Students put political differences aside

By Pam Haynes
Editor in chief

In Organizations: Get to know the freshman class presidential candidates in the election guide on page 8.

HPU goes smoke-free

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

A meeting on Sept. 10 held by the Board of Trustees deemed High Point a smoke-free campus starting June 1, 2009. It joins 24 other colleges and universities in North Carolina that also prohibit tobacco use on campus.

According to Gail Turtle, Vice President of Student Life, the ban is due in part to the fact that smoking affects people other than the tobacco users themselves.

According to the American Lung Association, tobacco use is the leading cause of cancer among Americans, and cancer trails only tobacco use as a cause of death in the number of Americans killed every year.

“There is no safe level of tobacco use,” Rebecca Rice, Campus Tobacco Prevention Coordinator for Guilford County, said. "There may be safe levels of alcohol, but not tobacco.”

The measure passed after a survey was conducted last year in which over 95% of the more than 1000 High Point students, faculty and staff favored the ban. The surveys may have been worded in a way that favored the ban.

According to Rice, they are serious, but students need not necessarily fear expulsion as no students in North Carolina have been expelled for tobacco use as of now.

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Tennis elimination leaves players hurt, abandoned

By Jody Wicks
Staff Writer

On a sweltering day in early June, I was driving home from work on I-40 in Greensboro when I was. I was blinded. Not by a car, but by a phone call.

This phone call lasted all of two minutes and left me crying uncontrollably on the side of the interstate. The call was from Jerry Tertzagian, Men’s and Women's tennis coach at High Point University for 16 seasons.

The words were coming out of the phone, but I wasn’t comprehending what was being said.

There was no more tennis program at High Point University? This was a joke right? So there I was sitting on the shoulder of I-40 waiting for Jerry to call.

Former members of the women’s tennis team gathered together after a match. Back, left: Angelina Herman, Lea Catanzano, Audrey LePotier, Rebecca Carr, Iris Schabetsberger Front, left: Jody Wicks, Caroline Mount, Kelly-Jayne Tolman

Photo contributed

Sage Dunston (left), president of the college Democrats, and Nick Ruden, president of college Republicans, often talk politics but never argue with each other.

Photo by Pam Haynes

HPU adds women’s lacrosse

Athletic director Craig Keilitz announced this week that women’s lacrosse would be added to HPU’s list of varsity sports.

The sport will begin in the spring of 2011. The addition would bring the university’s number of varsity sports to 15. Recruiting, scheduling and player development will take place over the next two years.

On the Run: What’s new

University to appear on GMA

Good Morning America will air a special feature on transformations at High Point University on the morning of Sept. 20.

The segment, which will air between 8 and 9 a.m. on the local ABC affiliate, was taped on Sept. 16 when GMA anchor Marysol Castro and camera crews visited campus.

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Should left-over stem cells be wasted?

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HPU fall concert fails to impress students.

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Volleyball wins six games in a row.
Nine year old too good’ for baseball

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

I’m a pretty calm person, but when I heard about the following news story I nearly threw my gloves across the table. Up in New Haven, Conn., nine-year-old Jericho Scott is considered special because he can throw a baseball about 40 miles per hour. For those of you who are unfamiliar with baseball, major leaguers throw anywhere from 90-100 mph and nine-year-old little leaguers throw anywhere from 30-35 mph. So you can see how gifted this little boy is. Instead of applauding this young boy and perhaps promoting him to a higher level, the officials have decided to order him to stop playing.

This is the most unpatriotic, un-American act I have heard about in a long time. The American spirit is all about excelling and being all you can be. This child has a wonderful talent and he has every right to play baseball. It is wrong to hold Jericho back, especially since he has never hit another child while pitching.

I understand that it would be very scary for a 9 year-old, who has never played baseball before, to step up to home plate and have a ball flying toward you at 40 mph. My brother plays little league baseball, he has played for eight years in little league and the YMCA, and I have been coerced into attending most of his games and helping in practice. I am more skittish batting and catching than most five-year-olds. Baseball is a symbol of America and a great game that is used to help develop both social and physical skills. The children feel united as a team. At most games you can hear teammates chanting homemade cheers for each other. It would be extremely unfortunate if the kids were too scared to play. This is apparently the case in New Haven. Many teams refuse to play against Jericho’s team because they are frightened. However, instead of promoting Jericho’s skill and keeping the other children in a safe environment, the officials chose to cause harm to all the children. Jericho feels a great amount of guilt because he is causing stress to all teams including his own. This situation has clearly been handled very poorly.

