33 points ahead of conference powerhouse, Liberty with 59. Perry crossed the stripe third overall, in 17 minutes and 52 seconds, which was a career-best time.

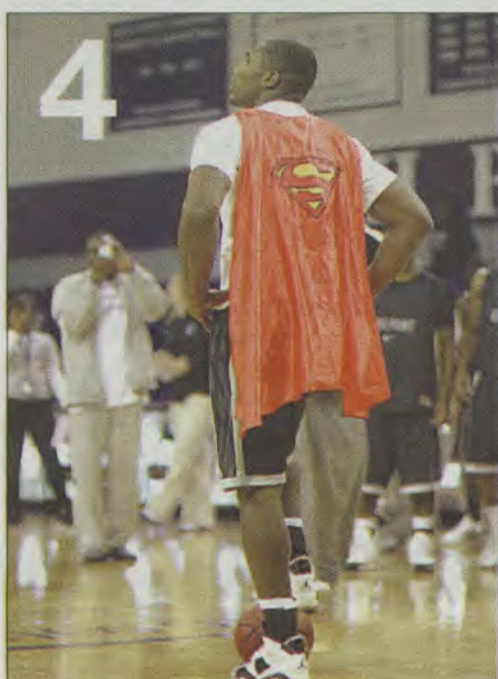
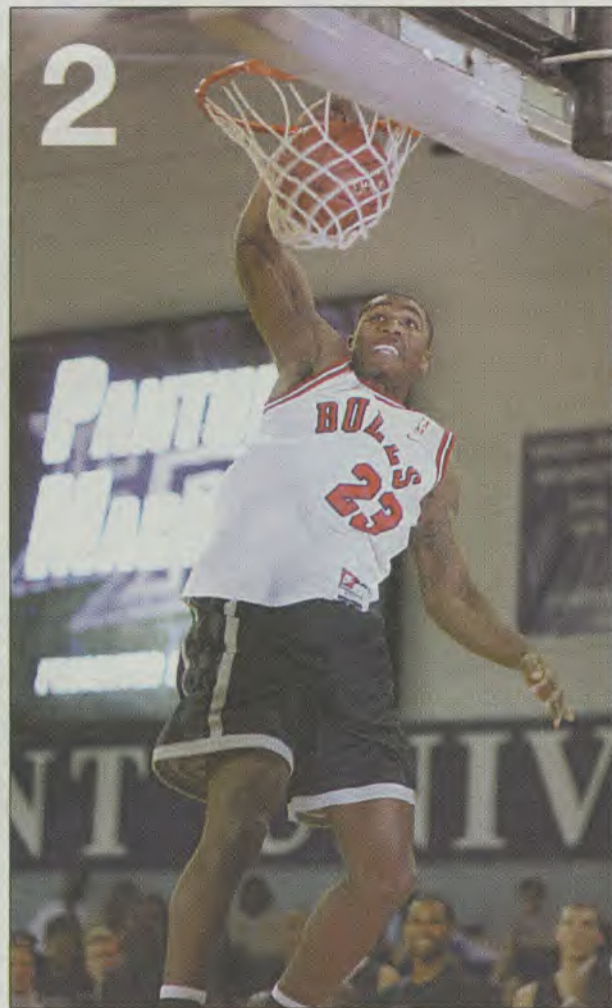
But the title was earned through the team's 3-5 runners, all finishing within 22 seconds of each other. The top five finishers for the Panthers, Perry, Audrey Malloy, Kelsey Hunt, Kelsey Paine, and Kelsey Frasure all earned All-Conference honors.

The Panthers will compete in the NCAA Southeast Regional competition on November 12 in Louisville, Ky. If the team qualifies, they will continue on to the NCAA Championship on November 21



2011 Women's Cross Country Big South Conference Champs, High Point University. Photo Courtesy of HPU Sports Information

Slam Dunk Panther Madness



"When I dunk, I put something on it. I want the ball to hit the floor before I do."

