New curriculum effective fall 2010

By Pam Haynes and Mike Nuckles
Staff Writers

The High Point University faculty voted on Jan. 22 to change the university’s three-hour curriculum to a four-hour curriculum that will be put into effect in the fall of 2010.

The new curriculum will be phased in and will only apply to entering freshmen in 2010. Students who have begun the three-hour curriculum will not be affected.

The curriculum includes switching from three-credit-hour classes to four-credit-hour classes, resulting in students taking less classes but receiving more “breadth and depth” in their education, according to Dr. Dennis Carroll, vice president of Academic Affairs.

A freshmen seminar will be put into place requiring new students to take a 4-credit-hour seminar of their choice. “A large number of our students come in as undecided [majors],” said Carroll. “We wanted to give students the opportunity to explore and for faculty to go more in depth.”

A “May semester” will also be put into place. A current system is in place that allows students to study overseas or throughout the United States in May, but the new semester would greatly increase these opportunities. In addition to these traveling options, other options such as independent study, internships, and collaborative learning would be available to students.

The final piece of the system overhaul is the reinvention of all majors. Every major will be redesigned to fit the new curriculum and to offer students a more “modernized” education, Carroll said.

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HPU asked to buy Oak Hollow Mall

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

High Point University’s administration has been approached about purchasing Oak Hollow Mall.

“We have been approached [to buy the mall]. As any sensible and reasonable leadership team should do, we are investigating what that all means,” university president Nido Qubein said. He continued to reiterate university officials did not initiate the talks.

Rumors around the mall speculate the university has bought the mall and will demolish it to build a football stadium. Two store managers stated they have heard the rumor although mall officials do not confirm any transactions have taken place.

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Student attends inauguration

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Over one million people attended the inauguration for 44th President of the United States Barack Obama. Duwane Rager, junior, was one of them.

“It was just one of the most interesting experiences of my life,” Rager said. “To be around a crowd so large, everyone was so happy to be there. It was pretty amazing.”

After becoming an Obama fan more than a year ago and working on his campaign, Rager was determined to attend the inauguration.

“My time and effort in the campaign made me appreciate it the inauguration,” he said. “It was my main motivation for going.”

Rager's hometown is 45 minutes away from Washington, D.C. which made it easier for him to be able to attend, though he said he would have gone no matter what.

Living in the area also allowed him to attend extra events in addition to the inauguration, and he got the opportunity to share the event with his family. They went to Obama’s speech in Baltimore the Saturday before the inauguration.

On Sunday, Rager attended the Inaugural Concert at the Lincoln Memorial with his sister.

“The most memorable part about the concert and speeches was Garth Brooks,” Rager recalls. “He performed three very uplifting songs and got everyone really going. It was amazing to be at the same place at the same time as all of these famous people and all other these people.”

His grandfather attended the inauguration with him, and Rager says that it was “amazing” to share the experience with someone two generations away.

Rager is familiar with the way that downtown D.C. normally looks, and he noticed that it looked vastly different than it normally looks, and he noticed that it looked vastly different on Inauguration Day.

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On the Run: What’s new

International Club hosts Gaza Awareness Week Feb. 16-20

The International Club will host a Gaza Awareness Week on Feb. 16-20 to discuss the dispute between Gaza and Hamas.

The week includes a showing of a documentary about Gaza, a discussion of the war, a poetry night, and a vigil and night of prayer held for victims of the war.

HPU and GCS unite for education program

Maurice Green, superintendent of Guilford County Schools, recently announced an educational partnership between HPU and GCS.

The announcement states that the university and GCS will collaborate on “innovative programs and services” for students in the GCS system.

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Let's shift our focus to academics

By Katie Nelson

Opinion Editor

This is truly a time of change. The United States has just inaugurated its first African-American president, and he's not wasting any time working toward the change he has promised. President Obama has declared that he will close the Guantanamo Bay detention center and has already begun the process to do so. On Jan. 20, Obama's administration ordered a suspension of ongoing trials for detainees in Guantanamo Bay. This way Obama's administration can begin evaluating who needs to be released and who needs to go to trial and where.

