University offers free smoking cessation classes

By Pam Haynes
Editor in chief

If nicotine is an addiction you just can't quit, High Point University is willing to help.

The school will pay for students and faculty to take smoking cessation classes beginning March 6 conducted by the American Lung Association. The classes will be held in the Hayworth Chapel fellowship hall on Mondays from 6:31 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for six weeks.

Six people must sign up by contacting Kim Soban, director of Counseling Services, before the university will agree to pay. Four people have signed up as of Feb. 13. Soban says the classes will use behavioral methods as a means to quit smoking.

"The classes will use behavior modification opposed to medications," she said.

She adds that the classes are being offered because HPU is going tobacco-free, but she hopes that students will enroll for their own health reasons.


Cherry sets new record

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

Arctic wilderness, vast open stretches of terrain, twenty-thousand-foot mountains, Sarah Palin. These are things that most Americans think of when they picture the great state of Alaska.

Some High Point students, however, know that these things are not all that make Alaska special. They know that HPU runner Jesse Cherry also hails from there.

"He says that it was not hard to run back at home, but he has had to fight some tough conditions to keep it up," Cherry said.

"Winter break was painful this year. For two weeks it didn't get warmer than 25 degrees," Cherry said.

Cherry, a senior at High Point, can now be seen running indoor and outdoor track for the Panthers, as well as cross country in the fall. He has seen a number of successes since coming to HPU, including setting a new school record with a time of 14:28.28 in the indoor 5000 meters in January at the Niswonger Invitational, hosted by East Tennessee State University. For the effort, he was named the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Men's Indoor Track Athlete of the Week.

See "Cherry," page 7.

Student clubs hold Gaza Awareness Week

By Megan Keany
Staff Writer

While the sun may be shining and students and students might develop a carefree attitude as spring begins, the Rotaract Club and International Club are pairing up to remind you of a serious issue as winter begins.

The clubs will be co-hosting Gaza Awareness Week Feb. 16 to inform students of the situation in the Gaza Strip which recently underwent a pair of violent attacks.

"A candle and prayer vigil for Gaza will be held in the Charles E. Hayworth Phillips 120. An opportunity to understand people with a side of an issue and give students the opportunity to help out those in need," said Allison Hoghhead.

The week will end with a night of poetry and art on Friday where dancers, singers and other performing artists are welcome to share art, poetry, music or any other form of self-expression.

Faraj believes that people in America can be isolated from the rest of the world and as students, "We have a lot of energy and should spend it on world awareness." He hopes that Gaza Awareness Week will show two different sides of an issue and give students the opportunity to understand people with different beliefs and values, as well as an opportunity to help out those in need.

On the Run: What's new

Student falls four stories from York rooftop

Matthew Tremblay, a sophomore at High Point University, fell from the fourth floor of York residence hall Feb. 8.

Tremblay was transported to High Point Regional Hospital then Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center where he is currently listed in serious condition at the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Baseball season opens at the end of February

Baseball season kicks off with the Baseball Olympics Feb. 17. The team officially begins play Feb. 20 with a three-game home series against the University of Dayton at Williard Stadium.

The team, led by first-year head coach Craig Courter, will then host Temple University for a three-game set beginning Feb. 27.

In Opinion: Planning a special evening for Valentine's Day? Read the Going Green column on page 3 to find out how to "go green" while creating a romantic day for you and your loved one.

In A&E: He's just not that into you is mediocre

In Organizations: International Club inspires global awareness

In Sports: Alured takes over Recreation Services
Branding can lead to conformity

By Dr. Nido Qubein

Stress often gets a bad rap, but you should know that there is good stress and there is bad stress. Good stress can be used like a bow and the string, your tension in a bowstring. Unless you stress the bow and the string, you say no stress is also experiencing no pain and pleasure. Both the pain and the pleasure instills a sense of pride in the product, the university, the students and creates energy. It does instill a sense of pride initially. However after a while one tires of seeing HPU everywhere and it no longer holds the same meaning.

Stress often gets a bad rap, the student's psychology states that "[Branders] are so overzealous in their quest for pride and popularity. Branding doesn't necessarily need to stop; it just needs to be toned down when pertaining to campus items. The branding policy at HPU is excellent for PR and advertising. However, its designers have become overzealous in their quest for pride and popularity. Branding doesn't necessarily need to stop; it just needs to be toned down when pertaining to campus items.