This is an example of how people have come to celebrate mediocrity. Things like 5th grade graduation ceremonies, 7th and 8th grade place ribbons for sporting events (I’ve received several of those), and the mindset that you’re a winner even if you don’t finish the race, might boost our self-esteem but hurt in the long run. This attitude takes away from the people who actually win and achieve. You can’t win at everything. It’s alright to recognize your pitfalls and lose some events; it builds character. A wonderful example of this is in the fantastic feature film The School of Rock. Jack Black and a class of children form a rock band and attempt to win first place at a battle of the bands. Despite all their hard work, creativity, and practice, they still lose. However none of the children are upset because they played a great gig. They realize they were not the best band but they had fun and learned life lessons along the way.

Thomas Edison tried nearly a hundred different filaments for the light bulb until he discovered the correct one. So if you lose, use it as an opportunity to improve yourself. You can still achieve great things. If you win, you earned it. Just be yourself, no matter what. This especially goes for Jericho.

Straight Talk from Dr. Qubein

The difference between great and superb

I remember a story that gave me inspiration. A young musician had listened with awe as a piano virtuoso poured all his love and all his skill into a complex selection of great compositions. “It must be great to have all the practicing behind you and be able to sit down and play like that,” he said. “Oh,” said the master musician, “I still practice eight hours every day.” “But why?” asked the astonished young man. “You’re already so good!” “I want to become superb,” replied the older man. “I teach communication skills to thousands of people each year, through seminars, audio tapes, dvds and books. Most of the people I teach are content to become good. Few are willing to invest the extra effort to become superb. To become superb, you have to practice. It isn’t enough to know what it takes to connect with people, to influence their behavior, to create a motivational environment for them, to help them to identify with your message. The techniques of communication have to become part of your daily activity, so that they are as natural to you as swimming is to a duck. The more you practice these techniques, the easier you’ll find it to connect with people, whether you’re dealing with individuals one-on-one or with a group of thousands. Nobody becomes a polished, professional communicator on the first try. It takes patience. A few years ago, William White, a journalist and English instructor, edited a book of early writings by Ernest Hemingway. The young Hemingway was a reporter for a Toronto newspaper, and this book was a collection of his articles written between 1920 and 1924. The writing was good, but it was not superb. He gave a fair foreglam of the masterful storyteller who would emerge in The Old Man and the Sea, but it wasn’t the Hemingway of literary legend.

What was lacking? Experience. The genius was there all along, but it needed to incubate. The sands of time can abrade or polish. It depends on whether you use your time purposefully or let it pass haphazardly.

Acquiring skill as a communicator requires constant, careful, loving attention to the craft. The cub reporter didn’t transform himself into a successful novelist through one blinding flash of literary insight. Like most people, he progressed from the “good” to the “superb” through hundreds of tiny improvements from day to day.
**Stem cells shouldn’t be wasted**

By Sarah Watson  
*Staff Writer*

Stem cell research has been pushed aside for many years and must reach some semblance of a resolution while the desire for this progressive research remains strong. While the first human donations in November excited politicians who have the aspiration to deal with this issue with logic and decisiveness, they could only be allowed outside of certain doors behind certain buildings. If using another door still seems too much of an inconvenience for some non-smokers, they should be able to avoid it. However, embryonic stem cells offer many more options than adult stem cells. Embryos are easier to isolate than their adult counterparts. In addition, embryonic stem cells divide more rapidly and create more cells, while treating a larger variety of diseases. These diseases range from autoimmune diseases to burn injuries, neurological disease arthritis, infectious diseases, cancer damage and other degenerative illnesses. One can use embryonic stem cells in the medical field to expand and grant relief to those unfortunate people suffering with excruciating illnesses. Of course, some believe that experimenting with stem cells is a direct pathway to cloning, another controversial topic.

**NO SMOKING**  
**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW IN THESE PREMISES**

By Samantha Tuthill  
*Staff Writer*

I am a non-smoker. This has only been the case for a couple of months, and quitting was not an easy thing to do. I was stressed, very busy, and had a hard time focusing at work. I was tired more often than usual and the migraines I'd been suffering from for years began coming more frequently. I had a hard time quitting because I decided I finally wanted to. Ever since I began smoking, people have always warned me of the risks and asked me to quit, but all that did was make me annoyed. I knew what the risks were, and I wanted to do it anyway.