I am quite pleased that Obama has chosen to make this a priority. The United States' use of Guantanamo Bay has been a poor choice on our part and has damaged us greatly. The U.S. is the "land of the free" that offers "liberty and justice for all." How can we claim this when we are holding people in a military base without a trial or, in some cases, probable cause? The detainees at Guantanamo Bay, also known as Gitmo, are termed as "unlawful combatants." This means they are civilians who engage in armed conflict and therefore can be held and prosecuted. The problem is that we are not prosecuting them. We are just holding them in a detention center that seems more like a prison camp than anything else. This action is totally against what we stand for as Americans. Due process of the law is written into our Constitution and is one of the basic foundations of our system of government. It is extremely hypocritical to hold men without trials and pretend it isn't happening. If these men are truly guilty, they need to be tried in front of a jury and sent off to prison. If they are innocent, we are obligated to release them. The U.S. is one of the most powerful countries in the world. If we show that we are willing to practice these actions, it sends a message to other countries and fuels their hatred for us. If we torture, they will most certainly torture.

This brings up another issue related to Gitmo - are we torturing the detainees? The definition of torture is to inflict severe pain on the body or mind. The government has declared that they do not define waterboarding or simulated drowning as torture. During waterboarding, one's body experiences the same involuntary reactions that it would if water were actually drowning. This would definitely cause pain to the mind and the body.

Closing Guantanamo Bay was the right decision

By Jesse Kiser

Editor in chief

The election of Obama could unite races

The U.S. is known for making history, and on Nov. 4, we made history yet again. Barack Obama, an African American, was elected 44th President of the United States.

Now that we have our first black President does this mean changes in race issues will occur? I sure hope so. After the election, I called my mother to tell her who won. She didn't believe me, so she turned on the TV to see for herself and started crying. I asked, "Mom, why are you crying?" She replied, "I grew up during segregation, a time when decisions were made based on your race." My mother didn't go to school with whites until she was in high school. During that time, blacks weren't able to use the same bathrooms, or drink from the same water fountains as whites. Blacks also had to sit in the back of the bus. I've personally witnessed racial harassment. I have never, in all my 21 years, been asked to compare my life to the life that my mother lived during segregation. In my lifetime, I have seen the United States change. But, compared to the past, racism has declined over the years, tremendously. "Obama" continued on page 3
Global warming is turning our planet to liquid

By Bryan A. Rothamel
Organizations Editor

Global warming, that evil term we hear our political candidates throw out there to scare us from voting for their opponents. Our planet is as alive as we are. Just like you get hot and cold from time to time, so does Earth. Is there a climate change? Yes, in fact. Is there global warming? That's a complex question resulting in a complex answer.

The Environmental Protection Agency, a trustworthy government agency I hope, calls "global warming" what it really is, climate change. In the last 240 years there has been drastic climate changes. Between 9000 and 1300, Europe, Greenland and Asia experienced relative warmth according to the EPA website. The American West experienced dry conditions at this time as well.

Between 1500 and 1850 our planet went through a period known as the "Little Ice Age." It was because large sheets of ice didn't develop during the actual Ice Age. The average temperatures were as far as 2 degrees colder than present day but that varied by location.

The EPA admits, as do I, the world is experiencing a global warming. Are we to blame? Partially. Is it a natural occurrence on Earth? Partially.

As of 2008, we are almost .6 degrees higher than the mean temperature between 1880 and 2006. Land temperatures are warmer than ocean temperatures. It could be because those pesky "greenhouse gasses" are slightly increasing the natural rise in Earth's temperature.

I still do not believe we are responsible as certain politicians portray. The one thing I know I 100% better not be wrong. Let's say I'm wrong and we are speeding up Earth's global warming rate. We are in trouble then.