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Students feel pressure to get married

By Elizabeth Welborn
Staff Writer

Tick tock. Tick tock. Tick freakin’ tock. It seems that in my world being between 21 means that your biological clock is ticking. Repeatedly. People all around me are tying the knot... the knot that I have no intentions of tying yet, but still feel immense pressure to do so. It does not help my situation that I was maid-of-honor at my best friend’s wedding over winter break. Walking down the aisle was a literal maid! All the bridesmaids who were in the wedding were married...except I was not. I did not advertise that I was single by any means but I must have had the “spinster look” about me. People kept coming up to me saying the usual “You’ll find someone...or so I hear.”

It’s not only the circumstances I find myself in, but also my family who puts on the pressure to find someone to marry. Every holiday that I have with my extended family my very own grandmother never fails to ask me, “You haven’t found anyone...yet?” She seems to always fit in the shocked “yet” at the end. Unfortunately, it’s not just my grandmother but my whole family. It’s my aunt trying to get me a profile on match.com. It’s my mom randomly pointing out guys that I would “make cute babies with.” It’s no longer that I might not find love but that I will not make cute babies with him!

Is it really that weird that I have no potential groom in mind? Am I seriously an old maid at 21? Why are all my friends getting married and I’m just the spinster of honor? According to DivorceRate.org, in America the divorce rate is at 41 percent for first marriages. This isn’t even looking at the age element. The divorce rate for women between the ages of 20-24 is 36.6 percent; for men the divorce rate is 36.6 percent. This age group has the highest divorce percentage out of all the age groups. With these statistics, why in the world do people want me to get married? Now?

Since I am from North Carolina, maybe it is just a southern thing. Maybe people down here are still stuck with the idea that women are supposed to get married right away and make babies all through life. After all, most of my cousins are already married. With children.

I admit that sometimes I do plan my wedding out. But what girl doesn’t? Still, I truly believe that I am not yet ready for marriage. I don’t see how my friends could be either. I still feel like I am trying to figure myself out without the complication of a husband getting in the way.

My only solution seems to be to drown out my relatives, my friends and my life until the time is right for me to walk down the aisle as a bride.

Until then, I’m happy simply planning for the big day. It’s much cheaper that way...or so I hear.

Presidential scholarships attract more advanced students

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

High Point University has made a major effort in recent years to attract a better, smarter student body. One of the ways this is most evident is in the number and qualifications of this year’s Presidential Scholarship candidates.

I have seen this campus grow considerably since I arrived on campus in the fall of 2006, but the most significant development of all has been the dedication to bringing in more qualified students.

In 2009, the amount of students asked to visit campus to interview with professors and current Presidential Scholars was so high that two separate weekends were required to accommodate all of them. In the past, as when I was a high school senior three years ago, students had their interviews on just one day.

Granted, statistics are not necessarily representative of true achievement. Indeed, the most recent freshman class was the best incoming class numerically in the University’s history, but they are still freshmen and too many of them have made some immature choices, despite their academic figures. Overall, though, the class of 2012 is helping to build High Point’s reputation.

I knew when I decided on High Point that I did not have the best academic pedigree of all of the schools I had been accepted into, but it felt right. I earned a modest Presidential Scholarship and have also joined the Honors Program since enrolling. I have excelled academically and have earned a much better endowed scholarship for my future. Being devoted to achievement in college will certainly make me a more attractive candidate to graduate school admissions officers and future prospective employers, and the recognition by HPU – in the form of my scholarships – have made being a good student even sweeter by providing more instant gratification on top of the future benefits.

Providing scholarships to highly qualified students is absolutely essential to making the student body more distinguished – and High Point University, by increasing scholarship dollars amounts and the number of scholarships given away, is definitely heading in the right direction.

Naming the University Center

The Campus Chronicle staff contributes to the list of potential names

By Campus Chronicle Staff

High Point University has been undergoing a vast change over the past few years. A recent change is the addition of the University Center, a dormitory which will house a variety of extraordinary features for students to utilize.

The University Center will house 600 students with first class residency and amenities. Amongst these features are three restaurants: a steakhouse, a soup and salad cafe, and a sports bar with an arcade. The Campus Concourse has asked the students to pick the names of these different eateries.

We here at the Campus Chronicle would like to make our nominations known to everyone and encourage you to place your suggestions in one of the many suggestions boxes located around campus.