I don't think it's a good idea for the campus to be entirely smoke free. College students are under a lot of stress. It is in the middle of a hectic work load and has to have nicotine withdrawals on top of that, it could have a seriously negative impact on his or her schoolwork. Quitting is not easy and just because students won't be allowed to smoke on campus doesn't mean they will be able to quit. What could end up happening instead is that they try and hide while they are smoking, or we may run into them smoking in their room. This could damage furniture and potentially be a fire hazard. The school officials are trying to do what they think is best for the students, if people do not want to quit they will just be resentful of being told that they should. Likewise, I do not think it is fair to subject non-smokers to second hand smoke. Kids who smoke shouldn't be able to just smoke anywhere on campus. Last year there were designated smoking areas behind certain buildings. If people still have trouble understanding this new change, enforced, speak up now. Go to forums, talk to the people who make the decisions. If you don't, don't start complaining when it goes into effect and you didn't try to do anything to stop it.

**Tennis continued from page 1**

By Samantha Tuthill  
*Staff Writer*

As a team we represented the school as well as any other on campus. Last year, our team GPA was over 3.5, the highest on campus. We held numerous academic awards, and most shocking of all, we were a good team. We upset #1 seed Charleston Southern in the finals of the Big South Conference Tournament in April of last year.

Now it's September and we're back on campus. A few have transferred, but most of us are back and visit the deserted tennis courts every day. We are a tight-knit group, and still don't quite know what to say. As a final note to smokers who do not want to see this new change enforced, speak up now. Go to forums, talk to the people who make the decisions. If you don't, don't start complaining when it goes into effect and you didn't try to do anything to stop it.

I left feeling discouraged and unsatisfied by the answers I received. Being the only American, I was the only one who could share my concerns about how furious and confused we all were. This decision came completely out of left field for financial reasons. HPU couldn't afford the changes it would require to keep our tennis program up and running. Looking at it all, it may seem like we are on campus, I found this hard to believe.
Crocs Next Step Campus Tour failed to meet expectations.

By Jen Paulino  Staff Writer

If you've ever had one of those days where the light and fluffed pop-punk that often fills the radio waves just isn't doing it for you, or you feel that you need something with a little bit more edge, then these five bands are worth checking out. Mixing the hardcore with the melodic, these musicians are there for you on your worst days.

Band Name: Just Surrender Album Title: Taking Back Sunday

Who/What They Sound Like: The husband and wife vocals, and super intense lyrics have earned them comparisons to emo powerhouse My American Heart.

Band Name: Quietdrive Album Title: When All That's Left Is You

Who/What They Sound Like: A power pop band with the desire to crank up the volume, and distort, on most of their tracks, but don't lose the melodies that keep their fans humming along.

Band Name: A Thorn For Every Heart Album Title: Hiding Inside The Horrible Weather

Who/What They Sound Like: A not-so-emo version of The Spill Canvas' 2007 release, No Really, I'm Fine. While they were used to playing San Diego's native cramps to a world dominated by power-chord pop/punk, but still manage to keep the listeners interested. The melodic and almost child-like voice of lead singer Lotty Sollman will draw you in and have you wondering how someone who sounds so young could write such poignant lyrics.

Band Name: My American Heart Album Title: Beautiful Now

Who/What They Sound Like: The guitar riffs that Cartel and Yung Joe can actually manage to stay edgy while still catching your attention. Hiding between tracks such as "If I Wanted To Coddle I'd Buy A Teddy Bear" and "Would Be In Great Shape If You Run Like Your Mouth" are songs like "Payback" which show that these punk-rockers from Dover-Phins, N.Y. do have a soft side after all.

Band Name: The Audition Album Title: Controversy Loves Company

Who/What They Sound Like: Fall Apart The House Band. While Edward's away, Bella's still miserable. She finds comfort in writing, but she does them anyway in an attempt to keep herself busy.

By Holly Iverson  A&E Editor

"New Moon" offers a dose of heartbreak with a side of adrenaline.

By Friday, September 19, 2008

I'd be a liar if I told you "New Moon," the second book in the "Twilight" series, wasn't hard to get through. The struggle to get through doesn't have anything to do with the novel's literary quality, however. The book itself is a contradiction: it's hard for the reader to get through because Edward, one of the main characters from the first book, is not present in the majority of this book. At the same time, it's what keeps you going - they wantEdward to return.

Edward and his family leave suddenly in chapter three, and Edward fails to give Bella a decent goodbye. His reasoning is that he's no longer good for Bella and Bella's no longer good for him. Before he leaves, he makes Bella promise not to do anything reckless or stupid. It's after Edward's departure that the book becomes so real and so easy to relate to.

Anyone who's experienced heartbreak before - you've got to go through it again. Author Stephenie Meyer does a remarkable job explaining the deep and loneliness Bella experiences without making it overbearing. Not once did I find myself complaining about Bella's misery. The heartbreak does consume you in a way that you find yourself longing for Edward's return.