If this global warming is because we are making our atmosphere denser then we can turn out like Venus. Venus' atmosphere is 93 times the mass of Earth's. The pressure at the planet's surface is 92 times higher. That would be the equivalent of being 150 feet under Earth's oceans! Talk about feeling the pressure.

Scientists believe Venus was actually like Earth at one time with beautiful water and land. Maybe it was even able to support life. Then the greenhouse effect turned the entire atmosphere of the planet into a hot place to live like Ugg boots around your feet; that's what Venus tell me at least. The temperature on Venus' surface is a mild 842 degrees Fahrenheit.

The surface literally consumes itself. It becomes lava and completely changes the landscape. Hmmmm. While I, like many, do not believe in the global warming effect being caused by humans, I admit I do not like the idea of a high of 842.

Global warming, climate change, greenhouse effect, whatever you call it, is not a matter of belief. The question is, "Do you want to be like Venus?"

I support any effort to eliminate gasses entering our atmosphere not because I'm confident in global warming but that I'm afraid of being wrong. Can we nonbelievers afford to be wrong? That's not a question I want my offspring to answer for me...

Global warming occurs naturally

By Dianna Bell
Staff Writer

Temperatures increasing, glaciers melting, sea levels rising—these are some of the realities of global warming.

Many doubt the existence of global warming. They assume that the rising average temperatures are a normal occurrence on Earth. This is not the case.

The Environmental Defense Fund has found that since 1880 average temperature has climbed 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit. By the year 2100, Time For Change estimates the temperature of Earth will have risen 3.4 to 4.1 degrees Fahrenheit. This may not sound drastic, but when thinking of areas in which land ice is a fixture in the environment, it is fatal for everyone. With the melting of ice, sea levels will rise, and those cities that are below sea level will find themselves suffering the same fate as Atlantis.

The rising temperatures create other hazards as well. Diseases, such as malaria, that have been extinguished are beginning to return. The acidity of Mother Nature is increasing. Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami that hit the Japanese coast are just some of the most recent weather extremities. The extinction of many species of animals can be seen by the eye throughout the world. We have all seen the commercials of the polar bears stranded amongst their melting homes. One only has to watch the news to see the destruction that is occurring.

What is the cause of this worldwide devastation? Greenhouse gases. The major forms of these gases are: water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone. Some may argue that these occur naturally, and while this is true, humans have increased the production greatly. Carbon dioxide, for instance, is released by volcanoes and animals into the atmosphere; however, it is also removed at a nearly identical rate. With the increased burning of fossil fuels, this is impossible. The amount is much higher than the atmosphere can handle, causing a build-up which can not be removed.

The more greenhouses the globe, the more long-wave, radiant energy is trapped in our atmosphere.

Normally, sunlight is radiated back out into space after hitting the earth. With higher amounts of greenhouse gases, the more sunlight is absorbed, creating the higher temperatures and disaster that are slowly plaguing the earth.

For those naysayers who do not believe that the earth is slowly warming and turning into a ball of liquid—the earth. In 2001, the Environmental Defense Fund predicts that sea levels will have risen by 82 feet. Start gearing up now, because unless drastic measures are taken, we will all be swimming with the fish, or what is left of them.

Dr. Oubein: Three ways to ‘learn by doing’

By Dr. Nido Qubein

We learn by doing. Think about the basic skills you’ve acquired in life. You learned to walk by putting yourself up, turning loose and taking a step. You fell the first time, but you got up and tried again. It’s that way in any undertaking.

When you begin taking action toward your goals, you will make mistakes. Don’t worry about it. Everybody makes them. Successful people learn from them. They know the difference between a productive failure and a non-productive success.

In a productive failure, you don’t achieve your objective, but you come away with new knowledge and understanding that will increase your chances of success on the next try. A non-productive success occurs when you achieve your objective, but you’re not sure what it was you did right. You can build on productive endeavors.

When the more productive failures you experience, the more you’ll learn. Thomas Edison experienced 1,000 productive failures before he found the right filament for his incandescent lamp.