First is the steakhouse. Steakhouses are usually ritzy joints so we came up with some fancier names. "The Roar" sounds sophisticated and means steak in Spanish. Since we are at High Point University, the names "The Summit Steak House" and "The Extrordinary Steakhouse" would also represent our school very well.

Other than the steakhouse and salad cafe, which is said to be similar to Panera Bread. The atmosphere in such restaurants is that of comfort, which means steak in Spanish. "El Carne" sounds sophisticated and means steak in Spanish. "The Caring Sandwich Shop" is an appropriate name. It does not necessarily represent true well-being in mind as you prepare to treat someone special in your life.

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Go ‘green’ for Valentine’s Day

By Dianna Bell
Staff Writer

When pondering what to get your sweetie, or yourself, on the day of love, keep in mind that you do not have to destroy the earth in order to impress.

Flowers have become a romantic yet expected staple on Valentine’s Day. When picking out a bouquet, why not go organic? Regular cocoa beans are harvested by child workers who are forced to toil under dangerous conditions. Fair Trade certified chocolate not only ensures that products are fresh, it also guarantees that no child labor was used. Sounds sweet to me.

If your honey has more extravagant tastes and expects a little bling, there is an Earth-friendly solution here as well. Look for jewelry that was made from recycled metals with natural gems. Many are intricately hand-crafted pieces that beat the typical run-of-the-mill plain band with a diamond. Go for a gift with a little more flair, all while saving Mother Earth.

To conclude the night of romance, many couples dine out at an expensive restaurant. What could be more romantic than cooking for your significant other? Buying organic local ingredients helps the earth (again with those pesky pesticides), and also helps you save money.

These ideas can be used on any occasion and for any person. The holidays aren’t an excuse to throw the earth out the window. Keep Nature’s well-being in mind as you prepare to treat someone special in your life.
‘Lord of the Rings: Conquest’ mirrors the movie

By Jesse Cherry
Staff Writer

Lord of the Rings: Conquest, Xbox 360, PS3 - 596

Even if I had the power of the one ring, I wouldn’t play “LotR: Conquest” would have been hard to come by. Based off of the movies and not the books, “Conquest” tries to capture the energy and epic scale of the battles Peter Jackson created on screen, but none of the magic that made the movies so special it made them through.

My roommate walked in on me as I mashed the x button playing hundreds of mindless enemies, and he couldn’t tell what I was playing. Even after I told him it was LoFk, he sat there for a couple minutes squinting at the screen trying to figure out if it was lying to him. If the name of the game hadn’t been printed on the box, I might have been just as confused.

All four of the classes, warrior, mage, archer, and scout, look like they’ve been just as confused. If the name of the game hadn’t been on the box, I might have been just as confused.

“Forget” has two campaigns, which I beat in less than three hours. The first campaign has you playing on the hero side as you try to destroy the ring. The evil campaign follows an alternate story line where Frodo never destroyed the one ring.

Each of the two dozen or so battles takes place at different locations, but follows the same routine of hold this spot and mash buttons to kill things, capture this spot and kill more things, kill this specific thing, and repeat. When going up against trolls and other gargantuan creatures the movies are known for, “Conquest” gives you a simple and straightforward way to topple them, making the feat feel ordinary. With poor graphics and flat sound, it is hard to make anything epic.

“Conquest” supports up to 16 player battles, but it is hard to find anyone else playing online. Most of my matches consisted of one or two other players and me running around as Frodo falling to kill each other. When you get only a single point by killing someone and you have to accumulate 50 to win, it takes a while only when two people are playing. Even when I found a game with 16 people, the large maps felt empty without the mass amount of computer controlled characters filling up the generic looking locations.

You can grab three of your friends to play through the two campaigns with you, but if they react the way mine did, you may be spending some very lonely Saturday nights in the future because of the crudity you inflicted upon them.

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There’s a Slight Chance I Might Be Going to Hell’ will make you laugh out loud

By Courtney Adamo

Laurie Notaro’s first shot at fiction, “There’s a Slight Chance I Might Be Going to Hell”, leaves readers roaring. When Maye relocates from Phoenix, Ariz., to Spalding, Wash., with her husband who is a professor, she has a hard time making friends in the small town. As a childless 30-something who works from home, Maye tries everything to make friends. She joins a very different kind of book club, hangs with the town vegetarians who argue over the vegetable of the month, and goes on a bad “friend date.”