While Edward's away, Bella strengthens her friendship with Jacob, her former best friend. While Edward's absence can't keep Bella away from conflict, Bella and Jacob's definition of friendship varies, thus drama ensues. Jacob also has a secret that he wants to keep to himself feelings that he holds in his heart for Bella. His secret runs in his veins.

Even with Jacob's friendship, Bella's still miserable. She finds momentary solace, however, while doing the very things she promised Edward she wouldn't - reckless and stupid things. Bella experiments with motorcycles, cliff-hopping and walking up to skullcapped strangers all with the hope of hearing his velvet-soft voice. She hears his voice in her head warning her not to do these things, but she does them anyway in an attempt to keep him close.

Bella's misery is too much for you to tolerate, her daredevil experiences help lift the mood.

Like most of Stephenie Meyer's books in this series, "New Moon" saves its adrenaline-pumping climax for the last couple of chapters. This book's climax is Edward's life on the line this time, not Bella's. So if you do have a hard time getting through most of this book, for the last few chapters, the last few will be very refreshing.

Hang in there, there's some tissue handy just in case you end up crying. Eclipse. Its review will be in the Oct. 3 issue of the Chronicle.
Margot and the Nuclear So & So's steal the show at The Orange Peel

By Samantha Tuthill
Staff Writer

On Sept. 10, a friend and I headed out to Asheville for a concert at The Orange Peel. I was excited to see one of my favorite bands, Margot and the Nuclear So & So's, as they opened for Motion City Soundtrack. If you were to mix my first time seeing them and my first time going to this venue. Despite it being a bit of a drive, it was definitely worth it.

First on stage was the band I Was Totally Destroying It from Chapel Hill. For a band whose first CD was only released a year ago they knew how to put on a good show. Using a lot of vocal harmonies they performed catchy, well written songs and delivered them with a lot of energy. The crowd responded really well to them which helped set a good pace and created a lot of enthusiasm early in the show.

Next came the band Dear and the Headlights. I had listened to some of their songs before and really enjoyed their sound and energy. The audience was also really into them.

The finale is a bit unexpected at the time it occurs; however, looking back on the film the audience should see it coming from subtle hints along the way. If viewers enjoy a happily ever after, and everyone learns some important lessons about life.

"Pineapple Express" had an extremely weak plot, and none of the characters seemed motivated. The drug lord doesn't seem to actually need the pot, just a way to make money and generally have bursts of creative and intellectual brilliance. While Dale and Saul are holding in the woods this exchange occurs:

Dale: Even if he found that roach, how could he find us?

Saul: Um...heat-seeking missiles...and foxes...barracudas... and getting romantically involved with Fox. I. just say that I believe most of the movies Seth Rogen stars in are mind-numbing and not very entertaining. "Knocked Up" and "SuperBad" were a huge waste of my time. However, I can say that I laughed throughout this entire film. "Pineapple Express" is about Dale Denton, played by Rogen, a 25-year-old process server who goes to visit his drug dealer and is given pineapple express, pot so rare that smoking it would be the equivalent to "killing a unicorn with a bomb." As Dale goes to serve a subpoena, he witnesses a murder, panics, and drops his roach. He quickly discovers that the murderer is a drug lord who can easily trace the pot back to him and runs to his dealer, Saul (played by the gorgeous James Franco) for help. Naturally everything ends happily ever after, and everyone learns some important lessons about life.

Margot and the Nuclear So & So's steal the show at The Orange Peel

By Jessalyn Graham
Staff Writer

"Bangkok Dangerous," directed by Oxide Pang Chang and Danny Pang, was the biggest hit at the box office its opening weekend of Sept. 5, 2008. This film provides a fair balance of plot and action, as well as a first hand look into the life of a hitman.

It also takes us on a colorful tour of Thailand. Joe, played by Nicholas Cage, also one of the film's producers, is a dark, private and focused character who performs his job with great precision.

Although he is the head of his profession, the audience is informed from the beginning that he would like to revert to some of his childhood experiences. In the opening scene Joe explains the four rules of his job, which is an obvious foreshadowing of the main themes the film revolves around.

"One, don't ask questions. Two, don't take an interest in people outside your profession, the audience is informed they are really into Motion City Soundtrack. But I'd never actually listened to them before. They run out auto stage with the theme song from The Office playing over the speakers. When they got to the front they said they were suppose to use that to transition into their song but due to a technical difficulty were going to try again. The crowd seemed to enjoy their entrance to the stage even more the second time around. Though they had more of a pop sound to them than the other bands that night, I still really enjoyed their performance. They were obviously having fun while they were on stage and that made watching them a lot more fun too.