To turn your mistakes into learning opportunities, follow these suggestions:

1) Have measurable goals - You won’t know whether you’re moving toward your goals unless you have some way of measuring the motion. That’s why your goals should be specific.

2) Acquire a learning mentality - You must become better tomorrow than you are today in order to stay even. Develop an attitude towards life-long learning.

3) Seek positive and negative feedback - Encourage those you trust to give you both legitimate criticism and earned recognition.

The greatest enemy of your creative powers is smug complacency — being satisfied with less than what you are capable of doing. Make a strong and permanent commitment to your own talents and skills. Make sure you are able to pursue your strengths and weaknesses.

In this case, I don’t have any clue as to what my strengths and weaknesses are. But I do know this: we are all capable of doing amazing things. Who knows? You may be the one to make a difference in someone’s life or the one to change it. That’s what I believe we can do.
Inauguration fails in some areas, succeeds in others

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Excitement and energy from the inauguration seemed to transfer through the television to the worldwide viewing audience. Anticipation began building months prior to this historic event; even a special Spiderman comic book was produced about Inauguration Day. After all of this hype, a little let down was to be expected, especially since way over $140 million was spent on the inauguration during a time when Americans and American businesses are struggling financially and many are depending on Congress to bail them out.

Not to say that there were not good aspects of the event because there certainly were. It just failed to meet expectations since Obama has gone all out at events in the past, such as the Styrofoam columns he included as a backdrop for his speech and the benediction placing blame. This helped his speech be straightforward about the conditions we have been better. Aretha Franklin’s rendition of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” started off strong but seemed to lose steam in the middle and was somewhat inaudible at times. But, she redeemed herself with a powerful ending. The large bow on her dress also captured a great deal of attention, and replicas of this covered accessory are selling for $179.

The benediction by Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery stood out as well when he rhapsodized about different races saying, “Let us work for that day when black will not be asked to get back, when brown will not be asked to get down, when yellow will be mellow, when red will be asked to get ahead, and when white will embrace what is right.” This seemed to be a strange request since a pretty overwhelming majority of Americans just elected a multicultural president. Our country is made up of military guests, the Youth Ball and, in case they felt left out, Inaugural Balls for the rest of the map including The Mid-Western, Eastern, Southern and Mid-Atlantic Balls.

Of all the Inaugural Balls, the most important since the youth became an integral part of this election. More youth than ever got involved in politics, many for the first time, and it was a great way for Obama to reach out to the youth once again and show them that their hard work paid off.

Last but not least, the first lady should be commended on selecting an elegant textured floor length gown adorned with Swarovski crystals and ruffles designed by a young designer, the 26-year-old Jason Wu, instead of choosing from designers who have been in business for years. Not only did she make a good choice in a designer, she selected one that shows off her unique style and one that was perfect for the occasion without going overboard.

We also cannot forget to mention the Inaugural Balls that lasted into the early hours of the following morning. The new president and first lady attended 10 official Inaugural Balls including The Neighborhood Ball which included guests from the community as well as celebrities, the Home States Balls, the Commander-in-Chief Ball made up of military guests, the Youth Ball and, in case they felt left out, Inaugural Balls for the rest of the map including The Mid-Western, Eastern, Southern and Mid-Atlantic Balls.

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Box office war between two WWII movies

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Director Bryan Singer's "Valkyrie" debuted on Christmas Day, and "Defiance," directed by Edward Zwick, was released on Jan. 16. These films resulted in two World War II tales in theatres simultaneously. Even though these films are about World War II, however, they are dramatically different while retaining a few important similarities.