When she hears about the Sewer Pipe Pagant, a crazy town tradition that accepts contestants regardless of age and gender, Maye thinks she’s found the way she’ll make friends. The winner of the annual pagant is guaranteed a town-full of friends, so Maye enters with her singing Australian Shepherd. Upon entering, she learns each contestant must have a sponsor – a former pagant winner. A series of mishaps leads Maye to Ruby – a chainsmoking former beauty queen who lives out on the edges of town. Soon, Maye finds there is a lot more to small-town Spallning than there originally seemed and is determined to find out the big secret.

“There’s a Slight Chance” is witty, spunky, sarcastic and, as always, Notaro allows readers to laugh out loud at life’s ridiculous peculiarities.

Notaro also wrote the popular “Idiot Girls” books, a collection of brutally honest, observant essays about life, love and everything in between.

Butch Walker is ‘super catchy’; Damone is more singing than screaming

By Jen Paolino

Diversity seems to be the theme here folks. The only thing that these bands have in common is the fact that they make amazing music. So you definitely need to give them a listen.

Band Name: Butch Walker
Album Title: Left of Self Centered
Who They Sound Like: If Ryan Adams, Gavin DeGraw and Snow Patrol got together to make a record, you’d get an amazingly mellow, but super catchy bunch of songs that you’ll want to listen to over and over again.

Why You Should Listen: This album isn’t just for one particular mood; it encompasses pretty much every emotion a person can think to experience. A mix of acoustic and electric guitars, with the added bonus of deep, soulful vocals, you’ll be able to sing these songs at the top of your lungs and fall asleep to the melodic sounds of tracks like “There For Tomorrow (One Day At A Time).”

Band Name: Keena
Album Title: New Sacred Cow
Who They Sound Like: You might ask yourself if Pharrell Williams from the Neptunes had his hand in mixing this record. Just in case you can’t come up with an answer on your own, let me tell you... He didn’t.

Why You Should Listen: Because everybody needs a little techno in their lives, right? If you’re in the mood to dance, and I mean really dance, turn up “Free Time” as loud as you can and jump around like a crazy person. It’s totally worth it.

Band Name: Spoon
Album Title: Kill The Moonlight
Who They Sound Like: If you’re a fan of Vampire Weekend, or just enjoy some really catchy indie-pop, it would definitely be in your best interest to check out this record.

Why You Should Listen: Although at times it might be slightly “trippy,” the piano works on tracks like “The Way We Get By” is extremely poppy. No matter how hard you try and fight it, your head just won’t be able to stop bobbing in time to the music. You might even catch yourself snapping your fingers. But don’t worry, I won’t tell. It’s just that good.

Band Name: Damone
Album Title: Out Here All Night
Who They Sound Like: If Flyleaf is just too heavy for you, you might want to give it a good listen, because you’re in for a treat.

Why You Should Listen: These guys, and girl, are definitely not a pop band; well, at least not in the way we’re thinking of. Hailing from Boston, this four piece melds hard-rock guitar solos with punchy vocals that make you wonder if you’ve traveled back in time. This band is bringing 90s pop-rock back with a vengeance, so grab your vintage Les Paul and get ready to rock out.

Band Name: Endeverafter
Album Title: Rise Or Kill
Who They Sound Like: The hard edge of acts like Hinder and Saving Abel with the diversity of bands like Fuel and Nickelback.

Why You Should Listen: Here’s another example of a band that’s determined to put a new spin on 80s rock. The record opens up with guitar riffs that are so fast they might make your head spin. But if you’re willing to give it a good listen, you’ll find front man Michael Grant’s infectious voice will have you singing along in no time. Heavier tracks like “Tip of my Tongue” will have you playing air-guitar like a beast, but softer songs like ‘Next Best Thing’ will make you realize that this band is just that.
Best Supporting Actor: Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"

Best Supporting Actor: Tom Cruise, "The Last Samurai"

Best Supporting Actress: Kate Hudson, "Bride Wars"

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A capella show provides entertainment for all ages

By Scarlett Hester

The UNC Clef Hangers packed the T. Austin Finch Auditorium in Thomasville on Feb. 7. Audience members ranged from toddlers to elderly, but all ages were pleased with the performances they witnessed.