This was one of the best overall shows I've been to in a while. If the opportunity arises, I recommend seeing a show at The Orange Peel. It definitely has the best atmosphere of any venue: I've gone since evening to Tonight Carolina. It's small enough to allow for most of the crowd to get close to the stage, and even those who are in the back of the group still have a great view of the band. It also has high ceilings and enough floor space to make it feel really open and for people to be standing on top of one another. The Orange Peel really allows the best way to experience live music.

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

There are many different names given to marijuana: pot, weed, Mary Jane, White Widow, and Northern Light, just to name a few. So when I saw the title of Seth Rogen's newest film, I had to laugh. "Pineapple Express" seemed like a hysterical name for it, it's not already out so, naturally I had to go see the movie.

Even though I do not smoke/consume marijuana, the majority of my friends do. So I have been exposed to the hilarity and stupidity that ensues after a joint or two.

Let me first just say that I believe most of the movies Seth Rogen stars in are mind-numbing and not very entertaining. "Knocked Up" and "SuperBad" were a huge waste of my time. However, I can say that I laughed throughout this entire film. "Pineapple Express" is about Dale Denton, played by Rogen, a 25-year-old process server who goes to visit his drug dealer and is given pineapple express, pot so rare that smoking it would be the equivalent to "killing a unicorn with a bomb." As Dale goes to serve a subpoena, he witnesses a murder, panics, and drops his roach. He quickly discovers that the murderer is a drug lord who can easily trace the pot back to him and runs to his dealer, Saul (played by the gorgeous James Franco) for help. Naturally everything ends happily ever after, and everyone learns some important lessons about life.

"Pineapple Express" had an extremely weak plot, and none of the characters seemed motivated. The drug lord doesn't seem to actually want to kill Dale and Saul. Most of the movie, Dale and Saul are too stoned to even realize that someone is trying to kill them. However, the lack of a plot meant they could do whatever they wanted and that made the film much funnier. This is actually consistent with people who are under the influence.

They usually don't know what they are going to do next either. The dialogue was also right on target, as many potheads say really dumb, random
**Staff Profile: Tacarra Primus**

By Katie Nelson  
**Opinion Editor**

High Point University offers many amenities to its students. We enjoy a spotless campus, free food and drinks, and many fun events frequently on campus. Have you ever stopped and wondered how the campus stays so clean all the time? Or where all the water bottles at the freshman events come from? There are many people working hard behind the scenes to ensure everything is prepared for us. We have kiosk workers, cafeteria servers, chefs, and employees at Starbucks, not to mention all of the staff that cleans the buildings and works on campus enhancement. These wonderful people are quick, efficient, and often work very early in the morning. So in order to honor all of our unseen heroes at HPU, we will feature one employee every issue. Our first profile is of Tacarra Primus.

Tacarra Primus works to open a salon and spa. In her free time, Tacarra enjoys reading because “it expands [her] vocabulary.” Writing poetry is another one of her talents. In a small room on the first floor of Roberts Hall, shelves packed full of rainbow colored paper are available for students. Tacarra is a High Point native. These things make Tacarra a better employee because she is able to connect with students on a personal level. She is going through many similar social and educational situations as we are. After she completes college, she aspires to become a nurse, more specifically a midwife. This stems from her great love of babies. If she doesn’t become a nurse, Tacarra would like to open a salon and spa. In her free time, Tacarra enjoys reading because “it expands [her] vocabulary.” Writing poetry is another one of her talents.

**By Jessalin Graham  
**Staff Writer**

In a small room on the first floor of Roberts Hall, shelves packed full of rainbow colored paper line the room from wall to wall. The sound of printing equipment hums in the background from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For 25 years, Marilyn Myers, the Print Shop manager, has worked in the campus Print Shop making copies, sending faxes and binding books. Since last May, over two million copies have been made on just one of the copiers alone. The Print Shop can be reached at 336-841-9258.
Yung Joe took the stage in the Millis Center Gym as the headlining act for the Crocs Next Step Campus Tour on Sept. 12.

Photo by Jesse Kiser

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cause them to disagree, they always disagree in an open, humble manner. For example, as Ruden speaks up about McCain’s experience and readiness to take over the White House, Dunston just smiles and waits his turn to speak up for Obama. When Dunston speaks of Obama’s campaign for change and turning the economy around, Nick just shakes his head quietly. They’re honest with each other, but, so far, they’ve never gotten into an argument over politics. So, how do they keep their friendship strong despite political disagreements? Well, they have a few rules.

“We talk politics more outside of the [suite] than inside,” Ruden says while laughing. “We don’t bring it back to the room with us.”

“We also steer clear of each other during [national party] convention weeks,” adds Dunston. “Those weeks are tense, but we respect each other.”