"Valkyrie" focuses on a group of soldiers in Hitler's army who devise a plan to assassinate him and take over the government after they realize the corruption and inhumanity that has overtaken the establishment is not what they are fighting for. They decide they want to prevent Hitler from taking more innocent lives. Valkyrie was the title of Hitler's back up plan to continue the war in case something happened to him. The main character, Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg played by Tom Cruise, was brave enough to edit the plan. Hitler signed the new plan, which was actually Stauffenberg's plan, into action without knowing that the plan had been changed. Stauffenberg's idea was to take an explosive into a German controlled area. Stauffenberg's plan was executed only a short nine months before Hitler committed suicide. "Defiance" began in 1941 which covered a much longer time period. I kept hoping that the Jewish people would be rescued, but I had to remind myself that this was near the beginning of the war before other nations were involved. This created anticipation, and I questioned many times how they were going to survive so long without being caught.

"Valkyrie" also lacked many German accents. Most of the actors kept American accents unlike "Defiance" which had correct accents and languages, even using subtitles at times. "Defiance" is also slightly longer lasting 137 minutes while "Valkyrie" was 120 minutes. These films had similarities as well such as popular actors used for the main characters in both of these films, allowing each a more equal chance of attracting moviegoers. Most importantly these films were based on true stories. What happened to the actors was a close depiction of what really happened to the real life people. It is important for the audience to remember this as they watch so they will take the films more seriously and, in turn, appreciate them more.

As for which film is best, these movies cannot compete with each other in this area. They are both intense masterpieces about real people who humbly dedicated their lives to make a difference in a time of horror. Since the two films collectively explore such a wide range of content from different angles, it is important for movie-goers to view both "Valkyrie" and "Defiance" to have a clearer understanding of what people went through during World War II.

Best videogames of 2008

By Jesse Cherry
Staff Writer

Top Video Games of 2008

1. Little Big Planet (PS3, $80)
2. The World Ends With You
3. Burnout Paradise
4. Super Smash

Honorable Mentions

1. Left 4 Dead
2. Gears of War
3. Metal Gear Solid 4
4. Valkyrie Chronicles
5. Braid
6. Mirror's Edge

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officials) have made no commitments. We do not believe we have any interest.

One of the store managers said CBL, owner of Oak Hollow Mall, does not renew leases for longer than a month-to-month basis although other reports are stores have signed five-year leases recently. The store managers have asked to remain anonymous.

On Topix.com, anonymous persons have stated the mall would close in January 2000 although curator the site's users said it would close before the end of the 2009 calendar year. The mall was still open on Jan. 31. Users on another website, Yardbarker, hypothesized the mall has been bought by the university.

High Point University has not had a football team since 1954. In order to start a team the athletic department would have to follow federal guidelines set forth in Title IX, Education Acts of 1972. The university has not announced the addition of a football team.

HPU currently funds seven male varsity sports and seven female varsity sports. Women's lacrosse has been added and will begin competition during the 2010-11 season.

By Abby Wood

Staff Writer

The Nido Quebuen School of Communication will launch HPU Radio, High Point University's first official online radio station operated by students at www.hpiradio.com, on Feb. 2 at 4 p.m.

The station will be advised by Dr. Wilfred Tremblay while senior Bryan Rothamel will serve as station manager and senior Sara Vitale will serve as marketing manager.

The station's official slogan is, "The Sound." "We think listeners will find that HPU Radio is true to its slogan, "The Sound," said Rothamel. "What you hear on the radio should represent the student body. We play what we listen to and what you listen to is what you hear on the radio."

In the beginning stages, the station will provide music, a sports talk show, upcoming event announcements and public service announcements.

Music will include anything that students listen to, ranging from pop, hip-hop, rock, country, independent and alternative.

We have a little of everything. A few DJs enjoy hip-hop while a few like the indie sound; some like pop while others like '80s and '90s. I think listeners will really become loyal to certain DJs because of similar taste," Rothamel added.

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HPU Radio begins broadcast in February

By Jesse Kiser

Online Editor

The rise of binge drinking by college students prompted former Middlebury College President John McCordell to start an initiative – the Amethyst Initiative that aims to stop binge drinking, particularly among college students. His main solution is to lower the drinking age, and he's recruited 123 other colleges to support Amethyst.