High Point University's own Toccatatones opened for the Clefs. Dressed in their typical T-Tone garb (jeans, blazers, dress shirts, and ties) they took the stage and wowed the crowd with three of their stronger songs, "Cathedrals," "Mexican Wine," and "Cecilia." The Toccatatones ended their set with a new song, Kansas' "Carry on My Wayward Son."

After the Toccatatones the Clefs took the stage. The UNC Clef Hangers are North Carolina's oldest male a capella group and are recognized nationwide. It's easy to see why. A combination of stellar musical talent, exceptional stage presence, and catchy tunes proves to be the perfect formula for a dynamic performance. The group consists of 16 male vocalists majoring in everything from journalism to pre-pharmacy. There are only two music majors to be found in the group.

The Clefs opened with their well known version of "Africa." After individually introducing themselves to the audience they continued their performance, slowing it down a little bit with "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You." They ended the first half of their set with The Fray's newest single, "You Found Me."

After intermission the Clefs rejuvenated the crowd with another chart-topper, Coldplay's "Viva la Vida."

The Clefs then took a turn towards more traditional songs like "And So It Goes."

The beginning of "Carolina in My Mind" received shouts and applause of approval from the audience, consisting mostly of native Carolinians.

The Clefs wrapped up their performance with rap hit "Let It Rock," which brought squeals of approval from the females in the audience. The Clefs fed off of the energy and teased the audience some more by shedding their button filled vests and un-tying their ties.

The Clefs left the stage to a standing ovation and whoops and hollers from the audience hoping for one more song. And one more song is what the audience got.

The Clefs re-took the stage, all still disheveled from "Let It Rock" and broke into yet another rap song, this time their version of "Put On" and "Get Money." The audience clapped and cheered as The Clefs sang and danced their way to the end of the song and yet another standing ovation.

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The Clefs take a capella to a whole new level. They flawlessly integrate classic songs into today's hits, making their performances appealing to all ages.

Campus Scrapbook: Fraternity Rush

Left: Michael Earman, a senior and president of Pi Kappa Alpha, hugs a newly inducted brother and welcomes him into the fraternity. Rush week was held Jan. 27-31.

Members of Lambda Chi Alpha proudly wave their flag and welcome new fraternity brothers at McEwen Crossing on bid day.

Photos by Scarlett Hester
The Internet became a little less "juicy" on Feb. 5, Anonymous gossip, rumors and want ads Web site JuicyCampus.com has shut down operations.

JuicyCampus ceased operating claiming that they could not compete in historically difficult economic times because online ad revenue has plummeted and venture capital funding has dissolved, according to a press release on the company's website at juicycampus.blogspot.com.

High Point University administrators had asked JuicyCampus to take High Point University off of its server in November 2008, but the Web site refused. Administrators and the Office of Information Technology then blocked the site from campus computers.

The relief from college gossip isn't here yet, however. Recently another anonymous gossip Web site, College Anonymous Confession Board at www.collegeeach.com, has launched. Its founder, Peter Frank, is a first year student at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

In a College A&BC press release dated Feb. 5, Frank states: "The site is devoted to promoting morality, not provoking salacious posts or personal attacks."

"I have only been in charge of it for 3 months," Frank said in an e-mail to the Campus Chronicle. "The original owners, Aaron Larner of Wesleyan and Andrew Mason of John Hopkins University, started it to create an anonymous board where people could discuss topics that might be considered taboo."

-- Hallie JuicyCampus, Frank states his site has a report button next to each post that allows students to report libel, though he also says the site's libel rules are "loose." Registration for the site is not needed to post, only to report any questionable content.

High Point University has a section on College A&BC, and there was one post for the university as of Feb. 13.

So far, the Web site has 500 students in its database.

President Scholarship Weekend added

By Pam Haynes
Editor in chief

Due to a growing number of prospective students, High Point University will be holding two Presidential Scholarship weekends instead of one this year.

Students selected from a pool of applicants will visit the university today and Saturday as well as Feb. 27 and 28. A total of 281 students have been invited for the first weekend and approximately 300 students have been invited to the second weekend.

Andy Bills, vice president of enrollment, says the additional weekend was created because more gifted students have been applying to HPUI.

"The academic quality of our applicants has risen steadily for the last two years, and we wanted to give more qualified students the opportunity to apply and compete for our top academic scholarships," Bills said.

During the event, prospective students will attend scholarship interviews with faculty and other presidential scholarship students. They will also attend a Presidential Scholarship dinner and a performance from Cabaret tonight and a "Conversation with President Quibbin" on Saturday.