And the two wish that members of every party would respect each other the same way.

“Be humble with each other; respect each other,” Dunston says.

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Sign-up Deadline - September 30th.
Freshman class elections guide

By Bryan A. Rothamel
Organizations Editor

All 27 candidates received an e-mail asking them to answer three questions:
1. Where are you from?
2. What is your major?
3. What will you bring to the position you are running for?

Listed below are the candidates for president and vice president. The full version along with the other candidates' responses can be found online at www.campuschronicle.org.

President (listed alphabetically)

Montgomery Brown
1. Birmingham, Ala.
2. Communication
3. I will do what’s needed and what is asked of me.

Chelsea McCray
1. Upper Marlboro, Md.
2. Communication
3. Upper Marlboro, Md.
4. I am here to serve you.

Samantha Gargiulo
1. Killingworth, Conn.
2. Marketing
3. My experience as student body president in high school and my ability to listen to others and get stuff done.

Brittany Crews and Christina Coppola
1. Atlanta, Ga.
2. Psychology and special education
3. I understand the importance of teamwork and having a positive attitude to get the job done. Having served on the executive board my senior year in high school helped me realize how important it is for each class to pull their weight and make school projects a success of the entire student governing body.

Matthew "Matt" Whittemore
1. Yarmouth, Maine
2. Athletic Training
3. I will bring an exemplary character and be enthusiastic about every suggestion. I am a good problem-solver, so I can come up with solutions to some of the worst problems. Lastly, I will bring a commitment like no other because I will be committed to the class and school as a whole.

No response from Scott Wilson

First SGA meeting of the year held

By Bryan A. Rothamel
Organizations Editor

The Student Government Association Senate allocated $54,849 to two events and five clubs on Sept. 11. "I was pleased with the overwhelming attendance and diligence of the students present at our first meeting," SGA President Dan Costello said following the meeting.

The biggest bills presented on the night were for Orientation 2008 and Fall Formal. Orientation cost $22,539 with the largest expense being move night. Orientation is an annual event presented to help the transition of new students to HPU.

Fall Formal, previously referred to as Homecoming, was granted $24,006. Over half of the bill is to rent the Radisson Hotel. The university tradition is scheduled for Sept. 19.

Organizations receiving money were Campus Chronicle, Delta Iota Alpha, Volunteer Center, Panhellenic Council and Outdoor Activities Club. The biggest surprise of the night was not any bills presented but the attendance of the senators.

Costello was very happy with the turnout considering the lack of interest the senate had last semester. The senate must have a quorum in order to hear new business. The next meeting is Sept. 25 in the Slane Great Room.

Zeta Tau Alpha News

On Oct. 9, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority members will have a ceremony to release balloons in honor of breast cancer survivors or patients.

Students may purchase a balloon to send off for $1. The donations raised will help the ZTA philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness Education.

Above: Pink balloons are released at last year’s Zeta Tau Alpha Balloon Release. Photo by Jesse Riner
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Up to speed with IM sports

By Jesse Kiser

Online Editor

It has been a busy week for IM sports with the schedule calling for flag football, soccer, and women's tennis. And women's soccer and men's and women's tennis all start this upcoming weekend.

But first... Friday, Sept. 10. The two teams finished two consecutive ties at home against Longwood on a wet and soggy pitch. The Panthers offense and defense created plenty of opportunities, but a first half rally by High Point was almost held out on the 'smack talk.' "We had promised each other we weren't going to go "smack talk," says Massey. But due to two postponed games the team's pent-up energy built up and they let out a little smack talk.

"We just let loose a little bit," says Massey. Massey has complete confidence in his team. "We really think we can win everything this year. We don't think anybody can beat us," says Massey. His teammate, Ryan Wilson, did not disagree with Massey's bold statement, but was quick to say, "Quote him on that and not me.

Wilson agrees with Massey but has a more delicate way with his words. "We are confident but welcome challenges. We will take on any challenges we can get." When Wilson says he wants to check out more of what the IM department has to offer this year. "I want to play every sport this year. I love it all."

By Michael Goins

Staff Writer

You know when your heart aches and your body sweats, but you're hungry for victory so you just keep going? That's Chris Massey and his HPU United team.

They're hungry; they take it for real, even practicing three or four times a week. They want it more than ever this year. The final chance to go out on top. They know what it takes to reach the IM playoffs. Massey has been the engine driving the IM tournament the past two years. That's means nothing to Massey, captain of HPU United. Massey says, "We're going to win at all costs. It's our time to do it again."