The Amethyst Initiative is named after the Greek gemstone said to ward off intoxication. McCordell has gained support from schools like Duke, Dartmouth and Johns Hopkins, along with public schools like Ohio State and the University of Maryland. But HPU hasn't jumped on board and isn't declaring a stance on the issue.

"I'm not so sure that lowering the drinking age will curb binge drinking or curb underage drinking," said dean of student life, Gail Turtle. She wants the administration to gather a collective opinion before she makes her own.

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Administration takes no stance on 'Amethyst'

Brian Ross focuses on customer service

By Katie Nelson

Opinion Editor

The famous line from the Wizard of Oz that says, "There's no place like home" is especially true for Starbucks employee Brian Ross.

Brian, 22, has been making coffee at the Starbucks on campus for two years and has no plans to leave. Brian is a native to High Point, and he enjoys living close to home since he is a self-proclaimed momma's boy.

However, when Brian was five, his biological mother died. This left him, his older brother and his sister to live with their grandmother. She quickly became his maternal figure, as did his sister who is 13 years older than he is.

Brian enjoys being the baby of his family and getting the resulting special attention and treatment. His sister, who is the person he admires most, is always there for him. In turn, Brian treats his niece and nephew excessively. He loves visiting them and helping them out; he even helps them sell Girl Scout cookies. There is more to Brian than just a strong family bond. As a kid, Brian was a huge class clown. He and his friends were always getting into something. They loved playing practical jokes on people, though they never did any harm.

Brian also loves music and is constantly listening to it and singing along. His favorite artists include T.L. McDonald and Trey Songz. He also enjoys playing basketball and football regularly.

Brian is looking forward to playing these sports in his new home, which he just acquired. He just moved into a two-story house that he shares with some friends. He plans to celebrate his upcoming birthday there on Feb. 3. This year, Brian cares about people and reflects that not only in his attitude but also in his work. Customer service is the most important part of the job to him. As a result of this dedication to customer service, the university Starbucks has received 11 awards for excellence from the Starbucks corporation.

If so you ever stop by Starbucks, you know that Brian will take care of you
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

High Point University students participated in a "Day of Service" on Jan. 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day by volunteering in different areas of the community. From left to right: David Perez, Alicia Landale and Jessica Bookbinder plant flowers at High Point Regional Hospital as part of their service for the day. Photo by Jesse Kiser

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. service was held Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. The message was delivered by Reverend Dr. Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, the spiritual home of the late MLK Jr. From left to right: Dr. Warnock signs programs for freshmen Symone Graves and Kenzalia Bryant after the service. Photo by Pam Haynes

"Inauguration" continued from page 1. People arrived before 4 a.m. I left at 5 a.m.," Rager says. "The train ride lasted 30 minutes, and it took us to 45 minutes to get off of the train. There were Obama chants in the station. There was a very good air about the entire day.

And Rager didn’t mind braving the cold for the event.

"The excitement lasted even through the cold and hours and hours. Excitement was all over the place. If you were watching it from home, you didn’t get to be part of all that."

"Curriculum" continued from page 1. Switching to the four-hour system might be a reduced opportunity to take a highly diversified set of classes at a single time. Carroll believes that this effect will be minimal, since major classes would be condensed and the number of major classes required for graduation would be reduced. Carroll also noted that it would be likely that the university would raise the maximum credit hours a student can take in a semester without penalty from 17 to 18 credits.

"This is the most exciting academic change made in university history," he said. "We want to take ourselves to the next level academically."

Administration and faculty have been looking into the new plan for about two years. According to Carroll, the vote was overwhelmingly high in favor of the new curriculum.

Schools that already operate under the four hour curriculum system include Davidson College, Furman and Wake Forest University.

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emergency room because of excruciating pain in her abdomen. Mae had three hours of rest and for a sleep-deprived college student sleep would be assumed to come first. Mae sat in the waiting room for six hours to find out Melissa had kidney stones.