"The more of these students that come to campus, experience the unique culture of HPUI and enroll each fall, then the academic quality of our students and institution continues to rise," Bills added. "These are the very best academic students from our accepted applicant pool."
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Organizations Editor

Imagine entering a school where over 99 percent of your peers are natural born Americans. They might have traveled as far as Alaska to get here, but they at least know the English language and American culture.

Your family is from Trinidad and Tobago. You came to America to learn English better and now you look and talk different. And you look and talk different.

High Point University is proud of the various backgrounds of the students it attracts. Whether it is a top ranked chess player, a family fighting to send its first child to college or just the “average Joe,” HPU seems to have a student or the Brazilian students or the Japanese students and the Haitian students or the Palestinian students. They know the other never means the other and you look and talk different. And you look and talk different.

One campus organization that helps these students is the International Club. Made up of over 40 members, the club hosts various events, including educational documentaries, food festivals, fashion shows and a pageant.

The first few days of the semester, HPU international students may try to associate with students of similar backgrounds. This may mean Japanese students hang out with only other Japanese students or the Brazilian students stick together. Not only can this cause international students to feel disconnected to the rest of the student body this also hurts diversity efforts.

"International Club" is a family for whoever doesn’t have a family over here, who came from a different country or different culture," says Manar Faraj, a Palestinian student and club president. "It is a great means to spread awareness of our cultures. Not just the cultures but issues throughout the world."

IC is a learning experience for all involved. The students are able to learn how each culture differs and the similarities that exist.

"It helps you learn about other people," says Binson Orekhua, who is half Mexican and half Salvadorian. "You might still have a slight accent but you do know the English language and American culture."

This may mean Japanese students or the Brazilian students or the Haitian students or the Palestinian students. They know the other never means the other and you look and talk different. And you look and talk different.

The first Miss International competition, hosted by the IC, an American won.

"We didn’t choose Miss International based on beauty or height. We chose her on what she did to make the world a better place or why she considered herself international," Faraj says.

Out of 30 women, the winner, the first runner up and second runner up will participate in three various projects the IC will sponsor including a painting and a special venture benefiting African refugees.

Manar announcing the first Miss International. The top three placing women all do a service project this semester. Photo submitted.

The International Club has something for all. Maybe you crave some Indian food; the IC had a night for that. Maybe you want to do salsa dancing; the IC had a night for that too. Or maybe you just want to hear about different cultures and global issues; the IC has that as well.

Manar announcing the first Miss International Finalists. The top three placing women will all do a service project this semester. Photo submitted.

The Campus Chronicle will be your source of information for this year’s SGA Elections!

By Bryan Rothamel

Organizations Editor

American culture.

For one day, club members participated in the Muslim holiday of Ramadan.

"We always dress according to the country (we are learning about). We dressed in the Hijab and fasted that day from sunrise to sunset just to practice and feel what the Muslims feel," says Faraj. "Then we all broke the fast together," she finishes with a smile. Ramadan is one of the many events that brings the group closer together.

What makes the club unique are the differences that compose it. Members come from nations including Palestine, South Korea, Egypt, Japan, Chile, China and many other countries plus the United States. Faraj estimates 15 percent of the members of the group are American.

Outside of the campus Starbucks, a few Asian students sit with a Central American student. Stopping by is a South American student. Earlier, a Middle Eastern student stopped for a few quick words.

This isn’t an unusual sight giving of IC members. Stopping by the club is like family. They know the other never means the other. And you look and talk different. And you look and talk different.

"It takes a lot of patience. We have to be able to hear each other well so we practice hearing each other," says Hugo, who is originally from Chile.

Communication is deeper than just words to Actions can easily be misinterpreted.

On one occasion for a community fair, the IC welcomed a few Palestinian women. Hormzabal, used to the Chilean culture where touching is not only accepted but expected, was crossing the line of Palestinian culture. Palestinians do not believe in contact between nonrelatives.

He quickly realized the problem and understood why the women were upset.

"I was close to getting hit over there," Hormzabal remembers.

The learning doesn’t stop for just club members. Every year the organization hosts an international food festival and also an international dessert festival. The events allow individual students to show off their culture’s best foods.