Massey is the typical college guy. He is competitive in everything he does; he loves football, cars, snowboarding, hanging out with friends, and working for HPU Rec Services, but like any true fan of the game he is a Madden-oholic. Playing not just to play or kick his friends' butts away but to really good athletes every season. High Point has the most on their minds. The team has more talent this year than ever before. They have talented players and they are hungry for victory so you just keep going? That's Chris Massey and his HPU United team.

Men's soccer starts 3-2-1

By Mike Nuckles and Angelo Rizzi

Sports Writers

The High Point men's soccer team shot a close game on the road against Davidson on Sept. 11. Tying 2-2 very late in the game against the suburban Charlotte team, freshman Deon Cuffie-Joseph and senior Michael Earman each scored with less than five minutes in regulation to take the 3-2 victory over the Wildcats.

The team also had an impressive tie at home against Longwood on Sept. 10. The two teams finished two periods of overtime still knotted at zero. The Panthers offense and defense created plenty of opportunities against the Longwood defense and could have easily run away with the contest but could not capitalize. None of the Longwood chances looked to challenge Panther keeper Michael Chester, who picked up the first shutout of his career.

In addition to these most recent games, the team defeated head coach Dustin Fonder's former club on Aug. 29 to start off the season. The second defeated the Elon Phoenix 2-1, at the Vert Track and Soccer Stadium. Elon, which traditionally has been a very strong local team, scored first, but a first half rally by High Point was enough to take the win from the Phoenix.

Freshman Koro Okonmah scored the game-winning goal for High Point in the 30th minute.

"This was a big win for the program. We have the utmost respect for Elon and their coaching staff," Fonder said to an interview with HPUSports Information.

This is the second season under Fonder's watch. In 2007 the team finished 5-11, including 4-5 in the Big South. Those figures do not necessarily reflect the ability the team possesses, as they lost several close matches throughout the season. This year's team made it all the way to the Big South championship game before faltering against the champion air force due to a hot trick by Daniel Revivo.

The team will next hit the field on Sept. 20 at East Tennessee State.
**Volleyball wins six straight games, HPU Classic title**

By Drew Littleton

Staff Writer

Electric! That seems to be the word buzzing around the revamped Millis Center this fall. The volleyball team is a perfect 3-0 at home and 7-2 overall, and the fans are starting to recognize the potential this team has of giving the Big South Conference championship. While the volleyball team is taking care of work on the court, the fans are providing the type of atmosphere that makes winning on the road difficult for opposing teams.

The team's most recent performance was a surprisingly dominant win over Triad rival UNC-Greensboro, 3-0 on Sept. 16. Audie Gonzalez led the team with 11 kills, as they ran on the homestanding Spartans.

The team went a perfect 3-0 in the annual High Point University Classic; Earlier this month, but not without the help of the fans. Coach Chad Esposito certainly noticed that the fans played a key role in all the wins that weekend, especially the opening match of the tournament on Friday night. Over 400 fans turned out for the five-set thriller against East Carolina, and Coach Esposito said, "The outcome would have been different if the students were not there."

The Panthers had played ECU a week earlier and lost in straight sets, 21-25, 21-25, 18-25, so they needed a strong showing both on the court and in the stands. The Panthers started fast, winning the first two sets by a score of 25-17 in each, but would later drop the third and fourth set by a slim two points. With the fans sensing all the momentum in ECU's favor, cheers for High Point started echoing from the stands. The team fed off the crowd noise by winning the fifth set 15-12. Esposito later talked about that game saying, "The atmosphere was electric, from the fan noise, to the guys with body paint on their chests leading the 'HPU' cheers."

The noise and success on the court carried over to the next day when they defeated South Carolina State in their first game, 25-22, 25-18, 22-25, 25-16, and later that evening shut out Marist to complete the two-day, three-match sweep. Three days later they played their season-long fifth consecutive home game against North Carolina A&T. The atmosphere was just as electric as it was over the weekend. The Panthers defeated the Aggies with relative ease, 25-12, 25-07, 25-19.

School spirit is noticeably evident at the volleyball games with the number of students attending, and the presence of the basketball, soccer, baseball and track teams. The fans are surprised to see their fellow student-athletes. The team will play a couple of more non-conference games before Big South play starts on Sept. 25 at UNC Asheville.

So why does this squad, which returns of six starters, appear to be headed toward greater success than last year's 24-9 team? "This year's team had great chemistry before the first game was even played. While it took last year's team until the end of September to get to the same level as where this team is now," said Chad Esposito. Coach Esposito credits the early chemistry to the trip the team took over the summer to Greece, in which the team together raised $50,000 to attend.