~ Darryl Dawkins

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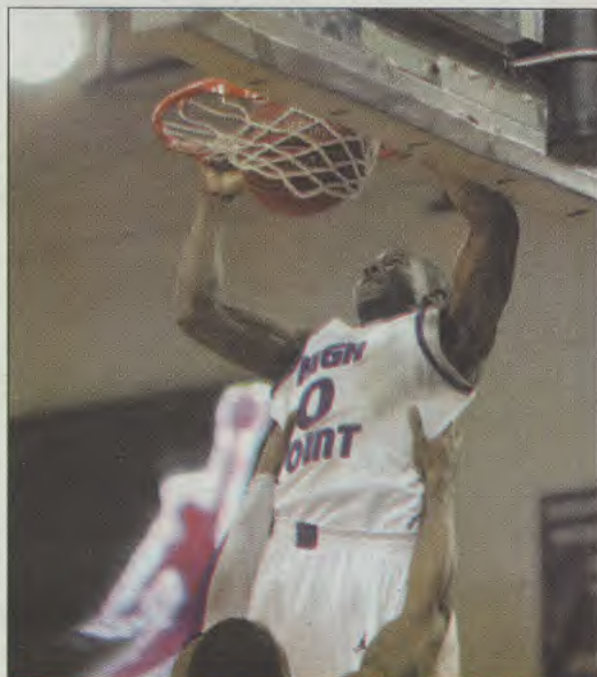
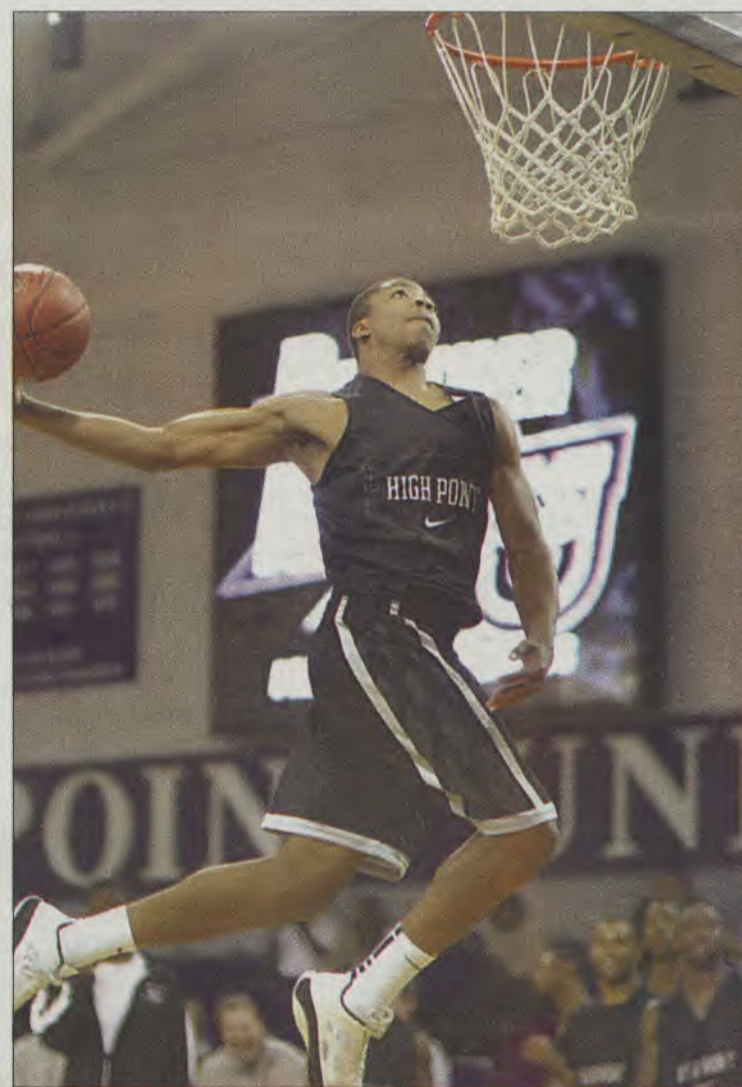
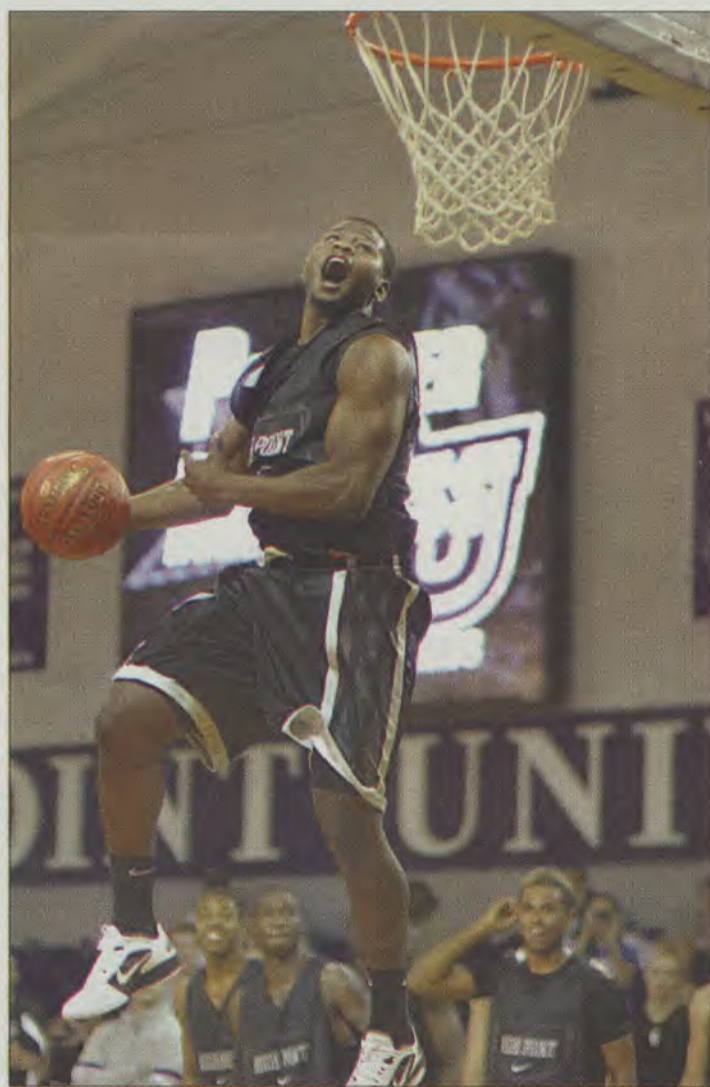
Junior Corey Law took on the spirit of the occasion and not only shocked the crowd with his amazing dunks, but with his costume changes as well. He started out in the team uniform, and following his first dunk, pulled off the jersey to reveal the jersey of Michael Jordan. After his second dunk, he faked a thigh injury and hobbled to the locker room, sending the gym into a buzz of panic. But not to worry, almost immediately, he was back on the court as Superman. To the sound of cheers and hollers, Law finished off his show-stopping dunk performance by posing for the crowd.