The club hosts many international students but also many American students come to the events and are in leadership roles in the club. The executive council is almost half American.
High Point U, city should consider current mall site

By Bryan A. Rothamel
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High Point University was approached about buying Oak Hollow Mall. Rumors around school, community and the web speculate we will demolish it and then build a football stadium. Previously I have written how I feel about adding a football team: I am against it. I, however, am not against Oak Hollow Mall being demolished for an HPU athletic venue. The City of High Point needs to act quickly on this matter.

The bottom line is Oak Hollow Mall is dying, slowly and painfully. Every month it seems another store closes. By an eye count, there are 36 store openings and 20 closings. That doesn't count the many locations of empty kiosks. The City of High Point wants growth in tourism and the furniture industry. Here is the best opportunity to satisfy HPU sports, tourism, furniture and much more.

In a partnership with HPU and the city, construction of an arena complex begins. The arena seats no more than 10,000. Construction of other surrounding buildings can include small meeting halls and maybe even a simple auditorium. The signed agreement between HPU and High Point gives HPU first right to the building for athletic events. A management firm is contracted to arrange both basketball games and special events. HPU's men's and women's basketball teams move to the new arena while volleyball stays in the Millis Center.

The management firm brings in small concerts, similar to those at area amphitheaters. The High Point Market Authority can use the meeting halls and arena as more furniture showroom space. Other events the firm can bring in are the circus, rodeos, minor league hockey and conventions. Local high schools can play large holiday basketball tournaments there, too. HPU can also use the arena for commencement and convolution, alumni and family weekends and two concerts a year.

Ticket sales pay for upkeep while both HPU and High Point both pay usage fees. Also, the city enacts a greater tax on tourism related industries to help pay for the costs. The city also actively recruits another hotel to be established on Mall Loop Road.

This set up accomplishes HPU's need for greater space for special events. It also allows the team to host better schools because our facilities would be above par for a school of our stature. Concerts inside would not only be weather-friendly but also would provide better audio for a school of our stature. Concerts inside would not only be weather-friendly but also would provide better audio for a school of our stature.

The city gets a chance to grow tourism to a "High Point." Events will attract people from Greensboro, Kernersville, Winston-Salem, Davidson County, and as far as Danville, Va. These people will sleep in hotels (most likely), fill up on gas (more likely) and eat in restaurants (most likely).

The construction of such a venture would add jobs to a failing economy. The short-term effect is increase in construction workers to do demolition, site work and construction. The long term effects include more restaurant staff, arena staff workers, hotel workers, gas station attendants, arena complex managers, etc. Also, this creates an entertainment corridor on Eastchester Drive. Currently, many plots are for sale throughout Eastchester. This will encourage more businesses to locate on Eastchester. This is an idea that supports itself after the initially large cost.

Also, losing the mall to something that does not belong is the best opportunity to satisfy HPU sports, tourism, furniture and much more.

This all, of course, is hypothetical. The government acquires the mall plot legally through eminent domain. They pay fair market value for it and also try to buy as many empty plots surrounding the mall. The mall is then immediately torn down along with the other structures on property the city buys (e.g. Circuit City, bank, empty lots). In a partnership with HPU and the city, construction of an arena complex begins. The arena seats no more than 10,000. Construction of other surrounding buildings can include small meeting halls and maybe even a simple auditorium. The agreement signed between HPU and High Point gives HPU first right to the building for athletic events. A management firm is contracted to arrange both basketball games and special events. HPU's men's and women's basketball teams move to the new arena while volleyball stays in the Millis Center.

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Top left: Mat Allred was recently hired as coordinator of Recreation Services. Top Right: Dan Sweeney shucks past a defender during the ACTS Flag Football Playoffs last semester. Photos by Kathryn Mills and Jesse Kiser.

Alfred Announced as Coordinator of Recreation Services

By Mike Nuckles & Kathryn Mills

Staff Writer

HPU Recreation recently hired Mat Alfred to fill the vacancy as Coordinator of Recreation Services. Alfred comes to High Point through graduating from UNC-Wilmington.

"I feel working hard already to analyze what students want out of the Rec Center," said Roger Clodfelter, High Point's Director of WOW.

Alfred replaced Steve Harrell, who worked at High Point for three semesters before resigning in December. Harrell now serves in a similar capacity at North Carolina State University. He was instrumental in getting the new Stane Center recreation areas open and running, as well as making marked improvements to intramural sports at High Point.

"Steve Harrell did an excellent job laying the ground work; now I need to take the torch and run with it," Alfred said.