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**Elord, Damascus pace women's soccer offense**

By Allison Hogshed

Staff Writer

In an impressive start to the season, the women's soccer team has run up a 3-2-3 record. Junior Laura Eldridge, who was recently named the Big South Player of the Week this week, scored four goals in just two games. Freshman goalkeeper Andrea Ritchie, with 16 saves for the season, is 0-3-0 in the stands. The Panthers started fast, winning the first two set by a score of 25-17 in each, but would later drop the third and fourth set by a slim two points. With the fans sensing all the momentum in ECU's favor, cheers for High Point started echoing from the stands. The team fed off the crowd noise by winning the fifth set 15-12. Esposito later talked about that game saying, "The atmosphere was electric, from the fan noise, to the guys with body paint on their chests leading the 'HPU' cheers."

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**Raising the Bar: Talk the talk when you can walk the walk**

By Bryan A. Rotham

Organizations Editor

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"I remember two years ago when Arizona Reid missed the game winning shot against Winthrop. When the ball rimmed out, the Millis Center became quiet and we stood in disbelief. My friend and I split a pint of strawberry ice cream from the Point."

"Rewind earlier in that year and I was at a women's soccer game against Francis Marion. It was the Saturday of fall break, campus was empty and the stands at the game were empty. We were 6-0 and went onto double overtime. With less than 10 seconds left in the second overtime, Francis Marion scored the golden goal. I proceeded to go back to my room to eat a box of Mac and Cheese by myself."

After both games I found my spirits down and my emotions out of check. Food seemed to satisfy me. During my indulging meals I questioned the games. I relived the games while my ice cream melted and my macaroni cooked.

"What do I know about basketball? I know just as much as the other average Joe who played growing up. I was that kid who shouldn't have made the little league team. What do I know about soccer? I know as much as I do about brain surgery."

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"In addition, we can act like we are the general manager of any team of our choosing. One day I'm the GM of an HPU team and the next day I'm in charge of the New York Mets."

"Maybe one day you will fall in the coach's chair and start to second guess a brain surgeon and seem intelligent."

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**Cross country to run at Big South Preview**

By Jonathan Bennett

Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams are to travel to Lynchburg, Va. for the Liberty Big South Preview on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Runners Tamas Kovacs and Jesse Cherry combined for a first-place finish in the two-person relay with times of 22:01 and 22:14 for the men's side and respectively the fastest individual times at the Wake Forest Relays. It's an exciting time for the program and we are ready for the season to start."

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Please visit www.campuschronicle.org for more on the team's recent accomplishments and accolades.
By Mike Nuckles  
Sports Editor

Tired of looking at a generic gymnasium, below the standards set by other arenas in the Big South Conference, HPU officials ordered dramatic changes for the Millis Center over the summer.

The Millis Athletic/Convocation Center, High Point University’s home arena for men’s and women’s basketball, as well as volleyball, had one of the biggest renovations in its history over Summer 2008.

Most notably, the facility had a new lighting system installed. This allows for a Division I-worthy light show before games. New shutter lights (as seen below) were put in to be able to create an instantly dark atmosphere. Previously, player introductions and the opening video were played in the fully lit arena. Now, fans are treated to a magnificent player introduction segment every time they come to the Millis Center.

Also, new laser lights were put in to create special effects in the gym, such as High Point logos and images of Prowler the Panther on the walls.

A new state-of-the-art sound system was put in place, with speakers throughout the ceiling.

The hardwood floor was replaced over the summer, a process that could be remotely viewed via High Point’s website from anywhere in the world. The Millis Center had issues over the past few years with floor bubbling, and the decision was made to replace the floor to alleviate this headache.

One more addition that HPU fans will enjoy in 2008 will be brand-new purple seats, similar to those at the Vert Track and Soccer Stadium, and Coy O. Williard Baseball Stadium. Previously, fans would sit in uncomfortable teal (Coastal Carolina-colored) seats. Now, the padded seats will offer comfort and purple Panther pride.

Basketball games will see the introduction of floor seating for the first time. Select fans will have the opportunity to sit courtside in folding chairs, similar to the setup at many NBA arenas.

Another new addition is a fourth video board in the arena. In 2006 there was just one video board; two were added in 2007, and one more is now present in the arena. The idea behind the multiple boards is that now all fans can easily see at least one board from any single seat.

A new scoreboard was added, with features the previous one did not have. The new scoreboard is brighter and is smaller so that it does not reach as far down toward the court, an issue in past volleyball contests.
High Point University Presents...

Fall Formal

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Time: 10:00 pm - 2:00 am
Where: Radisson Hotel
Cost: $10 in advance
      $15 at the door
Dress: Semi-Formal

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Campus Concierge Desk on September 8th.