Senior Shay Shine didn't have the best start to the dunk contest, but he finished strong and managed to present some fantastic facial expressions.

Freshman Quincy Drye impressed the crowd by showing off his skills to the HPU student body for the first time.

During the five-on-five at the end of the event, sophomore Xavier Martin managed to dunk the ball with a little help from a teammate.

Not to be outdone by his fellow freshman, Devante Wallace puts up a spectacular shot during five-on-five.



2011-2012 Panther Basketball

Men's Preview

With all the right pieces, Panthers look to 'Shine' in Big South

By Patrick Budd
Sports Editor

Last season ended sooner than anticipated for the High Point University men's basketball team, and left a bitter feeling through the long off-season for the Panthers.

Now they have some unfinished business to take care of.

The Panthers, who lost only three players to graduation, return its top three scorers in Nick Barbour, Shay Shine, and Corey Law this season. Barbour and Shine are entering their final season at HPU.

As expected, Barbour was named to the Preseason All-Big South team for the third consecutive year. The Danville, Va. native last season averaged nearly 18 points per game, and seemed to be the Panther's "go-to guy."

And of course, the infamous "Mr. YouTube," Shay Shine, is returning to the Panthers for his senior year as well.

Despite the talent and the off-season additions of players such as John Brown and Branimir Mikulic, the Panthers have only been picked to finish sixth in the preseason Big South Conference polls.

"The players don't feel that being picked sixth is right, and we don't anticipate finishing sixth," said head coach Scott Cherry.

Cherry, in his third season with HPU has a 27-34 overall record, 17-19 in conference play.

The Panthers will kick off their season on November 12 in the Millis Center against Bridgewater College. The team will also host a number of key name schools this year including Tennessee Tech, The Citadel, and in-state rival, Wake Forest.

Coach Cherry is excited about his personnel on the team this year and sees all the key components in winning a Big South Championship.

"I couldn't ask for two better players, and two better leaders in Nick Barbour and Shay Shine," said Cherry.

"We have three of our top scorers back, 70 percent of our scoring back, and 65 percent of our rebounding back. They all feel like this is their year."

Projected Starting Lineup:

F Travis Elliott
F Corey Law
G Nick Barbour
G Shay Shine
PG Jairus Simms

Upcoming games:

Bridgewater, Nov. 12, 7 PM
@Purdue, Nov. 14, 7:30 PM
@Cent. Florida, Nov. 18, 7 PM
Tennessee Tech, Nov. 22, 7 PM
The Citadel, Nov. 26, 7 PM
@Hampton, Nov. 29, 7 PM
@Campbell, Dec. 3, 1 PM
Wake Forest, Dec. 7, 7 PM



Junior guard Erin Reynolds averaged 9 points per game and 5 assists per game last season for the Panthers. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

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Head Coach
Women's Basketball



Senior guard Nick Barbour, who was named to the Preseason all-Big South Conference team, is entering his final season with HPU. Barbour led the team in scoring last year averaging 18 points per game. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins

Women's Preview

New coach, new ideas for Panther Basketball

By Patrick Budd
Sports Editor

The Tooley Loy era of coaching is over, five players graduated in May, and only one senior is on the roster for the 2011-2012 season.

So where does that leave the Panthers for this year?

Despite these minor challenges, the Panthers are projected to finish second in the Big South Conference.

The team returns its top scorer, and Preseason All-Big South team member, Shamia Brown.

Brown, the only senior on the team, averaged nearly 13 points per game in addition to five rebounds per game last season. The Panthers were knocked from the Big South tournament in the second round by top-seeded Liberty.

Joining Brown will be center, Cheyenne Parker. Parker, the 6 foot 4 inch sophomore was named to the Big South Conference all-freshman team last season after posting enormous rebounding statistics. She averaged eight rebounds per game, and broke an HPU single-season record with 240.

Five freshman were added to the 2011-2012 roster as well. First year head coach Jennifer Hoover expects the newcomers to get some playing time this season.

She also expects its explosive, young talent will guide them a step farther than last year.

"We're excited about the change in style of play. We have a lot of new faces with a lot of new opportunity," said Hoover, "We've got a lot of pieces to the puzzle, and it's now just putting it all together."

Before HPU, Hoover was the top assistant coach for three seasons at California University, where she coached the Golden Bears to a Sweet 16 appearance. Hoover graduated from Wake Forest University, where she played basketball. She is one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's top 50 players of all-time.

"Our goal every year is to win a championship," said Hoover, "And the little things that we do is what is going to get us there."

Projected Starting Lineup:

F Shamia Brown
F Cheyenne Parker
G Erin Reynolds
G Laura Whitt
PG Tayler Tremblay

Upcoming games:

@VCU, Nov. 11, 4 PM
@Virginia, Nov. 16, 7 PM
Davidson, Nov. 18, 7 PM
Longwood, Nov. 20, 2 PM
Mercer, Nov. 25, 7 PM
Pittsburg, Dec. 2, 7 PM
@Vanderbilt, Dec. 4, 2 PM