Alfred has quickly taken control of Recreation Services, implementing new sports and programs to be offered. One of his main objectives is to increase participation in intramural sports. Among his ideas are implementing intramural softball, extra group exercises, and bicycle rental.

Alfred also looks to make changes to intramural football program. In the past it has been offered as a four-on-four event. Starting next year, though, the game will be played seven-on-seven. Given the sport's popularity, he plans on running a flag football tournament this spring.

"Mat is working on all fronts to improve what's available to our students," said Clodfelter, who is pleased about football in the spring.

"We are really excited about our future with him.

Sports have always been a great passion throughout Alfred's life and he realized after searching throughout the corporate world he was not passionate about where his life was headed.

Alfred found HPU online; he actually had been looking to go to graduate school when he wound up on HPU's website. Luckily, shortly after Harrell's position opened up, he realized that the spot was perfect for him; after all, sports are where his passion lies.

"If I were a billion dollars I would still want this job," said Alfred. It didn't take long before he hand delivered his application and got the position.

One of his favorite assets of the school is how important the students are.

"The second I walked on to campus I could feel the energy; it is contagious," said Alfred.

He believes the students come first in every aspect of the school; he has seldom seen or heard of such treatment at other universities. This is one thing he truly loves and is excited about.

"(HPU) is unparalleled with any other school I have seen," said Alfred. He enjoys the start of any new sport, mentioning that it is exciting for him and that it even gives him goose bumps.

Alfred hopes to keep the gym facilities updated and current. He thinks it will be easy to find out about what will keep the students happy since they are so involved on campus.

Kathryn Mills

Bart Lundy said.

HPU defeated Winthrop University for season sweep

By Bryan Rothamel

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High Point University won a home men’s basketball game on a night where HPU honored the coach with the most wins in program history.

HPU defeated Winthrop University for the second time this season 63-58 in front of a raucous 1,449 in the Millis Center. The win marks the first time this season HPU has swept WPU in program history.

"I’m humbled to get any win. I’m glad to get any win and hopefully we can spring board from this," head coach Bart Lundy said.

Leading the way for the Panthers (7-10, 0-6) was freshman guard Nick Barbour with 31 points on 50 percent shooting from the floor. Freshman guard Jacob Fati played a career high 31 minutes finishing with six points, four assists and five rebounds.

Four other HPU players were tied with six points apiece. Winthrop (18-5, 5-0) relinquished the lead 2:18 into the game and never held it again. HPU stretched its lead to as many as 16 points with a Harbauf fast break layup with 15:42 left in the game.

WPU slowly chipped into the deficit and brought it down to four points on a three-point play from Cameron Stanley to cap a 10-0 run for the Eagles with just under three minutes left. Barbour made two free throws and Fati chipped in of his own to finish the game for the Panthers.

Following his second consecutive 30+ point scoring performance, Barbour said, "It was nice to know we can win the games if we can just do it." Barbour and his teammates have had many close games this year. HPU has gone 3-7 in games decided by eight or less points.

"I’m proud of those guys. The plays we haven’t been making we made down the stretch especially in the last 1:20 in this game," Lundy said.

Lundy saw more time on the court because of foul trouble for freshman guard David Singleton who played 16 minutes compared to Singleton’s usual 28 minutes per game average.

"I’ve been doing [late game situations] all day in practice. I play against one of the best point guards in the conference in David Singleton [in practice]. He prepares me for stuff for this," Lundy said following the game.

The Panthers were without the service of Gene Harris who did not dress for the game but was seated on the bench in street clothes.

"Harris not playing is just an internal team deal. He’s great with the team, great with the coaching staff. It was an internal suspension," Lundy said about the absence of the junior guard. Harris is averaging 12.3 points per game this season.

The victory gives High Point its first victory against an NCAA Division I team at home and ends a six game home losing skid.

At halftime, HPU honored Jerry Steele with the unveiling of a banner with his likeness on it. Steele stood at half court with his wife Kitty and HPU athletics director Craig Keilitz. During a standing ovation from the crowd, Steele blew kisses to the audience. Steele is HPU's all time winningest coach with 453 victories at HPU. He is in the top 50 all time winningest coaches in NCAA history with 609 victories from his time at both HPU and Guilford College.

HPU travels to Boiling Springs to play Gardner-Webb University on Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. The game can be seen on MASN.
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