Mae has a deeper connection with Melissa than just roommates. Both are sisters in Alpha Gamma Delta with Melissa than just roommates. Melissa had kidney stones.

Many of the women asked how Melissa is doing. She has been to the doctor's office a few times with Mae's assistance.

After enjoying each other's company they moved to the second floor of the Sallie Student Center. Outside of the campus Starbucks, Vickey picks up a Greensboro News and Record.

She comments on an article here, an article there. "Oh look, High Point University. I just read an article where she noticed a High Point University advertisement on page three in the A section. To Mae, reading the paper is a daily habit.

Huddled around are a few fellow sophomore Alpha Gams. Christian and Sarah sit on either side of her. The only junior, Ashley, sits across from Mae. Senior Brittany Crews pulls up a chair to join the four.

Brittany was the AGB president for a year and another roomate to Mae. They had an up and down history together.

Freshman year, both women lived in Yadkin Hall.

Brittany Crews, Mae Norman and Sarah Vitale pictured during Bid Day 2008.

The residential hall made it easy to find friends because of the community bathroom living style. The residents became friends but also made a few enemies.

The hall had two major circles of friends that did not like each other. Mae was in one of them with her hall neighbors. She was very close to those around her but they ended up transferring from HPU or dropping out.

Brittany was in the other circle. Like Mae, Brittany was close to her hall neighbors and her friends also ended up transferring.

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"The Previously on Grey's" doesn't suffer for these fanatics.

The first five minutes of the show they all sit, eyes staring towards the television set. No one moves and no one talks during the opening scenes. At the first commercial break Brittany joins the group and they begin debating the show.

Mae begins, "I could use a two hour special every week." Whether that is because of the show itself or the event she makes it doesn't become quite obvious.

The show begins again and they turn their attention back to the set. The rain outside is deadening, making it seem that someone is breaking into the house. They don't divert their attention.

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The show comes to its dramatic end, Mae changes her seating posture. After the show's cliffhanger ending they come to one conclusion, "We have to watch next week!"

They gathered for the show but no one leaves when it is over. Mae checks on Melissa and they all just sit around and talk.

It is just a normal week for Mae. Alpha Gam sisters to begin the week, Alpha Gam sisters to end the week. Pretty good for someone who came to High Point University scared of leaving her family. HPU gave her another family full of a bunch of sisters.

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Harris' selflessness an asset to his team

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Imagine doing something your whole life. Your whole life you have been on teams that have won and you yourself have won many personal accolades. People think you are so good they decide to pay for your college education to continue doing what you do. That's how it has been for Gene Harris. His senior year of high school his team was ranked fifth nationally. His junior year of college his team is ranked in the top ten worst teams in division one basketball.

"It's an experience," says Harris. "It tests your character when you are down and out and adversity hits."

It hasn't been a bad year for Harris. He is averaging 12.5 points a game and is close to becoming the 28th member of the High Point 1,000-point club. Against VMI he scored 19 points by converting on half of his attempts. He still only speaks of what the score was for Gene Harris. His senior year of high school his team was ranked fifth nationally. His junior year of college his team is ranked in the top ten worst teams in division one basketball.

Ask him about the game. He doesn't know how many points he scored. He only remembers one set of numbers, 92-65.

"My main focus is becoming a better teammate and putting wins up on the board," says Harris. VMi was a game Harris didn't start for the first time in 52 straight games, a streak that stretched back to the last ten games of his freshman year. He still only speaks of what the score board of Cameron Hall told him Jan. 24; his team lost, for the eighth time in nine games.

"I came off the bench, but it wasn't about that. Our main goal was to get the VMI win," Harris says. It is a transition time for the HPU men's basketball team with 13 underclassmen on the roster. Harris is for the first time in his college career being looked at as a leader. Two years ago he was in the same shoes as the likes of freshmen David Singleton, Nick Barbour, Steadman Short and the other six first-year players.

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